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President's Message

Hard to believe that this newsletter will find me near the end of a second term as President of this wonderful organization of retired teachers. Time flies - I guess that's the beauty of being retired and loving what one is doing. For the last 4 years it has been my privilege to work with a wonderful group of volunteers. They gave of themselves freely, without complaint, and are thorough and professional in their service and dedication to the membership. And so, I would like to give a final well-deserved thank you to the members of the Executive that are no longer serving as Executive members since I joined. Thank you... Gord Reid, Ken Turton, Gary Fick, Jerry Chadwick, Kathleen Turkington, Sharon Thurston, Ellen McCormick, Jim Devine, Eileen and Dave Higgins, and Ron Smith, and the late Gloria Kondziolka. I appreciate all that you have done on behalf of the Exec and the membership.

To the current members of the Executive, thank you for being there for me and I hope that you will continue on as Exec members. I appreciate working with you and the lively debates that we often engage in on behalf of the membership.

This brings me to the usual request for membership involvement... To all of you members out there with a *joie de vivre*, consider joining the Exec as a voting member. Contact Bill Sparks for further information. It is fulfilling and fun, requiring only the amount of work that you are willing to put in. The new term will begin after the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 26th. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

As to the AGM, there has been a change to encourage more attendance at the meeting part of the event. Details are also given in this Newsletter.

I will be attending the Spring Senate of RTO from May 16 to 18th along with Donna Hubel, George Denny, and Bonnie Clarke. If you have any concerns that you would like the Provincial Assembly to address, please contact one of us.

Judy Anne Tumber has assembled a fantastic program of events for the membership. Give one or more of them a try. Look for details in this newsletter. Finally, it's not too early to start planning to attend our annual Breakfast for Kids Golf Tournament in September. Our new organizer is Lothar Maier.

All the best to you and yours this Spring and Summer. ☘



↑ from our Christmas Luncheon ↓



Clocks move ahead 1 hour on March 13.





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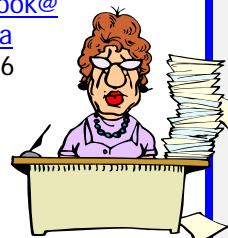
RTO/ERO

The Retired teachers of Ontario/les enseignantes et enseignants retraités de l'Ontario – commonly referred to as RTO/ERO – is a provincial organization of retired teachers, administrators and others receiving pensions and allowances under the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board.

RTO/ERO is the best organizational friend a retired teacher can have. Formed in 1968, RTO/ERO is dedicated to the needs of Ontario's retired educators and is their official voice, promoting and protecting their interests, particularly in the area of pensions, health care and insurance.

RTO/ERO has maintained this unwavering commitment for over 40 years.

www.rto-ero.org



CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

Our Christmas in the Country trip again, for the third year, was a lot of fun. Shortly after we left Toronto, we also left the 401, travelling on side roads and driving through Ontario villages we didn't know existed. During it all, our driver kept up a steady commentary on historical events that happened in each one.

When we arrived at Sandy Flats Sugar Bush we enjoyed a brunch of pancakes, sausage, baked beans, and biscuits — with all the maple syrup we could handle. We then climbed aboard a wagon pulled by two gorgeous horses for a delightful ride through the sugar bush. When we returned to the building, the wagon driver and his wife entertained us with Christmas music and old time favourites. Santa Claus was present and many of us got up, danced and formed a conga line.

When it was time to leave we boarded the bus and were off to visit a place that sold cheese and crafts, then later to Kokimo Candles in Castleton. Kokimo got its name from the postal code in Castleton — KOK 1M0. After a most delicious turkey dinner in a church hall, we stopped at Hoselton's to see how they made their metal sculptures and finally drove through the park in Cobourg to admire their Christmas lights. It was a full day and a most pleasant addition to the Christmas season. ☘



↑ lights of Cobourg



~ photos by Harolyn Panetta and Gary Dorland

↑ Walter & Martha Dorland



~ Harolyn Panetta, Member-at-Large

↑ Helen Lavender & Ralph Wood



↑ Mr & Mrs Claus



↑ left side: Carol Fyfle, Linda Gilling, Fran Forbes, right side: Bill Giffen, Anne Ryan, Bobbi Diminico

← Elaine Cook with Santa

BRIDGE CLUB

The bridge group continues to meet on Tuesdays, 12:30-3:15, at Ellesmere Community Centre, 20 Canadian Road, just east of Warden and across from Costco. We play bridge, eat cookies, drink coffee and tea, talk about bridge and other stuff, and have a good afternoon. Some of our members are snow birds, and have taken off, but although our numbers are down we still have enough to play 4 or more tables.

In December we had a pot luck luncheon before cards, and it was the best one yet. Wow — soup, fancy sandwiches, chicken, salad, meatballs, smoked salmon, cake, ice cream, cookies... and a delicious punch! It brought back memories of those pot luck luncheons in schools, but this was much better because we didn't have to hurry through it, racing against the bell!!!

Although luck gives us good card days or bad card days, we do acknowledge winners each week.

Winners since the beginning of the New Year were:

Jan. 4:	1 st Dave Tumber	2 nd Jane Humphries
Jan. 11:	1 st Marianne	2 nd Dale Smith
Jan. 18:	1 st Bob Weir	2 nd Terry Smith

New participants are always welcome; you need a working knowledge of the game (not expert!!), and don't need to come with a partner. Nor do you need to come every week! If bridge is one of those things in retirement you would like to learn, you could phone the contact below, and we can provide you with a couple of names where you can take friendly lessons. ☘

~ Dale & Terry Smith: 416.438.0430

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2010**

Once again, the Christmas Luncheon was a very successful event due to the assistance of several people. Thanks are extended to Judy-Anne and David Tumber for making the name tags and place cards, Judy-Anne and Gayle Ferguson for helping to set out the name tags, Elaine Aprile for giving everyone directions, President Frank Saliani for welcoming everyone, Bob Cook for saying the Grace and Treasurer Ron Smith for paying the bill.

This year 188 people were in attendance because the Green Room was booked as well as the veranda and main room. This allowed us to have 40 more people attend. This year, everyone who wanted to attend was able to do so. Once again, the veranda and the Green Room have been booked for 2011.

The coupon for this event will be in the Summer 2011 newsletter. Please return it with your cheque as soon as possible after you receive the newsletter in order to insure that you will have the opportunity to attend the 2011 Christmas Luncheon which will be held on December 7, 2011 at the Scarboro Golf and Country Club. ❀

~ Marilyn Hodge

Please: Do not use our *Front of the Line* service for the Christmas Luncheon.



additional photos
on our website

**YOUR PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE
FOR 2010-2011**



~ l-r: Marg Clark, Executive Member; Jim Sparrow, 1st Vice; Leo Normandeau, 2nd Vice; Joan Murphy, President; Norbert Boudreau, Executive Member; Marg Couture, Past-President

HEALTH REPORT



Hello again. I'm writing this during one of Toronto's big February snowfalls, (shovelling avoidance?) and hoping that Warton Willie's prediction of an early arrival of spring will be right.

The following is an abridged version of a recent CARP e-mail (Canadian Association of Retired People) by Elizabeth Rogers, 50Plus.com, that was brought to my attention by executive member George Denny, that we thought would be of interest to you.

DANGEROUS MEDICAL MISTAKES:



"Preventable adverse effects" can happen at any level of the health care system, from your local clinic and pharmacy to hospitals and long-term care facilities. How common is the

problem? Exact numbers are hard to pin down. The World Health Organization (WHO) says there is a 1 in 3 chance a patient will experience harm somewhere in the healthcare system. Roughly 1 in 10 patients in developed countries suffer harm while receiving hospital care.

- ⊗ **Top mistakes:** Unusual occurrences make the headlines and TV dramas, but what are we really up against? Some of the top issues that worry experts are: hospital-acquired infections, prescription mistakes, medication errors, medical procedures errors, misdiagnoses, falls, equipment failure, and lack of communication.
- ⊗ **Patients can be their own worst enemy:** It isn't always clear how to measure medication, when to take it and what to do if you miss a dose. Patients aren't always upfront about what medications and supplements they're already taking, which could lead to dangerous interactions. These mistakes are especially risky for baby boomers and seniors who are more likely to be taking multiple prescriptions. Almost half of the fatal medication errors occurred in people over 60, according to the Federal Drug Administration (FDA).
- ⊗ **What you can do to avoid errors?** Unfortunately, there's a lot we have to leave in the hands of governing bodies and administrations, like implementing new safety practices, improving reporting and transparency, and breaking down communication barriers. However, there are some simple steps we can do to help protect ourselves, including:

- **Be informed.** Arm yourself with information by doing some research of your own about your condition and treatment options. These days there's a wealth of information out there in books and online, and



doctors are increasingly relying on patient input in the decision making process. (Just be careful to use reliable sources; see *Beyond Dr. Google* for tips on where to look and how to evaluate information.)

- **Be honest.** It's hard to own up to things we're doing wrong, like not exercising enough or smoking, but this information can be crucial for making health decisions.
- **Understand and follow instructions.** Not sure how to take your medication or what to do when you go home from the hospital? Make sure you understand all instruction and get them in writing. Talk to your doctor, read through the information you're given, and consult with your pharmacist. Make sure you've got the right medication and the right dose before you leave.
- **Ask questions.** Don't be shy if there's something you don't understand. You have a right to ask questions about your tests and treatment options, and to seek a second opinion.
- **Take along a backup.** Sometimes it helps to have the support of a friend or family member, not to mention an additional person to ask questions and listen to instructions. Take along someone who isn't afraid to speak up on your behalf.
- **Speak up.** Ultimately, the best thing we can do is to speak up if we have questions or concerns, whether it's your health or someone else's at stake. It's okay to ask staff to wash their hands before they touch you, or to double check medication before it's administered. Make sure every expert you see has all your crucial information like your medical history.



In short, if something doesn't seem right, go with your gut and seek confirmation or clarification. In addition, Health Canada has a list of [Links on Patient Safety](#) which includes provincial and international organizations. ☘

Byline: Elizabeth Rogers, 50Plus.com

Source: 50Plus.com

APRIL IS... PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

I would like to thank Jean Keary, Chair of the Parkinson's Advocacy Committee of Ontario, for the following information.

Parkinson's Disease, or PD, is a progressive neurological condition that mainly effects movement. At present, there is no cure but some symptoms are controlled with medication. Approximately 100,000 Canadians live with PD. The incidence of PD increases with age and the average age at diagnosis is around 55-60. However, about 20% of those diagnosed are under the age of 50, and 10% under the age of 40. It appears to affect men and women equally and crosses all ethnic lines.

The symptoms of Parkinson's develop when approximately 75% of brain cells that produce a chemical called dopamine have died. Without dopamine, a person's ability to move becomes slow and it takes longer to do things. Symptoms are varied and can be divided into two categories:

Primary symptoms:

Tremor at rest
 Slowness & stiffness
 Postural instability
 Rigidity of the muscles

Secondary symptoms:

Fatigue/sleep disturbance
 Soft speech
 Depression & anxiety
 Constipation

The etiology of Parkinson's is unknown. Parkinson's is a life-altering rather than a life-threatening disease; it does not appear to shorten life expectancy.

Parkinson Society Canada (www.parkinson.ca) is the voice of Canadians living with Parkinson's. The Society helps ease the burden through education and support services, and is committed to supporting research projects. Within Ontario there are three geographic regions offering help through support groups and chapters, our local being: Parkinson Society Central and Northern Ontario 416.227.1200 or 1.800.565.3000 ext. 3301. ☘

CHANGES TO ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATIONS:



Important changes have been made regarding how organ and tissue donation decisions are registered in Ontario. Now, when you register or renew your health card at a ServiceOntario Office, you will be advised that only a "Yes" to organ

and tissue donation is being collected and stored in the OHIP database.

- ♦ **Why is this change happening now?** The need for organ donation is high in Ontario. But only 12.5% of Ontarians have registered "Yes" to donate. The change in registration will help improve organ donation in Ontario.
- ♦ **How will this improve donation rates?** Once "Yes" decisions are recorded they are easily accessible at the time of death. It eases the donation decision for grieving families and provides a clear statement of a loved one's wishes. Many jurisdictions from around the world have implemented this registration change with positive results.
- ♦ **How were organ donor wishes collected before the change?** Previously, when you registered for or renewed your health card, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care collected and stored your donation decision information in its OHIP database, whether the decision was a "Yes" "No" or "Undecided".
- ♦ **What happens with the "No" or "Undecided" registrations now?** All "No" and "Undecided" responses will not be used or shared with Trillium Gift of Life

Network, the province's organ donation agency, past July 1, 2009.

- ♦ **Why is organ donation an important issue?** More than 1,700 Ontarians are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and many others are waiting for a tissue transplant. The need continues to outweigh the availability and there is a chronic shortage of organs and tissue in Ontario. Registering a "Yes" decision to donate could save a life.
- ♦ If you would like to learn more about Trillium Gift of Life Network or more about registering a "Yes" decision to donate, please visit www.gifttolife.on.ca or call 1.800.263.2833. ☘



HEALTH SEMINAR:

The date has been set! Our annual Health Seminar will be on **Thursday, October 6** on the topic of **Arthritis**, a concern for many of us. The Arthritis Society is Canada's principal arthritis health charity dedicated to funding and promoting arthritis education, research-based solutions and community-based support. The Society empowers the nearly 4.5 million Canadians with arthritis – 1.8 million in Ontario alone – to live their lives to the fullest by combatting the daily limitations of arthritis. In the last 60 years, The Society has invested more than \$170 million towards arthritis research to develop better treatments and, ultimately, find a cure.

The Arthritis Society's Walk to Fight Arthritis presented by the makers of **TYLENOL®** is about walking and fighting back. By registering and raising pledges, you'll be helping to fund leading-edge research and essential programs that support those living with arthritis. It is a 1km or 5km walk on the grounds of the beautiful Glendon Campus, happening on May 15. There is no cost to register but participants are encouraged to raise at least \$100 in pledges. All participants who raise \$100 or more will receive an official Walk to Fight Arthritis T-shirt on event day. To register, and for information on our other great prizes, please go to www.walktofightarthritis.ca/toronto If you make a daily walk part of your fitness routine, please consider joining their team! ☘

~ Marilyn Tregwin DHR

- ☺ The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. ~ *George Burns*
- ☺ Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. ~ *Mark Twain*
- ☺ By all means, marry. If you get a good wife/husband, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. ~ *Socrates*
- ☺ I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. ~ *Groucho Marx*
- ☺ My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. ~ *Jimmy Durante*

**HEALTH CANADA:
FOOD SAFETY TIPS FOR OLDER ADULTS**

As promised in our last newsletter, I am including, in this issue, information from Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, concerning the importance of food safety for older adults. As we age it becomes harder for our immune systems to fight off harmful bacteria. Refresh your knowledge by reading the accompanying feature article and checking out the reference website for further information on this topic.

While most people affected by food borne illnesses can recover completely, serious longer-term health effects are more common in older adults. It is estimated that there are approximately 11 million cases of food borne illnesses in Canada every year, many of which could be prevented by proper food handling and preparation techniques. For this reason it is very important to choose, handle and cook food properly before eating, and for older adults or their caregivers to follow food safety steps to help reduce the risks. Here are some important food safety tips to help.

RAW MEAT, POULTRY, FISH AND SEAFOOD:

- ✓ At the grocery store separate these items from other grocery items and place in individual plastic bags available in the meat or produce sections.
- ✓ After grocery shopping, make sure your raw meat, poultry and seafood are refrigerated as soon as possible, especially on hot days.
- ✓ Store these items on the bottom shelf of your refrigerator (set to 4°Celsius) to prevent meat juices from dripping down onto other foods.
- ✓ Wash all plates, utensils and cutting boards that touch these items with warm, soapy water before using them again for foods that you do not cook before eating like fresh fruit, raw vegetables or ready to eat foods. (Some people choose to use two different cutting boards.) You may also choose to use the following solution: Combine 5 ml (1 tsp.) of bleach with 750 ml (3 cups) of water in a labeled spray bottle. Spray the bleach solution on the surface/utensil and let stand briefly. Rinse with lots of clean water and air dry (or use a clean towel).
- ✓ Use a digital instant-read food thermometer to check when meat and poultry are safe to eat. Internal temperatures should be 71°C/160°F and 74°C/165°F for leftover food and boned or deboned poultry parts (85°C/185°F for whole poultry).

CLEAN:

- ✓ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds before and after handling raw meats, poultry or seafood and after using the bathroom, touching pets or changing diapers.
- ✓ Always wash raw fruits and vegetables in cool, running water. You can also use a vegetable brush to scrub hard skin produce such as carrots, potatoes, melons and squashes. Remember, you can't always



tell whether foods carry surface bacteria by the way they look, smell or taste.

- ✓ After using reusable bags for grocery shopping, make sure that you clean them, especially if they contained raw meat, poultry or seafood. It is a good practice to have grocery bags specifically for raw meats, poultry, fish and seafood; make sure they are clearly labelled as such.

COOK:

- ✓ Make sure your food is thoroughly cooked before eating it. You can reduce your risk of food borne illness by avoiding high risk foods. Don't eat raw or undercooked meat, poultry and seafood.
 - Remember, visual cues like colour are not a guarantee that food is safe.
 - Put leftovers back in the refrigerator as soon as you are finished eating. Never leave food out on the counter for over two hours.
- ✓ Make sure to cook hot dogs and deli meats until they are steaming hot before eating them.
- ✓ Avoid refrigerated smoked fish or seafood.
- ✓ Avoid unpasteurized juice, cider and milk as well as soft or semi-soft cheeses made from raw or unpasteurized milk.
- ✓ Avoid refrigerated pates and meat spreads.
- ✓ Avoid uncooked foods made from raw or unpasteurized eggs.



For much more information from Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency on food safety and nutrition, consult their website: www.hc-sc.gc.ca. ☞

Take the Sudoku Challenge

- EVERY ROW MUST CONTAIN THE NUMBERS FROM 1 → 9.
- EVERY COLUMN MUST CONTAIN THE NUMBERS FROM 1 → 9.
- EVERY 3X3 SQUARE MUST CONTAIN THE NUMBERS FROM 1 → 9.
- THE ANSWER WILL BE FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE...

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GOODWILL (CARDS) REPORT



Every year each 90th, 100th and older birthday celebrant is honoured with a special card and a donation to Breakfast for Kids given in his or her name. In 2010 there were 14 members who celebrated a 90th birthday and one who celebrated a 100th birthday. Between January and June of this year there are 7 members who will celebrate a 90th birthday and one who will celebrate a 101st birthday.

During the past year forty-two sympathy cards and twelve 'Thinking of You' cards were sent out. In December, Christmas cards were sent out to 190 members who were 85 years and older. Thanks are extended to Trudy Sutton, a friend and District 24 member, who assisted with the writing of the 2010 Christmas cards.

When I am notified, Get Well, Thinking of You or Sympathy cards are sent to members or their families.

Please inform me if you know of anyone who should receive a card. My contact information can be found on page 2. If sending an e-mail please use the Subject: **RTO—Goodwill**. Messages without this subject will not be opened!

~ Marilyn Hodge

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

Retirement – A Call for Help

By the time that you read this, we will be into 2011. At the end of June I will have been retired for twenty years. For me, retirement gets better every year and I have enjoyed those years greatly. Now is the time to think about all the people who will be retiring in 2011 so that they can join us in this great adventure.

RTO has expanded the membership to not only allow teachers to join but any educational workers who have retired from our Boards, Colleges and Universities. This includes employees such as custodians, secretaries, educational consultants and assistants. We hope that everyone will want to take advantage of our various insurance programs as well as the many other activities, programs, trips and luncheons that we offer.

Les Coombs is our Membership and Recruitment Chairperson who organizes the New Members Champagne Brunch each fall. He and Elaine Aprile put together the list for the invitations. Occasionally during the months following the Brunch, we hear that someone has been left off the list so if you know anyone retiring this year, please let Les, Elaine or any member of the executive know the name of the new retiree.

At the brunch, the benefits and programs of RTO/ERO are outlined to the retirees and also they can see how much fun we have. I appreciate your help in finding these people for us.

I wish you a Happy and Healthy 2011. ☘

~ Donna Hubel, 1st Vice President

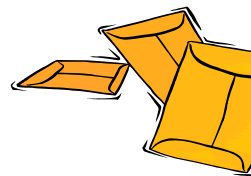
"STUPHING" PARTY

Every year a small group on the Executive gets together to send out a letter to the Union Stewards of Scarborough and East York schools to let them know that a copy of our Spring issue of *Beyond the Blackboard* will be coming to their school. We ask them to display it in an area where the staff will be able to see what retirees do after work! And the stuffing part? Well, we do need to fold those letters, put them in envelopes, put address and return address labels and stamps on them. And yes, we do spend a lot of time talking and laughing, drinking coffee and nibbling on 'sinful' goodies. This year's group included: Bob Cook, Fernando Gonçalves, Reg Walker, Les Coombs, Donna Hubel (who was our hostess) and myself. Terry Smith was to join us, but we had to change the date, and he was unable to make it. I want to thank them for their invaluable assistance; and Donna for putting up with us!

This year was no different, except that in addition to our letter we also included a full colour 8½ x 11 poster provided by 18 Spadina, extolling the virtues of belonging to RTO/ERO... to which we appended our own District 24 contact information. ☘



l-r: Bob Cook, Fernando Gonçalves, Reg Walker



Donna Hubel, Les Coombs

~ article & photos: Hal McCullough, Communications Chair

☺ Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. ~ Victor Borge

☺ Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.

~ Mark Twain



In Memoriam

Sympathy

In understanding that each life is a miracle that changes the world, we remember and honour the lives of our departed colleagues and friends.

**Dorothy Curtis
Ruth Greaves
Barbara A. McVean
Donald R. Torney**

to: 31/12/11

- C4. MAIL ORDER PHARMACY PROGRAMS (2002)
- C5. ONTARIO DRUG BENEFIT PROGRAM (2002)
- C6. SPECIAL DRUGS PROGRAM (2002)
- C7. TELEHEALTH ONTARIO (2002)
- C8. TRILLIUM DRUG PROGRAM (2002)
- C9. COMMUNITY CARE ACCESS CENTRES (2009)
- C10. LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES (2009)
- C11. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (2010)



D. Insurance Issues

- D1. AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE ENDORSEMENTS (2002)
- D2. LIFE INSURANCE—DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARIES (2002)
- D3. HOW TO LOWER YOUR INSURANCE PREMIUMS (2002)
VACATION CHECKLIST ~ SEE H1
- D5. YOUR DRIVING RECORD & INSURANCE RATES (2002)
- D6. YOUR PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICY (2002)
DRIVER LICENCE RENEWAL ~ SEE H2

E. Legal Issues

- E1. BEQUESTS TO RTO/ERO (2002)
IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS ~ SEE H1
- E3. LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE (2002)
- E4. LEGAL AID (2002)
- E5. ESTATE PLANNING/POWERS OF ATTORNEY (2002)
- E6. STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS (2002)
- E7. COMPLAINING ABOUT PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
- E8. FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING (2004)
- E9. EXECUTOR'S CHECKLIST (2006)
- E10. MORTGAGE FRAUD (2007)
- E11. IDENTITY THEFT (2009)

F. Marital Status

- F1. BATTERED SPOUSE (2002)
- F2. END OF COMMON-LAW RELATIONSHIPS (2002)
- F3. GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE (2002)
- F4. LIVING TOGETHER (2002)
- F5. MARRIAGE/COHABITATION AGREEMENTS (2002)
- F6. MARRIAGE/REARRIAGE AFTER RETIREMENT (2006)
- F7. SEPARATION (2002)
- F8. SEPARATION AGREEMENTS (2002)
- F9. SUPPORT ORDERS ON DIVORCE (2002)



G. Surviving Spouse Issues

- G1. APPLYING FOR A SURVIVOR PENSION (2002)
- G2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN RTO/ERO (2002)
- G3. CANADA PENSION PLAN (2002)
- G4. HEALTH INSURANCE (2002)
- G5. PLANNING YOUR LEGAL & FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (2002)

H. Retirement Issues

- H1. VACATION CHECK LIST (2002)
- H2. DRIVER LICENCE RENEWAL (2005)
- H3. IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS (2002)
- H4. DOWNSIZING (2006)
- H5. RESIDENCE OPTIONS FOR SENIORS (2006)
- H6. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(PROGRAM SUSPENDED UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR)
- H7. HOME SECURITY (2007)
- H8. PRE-DEATH PLANNING (2009)



FACT SHEETS

RTO/ERO has a number of Fact Sheet available for you on its website: www.rtoero.org — in the Members Only section. Register with the website (if you have not already done so) and these are available for you to download, browse and use. In addition to the 60+ fact sheets listed here, there are 3 news ones that will be available for you shortly:

- S.I.N. EXPLAINED
- PERSONAL RECORD OF IMPORTANT DATA
- DRIVERS' LICENCES IN ONTARIO

A. Financial Issues

- A1. INCOME TAX CLINICS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS (2002)
- A2. INCOME TAX FORMS (2010)
- A3. MEDICAL EXPENSES (2002)
- A4. PENSION ESCALATION CALCULATION (2002)
- A5. REVERSE MORTGAGES (2009)
- A6. TAXATION FOR SNOWBIRDS (2002)
- A7. USING CREDIT CARDS (2010)
- A8. MEDICAL, DISABILITY & ATTENDANT CARE DEDUCTIONS (2003)
- A9. PENSION INCOME SPLITTING (2008)
- A10. JOINT ASSET PLANNING (2008)



B. Government Benefits

- B1. CANADA PENSION PLAN (2008)
- B2. GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT (2010)
- B3. OLD AGE SECURITY (2009)
- B4. SPOUSE'S ALLOWANCE AND ALLOWANCE FOR SURVIVOR (2010)
- B5. VETERANS (2010)

C. Health Issues

- C1. ASSISTIVE DEVICES PROGRAM AND HOME OXYGEN PROGRAM (2002)
- C2. COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES ~ COMBINED WITH C9:
COMMUNITY CARE ACCESS CENTRES (2009)
- C3. ELDER ABUSE (2009)

WELCOME TO DISTRICT 24

To all our new members for 2011, we offer you a warm welcome! Whether you are a new retiree or have moved from another district, we hope that you find District 24 ~ Scarborough and East York a comfortable and happy fit.

Our District motto is: "Where Old and New Friends Meet". We count you among our friends.



Scott Bradford
Virginia Brooking
Robert Colwell
Francine Dufour
Alex Gilbert
K. Anne Glatt
S. Jane Graham
Clyde Hadley
Stephen Hiley
Lois Hoyte
Vazken Kaljian
George Kouwenhoven
Anne F. Murphy
Jane Orton
Doreen Pooley
Charles W. Pritchett
Marilyn Yoshimoto

to: 31.12.10

As of December 31, 2011 District 24 had **2425** members!

RTO 24 E-NEWS:

As new members, we would encourage you to participate in our monthly E-Mail Updates: **RTO 24 E-NEWS.**

See page 18 for details on how you can subscribe to our service.

We now have over 540 members receiving our Update. May we add your name?



What can I say?

Your Editor's ½ Irish!
Reminder...

There are 2 kinds of people in this world: those who are Irish; and those who wish they were!



NEED TO CONTACT THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE?



We frequently make mention of 18 Spadina Road in our communication with you. The next time you're downtown, check it out. You'll find it located just north of Bloor!

↑
Donna Hubel and Les Coombs outside 18 Spadina Road after the Pre-Senate Meeting in October.
→



DIRECT CONTACT WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICE:

Telephone: 416.962.9463
Toll Free: 1.800.361.9888
Fax: 416.962.1061



MANAGEMENT:

Harold Brathwaite: Executive Director, Ext. 222

Ewa Romanski: Director of Financial, Business and Building Services, Ext. 229

Simon Leibovitz: Director of Administrative and Member Services, Ext. 241

Pauline Duquette-Newman: Coordinator - Provincial Office, Ext. 226

Tony Sawinski: Pension & Benefits Officer, Ext. 240

Adina Nedelcu: Financial Associate, Ext. 234

Igor Radovanovic: Manager, Information Technology, Ext. 237

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:

Madalina Hubert: Acting Administrative Assistant, Communications Ext. 231

Gail Knox: Administrative Assistant, Research Ext. 233

Clara Rodriguez: Acting Administrative Assistant, Accounting Ext. 227

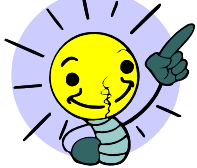
Kelly MacDonald: Office assistant Ext. 243

Diane Simpson: Administrative Assistant, Executive Ext. 228

Elizabeth Timms: Administrative Assistant, Reception Ext. 221

Dianne Vezeau: Membership database administrator Ext. 223

CLEVER IDEAS WORTH KNOWING

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- ☺ Use a wet cotton ball, Q-tip or paper towel to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.
 - ☺ To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it. This will also work with bird feeders too - and the pepper does not hurt the birds.
 - ☺ To get something out of a heat register or from under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.
 - ☺ Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and the static is gone!
 - ☺ Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.
 - ☺ Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!
 - ☺ If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Voila! It unseals easily.
 - ☺ Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair.
 - ☺ To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it ½ full with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid. Mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!
 - ☺ Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home', but can't digest it, so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!
 - ☺ Keep the lint filter on your clothes dryer clean. Dryer sheets that make your clothes soft, static-free, and scented can leave behind a waxy build-up on your filter's screen, "clogging" it. Wash the screen with hot soapy water and a brush to remove that buildup. This helps your dryer run more efficiently, lowering your electricity bill and helping your dryer last longer.

THE WAIVER

Please read the Waiver information below very carefully. Many of our activities now require that this waiver be signed before you can participate.

Acknowledgement, Waiver and Release

The participant in (the "Event") acknowledges and agrees that RTO/ERO, including District 24, will not be responsible for any loss, injury or damage of any nature, including death, howsoever arising in connection with this trip/excursion/event. Participants in the Event are therefore hereby advised to carry their own insurance in connection therewith.

By signing the activity coupon and in consideration of the participant's attendance at the Event, the participant hereby releases and forever discharges RTO/ERO, District 24, and their respective directors, officers, members, agents, employees and volunteers (collectively, the "Releasees") from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, and demands (collectively, the "Claims") from any loss, injury or damage of any nature, including death which has arisen or may arise from the participant's attendance at the Event, unless such loss, injury or damage has arisen as a result of the sole negligence of one or more of the Releasees.

Any claims arising out of the participant's attendance at the event will be governed by the laws of Ontario, Canada, and the participant consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts in Ontario, Canada in any such action.

~ Provincial Executive, January 2010

On the activity coupon, where requested:

- *Please... print your name and that of your spouse/guest (if applicable).*
- *Sign the coupon to indicate that you have read, and understood, the waiver printed above. Each name that appears on the coupon with yours **MUST** also sign the coupon to indicate that they have read and understood this waiver.*
- *Your coupon and registration for the activity is not complete without the necessary signature(s).*

↔ If you have any handy tips like these and the ones we ran in our last newsletter that you would be willing to share with members, please send them to the Editor: hal@powergate.ca. Use the **Subject: RTO-Handy Tips**. Messages without this subject will not be opened!



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE: 2011 YEAR AT A GLANCE



DESCRIPTIONS AND COUPONS FOR OUR ACTIVITIES THROUGH SEPTEMBER ARE ON PAGES 14 - 17.
INFORMATION ABOUT OUR "FRONT OF THE LINE" SERVICE WILL BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

EVENT:

DATE & LOCATION:

CONTACT:

♥ BRIDGE CLUB	EVERY TUESDAY @ 12:30 PM ELLESMERE RECREATION COMMUNITY CENTRE	DALE & TERRY SMITH / BRYAN DORWARD 416.438.0430 / 416.291.1514	
♥ A DAY AT THE BRIAR'S	THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011 BRIAR'S RESORT, JACKSON'S POINT, LAKE SIMCOE	JUDY-ANNE TUMBER 416.264.6016	
♥ MY FAIR LADY	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011 SHAW FESTIVAL, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONTARIO	JUDY-ANNE TUMBER 416.264.6016	
♥ LUNCHEON AND TRAVELOGUE	THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011 SISTERS RESTAURANT, SCARBOROUGH	ANNE-MARIE ELLIS-TAYLOR 416.261.5190	
♥ HAIRSPRAY	THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011 ST. JACOBS, ONTARIO	JUDY-ANNE TUMBER 416.264.6016	
♥ AGM AND SPRING LUNCHEON	THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011 Q-SSIS BANQUET HALL, SCARBOROUGH	JUDY-ANNE TUMBER 416.264.6016	
♥ CAMELOT	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011 STRATFORD FESTIVAL, STRATFORD, ONTARIO	JUDY-ANNE TUMBER 416.264.6016	
♥ BIG BAND BOAT TOUR	THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011 KINGSTON, ONTARIO (1,000 ISLANDS)	JUDY-ANNE TUMBER 416.264.6016	
♥ JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 STRATFORD FESTIVAL, STRATFORD, ONTARIO	HAL McCULLOUGH 905.985.8760	
♥ BREAKFAST FOR KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENT	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 MILL RUN GOLF COURSE, SILOAM, ONTARIO	LOTHAR MAIER 416.298.4996	
♥ CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 SHAW FESTIVAL, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONTARIO	MARILYN TREGWIN 416.493.3757	
♥ CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH <i>This is for new retirees only!</i>	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 CATHEDRAL BLUFFS YACHT CLUB, SCARBOROUGH	ELAINE APRILE 416.267.2670	
♥ HEALTH SEMINAR <i>Topic: Arthritis</i>	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011 DAVID & MARY THOMPSON COLLEGIATE, SCARBOROUGH	MARILYN TREGWIN 416.493.3757	
♥ TWELFTH NIGHT	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011 STRATFORD FESTIVAL, STRATFORD, ONTARIO	JUDY-ANNE TUMBER 416.264.6016	
♥ FALL LUNCHEON	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011 Q-SSIS BANQUET HALL, SCARBOROUGH	JUDY-ANNE TUMBER 416.264.6016	
♥ BLUE SUEDE SHOES	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011 ST. JACOBS, ONTARIO	JUDY-ANNE TUMBER 416.264.6016	
♥ CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011 SCARBORO GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	MARILYN HODGE 416.284.9984	

➔ PROGRAMME UPDATES WILL BE FOUND IN OUR "MONTHLY" RTO 24 E-NEWS.



A WORD ABOUT OUR TICKET PRICES...

YOU WILL NOTICE A NUMBER OF OUR ACTIVITIES HAVE TWO DIFFERENT PRICES INDICATED.
WHY?

- ➔ MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 24 ARE BEING SUBSIDIZED BY DISTRICT 24 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10.00.
- ➔ NON-MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 24 ARE PAYING THE REGULAR PRICE.

DID YOU MISS AN ACTIVITY'S DEADLINE? CONTACT JUDY-ANNE TUMBER BY PHONE OR E-MAIL. SHE WILL HELP YOU.

SOME TRIP TIPS:

- ★ UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE, ALL OF OUR BUS TRIPS NOW DEPART FROM **KENNEDY COMMONS**. THE MALL IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF KENNEDY ROAD JUST SOUTH OF THE 401.
- ★ PLEASE PARK NEAR THE AMC THEATRES. LOOK FOR A PACIFIC WESTERN OR MARY MORTON BUS.
- ★ THE **BIG BAND BOAT TOUR** HAS AN **ADDITIONAL PICKUP** AT THE: MILESTONE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, 610 MONARCH AVE. IN AJAX. (WESTNEY & BAYLY AREA)
- ★ PLEASE... PLAN TO ARRIVE 10-15 MINUTES AHEAD OF THE INDICATED DEPARTURE TIME. TRAFFIC CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE, AND WE NEED TO LEAVE ON TIME.
- ★ FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE SEND THE PROGRAMME COUPON WITH YOUR CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO: **RETIRED TEACHERS OF ONTARIO — DISTRICT 24**.
- ★ BE SURE YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE **WAIVER AGREEMENT** ON PAGE 11 **AND** THAT YOU (AND YOUR SPOUSE/GUEST) HAVE SIGNED THE ACTIVITY COUPON.
- ★ CHEQUES FOR OUR EVENTS ARE NOT USUALLY DEPOSITED UNTIL THE TRIP IS CONFIRMED. DON'T BE CONCERNED WHEN WE HOLD YOUR CHEQUE.
- ★ **SUGGESTION: POST-DATE YOUR CHEQUE TO THE DEADLINE DATE OF THE ACTIVITY.**
- ★ IF BOTH YOU AND THE FACILITATOR HAVE E-MAIL, YOU MAY CHOOSE TO HAVE YOUR CONFIRMATION E-MAILED TO YOU, SAVING YOU TIME AND THE COST OF AN ENVELOPE AND POSTAGE. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE LINE ON THE COUPON. THEN MAIL THE COUPON (SIGNED IF/WHERE NECESSARY) ALONG WITH YOUR CHEQUE.
- ★ IF YOU OR THE FACILITATOR DOES NOT HAVE E-MAIL, YOU **MUST** ENCLOSE A **STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**.
- ★ YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FOR YOUR EVENT: BY E-MAIL, RETURN ENVELOPE, OR TELEPHONE WHEN THE FACILITATOR IS READY.
- ★ UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, OUR TRIPS ARE "ALL INCLUSIVE": LUNCH, BUS TRANSPORTATION, TICKETS (WHERE APPLICABLE), TAXES AND GRATUITIES.



FACILITATOR INFORMATION FOR THIS ISSUE

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IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT OUR AGM



RTO DISTRICT 24 WILL SUBSIDIZE THE COST OF EACH MEMBER'S LUNCH AT THE SPRING LUNCHEON — **ONLY IF YOU ATTEND THE AGM.**

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE AGM, YOUR CHEQUE WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. **IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO ATTEND THE AGM AND COME FOR THE LUNCHEON ONLY, YOUR CHEQUE FOR \$20.00 WILL BE CASHED.**

AS ALWAYS, ALL NON-MEMBERS WILL PAY \$20.00 FOR THE LUNCHEON. ☘
~ Executive, District 24

ABOUT OUR FRONT OF THE LINE SERVICE



FOR 2011, WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER OUR FRONT OF THE LINE SERVICE FOR ALL DAY TRIPS.

PLEASE CONTACT JUDY-ANNE BY E-MAIL AND LIST THE DAY TRIPS THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. YOUR PLACE WILL BE RESERVED FOR YOU. WHEN THE COUPON IS AVAILABLE, SEND IT, ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT, TO THE FACILITATOR.
PLEASE... DO NOT USE THIS SERVICE FOR OUR SPRING, FALL OR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEONS.

UPDATES TO OUR PROGRAMME LINE-UP APPEAR IN OUR MONTHLY E-MAIL UPDATE: **RTO 24 E-NEWS**. SEE PAGE 18 FOR DETAILS ON THIS SERVICE. ☘

PHONE: 416.264.6016
E-MAIL: jatumber@rogers.com
USE SUBJECT: **RTO - Front of the Line**
Messages without this subject will not be opened.

~ Judy-Anne Tumber, Programme Chair

REMINDER

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN YOU FOR ANY OF OUR RTO TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES.

IF SOMEONE IS JOINING YOU, AND A **WAIVER** IS REQUIRED, THEY MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PROVINCIAL WAIVER AGREEMENT FOUND ON PAGE 11 **AND** THEY MUST ALSO SIGN THE ACTIVITY COUPON!



**Day at the Briar's
Jackson's Point, Lake Simcoe**



DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011
 DEPART: 10:30 AM
 TRAVEL: DEPART KENNEDY COMMONS. SEE TRIP TIPS, p13
 RETURN: 5:30 PM
 COST: **\$65.00** ; NON-MEMBERS: **\$75.00**
 PROGRAMME: TRAVEL TO THE LOVELY BRIAR'S RESORT. AFTER LUNCH, TAKE A STROLL AROUND THE GROUNDS, RELAX IN FRONT OF A FIREPLACE, PLAY BRIDGE OR EUCHRE, OR BRING YOUR SWIMSUIT AND TOWEL TO ENJOY THE INDOOR POOL AND SAUNA FACILITIES AT THE BRIAR'S. OR, IF YOU WOULD PREFER, BOOK YOUR OWN APPOINTMENT AT THE BRIAR'S SPA (CONTACT THE SPA DIRECTLY TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT: 905.722.3271, EXT 2780)
 NOTE: SPA APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST.
 LUNCH: ENTRÉE CHOICE: SOLE OR CHICKEN
 DEPARTURE: 3:30 PM FOLLOWING AFTERNOON TEA. THERE WILL BE A ½ HOUR STOP AT BOOTHBY'S MEAT MARKET.
 WAIVER: YES
 FACILITATOR: JUDY-ANNE TUMBER — CONTACT INFO ON p13

➔ **DEADLINE: THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED! CALL JUDY-ANNE!!!**

**Shaw Festival
MY FAIR LADY**



DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011
 DEPART: 9:15 AM
 TRAVEL: DEPART KENNEDY COMMONS. SEE TRIP TIPS, p13
 RETURN: 7:15 PM
 COST: **\$112.00** ; NON-MEMBERS: **\$122.00**
 PROGRAMME: MAKING ITS MUCH ANTICIPATED FIRST APPEARANCE AT THE SHAW FESTIVAL, THE GLORIOUS MUSIC, BOOK AND LYRICS OF THE LERNER AND LOEWE MUSICAL THAT IS BASED ON BERNARD SHAW'S PYGMALION IS CELEBRATED IN A FRESH NEW VIGOROUS PRODUCTION OF THIS BELOVED STORY.
 LUNCH: PRINCE OF WALES. ENTRÉE CHOICE: LEMON THYME ROASTED BREAST OF CHICKEN OR MUSTARD CRUSTED PORK LOIN CHOP
 WAIVER: YES
 FACILITATOR: JUDY-ANNE TUMBER — CONTACT INFO ON p13

➔ **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2011**

**Lunch and Travelogue
CHINA with IRENE MANAHAN**



DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011
 TIME: 12:00 NOON
 COST: **\$18.00**
 LOCATION: SISTERS RESTAURANT, 4 OLD KINGSTON ROAD
 PROGRAMME: A VISIT TO CHINA WITH IRENE MANAHAN.
 LUNCH: BUFFET
 NOTE: YOU ARE ASKED TO PARK AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH LOCATED 3 DRIVEWAYS EAST OF SISTERS.
 WAIVER: NO
 FACILITATOR: ANNE-MARIE ELLIS-TAYLOR — INFO ON p13

➔ **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011**

**K COUPON: DAY AT THE BRIAR'S
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011**

Clip (or photocopy) this coupon and send it with your cheque.



NAME (PRINT):
 PHONE #:
 SPOUSE/GUEST NAME (PRINT):

OF TICKETS: MEMBERS: @ **\$65.00** EA =
 NON-MEMBERS: @ **\$75.00** EA =

E-MAIL:

WOULD YOU LIKE AN E-MAIL CONFIRMATION? YES NO

IF NO, A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IS REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMATION!

CHECK ENTRÉE: SOLE: OR CHICKEN:

CHECK ACTIVITY: BRIDGE: EUCHRE: OTHER:

★ I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE RTO

WAIVER ON PAGE 11:

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE

**K COUPON: MY FAIR LADY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011**

Clip (or photocopy) this coupon and send it with your cheque.



NAME (PRINT):
 PHONE #:
 SPOUSE/GUEST NAME (PRINT):

OF TICKETS: MEMBERS: @ **\$112.00** EA =
 NON-MEMBERS: @ **\$122.00** EA =

E-MAIL:

WOULD YOU LIKE AN E-MAIL CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO TRIP? YES NO

IF NO, A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IS REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMATION!

CHECK ENTRÉE: CHICKEN: OR PORK LOIN CHOP:

★ I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE RTO

WAIVER ON PAGE 11:

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE

**K COUPON: LUNCH AND TRAVELOGUE
CHINA with IRENE MANAHAN
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011**

Clip (or photocopy) this coupon and send it with your cheque.



NAME (PRINT):
 PHONE #:
 SPOUSE/GUEST NAME (PRINT):

OF TICKETS: @ **\$18.00** EA =

➔ A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

**St. Jacobs
HAIRSPRAY**



DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011
 DEPART: 9:00 AM
 TRAVEL: DEPART KENNEDY COMMONS. SEE TRIP TIPS, p13
 RETURN: 7:00 PM
 COST: **\$110.00** ; NON-MEMBERS: **\$120.00**
 PROGRAMME: GET READY FOR SOMETHING BIG WITH HAIRSPRAY, THE MUSICAL-COMEDY PHENOMENON THAT INSPIRED A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE AND WON EIGHT TONY AWARDS, INCLUDING BEST MUSICAL. LOVEABLE PLUS-SIZE HEROINE TRACY TURNBLAD USHERS IN AN ERA OF RADICAL SOCIAL CHANGE WHEN SHE LANDS A SPOT ON A LOCAL TV DANCE PROGRAMME. ALSO INCLUDES BROWSING TIME AT THE ST. JACOB'S MARKET. MAY IS A GREAT TIME TO GET FLOWERS FOR THE GARDEN.
 LUNCH: VERSES RESTAURANT. CHOICE OF ENTRÉE: ROAST CHICKEN SUPREME OR CIDER-BRINED HERB-CRUSTED PORK LOIN.
 WAIVER: YES
 FACILITATOR: JUDY-ANNE TUMBER — CONTACT INFO ON p13
 ➔ **DEADLINE: TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011**

**COUPON: HAIRSPRAY
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011**

Clip (or photocopy) this coupon and send it with your cheque.



NAME:
 PHONE #:
 SPOUSE/GUEST NAME:
 # OF TICKETS: MEMBERS: @ **\$110.00** EA =
 NON-MEMBERS: @ **\$120.00** EA =
 E-MAIL:
 WOULD YOU LIKE AN E-MAIL CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO TRIP? YES NO
 IF NO, A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR CONFIRMATION IS REQUIRED!
 CHECK ENTRÉE: PORK LOIN: OR CHICKEN SUPREME:
 ☆ I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE RTO WAIVER ON PAGE 11:
 SIGNATURE
 SIGNATURE

AGM and Spring Luncheon

DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011
 TIME: 10:30 — COFFEE AVAILABLE
 11:00 — BUSINESS MEETING UPSTAIRS
 11:45 — BAR OPENS
 12:15 — LUNCHEON DOWNSTAIRS
 THERE IS AN ELEVATOR AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.
 COST: **\$20.00**
 PROGRAMME: COME OUT FOR A GREAT SOCIAL AFTERNOON! SEE OLD FRIENDS... MAKE NEW FRIENDS! VOTE FOR YOUR 2011-2012 EXECUTIVE!
 ENTERTAINMENT: SWING SHIFT QUARTET.
 LOCATION: Q-SSIS BANQUET HALL
 MARKHAM & KINGSTON ROADS (NW CORNER)
 PLENTY OF PARKING BEHIND THE BANQUET HALL.
 WAIVER: NO
 CHEQUES: NOTE: YOUR CHEQUE WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR THE AGM. IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO ATTEND THE AGM AND COME FOR THE LUNCHEON ONLY, YOUR CHEQUE FOR \$20.00 WILL BE CASHED.
 FACILITATOR: JUDY-ANNE TUMBER — CONTACT INFO ON p13
 ➔ **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011**



**COUPON: AGM AND SPRING LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011**

Clip (or photocopy) this coupon and send it with your cheque.



NAME:
 PHONE #:
 SPOUSE/GUEST NAME:
 # OF TICKETS: @ **\$20.00** EA =
 * MEMBERS HAVE THEIR CHEQUES RETURNED WHEN THEY ARRIVE FOR THE AGM.
 * IF YOU JUST COME FOR THE LUNCH ONLY, YOUR CHEQUE WILL NOT BE RETURNED.
 * AS ALWAYS, NON-MEMBERS WILL NOT HAVE THEIR CHEQUES RETURNED.
 E-MAIL:
 WOULD YOU LIKE AN E-MAIL CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO EVENT? YES NO

IF YOU ARE GOING ON MORE THAN ONE OF OUR EXCURSIONS THIS YEAR, PLEASE SEND A SEPARATE CHEQUE FOR EACH ACTIVITY. PUTTING ALL YOUR TRIPS ON ONE CHEQUE CAUSES "LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARES" FOR OUR TREASURER!!



PLEASE CONSIDER GOING "SCENT FREE". MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE ALLERGIC OR SENSITIVE TO SCENTED PRODUCTS WILL APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO "BREATHE EASILY" ON THE COACH OR IN THE THEATRE.



CHECKING UP



The Provincial Office is in the process of reviewing Merit Travel's services. Member feedback is welcome! Please contact Simon Leibovitz by phone at: 1.800.361.9888, ext. 241; or by e-mail at: sleibovitz@rto-ero.org.

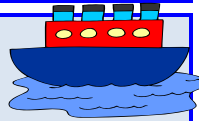
- ☺ My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. ~ Rodney Dangerfield
- ☺ Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. ~ Winston Churchill
- ☺ I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. ~ Zsa Zsa Gabor

Stratford Festival *Camelot*



DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011
 DEPART: 9:30 AM
 TRAVEL: DEPART KENNEDY COMMONS. SEE TRIP TIPS, p13
 RETURN: 7:30 PM
 COST: **\$143.00** ; NON-MEMBERS: **\$153.00**
 PROGRAMME: IN THE REALM OF CAMELOT, KING ARTHUR HAS CREATED A UTOPIAN LAND OF CHIVALRY AND CIVIL RULE BUT WHEN HIS BELOVED QUEEN GUINEVERE AND HIS MOST TRUSTED KNIGHT, SIR LANCELOT, SUCCUMB TO THEIR PASSION FOR ONE ANOTHER, HE FACES A TERRIBLE DILEMMA THAT WILL ROCK HIS KINGDOM TO ITS VERY FOUNDATION.
 LUNCH: BUFFET LUNCH AT THE ELMHURST INN, INGERSOLL.
 WAIVER: YES
 FACILITATOR: JUDY-ANNE TUMBER — CONTACT INFO ON p13
 ➔ **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011**

Big Band Boat Tour



DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011
 DEPART: 8:30 AM (KENNEDY COMMONS) - SEE TIPS, p13
 9:00 AM (MILESTONE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, AJAX)
 RETURN: 6:00 PM (MILESTONE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, AJAX)
 6:30 PM (KENNEDY COMMONS)
 COST: **\$86.00** ; NON-MEMBERS: **\$96.00**
 PROGRAMME: COME SAIL WITH US! BOARD THE ISLAND STAR IN KINGSTON FOR A DELIGHTFUL CRUISE AROUND THE SCENIC WORLD-FAMOUS 1,000 ISLANDS, WITH LUNCH AND BIG BAND ENTERTAINMENT. THE ISLAND STAR IS A CLIMATE-CONTROLLED GLASS-TOPPED BOAT, OF THE SAME TYPE THAT CRUISE THE SEINE IN PARIS.
 LUNCH: WHILE ON BOARD THE BOAT, CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THESE ENTREES: BEEF, CHICKEN, SALMON, OR VEGETARIAN.
 WAIVER: YES
 FACILITATOR: JUDY-ANNE TUMBER — CONTACT INFO ON p13
 ➔ **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2011**

About Food Choices



Most of our trips include lunch at a fine dining establishment. Some restaurants offer choices when we arrive and others ask us to choose from the two main entrees they offer you and these are mentioned on your coupon. Sometimes we choose a buffet; but when we choose a banquet style, one main dish is all I may choose.

If you would prefer a vegetarian meal, please indicate so on your coupon. You could also let me know if you do not eat red meat or have a specific food allergy.

At Q-SSIS, I am able to choose an alternate vegetarian entree and I will do my best to accommodate you. ☘

~ Judy-Anne Tumber, Programme Chair

K **COUPON: CAMELOT** WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011

Clip (or photocopy) this coupon and send it with your cheque.



NAME:

PHONE #:

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME:

OF TICKETS: MEMBERS: @ **\$143.00** EA =
 NON-MEMBERS: @ **\$153.00** EA =

E-MAIL:

WOULD YOU LIKE AN E-MAIL CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO TRIP? YES NO
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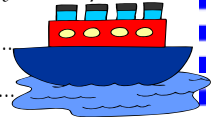
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K **COUPON: BIG BAND BOAT TOUR** THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011

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OF TICKETS: MEMBERS: @ **\$86.00** EA =
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E-MAIL:

WOULD YOU LIKE AN E-MAIL CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO EVENT? YES NO
 IF NO, A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR CONFIRMATION IS REQUIRED!

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED PICKUP POINT:

KENNEDY COMMONS: _____ MILESTONE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES: _____

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- ☺ I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. ~ Bob Hope
- ☺ The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. ~ George Burns
- ☺ Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. ~ Alex Levine
- ☺ I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. ~ W. C. Fields
- ☺ By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. ~ Billy Crystal

Stratford Festival
Jesus Christ Superstar



DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
 DEPART: 9:30 AM
 TRAVEL: DEPART KENNEDY COMMONS. SEE TRIP TIPS, p13
 RETURN: 7:30 PM
 COST: **\$152.00** ; NON-MEMBERS: **\$162.00**
 PROGRAMME: THE ZEAL WITH WHICH CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS ARE HAILING HIM AS THE SON OF GOD HAS BECOME A SOURCE OF DISMAY TO HIS DISCIPLE JUDAS. FEARING THAT THIS TIDE OF RELIGIOUS FERVOUR WILL PROVOKE BRUTAL REPRESSION BY THE OCCUPYING ROMANS, JUDAS MUST MAKE HIS FATEFUL CHOICE BETWEEN FAITH AND BETRAYAL.
 LUNCH: KEYSTONE RESTAURANT. CHOICE: CITRUS CRUSTED SALMON OR CHICKEN WITH TARRAGON MUSHROOM CREAM SAUCE
 WAIVER: YES
 FACILITATOR: **HAL MCCULLOUGH** — CONTACT INFO ON p13
 ➔ **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2011**

Shaw Festival
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof



DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011
 DEPART: 9:15 AM
 TRAVEL: DEPART KENNEDY COMMONS. SEE TRIP TIPS, p13
 RETURN: 8:00 PM
 COST: **\$123.00** ; NON-MEMBERS: **\$133.00**
 PROGRAMME: MENDACITY AND MONEY PIT BRICK AGAINST MAGGIE THE CAT AND BIG DADDY. THE TENSION-LADEN PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING FAMILY DRAMA BRINGS THE SULTRY HEAT OF THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA AND TENNESSEE WILLIAMS' RICH LANGUAGE BACK TO THE SHAW FESTIVAL.
 LUNCH: ROCKWAY GLEN GOLF COURSE AND ESTATE WINERY. CHOICE OF ENTRÉE: HONEY MUSTARD GLAZED CHICKEN OR PORK LOIN. NOTE: A WINERY TOUR FOLLOWS LUNCH WHICH INCLUDES 3 ONE OUNCE WINE TASTINGS AND 1 COMPLIMENTARY BOTTLE OF ROCKWAY GLEN WINE TO TAKE HOME.
 WAIVER: YES
 FACILITATOR: **MARILYN TREGWIN** — CONTACT INFO ON p13
 ➔ **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011**

COUPON: JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

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 SPOUSE/GUEST NAME:
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 NON-MEMBERS: @ **\$162.00** EA =
 E-MAIL:
 WOULD YOU LIKE AN E-MAIL CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO TRIP? YES NO
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 CHECK ENTRÉE: SALMON: OR CHICKEN:
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COUPON: CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

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 PHONE #:
 SPOUSE/GUEST NAME (PRINT):
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 NON-MEMBERS: @ **\$133.00** EA =
 E-MAIL:
 WOULD YOU LIKE AN E-MAIL CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO TRIP? YES NO
 IF NO, A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IS REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMATION!
 CHECK ENTRÉE: : CHICKEN: OR PORK LOIN:
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Answer to the Sudoku puzzle on page 7:

7	4	2	5	8	1	3	6	9
8	3	6	2	4	9	1	7	5
1	9	5	7	6	3	2	8	4
2	6	3	4	1	8	5	9	7
4	7	9	3	2	5	8	1	6
5	8	1	6	9	7	4	2	3
3	5	8	9	7	2	6	4	1
9	1	4	8	5	6	7	3	2
6	2	7	1	3	4	9	5	8



#48!!
A NEW DISTRICT



RTO/ERO has established a new District: **#48, Leeds and Grenville**.
 As a result, District 20 will be re-named Lennox, Addington, Frontenac.
 Both changes became effective January 1, 2011.

RTO 24 E-NEWS

DO WE HAVE YOUR NAME IN OUR E-MAIL DATABASE?



We only publish three newsletters a year – a long time to wait for more current information! Give us your e-mail address and we will send you our E-Mail Update, **RTO 24 E-NEWS**, in the months when there is no newsletter. It has evolved now to the point where it's like getting a mini-newsletter every month – except it's in full colour!

PLEASE NOTE:

- Providing your e-mail address is voluntary! We could, but do not, take it from the RTO membership list.
- Your e-mail information is held in confidence for District 24 use only and *IS NOT SHARED* with anyone or any organization.
- E-mails are sent to you Bcc (Blind carbon copies). No one gets to see anyone else's e-mail address.
- Our e-mails are *ALWAYS* prefaced with RTO.
- To keep you fully informed, we do, occasionally send out an **RTO 24 E-NEWS EXTRA**.
- Our E-Mails are *SENT ONLY AS A .PDF ATTACHMENT*. There are no hard copies that can be mailed to you.
- If your e-mail address changes, please remember to provide us with your new e-mail address!
- We can no longer send to TEL addresses.



If you wish to participate, and we encourage you to do so, please send your e-mail address to our Communications Chair: hal@powergate.ca

Use subject: **RTO – E-Mail Address**

Messages without this subject will not be opened!



We currently have over 540 members (over 22%) participating in our monthly updates. I look forward to adding *your* name to our **RTO 24 E-NEWS** list! Join us!

~ Hal McCullough, Communications Chair

FROM YOUR EDITOR



Welcome to winter! As I write this, it's the end of January and "and the weather outside is frightful". But if you are a winter person, then you must be loving it!!

Have you been on a trip somewhere lately that you think other members would enjoy reading about? We like to include write-ups in our newsletter that you send about trips you have been on – as well as photos if you have 'em! If so, write about it and share it with others in District 24. You can send it to me written on paper, or you can send it to me by e-mail using AppleWorks, Word, or just plain text. No formatting please because I re-format it fit the space available. My e-mail address is on page 2. Please use the subject:

RTO – Newsletter Submission

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"Hard copies" (handwritten or typed) can be mailed to me at the return address shown on the back cover.

This issue includes a trip I took to the Maritimes last September with fellow Executive member, Reg Walker. Travelling in the "off-season" is one of the many benefits/advantages of being retired!

If you go on one of our own District-arranged trips (see page 12) bring your camera and take some pictures and send them to me – they make great additions to our newsletter or website. E-mail your pictures to me. Prints can be mailed - I can scan them and return them to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Ron Smith, our retiring Treasurer, all the best in his next endeavour, now that he has stepped down as District 24's Treasurer. He has been "our wizard of the accounts", and yet he has been most generous... what with providing us with all those "free" lunches – they must have been free because Ron was the one paying the bills...

Ron has been very supportive of me in the role of



Communications through the purchase of a digital camera to record district events; as well as computers, printers and programmes – all those necessary "evils" that are required for the production of our **RTO 24 E-NEWS** and this newsletter. I'm going to miss Ron and his wicked sense of humour.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Bonnie Clarke as our new interim treasurer.

Did you and your "better half" both work at schools in the legacy Boards of Scarborough and East York? Are you both receiving a copy of our newsletter and would like to get only one? Or, would you prefer to read it only on-line and not receive a hard copy at all?

I have been told that the wrinkles of doing this have finally been ironed out. In our Summer issue (early July) I will ask you if you would like to receive only one, or no, copy of our newsletter. I'd like to have this set up and in place for you for our Fall issue.

If you are not receiving our **E-NEWS**, I hope you have taken the time to read the column on the left to see some of the advantages of doing so. I look forward to adding more members to our address book...

We still have some members who signed up for our **RTO 24 E-NEWS** using the TEL system. Unfortunately, TEL is no longer available to us – we cannot send messages to you. If you have another e-mail address you use, would you please forward that address to me so you can get our **RTO 24 E-NEWS** again.

Finally... **IF YOU ARE MOVING**, please do not contact the Communications Chair! Please do not contact our Membership Chair, Les Coombs! **You need to contact Dianne Vezeau**. Dianne is in charge of Membership at RTO/ERO's head office at 18 Spadina Road. You'll find 3 different ways of contacting Dianne listed on page 22. You'll find she is extremely friendly and most helpful and only too pleased to take care of you! ☘

~ Hal McCullough, Communications Chair

ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

In our last issue, I reported Donna Hubel and Margaret Nicolson as receiving their 5-year pins. Boy, was your Editor wrong – Donna and Margaret were receiving their **15-year pins!!** Congratulations to each of them on reaching this milestone!

Neither of them was able to attend their ceremony, but they were presented with their certificates by our president, Frank Saliani.

Margaret Nicolson →



← Donna Hubel

Do you know of a member of District 24 who you believe should receive this award from the Province? Check the Provincial website first as there are a number of criteria that need to be met in order to be eligible for this award:

www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/vsa.shtml#1.

If the person satisfies the criteria, then please let a member of the Executive know so we can forward the information on to the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration so they can be acknowledged in a similar manner. ☘

GOOD-BYE...

Ron Smith, our District Treasurer for the past 5½ years has decided to "retire"!

At our Executive Meeting on January 6, 2011 Ron was presented with a small token of our appreciation for a "**job well done!**"!



THANK
YOU
RON!

← Ron Smith



Financial Statement

As at 31/12/2010

	BUDGET 2010	ACTUAL 31/12/10
BANK BALANCE	\$11,962.58	\$18,939.82
INVESTMENTS		
GIC Face Value - matures 16/01/10	\$8,096.49	\$8,096.49
GIC Face Value - matures 17/12/08	\$5,131.72	\$5,131.72
TOTAL ASSETS	\$25,190.89	\$32,168.03
ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS		
Provincial Grant	\$31,000.00	\$33,434.63
Bank Interest/Charges	\$10.00	\$2.80
Golf Tournament	\$1,200.00	\$3,770.33
Interest Income (GIC)	\$331.85	\$313.83
Provincial Grant - Service to Others	\$0.00	\$1,180.00
Retail Sales Tax Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00
GIC Redeemed		\$7,189.12
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$32,541.85	\$45,890.69
DISBURSEMENTS		
ADMINISTRATION:		
Executive Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,683.66
District AGM	\$300.00	\$213.05
Office Expenses	\$600.00	\$291.96
Senate Meeting	\$3,000.00	\$1,717.97
Archives	\$50.00	\$0.00
Election expenses (Provincial)	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
MEMBER SERVICES - COMMUNICATIONS:		
Goodwill, District	\$1,700.00	\$1,484.77
Membership	\$500.00	\$647.25
Recruitment, District	\$2,500.00	\$2,425.44
Newsletter (mailing, printing, postage)	\$14,500.00	\$12,587.60
Toronto District Assessment	\$600.00	\$556.00
Political Advocacy	\$100.00	\$5.60
MEMBER SERVICES - PROGRAMME:		
Day Trips	\$3,200.00	\$2,979.38
Spring Luncheon	\$4,100.00	\$3,649.81
Fall Luncheon	\$500.00	\$554.44
Christmas Luncheon	\$1,500.00	\$1,811.60
Health Seminar	\$400.00	\$392.76
Bridge Club	\$360.00	\$434.42
Blue Jay Game	\$50.00	\$4.00
SERVICE TO OTHERS:		
Breakfast for Kids	\$1,200.00	\$4,218.00
Provincial Approved Project	\$0.00	\$1,180.00
District 24 Projects	\$1,500.00	
EXTRA-ORDINARY EXPENDITURE (NEW DISTRICT COMPUTER):		\$1,076.59
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$40,650.00	\$38,914.25
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	-\$8,108.15	\$6,976.44
ANTICIPATED/CURRENT BANK BALANCE	\$8,108.15	\$18,939.22



Please direct any questions or concerns to our interim treasurer.

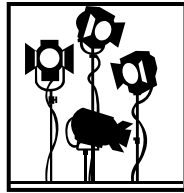
Contact information for Bonnie can be found on page 2. ☘

~ Bonnie Clarke, Interim Treasurer

IN THIS ISSUE OUR SPOTLIGHT IS ON:



LOTHAR MAIER GOLF CONVENER



Lothar's life turned upside down at Easter of 1959. His dad had passed away a few years before, leaving his mother to raise an older sister and Lothar in the former East Germany. With limited career opportunities for a family who did not support the Communist regime, his mother planned for the family to escape to West Germany. As refugees, the Maier family initiated a five-month immigration process and landed on Canadian shores in the fall of that year. With the support and encouragement of extended family members, his mother and sister found employment, started English classes and Lothar started "learning the ropes" of education in Ontario. He started school at Dewson Public (Toronto Board) in grade 4 and quickly found out that he had to go to school all day, not just mornings like in Germany. However, there was a bonus - no Saturday classes in Canada. The content of Lothar's first report cards will not be disclosed.

After grade 6 at Dewson, Lothar moved on to attend Kent Senior in grade 7. The family then moved to North York and his schooling continued at Queensborough Junior High, York Memorial Collegiate and he was one of the inaugural students to attend the brand new Nelson A. Boylen Secondary School. Attending classes at York University took up the majority of his time for the next three years. He succeeded in graduating in 1971 with a B.A., majoring in Geography. It was a special treat to have his mother attend and beaming at his graduation because he was the first in his family to attend a University.

It was during the University years that he started pondering what he would do after graduation. Lothar enjoyed working with kids of all ages. He had assisted in the Boys' Brigade programmes, helped with youth group activities and taught Sunday School at church. Throughout the later years of high school and the University years, he had dated his wife, Doris, who had started teaching right after High School and Teacher's College. Volunteering in her classroom as well as others, convinced Lothar to apply to Lakeshore Teacher's College and work with elementary children. He was successful.

Lothar was fortunate to land a job in Scarborough. His teaching career included Chartland, C.D. Farquharson, Glamorgan and Alexander Stirling Public Schools. He was promoted as Vice-Principal to William Tredway Junior and

went on to serve as Principal at George Peck and Alexmuir. Another proud day for Lothar was when he completed his M. Ed. and was able to celebrate this success with his whole family at the graduation. Along with enjoying the teaching and administration experiences, his most enjoyable activity was coaching sports teams and organizing athletic events. He continues to volunteer by coaching and encouraging the young people to get involved and appreciate all the aspects of teamwork. He is very thankful in having met and worked with some very talented, enthusiastic and professional educators who have impacted his life in many positive ways. Lothar's love for kids and competition will always be a part of him.



Home, to Lothar, has always been a welcoming place. His wife of 38 years has been a positive influence and support throughout. Their marriage was blessed with two children. Their son, Jonathan, has been successful and is in his sixth year of practising labour law; and their daughter, Alison, is making mom and dad very proud as an elementary teacher with the TDSB.

Reflecting upon the years in education, Lothar shared that he would do it all over again. Meeting the thousands of "little" characters over the years with their unique personalities, along with the multitude of experiences, both in class and out of class, could never be duplicated in any other profession. He wishes that he had kept a diary to record the many wild and wonderful stories, expressions and events. Working alongside of the many caring professionals, being challenged to think outside of the box, and leading and encouraging others to share their talents were just a few highlights that were key in Lothar's teaching years. He retired from Alexmuir Junior in June of 2006. Alexmuir will always be a special place for many reasons.

Through some of his friends, Lothar heard about the various activities offered through RTO, District 24 and he joined in 2007. He has enjoyed several luncheons and golf tournaments over the past few years. Meeting new people, socializing and appreciating the good works done through the various Committees have been wonderful experiences. Lothar accepted the challenge to continue the successful work of the previous Breakfast for Kids golf conveners and will be asking for your support shortly.



Since retirement, Lothar and Doris have enjoyed exploring parts of Ontario and the eastern United States. They have also been spoiled on two different cruises. Travelling with their good friends, the Hindles, they have marvelled at the scenery and nature in Alaska and returned from an awesome Mediterranean cruise this past fall. Another favourite destination for them is Florida, especially outside of the regular vacation times. Gardening, volunteering, daily walks and getting together with family and friends keeps the Maiers busy and happy. ☘

TRAVELLIN' TO THE MARITIMES

Thinking of a trip to the Maritimes? Try the fall - when the prices are cheaper, the traffic is lighter, accommodation is more readily available, and the weather is ideal! When we went the weather was not ideal, exactly – it was a little gray, a little wet, but the temperatures were pleasant, and the atmosphere was what you hoped it would be. Reg had never been to the Maritimes and thought Hal would make a good guide. Little did he know...

So we made our way down to the Maritimes last fall. In 12 days we travelled through 4 states and 4 provinces. We crossed in the U.S. at Cornwall - a crossing we would not recommend to anyone – gracious, but how many ways can a border guard ask you the same question? Although the scenery through the 4 states was spectacular, for us, Mt. Washington was lost in the clouds. Cherryfield, Maine – the "blueberry capital of the world", had not a blueberry in sight! However, Schoodic National Park, on the coast of Maine is a side-trip well worth your time. And despite all the moose warning signs, we never did get to see one.

47 hours later we crossed the border back into New Brunswick only to have our vehicle emptied and searched – I suppose we were suspicious characters? But when they re-packed the car, it was neater than ever! But with only limited time, we restricted ourselves to the more popular tourist sights, although we did get off the beaten path from time to time. The Reversing Falls in St. John have now been renamed as the Reversing Rapids! We spent a day exploring the caves along the coast, watching the tide come in, chasing us out of where we had been walking; then driving the Fundy



Trail ↑ (where 15% road grades were common)! When hitting the highlights like the Hopewell → Rocks we were encouraged by locals to visit other magnificent sites that didn't necessarily have the same "fame". We discovered the tidal bore really was! But the Magnetic Hill really is! Your car really does run uphill... (and the wines aren't bad either!)

We did a whirlwind tour of Prince Edward Island, hitting the highlights on our drive from the Confederation Bridge around P.E.I. to Wood Island where we caught the ferry back to the mainland. While driving the rural areas of the island, we saw gorgeous scenery, visited Cavendish and Green Gables, and discovered little gems like St. Mary's church, a magnificent wooden church in the middle of nowhere. In Charlottetown, Sara, owner of the horse-



drawn carriage company, gave us a "personal tour" of the city. Bonus: our trip back to the mainland by ferry resulted in a whale sighting!

← The Cabot Trail! Wow! It really is as spectacular

as they say. A day of driving – full of breathtaking vistas and incredible lookouts. Well worth a stop is a visit to Louisbourg, the fort built by Louis XIV to protect French interests in New France. Its reconstruction was begun as a Centennial project, and continues to this day. Our drive across Nova Scotia from the Gulf to the Atlantic was a day of torrential rain. Then we had a stop at Peggy's Cove,



dining in the restaurant while the storm continued to rage outside. In weather like that, you get a real feeling for the power and majesty of Maritime storms and the necessity of lighthouses on the ocean shore. We took a side trip to Chester to

see where they were filming the TV series, *Haven*, and discovered that Chester was only one of several local communities that are used in its production. Even many local souvenirs were imprinted with *Haven*!

Heading westward back through New Brunswick, we enjoyed the jazz festival in Fredericton before heading off to King's Landing the next day and spending almost an entire day being transported back to the late 18th century. The entire village was staffed by knowledgeable, friendly people who stayed in character at all times and gave you the sense of "being there". This was a stop that was well worth the time spent!

We then headed to Québec City → where we spent a day exploring the lower town, the oldest section of the city. The lower town is a thriving, bustling place full of interesting boutiques and art galleries. Leaving the next day to return home, we had a harrowing drive through those highway construction zones in Montréal - in a driving rainstorm; and then had a miserable 4 hour delay and detour on the 401 after a truck hit a bridge abutment.



The true highlight of the trip was the people we met along the way. Those we met in the Maritimes and in Québec City gave us the feeling that we were friends from the moment we met them. They are a warm and generous people who truly make you feel welcome. A trip to this area of Canada should surely be in your future plans. ☘

~ Reg Walker, Hal McCullough; additional photos on our website

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

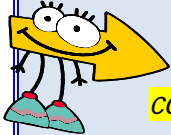
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THEN YOU NEED TO CONTACT DIANNE VEZEAU AT RTO/ERO:

IN WRITING: 18 SPADINA ROAD, TORONTO, ON M5R 2S7
BY PHONE: 416.962.9463 OR 1.800.361.9888 (EXT 223)
BY E-MAIL: dvezeau@rto-ero.org



**PLEASE... DO NOT CONTACT YOUR
COMMUNICATIONS OR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Breast Cancer Support Group Meeting

The meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month, except December, at 7:30 PM at Kingsway Arms, 2881 Eglinton Avenue East at McCowan Rd. in Scarborough. There is a bus stop at the corner of Eglinton Ave. and McCowan. Free parking is available on the south side of the building.

Come and share with us your concerns, and gain courage and strength through mutual support of other women who have had breast cancer.

For more information, please call:
Marilyn: 416.284.9984
Peggy: 416.269.7575



Attend an Executive Meeting...

These are the dates we are meeting during 2011. Mark them on your calendar and then come on out and see how we work on your behalf. Who knows... you might enjoy what you see happening and want to become part of the team that helps to "look after" the retired teachers of District 24! We always need volunteers!

We hold our meetings on Thursdays. While the meeting begins at 9:30 AM, most of us arrive earlier and have a social time with coffee and juice and munching on nibblies. We always aim to be done by noon.

March 24, 2011
May 12, 2011
June 2, 2011
September 8, 2011
October 20, 2011
November 10, 2011



Kingsway Arms Retirement Residence is at McCowan Road and Eglinton Avenue. There are entrances off both Eglinton and McCowan – and there is parking behind the building. Residence regulations: you must sign in and out.

Senior Seniors

We often run an article about one of our District 24 "Senior Seniors" in our newsletter and are always looking for suggestions as to who we can feature. If you can suggest a member of District 24 that you think would be someone we would enjoy reading about, and that fits our "Senior Senior" category, please get in touch with Marilyn Tregwin with your suggestion. Marilyn can be reached at 416.493.3757, or by e-mail at:

m.tregwin@rogers.com.

Please use the Subject Line:

RTO – Senior Senior.

Messages without this subject line will not be opened.



Nominations for 2011 RTO Executive

It's never too early to think about running for District 24 Executive. You may self-nominate. (Most who join us on the Executive do.)

We currently appear to have vacancies at the 2nd Vice President and Treasurer Officers' positions so you can see the need is urgent! You may also volunteer for a Member-at-Large position.

Reply to Bill Sparks, Past President, Nominating Committee by phone at: 416.293.7477 OR by e-mail at: wqasparks@sympatico.ca indicating the position you are "chomping at the bit" to fill.

Please use the Subject: **RTO –Nomination.**

Messages without this subject will not be opened.

Deadline: May 26, 2011 at the AGM – but letting me know earlier would be better.

~ Bill Sparks, Nominating Committee Chair



Crime Prevention Tips

Tax time is upon us and, if you haven't received your tax return envelope from the government yet, you should be receiving it soon. This mail contains personal information such as your SIN number, name, date of birth, etc. During this time always check your mail box on a daily basis and shred any mail before throwing it out. Criminals have been known to go through garbage bins in order to collect personal information about you.



Everyone is urged to report all incidents of crime and suspicious people and activities to police, regardless of how minor they might seem. By reporting all of these incidents, you are helping the police solve crimes, which in turn help to make your community safer.

~ Marilyn Hodge – Co-Chair

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Pop Can Tabs

This year the Ontario March of Dimes through their advocacy and service will be celebrating 60 years of having improved the lives of Canadians with disabilities. The Toronto Police Service is asking residents to donate their Pop Can Tabs so that a sizeable contribution can be made to the Ontario March of Dimes.



The Pop Can Tabs can be dropped off at all Toronto police stations. If you don't know the location of your local police station, please go to the Toronto Police Service website at www.torontopolice.on.ca and click on Police Stations under the title *Serving Toronto* on the left side of the site. To find the location of your police division, type in your address at the right hand side of the screen.

Please put the tabs in an envelope clearly marked Pop Can Tabs and to the attention of Sherene Stefaniuk at the Community Mobilization, 40 College Street. Please also advise the front desk officer that the envelope needs to be placed in the internal mail.

Please drop off your tabs by **Monday, March 28, 2011** so that they will reach the Community Mobilization Unit before the deadline of April 1, 2011.

Thanking you in advance for your support of this very worthwhile cause.

~ Marilyn Hodge – Co-Chair
43D Community Police Liaison Committee



↑ Warden Avenue P.S.
St. Martin de Porres →
↓ Empringham Hope Centre



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT...

Please Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, September 13th, 2011

If you enjoy a round of golf and would like to support a worthy cause, then the 14th Annual Breakfast for Kids Golf Tournament is for YOU! This event is open to all RTO members and their friends. Both new and experienced golfers are welcome!



The funds that are raised from this annual golf tournament help support breakfast programmes in schools across the legacy boards of Scarborough and East York.

You can help give kids a healthy breakfast, or a nutritious snack, by participating as an individual golfer or as part of a group. You can also sponsor a hole, or contribute a prize. All donations of \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt. Last year's golf tournament was a great success, raising \$4218, and we are looking forward to an even bigger turnout this year.

We will provide more details about our golf tournament in the Summer 2011 edition of our *Beyond the Blackboard* and in our RTO 24 E-NEWS. If you would like further information in advance, please contact Lothar Maier at 416.298.4996 or by e-mail at: lothar.maier@yahoo.ca. Please use the Subject line: **RTO-Golf**.

In the meantime, prizes can be delivered to Lothar Maier at 219 Goldhawk Trail, Scarborough (Brimley & Steeles). Note: We would also be happy to arrange for the pick-up of any donated items. ☘

~ Lothar Maier, Golf Chair

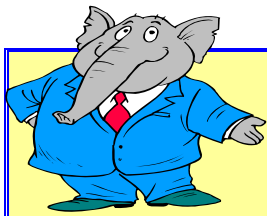
OUR BREAKFAST FOR KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The funds raised by our 13th Annual Breakfast for Kids Golf Tournament have been disbursed. The four recipients of District 24 cheques were: East York Alternative School, Warden Avenue Public School, St. Martin De Porres Separate School, and the Empringham Hope Centre. Due to the success of our Golf Tournament, each facility was able to receive a cheque in the amount of \$1,054.50!

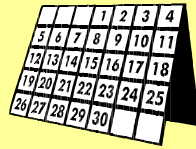


↑ East York Alternative School





**DATES
TO
REMEMBER**



EVERY TUESDAY
MARCH 24, 2011
MARCH 24, 2011
APRIL 13, 2011
APRIL 28, 2011
MAY 12, 2011
MAY 16-MAY 18, 2011
MAY 19, 2011
MAY 26, 2011
JUNE 2, 2011
JUNE 15, 2011
JULY 1, 2011
JULY 21, 2011
AUGUST, 2011
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
SEPTEMBER 8, 2011
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
OCTOBER 6, 2011

BRIDGE CLUB (12:30 P.M.)
DAY AT THE BRIARS
EXECUTIVE MEETING - EVERYONE WELCOME
SHAW: *MY FAIR LADY*
SISTERS: LUNCHEON & TRAVELOGUE
EXECUTIVE MEETING - EVERYONE WELCOME
RTO/ERO SPRING SENATE
ST. JACOB'S: *HAIRSPRAY*
DISTRICT 24'S AGM/SPRING LUNCHEON
EXECUTIVE MEETING - EVERYONE WELCOME
STRATFORD: *CAMELOT*
SUMMER NEWSLETTER DELIVERY (APPROX.)
1000 ISLANDS: BIG BAND BOAT TOUR
BLUE JAYS GAME (TENTATIVE)
STRATFORD: *JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR*
EXECUTIVE MEETING - EVERYONE WELCOME
13TH ANNUAL B4K GOLF TOURNAMENT
SHAW: *CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF*
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH - NEW RETIREES
HEALTH SEMINAR: *ARTHRITIS*

LAST FRIDAY OF MONTH
1ST DAY OF THE MONTH
SEASONS CHANGE ON:
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:

DEADLINE FOR NEXT **RTO 24 E-NEWS**
RTO 24 E-NEWS E-MAILED
MAR 20; JUNE 21; SEPT 23; DEC 22
BEGINS MAR 13, '11; ENDS NOV 6, '11

➔ EXECUTIVE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT KINGSWAY ARMS RETIREMENT RESIDENCE (SOUTHWEST CORNER OF McCOWAN AND EGLINTON).

RTO/ERO: Here for you now... Here for your future
DISTRICT 24:
WHERE OLD AND NEW FRIENDS MEET.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2010**



~ photos by Hal McCullough
~ additional photos on page 4 and our website

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ARE YOU MOVING? YOU NEED TO CONTACT DIANNE VEZEAU AT RTO. PLEASE SEE PAGE 21 FOR HER CONTACT INFORMATION.

RTO/ERO DISTRICT 24
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62 CHESTER CRES.,
PORT PERRY, ON L9L 1K8

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FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011.**

