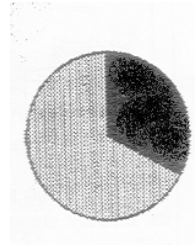




Twenty-Second Report



District 22 Etobicoke and City of York

January 2008

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

President's Message

While browsing through the latest issue of *RENAISSANCE*, I was interested to note a book by Max Woolley of District 22 advertised on the back page (I ordered it immediately).

As I worked my way through the magazine (I always go back to front!!), I came across a review for a book written by Gordon Harrison of District 36. This caused me to reflect on two books that I have read recently, one written by a former colleague from Silverthorn Collegiate, Ian Barrett and one written by a colleague's (Jim Gray) son, Kevin.

I began to ask myself whether or not I had something in me which I should try to waken.

Not too long ago, I bought a painting from a former student, Jamie McGill. He mentioned to me that he was teaching art at night school.

hmmm----why not??

This newsletter should be a link between retired educators. What have you done since retiring? Share this with us! Write a few paragraphs to share your ventures — travel, art, volunteering, writing, sports, etc.....

Keep us informed and perhaps stimulate your fellow retirees. Do it now----with pictures!

Get your material to Eleanor Thomson, our newsletter editor.

You will have noticed the summary of Districts who received grants for their Service to Others submissions. District

22 was not mentioned. I want our members to know that a good submission was forwarded and even appealed when it was turned down. We will be successful in the future.

Two students from District 22 were recipients of \$1000.00 scholarships.

More and more material is being posted on the RTO/ERO website (www.rto-ero.org). Make sure you access this site to keep up to date. See also our website listed in the box at the bottom of each page of your newsletter.

I hope you had a great Christmas and enjoyed the holiday time with your family and friends.

Happy New Year!

*Gary Vipond
President
RTO/ERO District 22*



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Senate Report

Report of the Communications Committee to the Annual Senate

The Communications Committee has formally met four times over the course of the year. All members of the Committee use RE-Net on a regular basis, so are able to effectively interact and discuss issues electronically between meetings. The achievements of the committee are summarized in this report.

Status of 2007 Priorities

Conduct Workshop for District Webmasters

The February 20 & 21 Webmasters' Workshop was reported on at the Spring Senate. A follow-up survey has been conducted to determine the impact of the workshop on District Websites to help determine the usefulness of similar workshops in the future. Since the workshop, many Webmasters have interacted regularly on RE-Net to solve various technical problems related to local website design and maintenance and to discuss future needs.

Provide Support for Newsletter Editors

About a year ago, a provincial survey of Newsletter Editors was carried out to determine their support needs. Most Districts responded giving the committee a sense of direction. As a result a generic guideline "Newsletter Publishing Guide" was created and shared with Newsletter Editors through RE-Net. As it is generic some of the ideas may not apply to all Districts. Newsletter Editors would only choose their areas of interest.

Newsletter Editors are encouraged to share information, ideas and their District Newsletter through RE-Net.

We hope to hold a Provincial Workshop for District Newsletter Editors in June 2008, for which a budget request has been made. In preparation for this workshop, a list of questions was prepared to determine the needs of the group. Current planning would include a plenary session and/or keynote speaker on the first evening followed by a variety of sessions the following day dealing with interests/needs expressed by the Editors.

Silvio Sauro
1st Vice
District 22 RTO/ERO

(Advertisement)

Consulting Opportunity

Karate Kids Canada is a School Board approved operator of lunch time fitness and character development programs for young children throughout the GTA.

We have an opportunity for retired or semi-retired school administrators to advise management on existing and new School Board/School relationships.

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Membership Report

By Adele Pick

Welcome to District 22. As of December 1, 2007 our membership has climbed to 1947. We hope our new members will attend many of our functions and enjoy their retirement in good health.

- Robert Amaolo
- Lillian Abols
- Mary Bajt-Marentic
- Linda Beaton
- Michael Bell
- Eugenia Boston
- Sheila Collins
- Jane Cooper-Eade
- Laureen Currie
- Margaret Daly
- Antoinette Delisi-Cromwell
- Jacqueline Drew
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- Michael Frederiksen
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- Elizabeth Kalmar
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- Michael Koltun
- Olga Kuzyk
- Robert Leigh
- Lynn Lewis
- Terrance McDonald
- Brenda McElroy
- Vera Mesue
- Monique Mili
- Janet Ounapuu
- Gary Parkinson
- Douglas Perrin
- Margaret Platt
- Margaret Robinson
- Elizabeth Semple
- Heather Sheehan
- Roman Smachylo
- Ivanka Springer-Spes
- Linda Stacey
- Hendrikje Troup
- Jennie Wilson
- Beverly Wilton

In Memoriam

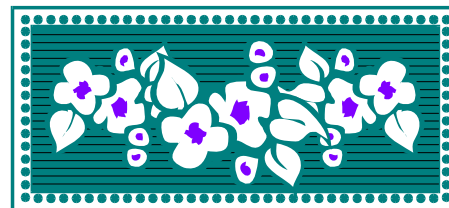
We shall mourn the passing of our fellow District 22 members. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to their families. Let us remember fondly their contributions to the teaching profession.

In Memoriam
Mildred Hart
December 2006

Mary Heard
Ruth Lawrence
Brenda Martin
July 2007

Lorraine Bleecker
Emily Crouchman
October 2007

Norma Green
November 2007



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Dianne Vezeau
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Fall Luncheon at Black Creek Pioneer Village

This year our fall luncheon took place at historic Black Creek Pioneer Village. In attendance were 108 members and their guests.

Certificates were presented to eight members with 25 years of membership. Following an enjoyable meal and good fellowship, we watched an interesting video about the history of Black Creek Pioneer Village. Many took advantage of a tour of the gallery and gift shop, as well as a walk through the village after the luncheon was over.

It is always a pleasure for me to hear the hum of voices and laughter and to see the smiles as friends and colleagues meet and catch up on old times. This lets me know that a good time was had by all.

I would like to thank all who filled out the survey. Your input is most helpful. I would also like to say a special thank you to Jeanne Rutherford for all the time and effort she puts in looking after name tags and menu choices.

*Judy Paton
Social Convener*



Sharon and Bruce Roney faithfully attend all our meetings and lunches

Our man behind the camera
Paul Gregory



2008 AGM & Luncheon

Our Annual General Meeting and Luncheon is coming up quickly. It will take place at the Old Mill on June 11, 2008. The meeting is always interesting and informative, and the luncheon offers a delicious meal, enjoyable entertainment and a chance to visit with friends and colleagues.

Please mark your calendars and make an effort to attend. Watch for your invitation with all the details to arrive in the mail in a few months.

*Judy Paton
Social Convener*



Jo Royle
Our Hostess at
Black Creek



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We have been unable to persuade any of our bridge players to volunteer to host our bridge games. In order to continue our games the present hostess, although in poor health, will continue to host our games. If you would care to join us for easy playing, changing partners, no scorekeeping, no winners, just a few hours of fun and enjoyment as well as practising your skills call.

Adele Pick
 416 622 7361



**Reunion
 John G Althouse
 Middle School**

**May 3, 2008
 1 pm – 5 pm**

At the school

Registration forms at:

www.JohnGAlthousereunion.ca

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Recipients of the Twenty-five Year Membership Scroll

Merle Charlton

A country school in Chatsworth, Ontario, was where Merle Charlton began her teaching



career. After two years, she moved to Owen Sound where she was hired to teach Grades 4 to 6 and Girls' Physical Education on the rotary system. It was the fall of 1940 and the administrators thought there should be an interschool softball league. Merle, being the youngest teacher in the school, took on the challenge – she was not only the coach, but also the chauffeur, the umpire and the one in charge of crowd control! With no time to teach the basic skills of the game, the players did not know how **not** to throw a bat, and as umpire, she was forever ducking that danger! Merle next moved to North York and taught there for 12 years before moving to the Etobicoke Board. She taught in the Rexdale area and retired from Claireville Elementary School. Like many teachers, she misses the children most.

In her retirement, Merle volunteered for the Federation of Field Naturalists until hampered by poor eyesight. She has also enjoyed

many wonderful trips – to the Arctic, Turkey and Greece, England and the United States, to name just a few.

John McPhee

John McPhee began his career teaching English at Alderwood CI in Etobicoke. Three years later, he moved to McKenzie CI in North York. John then transferred to the Peel Board of Education and retired from Westwood Secondary School in

Mississauga. Like other teachers, John had many rewarding experiences during his teaching career. One he fondly remembered was teaching a boy to learn how to read aloud in class without stuttering. Another was seeing a class of

John was unable to attend the luncheon.
No picture available

boys, deemed "Terminal Tens", learn to use the Library to find reading materials of interest and to graduate from Grade 12.

John was an avid sailor and spent many summers with his family sailing his 29' sailboat on Lake Ontario.

In retirement, John worked for District 22 retired teachers and served as President of the organization.

With a house in Florida, John and Nancy, his wife of 49 years, now spend their winters enjoying the sunshine.



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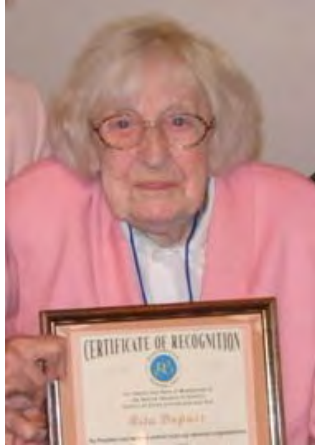
You can be re-instated on the newsletter mailing list by email as well.

More 25 Year Scroll Recipients...

Rita Dupuis

Earlier in 2007 Rita celebrated her 90th birthday.

Rita was a teacher and a principal for 46 years. She started in a one room school in Port Severn on an Indian Reserve. Then she taught in a one room school at Norwood. At Port Dover she taught in a choir loft. Rita moved to St. Dominic's in Mississauga and then to Etobicoke at Nativity Catholic School in Rexdale. She had a very close professional relationship with John Everett who was a principal with the Etobicoke Board .



Rita especially remembers a young student from the centre of the city who could not do the grade five work. As the principal she met with his mother and told her that she was going to get extra help for her son to bring him up to grade level. The mother burst into tears because Rita was the first teacher who had ever called her not to complain but to help.

Rita has helped with communion for 20 years in her parish. Also she volunteered at West Park Hospital for 20 years and 10 years at Humber Hospital. Rita helped mentor children with the University of Toronto Women's Group.

Frederick James Willson



Fred and his wife celebrated their 59th Wedding anniversary in 2007 and look forward to their 60th.

Fred started teaching in Owen Sound and moved to the Etobicoke Board in 1948. He retired as principal of Heatherbrae School.

When he was Vice Principal at Queensway Public School a student cut his finger off in Industrial Arts. A teacher named George Kerr rushed the student to the hospital. Frederick found the finger and was speeding to the hospital with the finger and was stopped by the police. He had quite a time explaining why he had been speeding.

In retirement he was on the Board of Directors of his condo association for 20 years. Fred enjoys lawn bowling and curling.

Gordon Bartley

Gordon was unable to attend the luncheon. No picture available

Gordon began his teaching career in Sandwich East. Then he moved to Lambton Kingsway Public School before it became part of the Etobicoke Board. He taught for 34 years and finished his career at Charles Best Junior High School in North York.

He very much enjoyed his teaching career and has fond memories of each school.

In retirement Gordon has really enjoyed travelling with his wife around Canada and United States in their trailer. Gordon is active in his church.

Maria Kertesz

Born and raised in Hungary, Maria was twenty-six years old when she came to Canada. While working for a large company Maria began taking courses at the Ontario College of



Art. After a number of years of part time studies she graduated and then taught Art at Central Technical School in Toronto.

Maria then completed her education at the University of Toronto College of Education. For the next fifteen years Maria taught at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School in Peel until ill health forced an early retirement.

A fond memory for Maria is of a large art exhibition at T.L. Kennedy when two of her Grade 10 students, one in a long blue velvet dress and the other in a snazzy blue suit, escorted the Director of Education for Peel throughout the Exhibition.

Maria has been a world traveller and has visited every continent.

Over the years, Maria has exhibited much of her artwork and in retirement continues her painting.

Iona Bell

Iona taught in the public school system for 35 years. She started teaching right after graduating from Grade 13. First, in a one room school in Coulson, Ontario, and then three years at North Huntsville Public School. The rest of her teaching career was in



Toronto in the Borough of York at D.B Hood Public School. While she pursued her career Iona continued to study and received her Bachelor of Arts degree followed by her Masters of Education.

She remembers vividly an inter-provincial exchange program that she participated in. The Board sent her to Vancouver in 1963. She enjoyed her Grade 2 class in a new school. The classroom had a wonderful view of the Lions Head Bridge and all the ships that sailed by each day. When she returned to D.B. Hood after the exchange the following year she was assigned to a challenging Grade 2 class – she came back to earth in a hurry. Her exchange partner only stayed in York for one week – she was never sure whether

he was homesick or found her Grade 2 class and the Board too challenging.

During her holidays as a teacher and in retirement Iona has travelled the world. She has visited seven continents and as recently as three years ago visited the high Arctic.

Request for Volunteers - Daffodil Days

Retired teachers, the **Canadian Cancer Society** needs your help. We are currently looking for assistance with our Daffodil Days fundraising campaign, with transportation of clients to treatment, and with information outreach in your community.

With as little time as 2 to 3 hours **you** can help make cancer history. For more information or to get involved please contact **Jasmine** at

jfrickleton@ontario.cancer.ca or (416) 231-1118.

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Cross Canada Train Ride

This summer (2007) my husband, Eric, and I rode VIA Train One – The Canadian – from Toronto to Vancouver. It was a trip we had often thought about. At Central Station we were treated royally and boarded the train to begin the three day and three hour ride.

Several different accommodations were available but we had two separate single sleeping berths. Each had a sofa, a sink and a toilet. It was very pleasant during the day for reading and looking out the window at the trees and trees and more trees.

At night a Murphy bed was unhooked from the wall, covering the sofa and the commode, so we were happy to find the public washroom at the front of each car.

Meals were announced and very well provided – almost as elegant as on a cruise ship! The dining cars had unreserved seating at tables with white tablecloths, fine dishes and enough room to sit and eat comfortably.

Along the way there were two or three short ten minute stops when we could disembark and stretch our legs.

What a vast country we live in! As we passed through the mountains the scenery was magnificent.

Although the train did rumble a lot we got used to it. The trip was really great and I do recommend it.

by Adele Pick

Small World Corner

As I was having lunch in the Aurora Legion one wintry day in late November, a gentleman came in and looked around in a bewildered manner and then asked if anyone was at the counter. Well, the only counter we have is the bar, and the bartender was not in sight. The gentleman said his name was Lloyd Augustus and he was supposed to meet someone there. That name rang a tiny bell in my memory bank so I asked him if he was from Etobicoke. He gave me a strange look and answered, yes. Then I asked if he had been "in education"? Again the answer was yes. He had been at the next school when I was teaching in Wellesworth. Lloyd was looking for some information about medals and I pointed him in the direction of the RCL Ontario Command which is next door to our Legion Branch 385.

Later around supper time I telephoned Lloyd and asked if he had found what he had been looking for and it turned out he had not. By that time I had dug up the information and was able to pass it on to him.

So you see – it's a small world!

Eleanor Thomson

Memorabilia Wanted

ETT, the Teacher Union representing Elementary Teachers employed by the TDSB (Toronto District School Board), is trying to build its archives. We are seeking memorabilia from any of the predecessor Federations: East York, Etobicoke, North York, Scarborough, Toronto, City of York, OPSTF/OPSMTF, WTA, TTF. Logos, flags, pins, Collective Agreements, milestone documents, etc. are sought. Former officers of these organizations could be particularly helpful.

Please contact: **Terry White** at **twhite@ett.on.ca** or **416.393.9930 X238**

Or send to: **ETT 300-4211 Yonge Street Toronto ON M2P 2A9**

East of Halifax

Once again I sit in front of my computer, cursing the new Windows Vista program which is not user friendly in the least, and digesting the supper of left over Thanksgiving turkey and trimmings, ruminating on what to write about, or bitch about in this column. So to get me in some kind of better mood and forget about Windows Vista I have put on one of my favourite CDs ABBA GOLD Greatest hits. ("Oh no", I hear some of you say...Not ABBA). I love the sound, the harmony, the beat and their every piece of music...so shoot me!! It gets me motivated... gets the juices flowing, and makes me wish I could get up and dance around to it all, and if I could now, I would.

Some of you know how much I loved to dance, but that is put on hold now, and after almost a year of waiting, I got an appointment with the orthopaedic surgeon, and was told I was on an 'as soon as possible' list as the hip was gone. (this was Aug 27th) Last week I found out that asap was about 7 months away, unless there was a cancellation. So I am looking at March. Some health care we have in this country! It wouldn't matter if I went to another province either, I have discovered.

So I now do not walk more than a half block outside, depend on my cane, come down stairs backward and hope to avoid the cats, and drive only when necessary. Oh well, I guess there are a lot worse off than I am. Some of you know what I am putting up with. [I know that should be 'up with what I am putting'..ha ha].

I just heard that Danny Williams got a landslide victory in today's provincial election. As if we didn't know. At this point, if the Liberals lose one more seat, they will be a curtain party. I will let you find that out for yourselves.

Your election in Ontario will be over when this goes to press, so, *I hope you all got out to vote.*

It was so great reading all the bios of the specially recognized people in the last issue, especially Ina Turner, with whom I taught and had so much fun as a staff member. Also Mr Turner (no relation to Ina). I have to say Mr. Turner, because he taught me Health and Phys Ed when I was attending Woodstock Collegiate Institute in the 50s. He probably does not remember me, as I was not an outstanding Phys Ed student. I had no Idea he lived in the same place I did for 30+ years. All the best, Mr. Turner!

Fall has hit the island in all her glory of gold and orange and dull yellows. The wind has a chill in it off the North Atlantic, and the whales have gone back to the Caribbean; the puffins and other sea birds have flown out to sea to winter in the Gulf Stream. The Moose are rutting, and invading our city on a regular basis, munching on what is left in the gardens and the park plantings, and wild apples that grow in abundance in the city suburbs. Moose season opened in this area today, October 9. The Island caribou have headed for the hills as they know the hunters will be out soon booming away for the slim harvest. And once again the southern Avalon will be a true Barrens. Our autumn rains have started, and the gardens are looking bleak but for the bright fall flowers struggling against the wind and rain to add some beauty to it all. We await our first frost here in the city, and that should happen closer to November.

Our summer was uneventful except for a few guests (as usual) and our July 1 BBQ on our deck. We had a smaller group this year with only about 50 attending. It seemed as if many were away, but we still managed to fill the deck, garden and driveway with people and the weather co-operated. Some of you who read this have

been here for our annual BBQ at 11 Victoria, and know about the goings on. No one goes away hungry, (or thirsty). We hold it rain or shine. It is what we all consider the official start of summer! The 20'x16' deck is covered with a huge reinforced reflective tarp, resting on top of a galvanized conduit framework, and floating on strings of bungee cords to the trees, fence and other parts of the area. Our deck seems to be a rest stop for many coming from downtown, up the big hill that is Victoria Street. I can think of about twelve readers of this newsletter who know our deck from personal experience(s)!

Soon the tarp will come down, the bungees be put away, the chairs covered, the table put in the storage room, and all made ready for winter. Thank goodness I have a son living here in St. John's, and he and his lady, Angela, plus two neighbours are doing the take-down this year. Of course that makes an excuse for the last deck party, but not the last BBQ. That goes on until the snow covers it. But I will be up and ready for the next season when I will

have my "Spring Renaissance". I might even dance on the deck, listening to ABBA. I can hardly wait!

Until then, fair winds and calm seas to you all. Stay well. A special "Hello" to Ina, Vern, Eric, Jeanette, Inge, Dave, Lynn, Kath, Robert (Buzz), Eleanor, Donna and Harry

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Monthly Monday Lunches

How pleasant it is to meet at restaurants of your choosing. Majority rules. Before we leave one place, we have already selected our next encounter. Lately about 20 members, spouses and friends enjoy camaraderie.

Forthcoming dates - mark your calendar...

January 14 February 11 March 10 and April 14

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More smiling faces at Black Creek



Letter to the Editor:**To the Retired Teachers of Ontario...**

As a recent recipient of a certificate for twenty-five years of membership in the Retired Teachers of Ontario, District 22, I want to thank the President, the executive, and members, for the lovely luncheon held in our honour at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

It was a time to recall, for the honoured guests especially, the various events and stages that led up to this twenty-five year occasion.

For me, I vividly remember my first day in a one room country school. Somehow I managed, but I had to decline an invitation to a community function that night because I was too tired to stand! I began to wonder...

The Christmas concert was always an event for the community and I soon learned it was time, in early October, to start planning. Often a teacher's reputation rose or fell on just how well the concert was presented! One time, since there was no hydro in the school, my father brought up his lantern. He vigorously pumped and pumped until a warm glow filled the room. On this occasion, for some reason, the lantern light only lasted through one programme number. It flickered, faded, and then died. My father crept up between the rows of nailed-down desks to give the lantern a few more pumps to last through just another number.

Or when the school was a "clinic" for vaccination purposes. The "clinic" was actually held behind two sheets strung up in the classroom corner. Unexpectedly, a grandmother who had brought her grandson, suddenly passed out on the floor in a diabetic coma. The little boy yelled "Get some sugar! Get some sugar!"

Each of the guests honoured today could fill pages with such experiences. It was, I believe now, the best of times!

It seems fitting to be at Black Creek Pioneer Village where we were surrounded by memories of the past. And, of course, the beautiful gift shop helped, too!

Again, thank you for what was for me a very special occasion.

Iona Bell

25 year member of RTO/ERO

Thanks to Iona for taking the time to send us this hand-written letter. ET



Lots of smiling faces at our
November luncheon
at Black Creek Pioneer Village



Accessing the Johnson Inc. Website for the First Time

(copied from the District 7 Essex and Windsor Fall newsletter with thanks to Doran McTaggart)

1. The website address is www.johnson.ca
2. On the first page of the website click on "Members Only".
3. Click on the "click here" button located after the phrase "To register for a username and password".
4. Click on each of the boxes under which you have coverage from Johnson.
e.g. Health/Dental Claim Payment
5. Under "Plan benefit Info" fill in the certificate # box with the 9 digit ID # found on your RTO Health Card.
6. Under "Primary Information" fill in the boxes marked with an asterisk.
7. Click on "Submit" after checking that the button beside "I am a first time visitor" is green.
8. Johnson Inc. will send you an email within minutes giving you a username and password to access the members' section of the website. The password can be changed to one of your choice as long as this is a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 characters.
9. The username and password gives you access to the information contained in the members' section, including details on Claims Information. If further assistance is needed, call 1 800 929 6274.

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To get the newsletter just type in the address listed at the bottom of each page of the newsletter. It will probably come up with "New Page 1" in purple letters. Just click on the purple letters and it should take you immediately to a page with the four Toronto Districts listed. Click on the blue bar with gold letters that say Etobicoke/York. This takes you to our web page and you can find the newsletter in two places – one that you can read on screen and one in PDF format which will take you to Adobe Acrobat Reader where it is printed exactly as the mailed hard copy looks – except that you get colour pictures. From here you can print out any "mail in" slips for our trips and luncheons.

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Where in the World... ?

We are starting a series of pictures taken around the world and we want our readers to tell us where they think they were taken.

No, you won't be awarded a trip to whatever place it is, but you will be given honourable mention for the correct answer.

We would also like members to send us some of their photos to put into this series. Your photos will be credited to you and will be returned if requested.

See the Masthead on page 5 for our addresses, both email and snail mail.

Who is going to be first to identify this one? Send your answer to your Editor.



Photo courtesy of Iona Bell

We will begin with an easy photo.

Name? In what country?



More Pictures From Black Creek Pioneer Village



Karen Gough



District 22 Travel Update

We are presently looking at several possibilities for District 22's trips for 2008. Unfortunately definite names and dates of shows will not be available until February.

If you have travelled with us before and you have an email address, we will try to inform you of the details by email as soon as we have them as the next newsletter will not be out until later in the spring. If you do not have email and would like to be notified as soon as information becomes available, let me know of your interest and phone number and I will then contact you by telephone.

At the moment the shows we are looking at are:

Bernstein's **Wonderful Town** at Shaw for April

Cabaret at Stratford for May

Music Man at Stratford for October


Forever Plaid at St. Jacob's for November

We are also looking at an extra trip to **Oktoberfest** in Kitchener-Waterloo in the second week of October if there is enough interest.

If you are interested in any of these shows be sure to register as soon as you hear about them as we often have to refuse people when popular shows become filled up quickly. If I do not have your address, email address or phone number please fill in the form below and send it to me via email (copy and paste into your email) or snail mail (needs a stamp).

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I/We are interested in seeing the following productions with the RTO District 22 Travel Group:

Wonderful Town at Shaw in April

Cabaret in Stratford in May

Music Man in Stratford in October

Forever Plaid in St. Jacob's in Nov.

Oktoberfest in Kitchener-Waterloo in October

Name(s)..... 

Address 

Town..... Postal Code.....

I/We would require seats.

Points to Ponder...

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have the longer you live.

Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once!

Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird – sleep late!

When everything is coming your way, you are in the wrong lane!

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at once because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them.

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue.

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