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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this to you I can feel the warmth of the sun shining in my window and the sound of birds singing outside, everything tempting one to put on the hiking shoes and celebrate the joy of being alive and work free. Being work free brings me to the topic nearest to the heart of all of us, our pension. Wasn't it delightful to hear from our three speakers at the May Luncheon that our pension fund is in such good shape? However, to ensure that that situation is maintained requires vigilance not just on the part of the Pension Board and O.T.F. but of each and every one of us as well.

You are probably asking how can you help? First, continue to support your Executive and attend those social functions our members organize on our behalf. Second, consider undertaking one of the leadership positions. Third, encourage anyone you know who is considering retirement to join us. As Pascal Larouche reminded us, it is our commitment and our involvement that makes an organization vital and alive. None of these tasks is onerous. In fact most of them are fun, and fun is one of the things which makes life worth living.

If we didn't see you at the May Luncheon, we hope to see you at our **October Annual Luncheon and General Meeting**. At this time we will **honour our 1998 Retirees**. That is a good time to catch up on the news of your friends you are unable to see frequently and time to catch up on the news of the new retirees. It is also a time in which you too can commit to one of the vacant offices.

**Pat Carson
President**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, July 9, 1998

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1998

Thursday, Sept. 10, 1998

Thursday, Sept. 17, 1998

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1998

***WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7, 1998**

Thursday, Nov. 5, 1998

Day Trip - Oshawa/Trenton/Whitby

Golf Tourney

Executive Meeting

Newsletter Mailing

Day Trip - Muskoka

FALL LUNCHEON/ANNUAL MEETING*

Day Trip - St. Jacobs

PENSION NEGOTIATIONS

What Was Agreed To?

- * OTF agreed that all surpluses in the TPP(1) will be given to the government until such time as the IUL(2) has been paid;
- * OTF will give up about \$8.4 billion in surplus over the next two years;
- * there will be an 85-factor early retirement window from June 1, 1998 to December 31, 2002 (18,000 teachers qualify for the window);
- * the window will be paid for entirely by the TPP;
- * the CPP(3) offset will be reduced from 0.0068 to 0.0060 effective January 1, 1999;
- * Pension negotiations may revert to their usual format as of January 1, 2002.

What Does this Deal Mean for Our Members?

- * in allowing government to use the next two years' surpluses to pay off the IUL, over \$30 billion in future plan assets have been given up;
- * reducing the CPP offset means that all plan members age 65 or over will be able to keep more of their TPP after they start receiving CPP;
- * we may have as many as 18,000 new STO/ERO members by December 31, 2002;
- * there will be no triennial TPP negotiations in 1999;
- * it is unlikely that there will be triennial negotiations in 2002.

(1) TPP - Teachers' Pension Plan

(2) IUL - Initial Unfunded Liability

(3) CPP - Canada Pension Plan

"From the STO/ERO District Updater - May 1998"

MAILING COMMITTEE

Five Thursday mornings a year, a number of volunteers meet at St. Margaret's Church (Eglinton/Avenue Rd. area) to fold, stuff, address, seal and stamp approximately 2000 District Newsletters. **Thank you** to the many people who helped out this year. In particular we wish to thank **Phone Co-ordinators, George Baker and Louise Godfrey** who, after many years, are retiring from the job and continuing **Co-ordinators Margaret Brown, Joan Corvera, Evelyn Clark, Eileen Elmy, John Lane, John Longfield and Rose Wolfstadt**. These wonderful people contact our mailers and "femailers" from a list we provide. We will require one and possibly two new Phone Co-ordinators for September 1998.

If you would like to help, please call Art Bussey at 416-487-9271.

FOUND

At the May Luncheon at the Royal York someone left a Tote umbrella behind.
The owner may claim it by calling Pat Carson at 416-626-5995.

GET WELL

At the time of our last Newsletter our editor, **Ruth Lindsay**, went into North York Hospital for surgery. However, being the good editor that she is, all of her work was up-to-date and ready for the committee on time. Ruth is now recovering at home and we all wish her the very best.

MEMBERSHIP

We achieved 1,206 members this year, the same as last year.
Welcome to the recent 1997-8 Retirees:

Claire Allan-Wilson
Robert Davidson
E. Diane Turner

Donna J. Anderson
Peter Griffin

Nancy Sue Batten
Joseph S. Smith

MOVING?

Please inform the S.T.O. Office - 416-962-9463

AND

Val Fiedler of District 16 - 416-510-1861

to ensure that you will continue to receive the Newsletter.

CLUB SIXTEEN

(Interim Convenor - Val Fiedler)

It was my privilege to complete the work of the late John Terry, Co-ordinator, this year. Each of our activity groups enjoyed happy times together. I would like to **thank the Convenors** listed below:

Anne Fraser - Hospitality and Refreshments

John Lane - Bridge

Hank Condie and Jack DeGroot - Day Trips

Nell Godfrey - Crafts

Travelogues & Social/Speakers' Day - It was my pleasure to convene.

Note: There is a **Book Club** being offered next year, if a Co-convenor is available to assist, during the winter months, please call Lyda Dmytriw at 416-694-1529 if interested.

BOOK SALE

Once again, the Friends of Sesqui (the Museum and Archives of the Toronto Board) are preparing for their Annual Book Sale in October. If you have any books, magazines, records or tapes you would like to donate, please call Arlene Freeman at 416-630-3672. They will be happy to pick up any donations.

**I shall pass through this world but once.
Any good, therefore, that I can do
Or any kindness that I can show
To any human being
Let me do it now. Let me
Not defer it or neglect it for
I shall not pass this way again.**

A Quaker Prayer

FORE!!!!!!!!!!

Attention all golfers, golf wannabees and folks just eager to toast our compatriots at the start of another school year.

The **FOURTH ANNUAL "SCREW THE BELL" GOLF TOURNEY** will again be held at the Harbour View Golf and Country Club on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1998.**

Last year's format proved most successful by all accounts and it was highly endorsed that we return to this fine setting in Gilford near Lake Simcoe (maps will be provided).

COST: \$35.00
(includes green fee, a burger lunch and prizes)

So.....contact your golfing buddies, make up your four-somes and call Jim or John for your entry form. Singles, pairs and three-somes are also most welcome.

Have a great summer!

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707 Soudan Avenue
Toronto, ON M4S 1X7

John Degraaf
905-624-9575
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Mississauga, ON L4X 1R3

CLUB SIXTEEN - BUS TRIP

OSHAWA - TRENTON - WHITBY

Thursday, July 9, 1998

Here is an opportunity to relax and enjoy a summer outing with lots of variety.

AGENDA: Leave Yorkdale at 9:00 a.m.

Visit **Parkwood Estate** (home of R.S. McLaughlin in Oshawa, with wonderful gardens and a fascinating interior displaying many family treasures).

Lunch at the Big Apple off the 401 at Colborne. This site has grown from the original over-the-counter kiosk to a newly expanded facility of great interest to tourists. Their apple products are outstanding!

Approximately 50 minutes drive to the RCAF station at Trenton to take in the **War Memorial Museum** there. Visitors will see many displays to remind them of events during WWII. The main feature is an ongoing rebuilding of a Halifax bomber which was raised from the bottom of a lake in Norway two years ago. This restoration is being done mostly with volunteer labour by former RCAF personnel.

If you are a little weary you can catch forty winks as the bus takes us back to **Cullen Gardens** in Whitby where we are scheduled to enjoy a **full roast turkey dinner**. The timing will permit people to have a stroll around these wonderful grounds before and/or after dinner.

COST: \$45.00 (Including admissions, taxes and gratuities)

NOTE: Lunch at Big Apple is not included in the price because they do not cater meals. Allow between \$6.00-\$7.00 for a snack lunch from a varied menu.

TO REGISTER: Phone Hank Condie at 416-282-9898.

Cheques should be made payable to "Club 16 S.T.O." and mailed to:

Hank Condie
20 Granada Crescent
Scarborough, ON M1B 2H5

DAY TRIPS

1. **Colourful Muskoka - As seen from the Royal Mail Ship, Segwun.**

Join your friends for this spectacular cruise. You will be served a delicious **lunch** in the gumwood-panelled "Royal Muskoka Salon" with a panoramic view of unequalled beauty. You will also have time to visit a true **farmers' market** or perhaps **browse** around a gift shop. don't miss this opportunity.

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 1998 (8:00 am - 5:00 pm)
Cost: \$52.50

2. **"Sheer Madness" in St. Jacobs**

You will delight in this hilarious 'whodunit' presented in the **Schoolhouse Theatre**. Of course there will be time to "do" the many quaint shops of this unique village and both lunch and dinner will be of the homemade style as only the friendly dining facilities of the St. Jacobs area can prepare them. A great outing not to be missed.

Date: Thursday, November 5, 1998 (9:30 am - 9:00 pm)
Cost: \$65.00 (all inclusive)

To reserve your seat for either..or both..of the above trips,
telephone Jack DeGroot at 416-691-3046 and, when confirmed,
mail your cheque, payable to Club 16 S.T.O.,
c/o 19 Elmview Drive, Scarborough, ON M1N 2W3

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.

Jessie Dean Becker
Frances Bell
H. Gordon Crozier
Alex Dey
Diana Ruth Dudley
Grace C. Frise
Sister Laura T. Greer
Roseanna M. Harcourt
Bertha Hodgins
Jean MacLean
Nicholas W. MacLeod

M. Eileen McArthur
Amy Isabel McGowan
L. Mendelson
Bertha Georgina Palmer
Gordon Edward Quinn
Florence Roliff
Erma Stanton
Edith Cavell Taylor
Gerald Taylor
Phyllis Trotter
R. W. Wood