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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello! Isn't it lovely to think that only a few more days will bring not just the promise of spring but the real thing? Speaking promises, we have been promised by the Hon. Paul Martin, if certain information can be obtained by STO/ERO, he will look into the tax problems of those who received a pension correction payment. What the provincial STO/ERO office needs is your **name** and **Social Insurance Number**, if you were one of those whose pension was corrected by the payment of a lump sum, no matter how small. Pascal LaRouche, our officer in charge, visited with the Minister in December. The Minister requested that our office share with him the total number of pensioners who received this money and how much they received. Although the Pension Board has this data, they seem to be reluctant to release the information to Pascal. This, therefore, requires that we collect this data manually. Only **YOU** can help in this matter. Please call the Office at (416) 962-9463. We would like the information we forward to Ottawa to be as accurate as our members' assistance can provide.

If you were among the group who was initially underpaid, and you have not contacted the STO/ERO office already, it may be to your advantage to do so. It will also aid your tax preparer if you call the Pension Board and ask for a breakdown of the amount you received and the basis on which the calculations were made. In our previous letter we asked you to help. This will be a major way in which you can assist both yourself and others, if we are able to obtain this information to relay to the tax department.

Another promise to which we can look forward is our May Luncheon, more news of that will be revealed below. Read on. We hope to see you in May.

**Pat Carson**  
**President**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Thursday, April 9, 1998</b>	<b>Executive Meeting</b>
<b>Monday, May 11, 1998</b>	<b>District 16 May Luncheon</b>
<b>Thursday, May 14, 1998</b>	<b>Executive Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday, June 4, 1998</b>	<b>Newsletter Mailing</b>
<b>Thursday, June 11, 1998</b>	<b>Executive Meeting</b>

### 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 Travel will take place in the large room upstairs.

#### April 1998

##### **MONTHLY SOCIAL**

**Apr. 6 - Monday - 1:30 pm** Interim Convenor: Val Fiedler - 510-1861  
**"In Praise of Writers"**

Bring your favourite book to review and discuss.

**BRIDGE Apr. 7, 21 - Tuesdays - 1:15 pm** Convenor: John Lane - 486-0697

**TRAVEL Apr. 22 - Wednesday - 1:30 pm** Convenor: Val Fiedler - 510-1861  
**"Costa Rica - The #1 Destination for Eco-Tourism"**  
Presented by **Tom and Eileen Harris Lyons**

**CRAFTS Apr. 28 - Tuesday - 1:30 pm** Convenor: Nell Godfrey - 695-3408

#### MAY 1998

##### **MONTHLY SOCIAL**

**May 4 - Monday - 1:30 pm** Interim Convenor: Val Fiedler - 510-1861  
**"Buy & Bake Sale"** For our closing social, bring some home-baking  
(and recipes) you would like to share and enjoy.

**BRIDGE May 5, 19 - Tuesdays - 1:15 pm** Convenor: John Lane - 486-0697

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

**TRAVEL May 27 - Wednesday - 1:30 pm** Convenor: Val Fiedler - 510-1861  
**"Newfoundland - Here and There"** - Presented by **Lillian Gang**

### CARE WATCH TORONTO

This non-profit voluntary organization provides information to those receiving services at present and to those who may need them in the future.

You may find enclosed with your newsletter, a pamphlet that provides information concerning people who might require long-term care services such as the frail and elderly with physical or mental disabilities and those with chronic illnesses. These services can include nursing, personal care, homemaking, caregiver relief, meals-on-wheels and transportation.

Community-based long-term care is provided to those requiring help to live in their own home or apartment with independence and dignity. Some of these programmes are provided at no cost to the consumer, others are on a sliding scale.

If you did not receive a pamphlet and would like more information, please contact CARE WATCH TORONTO at 441-3500.

**FROM YOUR HEALTH SERVICES & INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE**

1. Please read carefully pages 4 and 5 of the Winter 1997/98 STO/ERO NEWSLETTER.
2. Some changes being considered for our plans:
  - increased coverage in the home nursing section of our extended health plan
  - the possibility of a drug card in the future
  - the possibility of direct billing by the pharmacist to Johnson Inc. for prescription drugs
3. Income Tax Reminder

You may be eligible to claim medical expenses on your 1997 tax return. You should read the section on Medical Expenses in the General Income Tax Guide for 1997.

In the case of a couple, the person with the lower income should make the medical claim.

You are reminded that the premiums, including PST, are tax deductible. Any parts of claims unpaid by Johnson Inc. or other medical expenses not covered by the Plans can be claimed for Income Tax purposes.

Receipts for the health plan premiums are not required by Revenue Canada. Attach a note to your tax return stating that the Plan is underwritten by Maritime Life, and give the Plan name and number for the applicable coverage.

For your convenience I have included the PST, for Ontario members, in the premiums for each of the Plans. GST is not applicable.

**Semi Private Hospital Plan (#983429)**

Single	Couple	Family
\$20.75	\$41.46	\$48.70

**Dental Plan (#983431)**

Single	Couple	Family
\$35.33	\$69.66	\$86.86

**Extended Health Plan (#983430)**

Single	Couple	Family
\$35.43	\$70.87	\$85.05

**Supplemental Out-of-Province**

There has been no change.

Use your premium for tax purposes + PST for your province of residence.

**MEMBERSHIP**

To date we have 1,197 members including the following additional 1997-8 retirees:

**Margaret C Anderson**  
**David C. Appleyard**  
**Bonnie G. Eccles**  
**Tahia Elguindi**

**Ralph (Sandy) Laidlaw**  
**Brenda W. Lowery**  
**Hugh J. Philipps**  
**Sharon E.A. Pogue**

**Welcome to all.**

**Reminder:**

Please notify Val Fiedler (416) 510-1861 of any change in your address or phone number, as soon as it occurs.

**THE TORONTO CHORISTERS**

Their Sixth Annual Concert will be presented:

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

7:30 p.m.

Rosedale Heights Secondary School

711 Bloor Street East

(opposite Castle Frank subway station)

Limited Parking: On school grounds

Admission: \$7.00, includes refreshments

Tickets: Available at the door or from the members of the choir.

For further information, contact Director Jim Maben at (416) 255-4193.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**MARGARET C. SMITH**

In January, we of STO/ERO District 16, lost our longest-serving member, Margaret Smith. When Margaret retired in 1976 as principal of Heydon Park Secondary School she was asked, along with others, to help form "District 16". Through the ensuing years she took on many roles on the executive including the presidency. Margaret gave much to the executive, always ready with sound advice, an historical perspective and a quip or two. Her steadfastness and belief in District 16 is very much missed by her colleagues.

As the Smith family matriarch she was known for her loyalty, her heart of gold, good sense of humour and her brusqueness. As a friend she was true and dependable. As well as being a very successful gardener she was an avid reader and a true Canadian who travelled the length and breadth of Canada. Her travels took her to out-of-the-way places at home and abroad which made her an extremely knowledgeable travelling companion.

Margaret was our liaison person with the organization known as CARE WATCH TORONTO, formerly Metro Consumers for Community-Based Long-Term Care (see page 2).

**IN MEMORIAM**

STO/ERO 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.

Marion Albright  
Marjorie Cline  
Marion Isobel Cross  
Alan Wallace Frizzell  
Helen Henderson  
Leo Francis Hyland  
Donald William Johnson  
Sister Mary Lacey  
James Anthony Lawlor

Elton Eber Lent  
C. Warren Luckok  
Dorothy McPhee  
Michael Pengelley  
Joan Phillion  
Laura Isabel Schissler  
James Kenneth Strangway  
Fred Winterbottom  
Della Sternberg Witchell