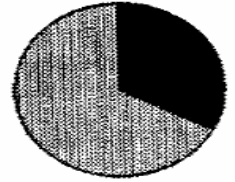




Twenty-Second Report



District 22 Etobicoke and York

The Retired Teachers of Ontario – Les Enseignantes et enseignants Retraites de l'Ontario

May 2004

President's Message

While there is no firm date for a pending federal election campaign, you should be aware that several initiatives are under way.

Members of Toronto Districts Political Action Committees (Don Routley-District 22) are meeting to discuss possible election initiatives.

The Provincial Executive has developed and approved a comprehensive paper on Federal Health Care issues and concerns. It is posted on the RTO/ERO Website along with the seven provincial papers on issues of importance to our members.

For any of us concerned about a possible change in the cost of our benefits premiums with the Toronto District School Board, they have grandfathered retiree benefits premiums for those who will have retired up to August 31st, 2004. Information about various group benefit programs is available on the Toronto Districts Website.

Our Annual General Meeting and Spring Luncheon will take place on May 26th, 2004, at the Old Mill.

All members are encouraged to attend.

The Business Meeting includes reports on insurance and health benefits, pension update, committee reports and the election of the executive.

The Spring Luncheon is an excellent time to meet colleagues and enjoy their company as well as a delicious meal. Please complete the form inside the newsletter and **return it right away, if you have not already done so.**

See you there!

Brenda Miller



Membership – Recruitment

Welcome to the following members who have recently joined District 22. District 22's total membership is now 1691 as of March 31, 2004. Incidentally Ontario has 155,000 elementary & secondary teachers and 93,000 retired educators.

Vjekoslava Altic
Josephine Babensee
Nancy Boyd
Tuula Davies
Roger Gardner
Maria Piane
Sheila Ryan
Louise Tokarek
Julia Yasui
Stephen DeGraaf
Margaret Dool
Joan Meade

Corresponding Membership

If any RTO member from another district would like to receive our newsletter by mail an annual payment of \$10.00 can be sent.

Make your cheque payable to:
RTO District 22

and mail to:

Adele Pick
1508-475 The West Mall
Toronto M9C 4Z3.

In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of the following members and send condolences to their families and friends.

Marion H Ronald
Ida Speight
M. Bernadine Melanson

December 2003

Mary Waugh

January 2004

Stanley Hanmer

Joan D Sutton

February 2004



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Contact **Dianne Vezeau** at **416-962-9463 ext. 223** or write to
300-18 Spadina Road
Toronto M5R 2S7

Memories of Aunt Almeda

Our early childhood memories were numerous, but for myself, being her first ever niece, makes her very special and the lasting memories will never leave my mind.

She was a very generous lady towards her eleven nieces and nephews. My memories include the Laura Secord Easter eggs she brought to us each year and her Santa presents. One year my only wish was just one gift – the Eaton Beauty Doll I saw in the catalogue. Aunt Almeda and Grandma made a whole wardrobe of clothes for her (dresses, a coat and hat, pyjamas and even underwear!) How excited I was! I still have this great gift today, used and worn, kept safe in a dresser drawer.

I became a teacher because of Aunt Almeda. She was my mentor. I always tried to do my best, to excel and meet her values and high expectations. I wanted her to be very proud of me.

Aunt Almeda's wardrobe was so exquisite, so colourful! She wore bright colours so well, I was always proud to be seen in public with her. Upon retiring in 1975 Aunt Almeda worked very diligently on the De Guerre family history doing her research at museums and cemeteries. She also travelled to Salt Lake City, Utah, to glean family history there. This was all compiled on a manual typewriter. In the summer of '88 her mission was accomplished and she presented each member of her family with a blue duo-tang book of the "De Guerre Family History" copyrighted July 1, 1988. Now this is a treasure that cannot be replaced! We must keep it updated as time goes on.

After I retired in June 1988 she and I organized yearly family picnics in David & Mary Thomson Park in Scarborough. In later years as families grew larger we decided to disband the multi-family picnics and just have our own for Grandpa De Guerre's family, now comprising

Aunt Almeda's eleven nieces and nephews, 15 great nieces and nephews and 21 great-greats. We hope Aunt Almeda's picnics can continue in her memory.

Almeda De Guerre September 1912 to July 2003



Aunt Almeda moved from her Royal York Gardens apartment across from Humbertown in March of 1996 as we had moved to Port Perry (my husband Phil and I) in January that year. That left my cousin Judy as the only family caregiver left in Toronto. Her new home, Christie Gardens, was a three-tiered facility and we knew she would be well cared for there for the rest of her life.

Many retired school teachers lived at Christie Gardens so it was just the place for her. Residents dressed for lunch and dinner in the dining room and she could live there with dignity among "her kind of people". She played bridge twice a week in the evenings and had many friends there.

In May of 2002 Runnymede had its 75th Anniversary Reunion. My husband, Phil, and I told her we would be pleased to accompany her. We picked her up at 11 a.m. and, using her walker, she had a great time. She could push it for balance and sit on it when she needed to rest. She was approached by so many people, it was hard to navigate the halls.

Christie Gardens could not have been a better environment for her. All the people there were so kind and understanding. They made her days so enjoyable, especially the caregivers.

Aunt Almeda, you have given us a huge legacy to live up to. Your values, your generosity and your love of family will be imbedded in our lives and hearts forever.

Barbara Wooding

Barbara retired from John D Parker Jr School in 1988. Previously she taught at West Humber Jr and Elmlea. She belongs to Rendezvous & District 22 RTO.



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Executive**

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**Attention
Retired Women
Teachers**

Come join the
Rendezvous Club
(affiliate of RWTO)
Enjoy our monthly luncheons at
The Old Mill
with entertainment, speakers,
fashion show, craft show, etc.
Meet colleagues, renew old
friendships and make new
friends.

For more information, contact:
Stella Preda at 905-277-2092



**RTO/ERO
District 16 ~ Toronto**

Invites you to its annual

Craft/Artisans' Show

Monday, October 18

10:00am to 12:00Noon

**Brulé Room
The Old Mill**

30 Displays
with opportunity to buy



Cribbed from the internet:

Good Government Joke

The steps at Parliament Hill need some repairs so bids are taken from contractors from across the country. First a contractor from Toronto looks it over. After a session of measuring and figuring he presents his bid. I can do it for \$19,000, he says. I'd need \$9,000 for materials, \$9,000 for my crew, and \$1,000 profit for me.

Next a redneck from Calgary does his measuring and calculating then says, I'll do it for \$17,000 - \$8,000 for materials, \$8,000 for my crew, and my \$1,000 profit.

Last a Liberal-friendly advertising firm from Montreal steps up.

Without even looking at the job site he says, I'll do it or \$57,000. Surprised at how high it is, the man taking the bids asks him to explain it. It's simple, he says - \$20,000 for me, \$20,000 for you, and we hire the guy from Calgary!!

Travel News

The trips are going very well this year. The show tour for Shaw on June 1st is sold out with a waiting list.

The trip to Stratford on Sept 22nd to see Guys and Dolls is full, but to date there is no one on the waiting list.

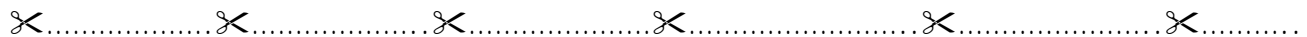
If you are not on my **advance** mailing list, and would like to be, would you fill out the form below and send it to me:

**Walter Wild
19 Rexton Road
Etobicoke, M9C 2E3.**

If you have not participated for a year your name may be removed.

I am thinking about organizing a trip to Owen Sound in December as it has been very popular in the last two years. For those who do not wish to take this trip I will be organizing another one with a Christmas theme to a location to be decided.

Walter Wild



Application to be on Travel/Tour Mailing List

Name.....

Mail to:

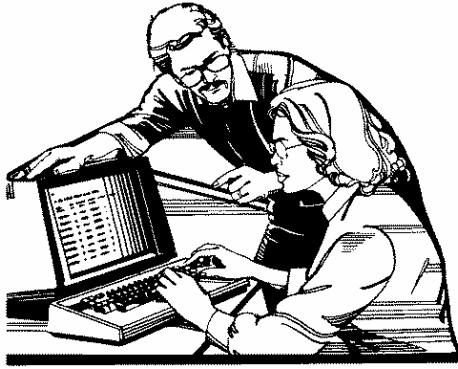
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Calling all Web Surfers

Would you like to receive your Twenty-Second Report on line? You would receive it faster and you could see the pictures in colour. It would save your district a few pennies in postage as well.

Our Twenty-Second Report is placed on the web at about the same time as it is sent to the printer. If you are on line you can download and print the complete newsletter or just the "clip and return" pages. The newsletter is in Portable Document Format (PDF). If you do not have Adobe PDF Reader it can be downloaded free of charge from the Adobe.com website.

Send your email address to your newsletter editor at:

ethom@sympatico.ca

if you wish to be notified by email when the newsletter is ready for viewing and/or downloading.

Our Website is at:

www.rto-ero.org

From there click on "Districts" and scroll down to Toronto – click – click on Etobicoke/York and you are there! From there it is easy to find the newsletter and any other information about your district. You can also browse among the websites of other RTO Districts. Have fun!

Eleanor Thomson

Goodwill Report

Since January eight letters of condolence have been sent to families of late members of RTO District 22.

As a project, I gathered the names of colleagues who retired between 1965 and 1971. In recognition of their long membership in RTO, thirteen retirees received cards and small gifts by mail. Also, I delivered five gifts personally – including two to nursing homes. I visited six ill members, bringing cards and gifts to them.

"Cheer up" cards and gifts were mailed to two others.

Altogether, 34 members of RTO District 22 have been recognized.

What a wonderfully hardy group we are!

*Pat Foubert
Goodwill*

If you know of a member who needs a cheery card, please let Pat know at:

905 276 1972.



East of Halifax

Spring is here at last, and soon many will be travelling across this land of ours. If you are considering coming to this lovely province (and you should) there are some things you should know about it and its heritage. My column this time deals with some interesting information about our adopted home.

If you're a Newfoundlander, you should be proud! If you are a Mainlander, you should know more about this province. Here are a few tidbits of information that you may have never known before:

Newfoundland was:

- the first province (*then colony*) to respond to Titanic's distress signal
- the first to vaccinate for smallpox
- the first to host a transatlantic flight
- the first to have wireless communication in the world
- the first place to discover proof of the theory of continental drift

It has:

- the oldest city in North America
- the oldest street in North America
- the oldest rock in the world
- the oldest continuous sporting event (Regatta Day rules!)
- the largest university in Atlantic Canada
- the most pubs per square foot in Canada (George Street)
- the longest running radio program in North America
- caught the world's largest invertebrate (giant squid)

We are:

- the funniest people in Canada (ask anybody)
- the sexiest people in Canada (Macleans magazine survey)
- the only province that has four identifiable flags
- the only province able to land the space shuttle
- the most charitable people in

Canada (Stats Canada)

- the most sexually active people in all of Canada (what else is there to do during the long winter months?)

A Newfoundlander:

- built the world's first artificial ice arena
- invented the gas mask
- was once governor of Northern Rhodesia
- was with Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg

It is the only province to have its own:

- encyclopedia
- dictionary
- pony
- dogs
- cultural publication

After reading this, you probably know more about Newfoundland than... well, almost everyone.

Oh yes...

Officially, the name of the Province is **Newfoundland and Labrador**, as established by the government of Brian Tobin, and the official postal designation for it is NL...not NF as was used previously.

Wayne Cooke
11 Victoria Street
St. John's NL A1C 3V2
709 579 4572

victoriast@roadrunner.nf.net



Picture taken April 2004
to replace one from July 1999

Picture Page

Did you teach at Rawlinson Public School?

This quartet taught together in 1966. This is how they looked in August of 2003.



Sylvia Bastow
(nee Blake)

Moira Sinclair
(nee Milne)

Sylvia Nixon
(nee Thorogood)

Ethel Paton



As promised in the last Twenty-Second Report here is the picture of Saloma Smith's school in Pakistan. Most of you will have seen the same photo (and story) in the last issue of Renaissance

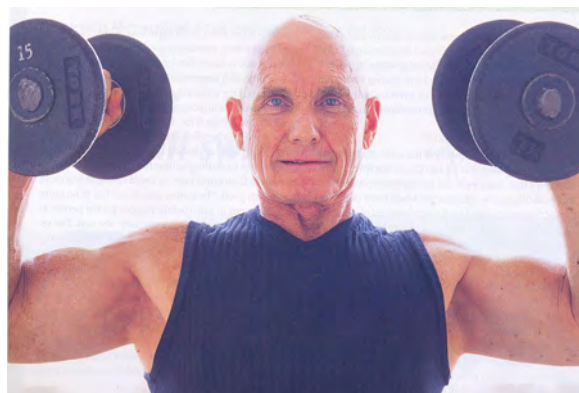
David Smith - Body Builder

- retired teacher – member of District 22 – cancer survivor – wellness and fitness buff – all this is detailed in the October 2003 issue of the magazine 50Plus put out by CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons).

If you are not a member of CARP you can find the magazine in your local public library and read the extensive article there.



Both photos courtesy of 50Plus



David works out for 90 minutes five times a week and firmly believes that working out and body-building contribute immensely to a person's well-being. Good show, David! Keep up the great work!

Maybe this will inspire more of us to get off the couch, push back from the computer and get moving!

Membership Survey

Political Action Committee

RTO/ERO District 22

Below is a list of issues that may be of importance to you. We would like to know how important, or unimportant, these issues are to you. Please check the appropriate boxes and return to:

Don Routley

15 Birchleaf Crescent

Etobicoke M7R 2L5

N.B. This survey will also be available at the AGM on May 26 at The Old Mill. You may fill it out there or bring this one and hand it in there. Thank you for your participation.

Results (from all four Toronto Districts) will be published in a later newsletter and on our website.

Issue	Strongly Concerned	Fairly Important	Somewhat Interested	Least Important
Affordable Housing				
Border Crossing and Security				
Coping with Future Epidemics				
Cost of Prescription Drugs				
Credit Card Interest Rates				
Criminal Justice System				
Defence Spending				
Elder Abuse				
Employment Insurance				
Energy Supplies				
Environment				
Ethics in Politics				
Expansion of Highways, Roads, Rail				
Federal/Provincial Relations				
Foreign Aid and Relations				
Fresh Water Supply				
Genetically Modified Foods				
Immigration				
Labelling of Foods				
Long Term Care				
Municipal/Provincial Infrastructure				
Public Transportation				
Privatization of Government Services				
Reduction/Removal of GST				
State of Canadian Cities				
University Tuition				
Universal Health Care				
Issues not listed that are really important to me:				

The following is a copy of the **TREASURERS Statement** for the year ending **Dec.31 2003** and the **proposed budget for 2004** which will be presented at the AGM.

AGM REPORT 2004	Act 03	Act 02	Act 01	Notes	%of 03 Budget	03 budget	04 budget
Balance at Beginning of period	16271.18	12366.06	12357				
Receipts							
Goodwill	465.08	391.84	185.76		103.35	450	450
Membership	17352.32	16538.82	15092.36		105.81	16400	17300
Interest Bank	0.17	120.03	19.40		3.40	5	5
ING	489.36	329.25	62.96		195.74	250	400
AGM Luncheon	4007.50	3925.00	3160.50		108.31	3700	3800
Fall Luncheon	4060.00	5467.50	6120.00		67.67	6000	5000
Newsletter Advertising	400.00	270.00	250.00		133.33	300	300
Recruitment	845.80	179.00	230.00	1	105.73	800	800
Project Service to Others	4000.00				100.00	4000	
Total Income	31620.23	27221.44	25121		99.11	31905	28055
Total Assets	47891.41	39587.5	37478				
Deposit CARRY forward		800.00					
		40387.5					
Expenses							
AGM Luncheon	5748.18	4709.99	5956.2		122.30	4700	5500
AGM Meeting	1851.82	1914.51			92.59	2000	1900
Fall Luncheon	5859.69	6084.56	7247.3	2	78.13	7500	6500
Newsletter	7300.93	6049.07	6259.6		104.30	7000	7500
Executive	701.18	525.58	756.54	3	100.17	700	1700
Goodwill	230.74	462.96	392.59		38.46	600	600
Membership	10.48	104.16	1815.3	4	2.62	400	100
Toronto Districts	1536.25	1712.94			85.35	1800	1800
Office	881.52	621.49	689.28		80.14	1100	1000
Political Action	86.96	155.78	32.15		43.48	200	200
Senate	115.55	117.70	360.06		28.89	400	400
Recruitment	1431.67	1655.33	1687.2		84.22	1700	1500
Bank Charges	1.50	2.25	6		15.00	10	10
Health and Pension					0.00	1000	100
Social				5			500
Project Service to Others	4000.00				100.00	4000	
Service Award				6			200
TOTAL	29756.47	24116.32	25202		89.87	33110	29510
Balance	18134.94	16271.18	12276				
1	This is the first year of a provincial Recruitment Grant. This amounted to 650.80 for 2003						
2	The Fall Luncheon had fewer attendees this year than in past years.						
3	The increase in budget represents mileage costs to attend meetings.						
4	5 Membership and Social budget lines would better reflect actual usage of funds. More social activities are anticipated.						
6	This is a new award being presented this year.						

RTO/ERO District 22 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2004

9:30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

at

The Old Mill

Guest Speakers:

Terry Lynch – Executive Director RTO/ERO

Beverly Polowy – RTO/ERO Provincial President

Don Brooks – Johnson Insurance Representative

Join us for lunch after the meeting – only \$28.00

Cash bar from 11:30 a.m. prior to Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Menu

Choice of:

Supreme of Chicken filled with spinach and Ricotta, penne pasta with

basil lemon sauce C

or

Roasted fillet of Atlantic Salmon with sage lemon sauce S

or

Vegetarian meal V

For more information call **Jeanne Rutherford** at 416 626 0650

or **Eleanor MacLean** at 416 621 6763

▶▶ If you have not already sent in your reservation ◀◀
please clip and mail the form below:

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District 22 Spring Luncheon at The Old Mill Wednesday, May 26th

Name: C S V

Indicate your choice of entrée in one box

Name: C S V

Indicate your choice of entrée in one box

Mail with your cheque for \$28.00 each,
payable to **RTO District 22**, to:



Eleanor MacLean
#809 – 350 Mill Road
Etobicoke M9C 5R7

RTO/ERO District 22 To Hell with the Bell Breakfast

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2004
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Canadiana Restaurant
Address: 5230 Dundas Street West
(Six Points Plaza)
Dundas at Kipling

Cost: Free to those retiring in 2004
Free to those who have never joined RTO/ERO

Members' cost is \$13.00
Mail cheques (payable to RTO District 22) to
Adele Pick
1508 – 475 The West Mall
Toronto M9C 4Z3

As always if you know anyone who is a potential member please contact me at [adele_pick @ yahoo.com](mailto:adele_pick@yahoo.com) or 416—622-7361

Reservations are required to attend this breakfast.

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