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Les Enseignants Retraites de L'Ontario

DISTRICT 16
CITY OF TORONTO

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR....may 1996 be filled with good health, good friends and good news!

Good things are happening in District 16!

...the November Newsletter mailing saw 39 people (an all time record!) gather together, do a good deed, and have fun and fellowship at the same time. Well done Art Bussey!

...Membership Chairs Betty Chandorkar and Valerie Fiedler deserve a pat on the back for keeping track of over 1000 members. On top of that, they have already contacted the numerous teachers from the Metro Separate Schools who retired in December.

... The WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TOUR was an outstanding success. 45 members, spouses and friends had a great day touring the American and Canadian holiday lights at Niagara Falls and enjoyed a fine dinner also. Many thanks and congratulations to Jack DeGroot for organizing this event! We will look forward to other day trips.

...The Newsletter Committee, Ruth Lindsay, Mary Noylander, Ian Baird, and Dennis Fiedler are to be commended for a well written, informative Newsletter. It takes a lot of hard work to gather the materials and to present the articles in a pleasing fashion.

...PENSION CONCERNS...Shirley Simons, Past President of District 16, is Chair of our local committee, as well as a member of the Provincial S.T.O./E.R.O. Pension Concerns Committee. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shirley at 972-0449. Our local committee (Shirley, Bev Brophy, Art Bussey, Warren Smith and myself) will meet in January to address some of the concerns and will keep you informed. Remember to read the mail from S.T.O./E.R.O. which often reports on pension matters.

KEEP INFORMED! KEEP INVOLVED! KEEP IN TOUCH!

Arlene S. Freeman

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 8, 1996 - Executive Meeting

March 14, 1996 - Executive Meeting

March 28, 1996 - Next Newsletter Mailing

April 11, 1996 - Executive Meeting

April 17, 1996

Special Meeting, Metro

Consumers for Community-Based
and Long Term Care

(details in the next Newsletter)

FROM YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

Extended Health Care Out of Province/Country Emergency Medical Coverage

- up to 60 days per trip
- \$1,000,000 Lifetime maximum per person
- no deductible
- 100% of eligible expenses after payment by OHIP

Covered

- Semi-Private Hospital
- Physician Services
- Prescription Drugs
- Diagnostic Laboratory & X-Ray
- Aids & Appliances
- Private Nursing (\$5,000 maximum yearly)
- Transportation: Ground/Air Ambulance, Round-trip for attendant to return home, excess fare for return home, costs for family member to attend
- Other coverage: Repatriation - \$5,000, Vehicle Return - \$2,000, Living Expenses (daily - to 10 days) - \$150, Trip Interruption due to hospitalization, Lost Document and Ticket Replacement Assistance

CLAIMS PROCEDURE

In case of emergency call **World Access**

In Canada & U.S.A. - 1-800-321-9998

In other countries, call collect - (202) 463-9660

Fax - (519) 742-8553

* Please pay claims of \$500 or less. Keep receipts for repayment by OHIP (make a copy).

When you travel, take with you:

- i) S.T.O./E.R.O. Identification Card
- ii) OHIP
- iii) Extended Health Care Supplemental Plan brochure(s)

CLAIMS PROCEDURE

Send to Johnson:

- i) Statement from OHIP
- ii) Copies of all receipts and original payment statements
- iii) Letter outlining date and details of emergency
- iv) Proof of departure date
- v) S.T.O./E.R.O. claim form

Out-of-country hospital reimbursement for emergency in-patient services has been increased to \$400 per day.

POINTS TO PONDER....

**Angry words can make us speak our mind
when we should be minding our speech.**

CLUB SIXTEEN BULLETIN

All functions take place at St. Margaret's Anglican Church at the corner of Avenue Road and Burnaby Blvd., one block north of Eglinton Avenue West. Monthly Socials and Travelogues will take place in the large room upstairs.

FEBRUARY 1996

MONTHLY SOCIAL

Feb. 5 - Monday - 1:30 pm Convenor: John Terry - 444-9656
"Records & Players" - John Rutherford

BRIDGE **Feb. 6, 20 - Tuesdays - 1:30 pm** Convenor: John Lane - 486-0697

CRAFTS **Feb. 27 - Tuesday - 1:30 pm** Convenor: Nell Godfrey - 695-3408

TRAVEL **Feb. 28 - Wednesday - 1:30 pm** Convenor: Val Fiedler - 510-1861
"Touring the California Coast with the Seniors" presented by Val Fiedler

MARCH 1996

MONTHLY SOCIAL

Mar. 4 - Monday - 1:30 pm Convenor: John Terry - 444-9656
"Africa - The Pat & Shirley Show" - Pat Carson & Shirley Simons

BRIDGE **Mar. 5, 19 - Tuesdays - 1:30 pm** Convenor: John Lane - 486-0697

CRAFTS **Mar. 26 - Tuesday - 1:30 pm** Convenor: Nell Godfrey - 695-3408

TRAVEL **Mar. 27 - Wednesday - 1:30 pm** Convenor: Val Fiedler - 510-1861
"Bible Stories in Stained Glass" - presented by Edith Cosens

MEMO FROM OUR TREASURER

Financial Highlights

District 16's most recent complete fiscal year, 1994-1995, ended on August 31, 1995, with a final bank balance of \$2,536.43. This was less than the balance at the beginning of the year, as there was a deficit of \$676.35 on the year's activities. Total expenditures were \$17,728.83 which included a large single item of \$6,175.67 that was the cost of producing and mailing the Newsletter.

Total receipts were \$17,052.48 with membership fees of \$5,915.00 being the largest item.

For the current year, 1995-1996, the outlook is excellent as Newsletter costs have stabilized and revenue from membership fees, thus far, is up over 50 per cent. This indicates a possible surplus on the year's activities.

D. W. Cooper

ERRATA

1. The phone number given in the last Newsletter for Nell Godfrey was incorrect. The correct number is 695-3408.
2. The editor takes full responsibility for mistake number two. Just prior to the printing of the last Newsletter, a pamphlet advertising the Consular Awareness Programme arrived from the Government of Canada. A week later, the brochures called Bon Voyage, But were no longer available. I apologize to all those who called the given number. At the same time, I am pleased that our retirees read our Newsletter so avidly. I promise not to lead you down the garden path again!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Arlene and her brother were raised in Toronto and at first she aspired to become a lawyer or a pediatrician. These plans were changed and she began a career of teaching, attending Teachers' College in 1957-8.

Beginning at Alexander Muir School, Arlene taught primary and junior levels, has been a Librarian, Resource person for Jr., schools, acting Vice-Principal, and Vice-Principal in various schools, including Lord Lansdowne, Blake, Queen Victoria, McMurrich and Swansea, before concluding her career as Principal at General Mercer in 1993. A very enjoyable teaching exchange to London, England occurred in 1965-6.

Arlene is always on the go and describes herself as a "perpetual student". She takes different courses at U. of T. each year and is currently a day student with a woman Rabbi at the Centre of Jewish Studies. With several District 16 members, Arlene sits on the Board of the "Friends of Sesqui", and anticipates that the summer of '97 will be an exciting time as she chairs a committee presenting an exhibit "Education and the Jewish Community" at the Sesqui Museum.

A forthright and committed person, Arlene, in her role as President of District 16 is encouraging us to have greater participation in the opportunities presented, for day trips, meetings and Club Sixteen social programmes.

Submitted by: **Val Fiedler**

A 100TH BIRTHDAY

If given sufficient notice, Hallmark Cards will prepare a special card for a 100th birthday. Please provide accurate information, i.e., name, date of birth, address. Requests should be sent to the following address:

Hallmark Cards
Attention: Customer Service
2 Hallcrown Place
Willowdale, Ontario M2J 1P6
(416) 492-1300 or 2206

GOOD NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP

We have now attained 1,150 members! -- almost as many as last year's full total! One of our recent applications was actually received from Morpeth, England...could it be this member was on holiday and didn't want to miss one of our great Newsletter issues? Anyway, remember "LET US KNOW...WHERE YOU GO" or you might miss one.

Our "winner" of the month is Member #100, Ruth Pritchard. Your "prize" is happiness, knowing that you were one thousand and fifty letters earlier than the rest of those who joined this year! Well done.

Welcome to these 1995 retirees who have recently joined S.T.O./E.R.O. District 16:

Albert Breckon

Mary Donnelly

Rose-Aimee Germain

Marilyn Grace (Jennings) Hoggart

Ron Hughes

Faith Lee

Linda McVicar

Edward Smith

Jean Walcott

Peter Warren

Barbara Wilkins

Neil Wilson

DISTRICT 16 OUTINGS

Enjoy a Musical Evening

Kay Jeffery is organizing a social evening for District 16 members and their friends for **Friday, February 16** to see "**BACK TO BROADWAY**", playing at the Limelight Theatre, 2026 Yonge Street (four streets south of Eglinton). Music is from many of your favourite shows, including "Phantom", "Miss Saigon", "Crazy for You", "Joseph", "Cabaret", and "Pippin".

Dinner and Show - \$36.00

Show Only - \$20.00

For **tickets** call Kay, before Monday, February 5th, at (416) 767-8179.

Cheques are to be made payable to S.T.O. District 16 and mailed to:

Kay Jeffery, 26 Harshaw Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M6S 1Y1

Planning for "Stratford"

Plan to see "**AMADEUS**" - **Tuesday, October 29, 1996** in the **Festival Theatre**.

Expected cost: \$65.00 (includes transportation, lunch, dinner and admission to theatre)

Avoid disappointment - reserve your place(s) **NOW**.

Deadline - February 17, 1996.

An additional trip to see "**THE MUSIC MAN**" will be organized if sufficient interest is shown.

Date: Friday, October 18, 1996.

Costs - as above.

Call Jack DeGroot (416) 691-3046 by February 17th.

Looking Ahead in Day Trips

1. A pleasant, **guided hike** (geared to our age group) is being planned by Lynne and Art Bussey for some time in **late April or early May**.
2. A **theatre bus trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake** in **May or June** will be organized by Hank Condie.
3. Either a tour of **Mennonite country (St. Jacob's)** or a "**Fall Colour Tour** in the Muskokas" will be conducted in **September**.

Watch your future Newsletters for details.

IN MEMORIAM

S.T.O./E.R.O. District 16 extends condolences to families, friends and colleagues of those deceased. May we, together, share in the mourning of the loss and in the celebration of service rendered.

**June Assad
Marion Boyle
Robert Coulman
Laura Eckel
E. Leah (Pugh) Legge**

**John Hooper
Alex Jardine
Donald E. Ryerson
Lyll S. Stewart
E. Constance Wright**

A CREED TO LIVE BY

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others.
It is because we are different that each of us is special.
Don't set your goals by what other people deem important.
Only you know what is best for you.
Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart.
Cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.
Don't let life slip through your fingers by living in the past or in the future.
By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.
Don't give up when you still have something to give.
Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.
Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect.
It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other.
Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find.
The quickest way to receive love is to give love.
Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been
but also where you're going.

Nancy Sims