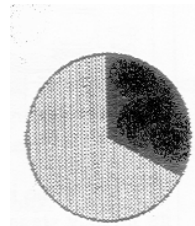




# Twenty-Second Report



District 22 Etobicoke and City of York

April 2005

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

## President's Message

Our timeline for this newsletter means that I am writing this in early March and hoping to have it in your hands by late April.



So my comment at this point may seem out of place but... I certainly wish spring were here. We really have had enough of the snow and

cold. I certainly hope many of you were able to escape for a short period of time and enjoy some warmth and that when you get this newsletter, spring, and the prospect of summer, will certainly be here.

We have had a very busy winter. In January **Walter Wild**, our travel representative and trip organizer, asked to be relieved of the task of setting up our day trips, since he is going to be out of the country for much of the time. Walter has looked after trips for District 22 for many years and has done a marvelous job. We certainly wish him well on his excursions and are sorry to see him give up this portfolio.

I met with Walter, obtained his mailing list and some important contacts, and have thus arranged for two trips this year. Unfortunately the first trip, **Stratford - Into The Woods**, will not be available to the general readership since tickets had to be purchased prior to April 1. As I write this we have reached

the minimum number required and we are looking forward to a wonderful trip.

The second trip will be to **The Shaw Festival** to see **Gypsy** on October 18. There should be some tickets available when you get this newsletter but I must admit many tickets have already been sold and if you are interested get your seating request in **asap**. See the ad in this newsletter on page 10.

On February 8 we had Judith Klie of the **Ontario Ombudsman's Office** give a presentation to about 35 guests on "How To Complain Effectively". It was very well received with many positive comments heard. We have had no complaints.

One very big event this winter was the **Tsunami** in South East Asia. Provincial RTO/ERO is making plans for a long-term proposal to respond to the educational needs of children in the areas affected. This response will possibly include the OTF, the CTF and other federal agencies. It is hoped that the joint effort and the economy of scale will have a significant advantage for the victims and a much greater impact in the area. District 22 will discuss our participation in this project when plans have been finalized.

In the last issue of the "22<sup>nd</sup> Report" we ran a **Survey Of Activities**. The response was very limited. We will continue to collect info on activities by reprinting the survey in this newsletter and distributing the same at our AGM.



It is hoped that once we have a number of persons interested in an activity we may be able to incorporate that activity starting next fall.

The **Lunch Group** has existed for a few years and in the last newsletter we requested a new group leader. I am pleased to report that **Joan Swenor Wolfe** has stepped forward and accepted the position. There is more information about this group in on page 5 Thanks, Joan.

**Toronto Districts** are continuing to work together to provide the best service we can to our members and to do the best recruitment job possible. In that regard our members will be attending functions of the various educational federations and the district school boards as well as providing information about RTO/ERO to all schools in Toronto.

**Retirement Planning Workshops (RPWs)** are no longer being offered by OTF and RTO/ERO is making an effort to fill this gap. Through the Toronto District we are planning to offer three RPWs next year in three different areas of the city. District 22 will be planning the West Toronto workshop to be held in February while District 23 will plan a North Toronto workshop in November and District 24 will look after the Eastern area also in February. If you are aware of a friend planning to retire in the next few years make them aware of these presentations.

Look for the ad regarding our **AGM** and **Luncheon** at the Old Mill. **Harold Brathwaite** will be speaking at the AGM and **Adam Timoon** will be our musical entertainment for the luncheon. It promises to be a great event.

This year the executive has decided to honour and recognize those persons who have been members of RTO/ERO for over thirty years. We will be inviting all members who meet these requirements to join us at our

AGM and Luncheon on Wednesday, June 15. We hope you will be there to help us congratulate these members for their long membership in our organization.

Our annual new member recruitment breakfast, "**To Hell with the Bell**", will again be held at the Canadiana Restaurant on Wednesday, September 14, 2005. You will see more information re this event elsewhere in the newsletter.

*Irwin Kelly  
President  
District 22*

### **Drivers Needed To Take Patients To Cancer Treatment**

The Canadian Cancer Society, Toronto West Unit, urgently needs volunteer drivers to take cancer patients to treatment.

If you have a car and some time to spare, or if you would like more information, please call Paula Aceto at (416) 231-1118 X225.

Mileage reimbursement is provided.

## **LET'S RENDEZVOUS!!**

Calling all retired women teachers !



Come and enjoy your retirement  
at  
the  
**Rendezvous Club!**

Enjoy monthly lunches with old friends,  
make new friends, entertainment and raffles!

For further information contact:

**Stella Preda**  
at  
(905) 277-2092  
star.preda@sympatico.ca



visit our new web site at ... [www.rendezclub.com](http://www.rendezclub.com)

## In Memoriam

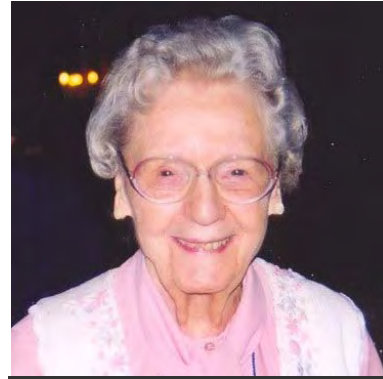
We mourn the passing of so many of our members. As you can see from the dates it often takes considerable time between their demise and when we receive notification of same.

**Edith Williams**

September 2004

**Dorothy Avison  
Maurice Daly  
Donald McDermid  
Neal McTeague  
Lorne Miller**  
November 2004

**Joan Benz  
Rita Craig  
Silvano Pezzetta  
Elsie Rickard  
Verna Robinson  
Anne Thompson**  
December 2004



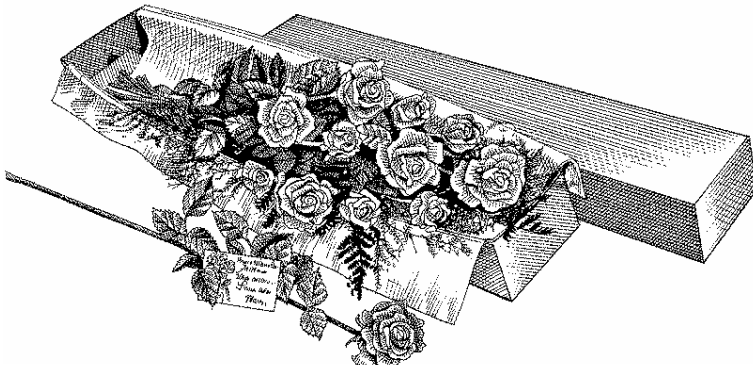
**Lucy Dziadko**  
1913 - 2005

**Teresa Bell  
Isabell Campbell  
Joan E Smith  
Anthony Souroshnikoff  
Norman Watson  
Edith Margaret Wice**  
January 2005

**Kathleen Buckley  
Lucy Dziadko  
Judith Marley**  
February 2005



**Judy Marley**  
1943 - 2005



## Membership - Recruitment

Welcome to the following group of new members – drawn mostly from newly retired teachers. Our membership as of 31 March 2005 stands at **1764**.

*Adele Pick  
Recruitment Chair*

Vanda Dell Agnese  
Janet Azer  
Donald J. Banks  
Diane L. Blair  
Janice Caldwell  
Susan Christie  
Sheila Cutler  
Stephanie L. Daly  
Sally Di Stasi  
John A Ferguson  
Janice Forbes  
Elisabeth Gibson  
Bonnie J. Hamilton  
J. Ann Irving  
Dana W. Jagla  
Evelyn Josephs  
Christina Kudryk  
Rosalyn Luchini  
Florence L. Luke  
Margot M. McGregor  
Wallace E. Nodwell  
Alicia Petruk  
Mary Pudelsky  
Marilyn Ribeiro  
Roma Sapjonis  
Lesley Sharon  
Nadia Sendeky  
Joseph Sisti  
Lenora Souroshnikoff  
Marilyn R. Staples  
Claudia Sullivan

RTO/ERO is growing steadily.  
February 2001 we had 1556 members.  
February 2002 we had 1588 members  
an increase of 2.0%  
February 2003 we had 1629 members  
an increase of 2.58%  
February 2004 we had 1693 members  
an increase of 3.9%  
February 2005 we had 1757 members  
an increase of 3.78%

## Corresponding Membership

If any RTO/ERO member from another district would like to receive our newsletter by mail an annual fee of \$10.00 will apply. Make your cheque payable to RTO District 22 and mail to:  
Adele Pick  
1508-475 The West Mall  
Toronto ON M9C 4Z3

## Changing Your Address?

To ensure you receive your newsletters after you move please inform Head Office.

Contact:

**Dianne Vezeau**

**Tel: 416-962-9463 ext. 223**

or write to:

**RTO/ERO**

**18 Spadina Road**

**Toronto ON M5R 2S7**

or email to:

**Dianne Vezeau**

**dvezeau@rto-ero.org**

**Please do not** notify your newsletter editor. That just means she has to email the change to Head Office.





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Executive

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\* email address on website

Lunch Club
under new
management!

We are pleased to announce
that our Lunch Club is under
new management.

Joan Swenor Wolfe has now
accepted the task of arranging
the lunch club monthly
meetings in various
restaurants.

Next lunch:
Monday 16 May 2005
Marriott Hotel
901 Dixon Rd at Carlingview
Terrace Garden, Main Floor
reserved under "RTO Wolfe"

Call Joan by Friday 13 May
to confirm your attendance.

To contact Joan, please call

416 733 2777
or
email her at

wolfepak@sympatico.ca

June lunch to be held on June
20th - location tba



The Twenty-Second Report is published three times per year -
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for submissions is three weeks prior to publication.

We reserve the right to edit and/or condense all contributions
and submissions.

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criticism and pictures to your editor:

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## **RTO/ERO Long Term Care Insurance Seminar**

by RTO/ERO Toronto Districts  
and Johnson Inc.

### **What does the future hold for you?**

Freedom, Independence, Security,  
Dignity, Quality of Life and Peace of  
Mind?

Your RTO/ERO Long Term Care Plan is designed to bridge the gap between the services provided by the government and your actual needs should you become ill or injured and require care.

The fear of dying too soon has been replaced by the fear of living too long...

Please join us for a **FREE** information seminar.

**Continental breakfast included, and there's plenty of free parking!**

**Register today, space is limited!**

**Date: November 1, 2005**

**Time: 10:00 am to Noon**

**Where: Moonlight Ballroom,**  
3125 Bayview Avenue,

Toronto,

(South of Finch on east side of

Bayview )

**RSVP to Grace Semeraro**

Tel **905-764-4955**

Fax **905-882-5586**

email **gsemeraro@johnson.ca**

**N.B.** An emailable PDF version of the registration form is available from RTO/ERO Toronto Districts website ([www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org](http://www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org)) to complete on-line and submit directly.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

To learn more about the RTO/ERO Long Term Care Plan and to access the RTO/ERO Long Term Care Planning Guide, please visit the Johnson Inc. Members Only website [www.johnson.ca](http://www.johnson.ca)

## **My Parents are Aging How can we Plan Together?**

The seminar series "My Parents are Aging: How can we Plan Together?" will be offered jointly by The Dorothy Ley Hospice and Toronto Public Library beginning Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm. This weekly series of four lectures will be held at the Richview District Branch of the Toronto Public Library, located at 1806 Islington Avenue. It is directed to adult children of aging parents to help them plan realistically for the future. The series is free of charge but pre-registration is required. **Please call Richview District Library 416-394-5151.**

## **Goodwill Report**

Since the beginning of the new year 19 letters of condolence have been sent.

Only two get well cards and gifts have been delivered.

If you know of a member of District 22 who is ill or has recently left the hospital, please inform me. A card and a gift can be a real surprise and a spirit booster.

Please call me between 6 pm and 9 pm if possible.

Pat Foubert  
Goodwill Chair  
905-276-1972



## Travel Tips

I've been somewhat leery about using the internet to book travel arrangements. Having just booked three trips I've become a true believer!

**Air Travel:** we are taking our granddaughter to New York City in May. I saved over \$500.00 from the cheapest flight I could get from Toronto. We are flying U.S. Air. Parking at the Buffalo Airport is about \$8.00 a day.

I booked two flights to Cancun, Mexico, in October from Detroit on American Airlines and saved \$800.00 over the cheapest flight from Toronto. This includes a one night stay in Detroit at a Days Inn, across from the airport and free parking for 14 days. Family members are joining us in Florida at less than half the cost by flying out of Buffalo. These savings make the driving to the US worthwhile.

**Hotels:** The website gave me several choices, in my price range, of hotels in New York. Also, a virtual tour of the hotels and a location map made the choice easier. The rates were better than any of my affinity programs.

**Plays:** I booked Broadway plays through [www.playbill.com](http://www.playbill.com) at a discount rate.

**Restaurants:** I even booked restaurant reservations and tours in New York. Half the fun was exploring the possibilities at my leisure.

Using "google" will get you a myriad of travel sites. I used :

[www.expedia.ca](http://www.expedia.ca)

[www.nfta.com](http://www.nfta.com) (Buffalo Niagara International Airport)

[hotwire.com](http://hotwire.com)

[travelocity.com](http://travelocity.com)

Have you had some good or bad experiences using the internet for travel ? I would welcome any of your hints, experiences or advice that we can share.

*Herb Cooney  
cooneyhj@sympatico.ca*

## Volunteers Needed for Adult Literacy

Please consider taking on the rewarding and exhilarating challenge of becoming an Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutor. Our literacy tutors are making substantial and lasting differences in many lives. However, there are never enough tutors. Our student/tutor pairs meet for two hours every week for a six month commitment (although many tutors have continued for years). Tutors receive training and ongoing support from the library and the Adult Literacy Coordinator whose job it is to oversee and facilitate the literacy program. We have our own Adult Literacy collections and resources. We recognize and thank our volunteers with events and special library privileges. We have a learner waiting who needs you right now and whose progress you will have the satisfaction of assisting and witnessing.

Tutors are particularly needed at Albion Library.

Please contact Deborah Cox at [dcox@torontopubliclibrary.ca](mailto:dcox@torontopubliclibrary.ca) or 416-394-5173.

For other volunteer opportunities go to [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) and click on "Support your library".

### New School Prayer

Now I sit me down in school  
Where praying is against the rule  
For this great nation under God  
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class recites,  
It violates the Bill of Rights.  
And any time my head I bow  
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,  
That's no offence; it's a freedom scene.  
The law is specific, the law is precise.  
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall  
Might offend someone with no faith at all.  
In silence alone we must meditate,  
God's name is prohibited by the state.

## EAST OF HALIFAX

I am sending this column with special wishes to a wonderful lady who was instrumental in my teaching career in Etobicoke... Mrs. Lillian Deline. She is a special lady who always had time to listen, time to advise, broad shoulders, and a great sense of humour. I am sending her special hugs with this.

In this edition I am going to refer to a topic I have mentioned before...the wonderful "State of the Art" in Newfoundland. This time I will be dealing with the visual arts. It seems that more and more excellent artists are coming to fruition each year here on The Rock. If any of you are collectors of lesser known, but wonderfully talented Canadian artists, then do I have some great news! This past fall a new gallery opened in the city. A well known local artist, **Cynthia I. Noel**, presented to St. John's an exciting new gallery to show off the work of three other women artists. Cynthia also features a different local artist each month. Talented people get exposure through her gallery.

Cynthia's originals and limited reproductions are in homes and shops and offices all over the island, as well as mainland Canada, and the U.S.A. She works in watercolors and acrylics and oils. A true feeling of Newfoundland can be obtained through her beautiful work. She loves painting street scenes of old St. John's with its colorful homes and historic buildings as well as outports with their scenic beauty. Many trips to Europe have resulted in exciting canvases too. Cynthia left her career as a long time graphic artist to launch her new career doing the thing she loved the most... painting. Her works reflect the special character of Newfoundland.

**Lisa M. Rowe**, a Newfoundlander, is another artist in the gallery. She began as a teacher in Ontario and Newfoundland, and decided to turn in her chalk for a talented hand. Clay art is Lisa's specialty, but she has done sculpturing & raku pottery. She says, "Clay is my canvas". Her botanicals and rows of colorful houses, and framed panels are captivating, striking, and sometimes whimsical, not only in design, but in

her use of bright primary colours. Lisa's work seems to call out to you and say, "Hey, look at me! Got your attention eh?"



**Leona Oppenheimer** is another artist Newfoundland born. Her work is beautifully executed in pastels and oils. Her scenes of small outport settlements and her landscapes are absolutely true to the beauty of Newfoundland. Leona executes commissioned portraits as well. A house with one of her works is indeed fortunate. Some of her works have been purchased by the Provincial Government, to hang in offices in the Confederation Building.

The last artist is **Joan Blackmore Thistle**, a native Newfoundlander, whose works in water colors and oils are exquisite, and reflect a history of the old life in the small communities or out ports in the 1930's, where she grew up. Her work is now escalating in value as she is becoming recognized, but still is a very good value. Her work flows with movement and colour and tells of a simpler time gone by. It truly gives you the feeling of what life was like in rural Newfoundland during the depression.

Now we have, after a few years, a collection of 15 or so originals and some reproductions all by Newfoundland artists. As I said, the state of the art in Newfoundland is absolutely mind-blowing. And right now it is a well-kept secret.

Because these artists are at the name making stage of their careers, their originals are still within reach of the average buyer, and certainly are bound to appreciate. I really think that this province will not have to wait too long before the likes of Gerald Squires, Mary Pratt, and Christopher Pratt are replaced by several of our up-and-coming artists. I am collecting now while I can afford it.

If you get to St. John's, go to the Cynthia I. Noel Gallery at 121 Long's Hill, or call 754-5560 (locally) or 685-3477. Cynthia will soon have a website up and running as well.

Of course there are other galleries with other artists here in St. John's, but I find this is one of the newest and most varied because there are bronzes for \$5,000.00, original oils, pastels, acrylics, and water colours at very attractive prices, to small reproductions for under \$25.00. It is definitely worth a look.

Until next newsletter, fair winds and calm seas to you all.

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St. John's NL A1C 3V2  
(709) 579-4572  
victoriast@nl.rogers.com

*Ed Note: There are several more pictures but no space here. Look for them on page 14.*

RTO/ERO District 22
presents
The Shaw Festival Production of
Jule Styne and Steven Sondheim's
"Gypsy"

The Story

This musical has some of the most memorable show tunes ever written, but it also tells a universal story about the powerful relationship between Moma Rose and her daughters, Baby June and Louise, and vividly sets it in the backstage world of vaudeville and burlesque theatres all across America in the 1920s and 30s. This marks the first time a musical has ever played on the Shaw Festival stage.

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2005
Time: 9:00 am - leave from St James United Church
400 Burnhamthorpe Rd (2 blocks E of Hwy 427)
Stop: Niagara-on-the-Lake short time to browse and wander
Lunch: 11:30 am at Betty's Restaurant in Chippawa
Show: 2:00 pm Festival Theatre
Arrive home: approximately 6:00 pm

Price: \$80.00 per person

Includes: Deluxe motor coach transportation Time to browse in Niagara-on-the-Lake
Buffet Lunch Orchestra seating in the Festival Theatre All taxes and service charges

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Address: Mobile phone icon

Town: Postal Code:

Enclosed is my cheque, payable to RTO/ERO District 22,

for \$.....for.....persons @ \$80.00 each.

Mail this form and your cheque to: ->

Irwin Kelly
2383 Speyside Drive
Mississauga ON L5K 1X5

## Junior Literacy Seeking Volunteers

You may have seen an article in the Etobicoke Guardian on Friday February 18th about a programme for literacy being operated in Etobicoke through the George Hull Centre. It is a programme set up by Halima Saad by and for the Somali Women's Organization in which families come together to help their children with reading and math. It operates on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the George Hull Centre (620 The East Mall) and from 6-7 p.m. at the Eatonville Library (Burnhamthorpe Road and the East Mall). We would like to have volunteers from RTO to assist with this programme. The programme was set up by this Somali Women's Organization but it is open to all children, roughly from Sr Kindergarten to Grade Six.

Halima Saad is a member of the George Hull Parents' Association and a member of its board.

Thank you for any assistance you can give our children.

If you can spare some time to help with this programme, please contact:

*District 22 member - Bonnie McGuire  
George Hull Parents' Association Chair  
416-234-5874*

### Tax Tips Available

The RTO/ERO Tax Tips 2004 document has been posted to the Toronto Districts website in PDF; located on left side.

The website is at [www.rto-ero.org](http://www.rto-ero.org)

## Guidelines for Submitting Material for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Report

1. The preferred method of submission is via email in MSWord or PDF.
2. The month of the newsletter in which you want it to appear must be at the top of your submission.
3. In the title there must be some indication of what kind of material you are submitting:  
e.g.  
My Trip for May/June 2005 Newsletter  
Ad for Reunion for May 2005 Newsletter  
Notice of upcoming meeting for Aug/Sep 2005 Newsletter.
3. All material via snail mail must be typed, double spaced or hand printed and must reach your editor **four weeks** prior to the date of publication.
4. If you are adding or changing material please indicate that clearly in your title or first line of your submission. Please **do not re-submit material with added lines or names**. Make a new submission indicating that the new material is part of a previous communication.
5. All material sent via Canada Post must contain a return address and telephone number.

## Is It A Stroke?

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to **SMILE**.
2. Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.
3. Ask the person to **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE**.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Remember these points and maybe you could save a life.

## **RTO/ERO District 22**

### **To Hell With The Bell Breakfast**

**Date:** Wednesday September 14, 2005

**Location:** Canadiana Restaurant  
5230 Dundas Street West  
Six Points Plaza  
Dundas at Kipling

**Cost:** Free -- To Those Who Have Never  
Joined RTO/ERO

**Free To Those Who Are Retiring In 2005**

**Members' Price \$13.00**

Make your cheque, payable to RTO District 22

Mail To:

<b>Adele Pick</b> <b>1508 – 475 The West Mall</b> <b>Toronto ON M9C 4Z3</b>
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As always, if you know anyone who is a potential member of RTO/ERO please contact me:



adele\_pick@yahoo.com



416—622-7361

**Reservations are required to attend the breakfast**

## Our Senior Seniors

### Gertrude Wilson

It was a pleasure to interview Gertrude Wilson for this issue of the newsletter.

Gertrude was born & grew up in Chatham, Ontario. She started her schooling at McKeough Public School where her mother was quite active in introducing the concept of Home & School. She remembers being taught by her Principal Mr. Doyle.

From McKeough, she moved on to attend Chatham Collegiate and then to Teachers' College in London, Ontario.

At this point, I asked Gertrude what kind of a student she was. She felt that she never made any "waves". Sure!

The rule in those days was that upon graduation, you had to teach for two years in a country school. Gertrude had a very successful initiation at Pardoville Public School near Lake Erie, starting in 1937. It was so successful that someone had his eye on her!

Her former principal, Mr Doyle asked her to come back to Chatham. She accepted and eventually ended up teaching the principal's daughter.

While back at McKeough, but now as a teacher, Gertrude met Floyd Wilson & love took hold. When they were married, Gertrude was informed that she could no longer teach as a woman married to a fellow teacher.

For a while Gertrude was a "stay-at-home mom" to three great daughters. Some time later, Floyd was asked to come to the Department of Education to look after government grants. This brought them to Toronto and they settled in Etobicoke, near John G. Althouse School.

Soon, Gertrude was back teaching at John G. Althouse where she had the Advancement class for many years and also ran the Chess Club

A main interest for Gertrude was her church and promoting its works.

She was responsible for a children's camp at Port Elgin and had 80 to 100 children at each camp.

Her husband Floyd died in 1997 and she is very proud that the World Accord Foundation, with money donated, has built a kindergarten in Honduras, for as many as eighty children in his name.

Gertrude is a very positive person and expressed appreciation for the students she has had who stimulated her by their discussion; for the continuing education courses (i.e. painting) which she has taken in Etobicoke following her retirement; and not least for the work of the Retired Teachers of Ontario for the excellent benefits which now help to make her comfortable as she is somewhat housebound. Gertrude joined RTO in 1971.

She feels her only claim to fame is encouraging young students and teachers. WOW!

*Gary Vipond*

Post Script: You may be interested to know that Gertrude's three daughters went on to success in Oceans and Fisheries, Medicine, and Special Education. One daughter, Holly Mina, worked in Etobicoke with needy children.

*Gary Vipond*

### Joan Elsie Kathleen Lee (1922-2005)

Joan Lee was Head of Geography at Runnymede C.I., Toronto, from 1965 to 1983. She was a dedicated and respected educator who set high standards for herself, her teachers, and her students. In addition to her teaching and departmental duties, she also taught Ministry correspondence courses for prison inmates.

Joan was a devout Anglican who did much volunteer work for the Church, as well as for the Queensway (Toronto) and Oakville-Trafalgar Hospitals. She passed away peacefully, on March 24, 2005, in Oakville, after a very long and courageous battle against debilitating illnesses.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

*Anita Chan*

*Ed. Note: Joan Lee taught in District 22 but upon retiring became a member of District 15, Halton. This has been sent to the Halton Herald, the District 15 newsletter.*

### From the Gallery in St. John's



Showcase for small works ↗



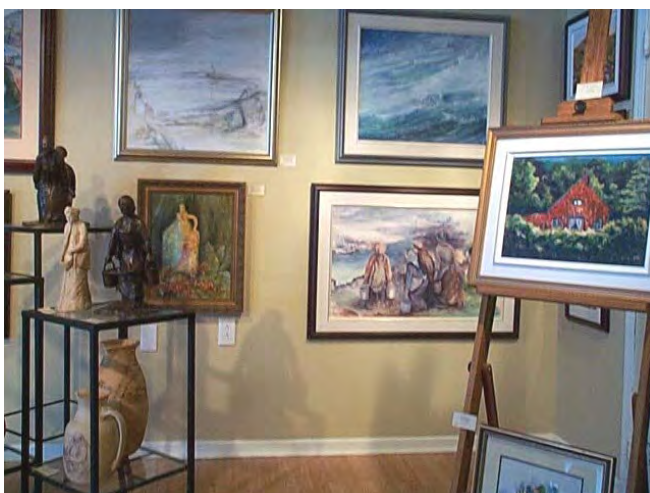
View of Gallery from Front Door ↗



Works by Leona Oppenheimer ↗



Clay work by Lisa Rowe ↗



Works by Joan Blackmore ↗



Dories by Cynthia Noel ↗

# Annual General Meeting & Luncheon RTO/ERO District 22

Where? **The Old Mill**

When? **Wednesday, June 15, 2005**

Time? **AGM 9:30 am to 11:30**  
**Coffee/Tea 9:00**

Cost? **AGM – no charge**

Guest speaker: **Harold Brathwaite**

Cost of Luncheon: **\$28 per person**

**Cash Bar from 11:30 am Luncheon at 12:30 pm**

**Entertainment by Adam Timoon**

Menu Choices:

Lamb cutlets in Niagara Red Wine Sauce L

Roasted Fillet of Atlantic Salmon with Acadian Herb Sauce S

Vegetarian meal V

**N.B.** Tickets & name tags are to be **picked up at registration** table at luncheon.  
There is **No provision to pay at door** – reserve your ticket soon.  
**No refunds unless** we are notified by **June10, 2005**.

For further information call Jeanne Rutherford at **416-626-0650**  
or Judy Paton at **416-769-1373**

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Registration for District 22 Spring Luncheon at The Old Mill, **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

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Enclosed is my cheque for \$28.00 each, payable to **RTO District 22**.

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Thanks to Hal Bailey we have a poem that gives  
the masculine side of living with one's kids:

When I'm an Old Man

When I'm an old man and live with my kids  
So happy to have me, they'll have to take bids.

When I'm an old man I'll live with my kids  
And clean out the fridge just like they all did.

I'll borrow the car and use all the gas  
And pick up my friends whenever they pass.  
I'll drop dirty socks and underwear too  
Just down on the floor by that stinky gym shoe

I'll tie up the phone for hours on end  
I really must keep in touch with each friend.  
When the newspaper comes I'll grab my favourite page  
It's a privilege you know, that comes with old age!

When company comes I'll take over the scene  
It's top interest you know to hear where I've been!  
If I should fall with a cut or a scratch  
The howling you hear will be without match.

When dinner is ready I'll be long gone  
Either having a nap or cutting the lawn  
You'll miss me I know when I'm peaceful above  
But you kids will know that you have all my love.

contributed by Hal Bailey

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