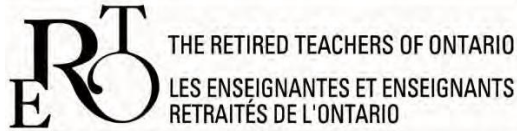


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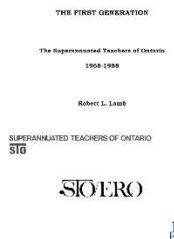


History District 24 Scarborough & East York

Our name hearkens back to our roots in 1968 when we were first established to serve the needs of retired teachers of Ontario. Since then, we have extended our membership to welcome all Ontario educational support staff from schools and school boards, as well as college and university faculty. District 24 is one of 51 RTOERO Districts. At the District level, members participate in social, travel and leisure opportunities, political advocacy and District Executive leadership roles. At the Provincial level, members are actively involved in the Forum (the governing body of RTO/ERO), the Provincial Executive and several committees.



The History of the Early years of district 24 was included in the special book of memories. The early days of District 24 have been taken from documents prepared by Dr. Robert Lamb. His document “Superannuated Teachers of Ontario” provides a very detailed history of our Ontario Teachers’ Pension from its beginnings in 1853.



It was known then as the Ryerson Pension Fund for the support of “**superannuated or worn out Common School Teachers of Upper Canada.**” In 1860 the average pension was \$26.54. In 1885 the Fund was closed to all except those who were members, so no further grants were provided and the plan was phased out. No pension plan was available to new teachers until 1917 unless it were provided by an urban school board under 1904 legislation .

The Teachers’ and Inspectors’ Superannuation Act (1917) act provided a funded or “Reserve” plan for pensions which required from the government and the parties at first, more money than appeared necessary, but which would provide for future stability as pension demands increased. For more information you can download the PDF “The First Generation” by Robert Lamb. <https://district24.rtoero.ca/historical-documentation/>

In December 1968, a committee was established to organize STO/ERO into geographic areas across Ontario, based on the provincial county board system. That resulted in 10 areas, which grew to 12 in 1970. In 1972, the province was reorganized into 21 subdivisions which would be known as districts. The senate created the districts, which would each have at least three executive members. District 24 had not sprung into being without the efforts of many people who had a dream about banding together a group of retired teachers from Scarborough and East York into an association. Its inception was in 1972.

Origin of District 24, Superannuated Teachers of Ontario



In 1971 Miss Marian Tyrell, Secretary of the Provincial S.T.O. and Norman McLeod, an S.T.O. executive member, asked Jim Wilkinson, a retired public-school principal in Scarborough, to organize a Scarborough-East York District. It was to be made up of retired men and women teachers from the Public, Separate and Secondary Schools.

Mr. Wilkinson contacted Mrs. Irene Pantaleo re the Separate School people and some of the Public-School women lined up their people. Contact through the school boards was made with all the retired secondary teachers and the elementary men teachers. An organizing Committee was set up with representatives from all the groups. The first meeting of the Scarborough – East York District was held on February 16 1972. The members met in the old Oakridge School in Scarborough.

Jim Wilkinson called the meeting to order and explained the purpose of the branch:

1. To receive S.T.O. information
2. To have a representative on the Senate
3. To participate in the work to improve pensions and life in general for S.T.O. members
4. To arrange social occasions

Forty-two superannuated teachers were present, representing FWTAO, OPSMTF, OSSTF, and OECTA.

The late Norman McLeod, formerly the principal of Leaside High School, then addressed the meeting and gave an extremely informative talk on the history of the STO, including its origin (it was formed in 1968), purpose, and achievements. He then called for nominations for the positions of executive officers for the new district.

The elections were as follows:

Chairman - Mr. J. R. Wilkinson
Vice-Chairman - Mr. M. Keene
Secretary - Treasurer Mrs. Irene Panteleo (Mrs. Irene Panteleo continued as secretary-treasurer and later as treasurer until her death in 1982.)

The Council members were chosen by their affiliate as noted:

Scarborough: Mrs. W. Grant FWTAO
Mr. E. Gallagher OPSMTF
Mr. N. Ralph OSSTF
Mrs. I. Panteleo OECTA

East York: Miss T. Gillies FWTAO
Miss Eileen Smith FWTAO
Mr. M. Keene OPSMTF
Mr. J. Stephen OSSTF, OECTA



Highlights of District Achievements:

David Dewar	Founding Member Award	1982
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Provincial Positions

Harolyn Panetta	Service to Others	1991
Gary Fick	Pensions and Retirement Concerns	2006 - 2007
	Provincial Executive	2008 - 2009
	RTO/ERO 50th Anniversary Planning Committee	2016 - 2018
	RTO/ERO Transition Nominations Committee	2017 - 2018
	RTOERO Member Services Committee	2018 - 2022
Bill Sparks	Constitutional Committee	2009 - 2021
Donna Hubel	Service to Others	2013 - 2016
George Denny	Audit Committee	2013 - 2017

Past Presidents

Jim Wilkinson	1972-73	Allan Mawson	1995-96
Jack Henderson	1973-74	Bernie Chalmers(Acting)	1996-97
Foster Jeavons	1974-75	Bob Duncan	1996-2000
Stan Seal	1975-76	Harolyn Panetta	2000-02
Josie Clement	1976-77	Gloria Konziolka	2002-04
Art Cantrell	1977-78	Gord Reid	2004-05
Gordon Brown	1978-80	Ken Turton	2005-06
Ken Hall	1980-81	Gary Fick	2006-08
Howard Eubank	1981-82	Bill Sparks	2008-09
Mel Holmes	1982-83	Frank Saliani	2009-11
Mary Mitchell	1983-84	Donna Hubel	2011-12
Herb Stevenson	1984-85	George Denny	2012-14
Margaret Huckins	1985-86	Donna Hubel	2014-16
Frank Gould	1986-88	Bill Sparks	2016-17
Bill Parish	1988-90	Gary Fick	2017-18
George Crindland	1990-91	Paula Chambers	2018-20
Ellen McCormick	1991-92	Annemarie McKee	2020-23
Ken Webster	1992-94		
Gladys Heintz	1994-95		