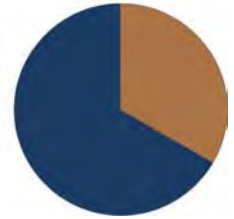




# Twenty-Second Report



**District 22 Etobicoke and York**

**January 2005**

The Retired Teachers of Ontario – Les Enseignantes et Enseignants Retraités de l'Ontario

## **President's Message**

This newsletter should arrive shortly after Christmas so I must take this opportunity to hope you all had a Happy, Healthy and Hearty Holiday Season.

The fall has been an exceptionally busy time for RTO/ERO. The **To Hell With the Bell Breakfast** was a great success with some 60 prospective RTO/ERO members in attendance. They heard a great deal about the benefits of membership and enjoyed a great breakfast and some wonderful fellowship.

District 22 was represented at the **Fall Senate** by Senators Irwin Kelly and Herb Cooney with Gary Vipond attending as an Observer. This was one of the more interesting Senates that I have attended. A more detailed report can be found later in this newsletter.

**The Toronto Districts** (Toronto 16, Etobicoke-York 22, North York 23, and Scarborough-East York 24) had their fourth **Joint Executive Meeting** on October 27. This is an opportunity for all executive members of the districts to get together and discuss local issues and concerns.

We started out by looking at some of the initiatives of the Toronto Districts. These included recruitment plans, web page, and common issues such as pensions, health etc.. If you haven't seen and bookmarked our web page, you are missing out on a great deal of valuable information. The first page deals with common items and covers an extremely wide range of topics. Then you can go to

each local website to get specific information on their actions. Why not sit down and take a good long look at it today. [www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org](http://www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org)

**Joint Initiatives** We have again agreed to provide posters in all Metro schools, and to provide fridge magnets and post cards at special events to promote RTO/ERO and our local districts.

**Fall Luncheon** at The Weston Golf and Country Club was quite a success.

**Eleanor Mc Lean** is leaving the position of Social Convener and should be very proud of the work she has done in planning and organizing the AGM meetings and the fall luncheons for the past few years. I know we all wish her well in her future endeavors.

**Judy Paton**, recently joined RTO/ERO and has volunteered to fill in as the Social Convener. We welcome her to the executive and look forward to working with her in the planning of future events.

**OTF** recently announced that they will no longer be offering **Retirement Planning Workshops** around the province as they have done for many years. RTO/ERO has taken up the challenge and is suggesting that local districts provide this service and is also providing funding for such workshops. To help get this initiative off the ground they are also providing a one day workshop on "Preparation and Planning of RPWs". We and all Toronto Districts will be participating in this workshop in the hopes that we may become active promoters of RPWs for the Toronto Area. This will be another of the Toronto Districts' joint initiatives.

## President's Message

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As noted in the last 22 Report the **Ontario Ombudsman's Office** will be making a presentation on "**How to Complain Effectively**" on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. See the ad in this newsletter and call if you are interested in attending.



Irwin Kelly  
President

## The Fall Senate Report

The Fall Senate was quite interesting this year with some important announcements which will concern all of us. Here is a brief summary of action taken at the senate.

Probably the most important actions relate to our financial situation. In that regard two very important items were passed:

1) Your **annual fees** for RTO/ERO will be **reduced** by 12%. That means that, for most of us the fee of 1.25 per \$1000 of pension has been reduced to 1.10 per \$1000 of pension. This was put in place since we have historically been building a reserve fund which now stands at \$1.8 million. The anticipated loss in revenue from the reductions is approximately \$300,000. Current growth and predicted expenses guarantee that this membership fee reduction will hold for several years without drawing from the reserve fund.

A reduction in income to RTO/ERO would naturally result in a reduction in District income were it not for a change in the funding formula which now will return to districts 30% of membership fees as opposed to the previous 25%. This will mean districts will receive the same or slightly more revenue each year.

2) After some lengthy discussion it was decided to maintain the current fees for our health insurance for the next year. This will result in an \$8.5 million deficit for 2005 but reserves in this area are adequate and will sustain this deficit. However, be prepared, a deficit of this nature can not continue and fees will probably have to rise next year. The one argument that, I believe swayed the decision was that **you** had built up the reserve and **you** should benefit from its use. The other items on the agenda may seem somewhat mundane but the debate was often quite good. The closing of the **Leslie Frost Outdoor Centre** by the provincial government generated some lively discussion and resulted in motions asking the government to reconsider its action and to form a consultation group of stakeholders to examine other solutions to the annual deficit. RTO/ERO will offer to take a leadership role in that consultation group.

Two new provincial workshops will be held in 2005 one for **Treasurers** and one for **Recruitment** chairs. These workshops should be both valuable and informative.

A new **District 44, Region du Ciel Bleu**, was formed which was formerly a part of District 43 Nipissing. This is the first fully francophone district.

Reports from the various committees filled out the agenda and made for a good senate.

### Reunion

#### Hamilton Teachers' College

50 years - Class of 1954/1955

**May 27, 2005 in Brantford ON**

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## Membership

Welcome to District 22 all you happy new retirees! As of the end of November 2004 District 22 membership stands at the grand total of **1762**.

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Marika Dokolasa	Claudia A. Mang
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Keith Troake	Malane Hibbert
Lucia Vanelli	Annette Holtrop
Carmela Vitale	Glenda Jackson
Mary Watson	Marianne McBurney
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Meraslava Bien	Shirley Evans
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Teresa Bryson	Megan Ticknovich
Nancy R. Dockrill	David West
Dianne Gallagher	Barbara Kalmuk
Lynn E. Golding	Wm Kalmuk
Desmond Hennessy	Maria-Luisa Lupiacci
Elizabeth Jennings	

## Goodwill Report

Since our last newsletter only five letters of condolence have been mailed and only one cheer-up card was sent. I must rely on you, the members of District 22, to let me know when a card or small gift is to be sent.

There seems to be some confusion concerning sending "significant birthday" cards. How about having me send cards to anyone celebrating an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday or better? I shall leave the selection of age up to our members when they call me.

My trusty old answering machine has retired so when you call please do so in the evening.

*Pat Foubert*  
*Goodwill Chair*  
**905 276 1972**

## More Membership...

Due to a glitch in our emails, new members are listed in the order the names came to us instead of in alphabetical order as we usually show them.

As you can see from the In Memoriam list below, it takes quite a while for the sad news to reach us.

**May we remember with fondness the members listed below who have passed away.**

*Adele Pick*

**Robert G Scott**  
**April 2004**

**Donald Mansz**  
**James Morrow**  
**May 2004**

**Helen Payne**  
**June 2004**

## In Memoriam

**Mary M. Hennessey**  
**July 2004**  
**Margaret Drinkwater**  
**John D Luke**  
**Muriel McCuaig**  
**Reta Thorburn**  
**August 2004**

**Ruth Joynt**  
**Ailsa Little**  
**Herbert E Rose**  
**September 2004**  
**Audrey Hazzard**  
**Barbara Pedrette**  
**October 2004**  
**Mildred Warren-Darley**  
**November 2004**



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February 8, 2005**  
10:00 am to noon

How to register?

just call **905 822 3334**.

Leave your name and number and we will ensure your space.

Or [ikelly@eol.ca](mailto:ikelly@eol.ca)

**Mark your calendar  
and call now!**

## Travel Tips

Now that we are retired we have the option of taking those trips we always dreamed about. Many of us have learned some travel tips - unfortunately, maybe the hard way. This Travel Newsletter feature is a chance to share our experiences and lessons learned. Maybe even a few cost-saving hints or a great trip or travel service. So, let's hear from you!! I have agreed to collate your suggested "Tips" - so write to me:

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or e-mail [cooneyhj@sympatico.ca](mailto:cooneyhj@sympatico.ca)  
and we'll share the information through the Twenty-Second Report.

A couple of tips I learned from others:

i. When leaving the country by car establish the date you leave the country for Travel Insurance purposes, purchase something on your credit card for the day you leave and the day you arrive home. This clearly establishes you are within the allowed time. Purchase additional Travel Insurance for beyond the basic time. Check your policy.

ii. When you purchase a Group Travel Trip make sure that you are not paying for Travel Insurance you already have. We saved over \$200.00 because we already had Travel Insurance through our RTO/ERO Extended Health Insurance Policy.

iii. Check out "shoulder-time" travel. Usually, the weather is still good and the cost may be significantly less.

We just returned from a fifteen day dream vacation to Egypt. The trip included Cairo, Alexandria, and a six day cruise up the Nile River. Places like Luxor, Edfu, Aswan and

Abou Simbel came alive. Egyptians love Canadians and we felt perfectly at ease. We checked with the Canadian Government website and our travel insurance provider to make sure there were no travel warnings. There were none.

This was our first trip with "Senior Tours", 416-322-1500. It won't be our last. The price was right and the service was excellent!!

They pick you up at your door and handle everything. Accommodation was first-rate and one service I thought great was that they pre-register you at the hotel. You get your key on the bus, then go straight to your room and your luggage is delivered to your room. Tour Managers and Local Guides were very professional. The price of the tour was very competitive.

Now it's up to you!! Let's share your travel experiences and tips!

*Herb Cooney*

## Reunion

**Humber Heights** officially closed its doors as a public school in Etobicoke in 1982. Its memory lives on. Since 1955, women teachers, principals' wives, nurses, secretaries, etc, have held reunions at various places to reminisce. As time marched on, the gatherings, held on the last Thursday in May, became increasingly important. Some travelled great distances to be a part of the gathering. Letters from members unable to attend were read.

On **May 26, 2005**, we will be celebrating our **50<sup>th</sup>** and **final** reunion. We invite **all** former **male** and **female** staff and support staff to attend. If interested, please contact:

J. Beckley ☎ 416 -244 -3947

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### Our Senior Seniors

I hope this is a first of many articles to be placed in our newsletters recognizing the accomplishments of many of our long time members. If you know a member you would like to recognize in this way please submit an article (with the approval of the member) to the newsletter editor or tell one of the executive members about the member and we will arrange an interview and write the article.

#### **Dorothy Kinrade, BA, Ed.D.**

Dorothy Kinrade's entire life, minus one year, really centers around the former Township of York, Borough of York, City of York now Toronto. She attended Bala Avenue Public School (Weston Road and Jane Street) then went to York Memorial Collegiate where she attained the highest marks in her 5th Form classes. Following this she decided teaching would be her career and thus she attended the one year teacher training program at the Toronto Normal School which was then located on Gould Street. (She tells me the front facade of that building is now part of Ryerson University.) Following graduation in 1939, she had to do some teaching to get some material for her resume so she accepted a position in SS12 Nottawasaga, where she had 29 students in grades 1 to 8 and never missed a day of work that year. Her salary was the marvelous sum of \$750.00 per year. Being young and away from home for the first time she missed her family and the city but could only get home for long weekends and holidays.



Dorothy remembers vividly the journey to and from her residence in Nottawasaga. She had to take three trains on that journey. Each train took her a little closer to her destination and a little back in time. From Toronto, the train had electric lighting, the next train went to gas lighting and the final train was lit with oil lamps. One year of this was sufficient. Dorothy moved back home and secured a position with the Township of York as a temporary supply teacher. She worked her way up the ranks to permanent supply, then probationary teacher, and finally, after three years, got

a permanent position with the Board. Her first positions were split school assignments with morning kindergarten at Lambton Park and afternoon at Humbercrest PS. The next two years were spent with the same grade but at Lambton Park and George Syme PS. The next year she taught Grade 2 at Humbercrest then latched onto a Grade 6 class at the same school and held that position for 15 years.

Education was her interest and she started working toward her BA which she attained from U of T in 1950. She then continued her education by starting toward her Bachelor of Pedagogy (B Ed). Once that was accomplished, she continued to her M Ed and Ed D which she completed in 1963. This was done with the aid of a fellowship from the Women Teachers' Association, which allowed her to take a year off from her teaching at Cordella PS to complete her 354 page dissertation on "Discipline and Freedom."

Upon completion she was placed at King George PS where she had a 4/6 split grade and from there moved to Dennis Ave PS where she taught until retirement in 1981.

In total, Dorothy taught for 41 years. Since retirement, Dorothy has kept herself active. She joined the Rendezvous Club in 1982 and is now a Life Member. She joined OASWT (now RWTO) and STO (now RTO) and has been an active participant in all their activities.

Dorothy lived with her sister, Laura, who taught for the Toronto Board for 46 years until her retirement in 1993. Laura passed away in 1995 and since then Dorothy has been on her own. She still lives in her own home, but has an eye to the future and is aware that circumstances do change, so she has become an active participant in the activities of a nearby seniors' residence with the goal of making that residence her home of the future.

*Irwin Kelly*

## Found at Fall Lunch

Brooch made up of several black stones. If this belongs to you please call Irwin Kelly at (905) 822- 3334.

### Speaking of Lunch... Wanted... Lunch Club Organizer

We thank Lois Kaye for the five years she spent organizing lunches for a group of our members. Now that she has left that position, if YOU are willing to phone reservations to restaurants of your choice, we hungry members will gladly attend. Questions?

*Adele Pick* [adele\\_pick@yahoo.com](mailto:adele_pick@yahoo.com)

The following is reprinted from our September newsletter.

## Outstanding Community Service Award

### Your Help is Needed

In an effort to recognize members of District 22 who have devoted much of their time in retirement helping others, a new award has been established called the OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD. As its name implies, it is to recognize those members of District 22 who have volunteered their services to community activities for at least 5 years. We need your help to find these members and submit their names and activities so that they may be considered for an award.

### Criteria:

1. Must be a member of RTO District 22
2. Volunteered services beyond the norm for at least 5 years.
3. Be nominated by three persons, one of whom is a member of District 22.
4. A description of the nominee's voluntary services submitted to the Chair of the Awards Committee (*see address below*) by March 15 and signed as noted above.
5. A maximum of three awards will be available annually.

### The Award

1. The award(s) will be presented at the Annual Meeting held in the spring.
2. A charitable donation of \$500.00 will be made to the organization chosen by the successful nominee(s).

Chair, RTO Awards Committee  
15 Jill Crescent  
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## Newfoundland English

Newfoundland English is a dialect of English specific to the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, distinct from Canadian English.

This separate dialect developed because of Newfoundland's history as well as its geography. Newfoundland, which was settled in the early 1600s, was one of the first areas settled by English speakers in North America. This has given the dialect time to develop. Newfoundland English was recognized as a separate dialect by the late 1700s when George Cartwright published a glossary of Newfoundland words. Newfoundland remained separate from Canada as a British colony (apart from a period of self-government that was destroyed by the Great Depression) until 1949. So, in comparison to the other provinces and territories, Newfoundland is a newcomer to the country. Geographically, the province is very isolated from the rest of Canada. It consists of Newfoundland, an island in the Atlantic Ocean separated from the mainland by the Strait of Belle Isle which is frozen over from November to June, and of Labrador, a large region of sparsely populated sub-arctic land. Newfoundland English differs from Canadian English in vowel pronunciation (for example: in Newfoundland the words "fear" and "fair" are homophones); in morphology and syntax (for example: in Newfoundland the word "be's" is used in place of the normally conjugated forms of "to be" to describe continual actions or states of being: "that rock usually be's under water" instead of "that rock usually is under water", but normal conjugation of "to be" is used in all other cases); in preservation of archaic adverbial-intensifiers (for example: in Newfoundland "that play was right boring" and "that play was some boring" both mean "that play was very boring").

Dialect can also vary markedly from community to community, as well as from region to region, reflecting a past in which there were few roads and communities were very isolated.

Other marked characteristics of Newfoundland English include the loss of dental fricatives (voiced and unvoiced 'th' sounds) in many varieties of the dialect (as in many other varieties of non-standard English, they are replaced with the closest voiced or unvoiced alveolar stop ('t/d')), as well as non-standard or innovate features in verb conjugation. For example, in many varieties, the third person singular inflection is generalised to a present tense marker (so the verb "to like" is conjugated "I likes, you (or 'dee' in one or two communities on the north shore) likes, he/she/it likes, we likes, you (or ye in some areas) likes, they (dey) likes". Another interesting verb form is almost certain to have been taken from Hiberno-English, which, influenced by the Irish language avoids using the verb "to have" (Irish doesn't have a verb "to have" per se). Many Newfoundlanders from all areas will form past participles using "after" instead of "have" so for example "I'm after telling him to stop," instead of "I told him to stop," or "I have told him to stop."

There is also a dialect of French centred mainly on the Port au Port Peninsula on the west coast which has had an impact on the syntax of English in the area. One example of these constructs unique to Newfoundland is "Throw grandpa down the stairs, his hat", in which the hat makes the trip, not the grandfather. Another is the use of French reflexive constructions in sentences such as the reply to a question like "Where are you going?" reply: "Me I'm goin' downtown."

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November Lunch at Weston G&CC





## Newfoundland English

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Newfoundland French was deliberately stamped out by the Newfoundland government through the public schools during the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, along with all other languages except for English. Only a handful of elderly people are still fluent in the dialect. In the last couple of decades, many parents in the region have demanded and obtained French education for their children, but this would be Standard French and does not represent a continuation of the old dialect per se. The people living in the Codroy Valley on the southeast tip of the island are also ancestrally francophone, but represent Acadian settlers from the Maritime Provinces of Canada who arrived during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This population has also lost the French language.

The greatest distinction between Newfoundland English and Canadian English is its vocabulary. It includes many Inuit and Native American words (e.g. "tabanask" - a kind of sled), preserved archaic English words no longer found in other English dialects (e.g. "pook" - a mound of hay), compound words created from English words to describe things unique to Newfoundland (e.g. "stun breeze" - a wind of at least 20 knots), English words which have undergone a semantic shift (e.g. "rind" - the bark of a tree), and unique words whose origins are unknown (e.g. "diddies" - a nightmare).

A sad fact of Newfoundland English is that the dialect is steadily losing its



distinctiveness through the action of the mass media and public education, which steadily became more and more available after Confederation in 1949. In general, each generation speaks a dialect of English closer to standard Canadian English. Pride in Newfoundland language and culture has encouraged a conscious retention of some obvious Newfoundlandisms, however, and some educated speakers can be observed switching between Canadian English for formal settings and language closer to Newfoundland English for personal use.

The most predominantly used Newfie expression would arguably be "*Whadd'ya at?*", loosely translated as "How's it going?" Coming in a close second would be "*How's she cuttin'?*" to which one often responds "*Like a knife!*"

Other colourful local expressions include:

- *Stay where you're to* - don't leave
- *Stay where you're to 'til I comes where you're at* - wait there for me.
- *Flat on the back with that!* - an expression of approval, male speaker.
- *Flat on the back for that* - an expression of approval, female.

(Some examples taken from *A Biography of the English Language* by C.M. Millward)

The Newfoundland comedy group "Buddy Wasiname and the Other Fellers" refers to the Newfoundland dialect as "Newfienese".

Wayne Cooke

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