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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **DISTRICT 24 HIGHLIGHTS**

PAULA CHAMBERS – DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT



Dear RTO District 24 Scarborough & East York Members,

We have made it this far and have slowed down the virus enough that our hospitals can deal with the volume. It has been uplifting to see the many acts of kindness that people have done throughout the city. I must say, going to the grocery store takes on a whole new perspective these days. It's like preparing for a spacewalk. Ordering online and then driving to pick up groceries is wonderful because the young people working there just put them in your trunk.

Many of us have discovered *Zoom*. This interactive online app allows us to connect to family and friends in a way that we can see them as well as hear them. Some of us in District 24 meet regularly on Wednesday mornings just to chat and catch up and see a familiar face. I know that *Zoom* had some difficulties when it grew so quickly; however, if meetings are attended by responding to a private email with a numbered meeting and a password, it is not possible for others to interrupt the meeting with unwanted language or graphics. If you have not tried it yet, you can download the app on your phone or tablet from the App Store. If you are downloading it on a computer, go to www.zoom.us. Sessions of up to 40 minutes are free in the public version. You create an appointment and then send emails to those you wish to attend. It's really quite simple once you give it a try. I jokingly reminded participants in my group that they had to comb their hair and wear pants before logging on to a meeting.

When my pension funds are deposited in my bank account on the 1st of the month, I realize how privileged we are as a group. There are many who are in far worse financial circumstances than any of us. If you want to make a donation to a worthwhile group, the Daily Bread Food Bank is in dire need of funding. You can contact them online at www.dailybread.ca. By making an online donation you do not need to leave your home. Also, a cash donation allows the food bank to purchase items that are most needed.

One of our executive members in District 24 is a chaplain in a Scarborough hospital. He has received a request for donations to the Scarborough Hospitals for medical supplies for frontline medical staff. This money would be used for gowns, gloves, and masks as well as ventilators. If you would like to donate to the Scarborough Hospitals, please go to www.shn.ca/news/helpourheroes.

For RTO District 24 members who would like to make a donation to the *Michael Garron Hospital* in East York for hospital supplies to protect front line medical staff you can donate at www.mghf.ca. When you log on to the Michael Garron site you will also find the pattern for making a hand-sewn face mask at home. Some people have been sewing masks and donating them to all the hospitals; that way, frontline workers can keep their medical mask for work and wear the cloth ones to and from home.

Finally, I think I speak for all of us when I say thank you to all the hospital workers, grocery store workers, transportation personnel, frontline city workers, farmers, fishers, dock workers, and long-haul truckers who have taken care of us these past weeks. A special thank you goes out to all the teachers learning the intricacies of online instruction. Thank you, as well, to our Canadian military who are on standby to go wherever they are needed to assist.

Stay safe.



RTO - DISTRICT 24 Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

LOCATION: Scarboro Golf and Country Club, 321 Scarborough Golf Club Road, Toronto, ON M1J 3H2

START: 11:30 a.m.

COST: \$50.00 **MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO:** RTO — District 24

NOTE: RTO members are encouraged to send in their coupon and cheque for this event as soon as possible as spaces are limited. After the deadline, members still interested in attending may phone Noreen or Les to check the availability of spaces for this activity and/or to be placed on a wait list.

CONTACT: Noreen & Les Coombs – 7 Riviera Drive, Scarborough, ON M1N1J9

Phone 416-261-0568

E-Mail: lesonriviera@gmail.com

SEND CHEQUE AND COUPON TO: Noreen & Les Coombs

DEADLINE: Friday, October 30, 2019. *Please postdate your cheque(s) to this date.*

New Retiree Breakfast Buffet

RTO District 24 – Scarborough and East York Welcomes

New Education Retirees Who Have Retired Between September 1, 2019, and August 31, 2020

To a Complimentary Breakfast Buffet

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Guild Inn Estate

201 Guildwood Parkway
Scarborough, ON

9:30 a.m. Registration / Coffee & Tea

10:00 a.m. Breakfast and Program

- Meet Our District 24 Executive, Committee Chairs, and Members
- Discover Our Diverse District 24 Activities
- Learn the Benefits of Being a RTO/ERO Member

Mail a registration form *per person* to:

Wendy Hooker, 50 Sunnypoint Crescent, Scarborough, ON M1M 1B9

Questions? Phone: (416) 266-4682 E-Mail: wendyhooker@rogers.com

RTO D24 REGISTRATION FORM FOR NEW RETIREES

(Due no later than *Thursday, September 3, 2020*)

Name (Print): _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____



Coupon: **RTO - DISTRICT 24**
Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Clip (or photocopy) this coupon and send it with your cheque made payable to: **RTO – District 24**

Name (Print): _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Spouse/Guest Name (Print): _____

No. of tickets: _____ @ \$50.00 = _____

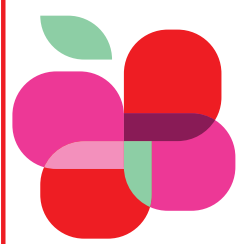
Would you like an e-mail confirmation: YES NO

If **NO**, a stamped, self-addressed envelope is required for confirmation.

**SEND CHEQUE AND
COUPON TO:**

Noreen & Les Coombs
7 Riviera Drive
Scarborough, ON M1N1J9

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020. PLEASE USE THIS DATE ON YOUR CHEQUE



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**COVID-19
UPDATE**

The safety and well being of our membership, their families and friends is of paramount importance to RTO District 24. In response to the current Covid-19 pandemic, RTO's National Office has advised that all district events occurring on or before June 30 must be cancelled or postponed.

Currently, we are vigilantly tracking this issue, monitoring updates from the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, local Health units, as well as our insurance partners. RTO and District 24 will in all instances follow the advice and directives of federal, provincial and local public health officials.

We are hopeful that we will be able to resume our normal program of activities this fall. However, all decisions will continue to be made with the health and well-being of our members, staff and guests as our top priority.

You will find in this newsletter opportunities to register for several events. Many of these programs will not be able to proceed if there is an insufficient number of participants registered. We are optimistic that we will be able to run these programs and encourage you to register.

However, if conditions persist, and any of our fall programs need to be cancelled, you will be notified and any cheques for fees will be shredded, returned or fully refunded.

2020 Breakfast for Kids' Golf Tournament

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at Mill Run Golf and Country Club near Uxbridge. This will be the 23rd Annual Tournament run by RTO District 24 to raise funds in support of kids' nutrition programs in schools located in the former boroughs of Scarborough and East York. Golfers pay \$85 per person, which covers golf fees, a golf cart, lunch, and a donation to the Breakfast For Kids' program. Not only do we have a great day of golf and fellowship, we also run an enhanced 50/50 draw, the first prize for which will be 50% of the net proceeds, followed by draws for many additional donated prizes.

Not a golfer but would still like to support our worthy cause? We have a program whereby you can sponsor a hole to remember a loved one, advertise your business, or any other reason. It costs only \$150 which will get your message on a sign at one of our tees and a tax receipt from our charitable sponsors. We will also accept straight donations of cash or gift cards to support our goals (a minimum \$10 donation, cash or gift card, will receive a tax receipt in January).



For sponsorships or donations please contact Ken Stamp by e-mail at stamps@sympatico.ca. For golfing registration or further details contact Les Coombs by e-mail at lesonriviera@gmail.com. Complete the coupon(s) on page 5 and send to the address on the respective coupon.

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 — Assemble by 8:30 a.m. — Tee off at 9:00 a.m.



DISTRICT 24 HEALTH SEMINAR *MEDICAL CANNABIS*

PRESENTED BY: Doctor Arash Taghvai
Manager of Clinical Affairs,
Apollo Cannabis Clinics in Toronto.



Hear a medically detailed introduction to medical Cannabis for the treatment of an extensive range of physical and mental medical conditions. The Apollo Clinic is a doctors office in Toronto that prescribes medical cannabis for patients suffering from conditions such as pain, sleep issues and PTSD, and that educates all their patients and the larger community about this alternative medicine.

WHEN: Thursday, October 1, 2020

TIME: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: McGregor Park Community Centre, 2231 Lawrence Ave. East, Scarborough

REGISTER: This seminar is provided to you at no cost and is limited to 80 participants.
To reserve your seat you must pre-register by sending an e-mail message to Bonnie Clarke at: bblclarke@gmail.com

Friends and relatives are welcome to join us, but must be registered to reserve their seating.

If it is necessary to cancel the seminar due to the Coronavirus it will be rescheduled for a later date.



RTO District 24

Golf Tournament

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mill Run Golf and Country Club

Assemble by 8:30 a.m.

Tee off at 9:00 a.m.

RTO District 24

Breakfast for Kids' Golf Tournament

Please have all members of your team sign the coupon which will signify that they have read and agree to the RTO waiver (below) required for all RTO District 24 events.

TEAM CONTACT

Name _____ Signature _____

E-mail _____

TEAM MEMBER

Name _____ Signature _____

E-mail _____

TEAM MEMBER

Name _____ Signature _____

E-mail _____

TEAM MEMBER

Name _____ Signature _____

E-mail _____

Please find enclosed _____ cheque(s) totalling the amount of (4 x \$85 =) \$340 **PAYABLE TO: RTO – DISTRICT 24**

We have enclosed _____ gift cards to assist with the prizing [If gift cards are enclosed please indicate the value, who has made the donation, and include postal address(s) for the receipt(s) to be mailed later in the year]

Mail to: Les Coombs, 7 Riviera Drive, Scarborough, ON M1N 1J9

Acknowledgement, Waiver and Release

The participant in Breakfast for Kids Golf Tournament acknowledges and agrees that RTO, 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, 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.



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Golf Tournament

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Breakfast for Kids' Golf Tournament SPONSOR DONATION

Please find enclosed my/our cheque in the amount of \$150.00 to sponsor a hole at the RTO District 24 Breakfast for Kids' Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Sept 15, 2020, at Mill Run Golf and Country Club

I / We have sponsored a hole previously This is a new sponsorship

I would like to donate \$_____ to support this worthy cause (minimum \$10 for tax receipt)

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: RTO – DISTRICT 24

Please accept this/these gift cards to assist with prizes (minimum \$10 value for tax receipt)

Name _____ Email address _____

Street _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

(Complete address required for tax receipt)

Mail this coupon with enclosures to: Ken Stamp, 59 Chine Drive Scarborough M1M 2K8

FINANCIAL STATEMENT



RETIRED TEACHERS OF ONTARIO – DISTRICT 24 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2019

GARY FICK – DISTRICT 24 TREASURER

District No. 24 - Scarborough & East York
Financial Statement for the Period January 1-December 31, 2019

	2019	2018
Assets at January 1		
General Ledger Balance	\$ 18,219.18	\$ 31,923.69
Investments	17,131.72	17,131.72
Other assets: _____ Adjust actual bank balance 1/1/19	122.44	
Total Assets	\$ 35,473.34	\$ 49,055.41
Revenue		
Grants		
Annual	\$ 45,945.60	\$ 43,713.64
Bilingual Services		
Project - Service to Others	3,000.00	4,000.00
Retirement Planning Workshops		
Interest on Bank Balance and Investments	43.62	38.49
Other: _____	26,276.00	8,355.21
Total Revenue:	\$ 75,265.22	\$ 56,107.34
Expenses		
District Goodwill	\$ 2,998.84	\$ 2,125.27
Bilingual Services		
Project - Service to Others	3,000.00	4,000.00
Recruitment		90.83
Meetings		
Executive	3,216.98	2,916.41
District	465.66	869.85
Senate	3,388.38	2,867.03
Provincial Workshops		
Newsletter (mailings, printing, postage)	24,818.63	20,659.91
Office expenses	1,948.88	
(bank charges, faxes, photocopies, stamps, stationery, telephone etc.)		745.84
Retiree Receptions	2,383.34	2,043.88
Retirement Planning Workshops	914.70	901.20
Transportation		
Website		
Donations		
Breakfast for kids	15,718.23	13,000.00
Political Advocacy	636.13	481.85
Other Expenses		
Trips & Clubs	3,700.10	4,094.07
Luncheons	21,893.46	6,928.94
Health Seminar	1,003.61	862.62
50th. Anniversary		7,224.15
Total Expenses	\$ 86,086.94	\$ 69,811.85
A) Assets + Revenue - Expenses:	\$ 24,651.62	\$ 35,350.90
Assets at December 31		
General Ledger balance	7,519.90	18,219.18
Investments	17,131.72	17,131.72
Other assets: _____		
B) Total Assets	\$ 24,651.62	\$ 35,350.90



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2020 ANNUAL MEETING

As of the publication of our abbreviated Summer Newsletter, RTO District 24 does not have a contract for a location for our Annual Meeting and Election due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. It is not possible to book without knowing how many people will be permitted to assemble according to Public Health Restrictions.

Do save the date of Thursday, October 29, 2020.

As we get closer to October 29, it will be possible to make a decision as to how many people will be permitted to attend. For example, if Public Health permits 30 people, the first 30 members to respond to the *E-Blast* e-mail notification to District 24 members with the meeting information will receive confirmation to attend.

Fortunately, the District 24 Constitution provides for reduced numbers to hold an election. We are trying our best to deal with these unusual times and we are in on-going contact with our National RTO/ERO organization to be sure that we are making the best decisions possible for our members.

Paula Chambers
President, RTO District 24



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2020 ANNUAL MEETING NOMINATIONS

District 24 Scarborough and East York will tentatively be holding its Annual Meeting on October 29, 2020. Nominations are being accepted for various positions on the District's Executive.

Elections are held for the following positions:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, you can nominate yourself by sending your **Name, Phone Number, E-mail**, and the **Position to which you are applying** to Bill Sparks, Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee, by e-mail at:

wgasparks88@gmail.com

Nominations are due by October 15, 2020.



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DISTRICT 24 2020 TRIPS AND EVENTS

As you are well aware, in order to stop the spread of the current Covid-19 pandemic, social distancing is mandated. The closing of theatres, restaurants and other gathering places of interest necessitated the cancellation of all five of our planned trips through July 9. Kinky Boots participants were refunded the cost of this excursion when the Drayton production was cancelled just before our departure date. Registrants for the remaining trips though July were notified that their cheques were shredded.

We are all eager to see an end to this pandemic and a return to normalcy. Medical authorities tell us that social distancing is working to 'flatten the curve', reducing the spread of this corona virus. However, our provincial government has assured us that when it is deemed possible, the removal of the current emergency restrictions will happen very gradually. Rumours abound as to how theatres and restaurants will manage seating when they are permitted to open. The Lighthouse Theatre in Port Dover is now closed for 2020. Mirvish has closed as well and is advertising its coming season on line, hoping to begin in January, 2021. At this juncture, we have no reason to assume the other theatre companies will be open in the fall.

District 24's priority is the health, safety and well-being of all our members. To that end, I am announcing that **the three remaining excursions scheduled for September and October have been cancelled.** Those of you who have registered for any of these events are doubtless disappointed with this news, however practical. By now you will have heard directly from the facilitator that your cheques and coupons were shredded.

Going forward, I will continue my conversations with Mary Morton Tours for information from the theatre companies regarding their 2021 programming. When I am able to make reservations for next year I will look to incorporate as much of this year's great lineup as possible. Please check District 24's *E-News* [district24.rto-ero.org/news] where I will update you with the latest. Be well.

Marilyn Tregwin, Excursions Chair

DISTRICT 24 TRIVIA EVENT

Thursday, October 15th, 2020, at the Olde Stone Cottage Pub on Kingston Road from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Our quizmaster, Jerry Chadwick, will have questions based on music, common logos and general knowledge. Teams of four are asked to list their members on the entry coupon and send it, along with a cheque for \$10 per participant to Paula Chambers. Each participant will receive a drink ticket for a glass of wine or beer. We will be serving wings and fries. The top three teams will receive restaurant coupons and bragging rights. There will also be a door prize draw.

Participation is limited to the first 40 participants. The submission deadline is Friday, September 25, 2020

Please make your \$10 cheques payable to RTO - District 24. Please mail your team list coupon and cheques to Paula Chambers, 6 Colinroy Street, Scarborough, Ontario, M1C 5G6.

RTO District 24 TRIVIA Event

Team Name: _____

(Please Print)

Team Members (Please Print)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

No. of Team Members ____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Please mail this coupon along with one or more cheques totalling the amount in the box above to:

Paula Chambers
6 Colinroy Street
Scarborough, ON M1C 5G6

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: RTO - DISTRICT 24