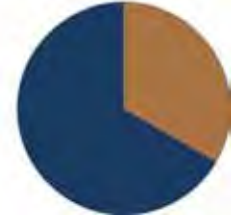




Twenty-Second Report



District 22 Etobicoke and City of York

August 2009

The Retired Teachers of Ontario - les Enseignantes et Enseignants retraités de l'Ontario

The President's Words.

WOW!

My last words in the last newsletter were "I look forward to having lunch with 250 of you (on June 10). You overwhelmed us with 403 persons who sat down to lunch. Now you understand the WOW at the top of this message. This is the largest luncheon we have ever had and it put a real strain on those who had to make the arrangements. I want to especially recognize Judy Paton, Jeanne Rutherford and Bonnie Hamilton for their extra efforts.



We're not likely to have a bargain price for our annual meeting luncheon for some time to come but what we did, served our purpose. We wanted those of you who had not attended a luncheon for some time to come and be reminded of the joy it is to see former colleagues, enjoy a good meal and be well entertained. Our hope now is that you will continue to attend at least one but hopefully both of our two luncheons each year.

Some issues were raised at the annual meeting that need clarification. One had to do with cancellation insurance. Mondial explained to me that if you buy your trip in your province of residence, you are covered for cancellation. However, if you arrange a trip within a trip, it is not covered unless you buy your own cancellation insurance. They also wanted me to remind you that your 62 day coverage begins the day you leave your province of residence.

The other issue dealt with the harmonization of the PST and GST. A well informed article is available on the RTO/ERO website. I recommend that you take the time to read it. (www.rto-ero.org) You will find it half way down the RTO/ERO home page. When you think you have reached the end, go down further and read the addendum. By the time you receive this Newsletter there will be a report on this topic from the Political Advocacy Committee. It too will be on the same web site. I have read it and it is worthy of your attention.

*Silvio Sauro
President
RTO/ERO District 22*

The Awards Corner

Two of our four awards require input from members -- the Service to Others Award (STO) and the Outstanding Community Service Award.

Your Awards Committee – Toni Michalczuk, Joel Nasimok, Don Routley, Jane Shaw and Sharon Kular -- is looking for **your** input.

Service to Others Award (STO)

This award is funded by the Provincial office and winners are chosen from nominations from the District. A successful nomination results in a grant of up to \$4,000.00. The award is presented at our Annual Meeting in June.

Who is eligible? Groups or individuals that offer these kinds of services:

- a) Daycare for children of single mothers
- b) Special educational programs for children with special needs
- c) Help for the homeless
- d) Crisis centres
- e) Support for group homes
- f) Long Term Care facilities
- g) Third World support programmes
- h) Groups providing a social service to the community

To be successful there must be an involvement of a member of District 22. Application forms and complete details may be found at www.rto-ero.org/efiles/index22.htm On the left side of the home page click on **STO**.

Nominations must be sent to the Awards Committee Chair, Sharon Kular by **November 30, 2009**.

Outstanding Community Service Award

This award is sponsored by District 22. The recipient will receive a plaque and a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 made out to the charity of choice at our Annual Meeting in June.

Criteria:

- 1) Must be a member of District 22
- 2) Provided volunteer services beyond the norm for a least five (5) years
- 3) Be nominated by three (3) persons, one of whom is a member of District 22

A full description of the volunteer activities be submitted to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Sharon Kular, no later than March 31, 2010.

Submission for either award should be sent to:

**Chair, Awards Committee RTO
Sharon Kular
5 Ashmill Court
Etobicoke M9A 4T7**

Membership by Adele Pick

New Policies for Joining

New policies have been adopted regarding membership in RTO/ERO. I have listed only a few. For further clarification reference can be made to our Constitution amended May 2009.

Besides retiring teachers joining RTO/ERO others may be eligible as an associate.

-a retired non-educator employee of an Ontario School Board or educational organization

-a non retired person employed in education who will become eligible upon retirement

-a non educator divorced spouse of a full or associate member where spouse may be defined as common law or same sex

-a retired educator receiving a pension from a University or College in Canada or a private Ontario School.

We welcome these new members who have recently joined us. Consider taking part in or leading an activity which we can all enjoy. Some of us join the district we taught in or select the district where we live. RTO/ERO has 47 districts in all. Toronto has four districts with many others across Ontario and some in BC. Our membership totals are now -- full memberships 1880 and associate members 145 -- giving us a grand total of 2025.

Nancy Aldred
Roberta Angeloni
Ekrem Altic
Judith Benson
Erich Both
Robert Bremner
Donna Briston
Mary Bucar
Paul Corcoran
Joanne Debassige
Francesca Defina
Mary Docherty
Karen Doukas
Mary Catherine Downs
Antonina Ferro
Edward Formosa
Elsie Gaziuk
Christine Gude
Alfred Houghton
Robert Kataoka
Renee Kerr
Mary-Anne Kuslikis
Patricia Laba
Vito Malfara
Jane Martin
Maureen McCracken
Howard Moscoe
E.Jane Mullins
Carol Patton
Carmela Pistore
Rita Radziunas
Diana Riopel
Edmund Ryan
Ciril Spes
Sandra Taylor
Alan Vineberg
Ronald Vichar
Carolyn Weedmark
Michael Wheeler

District 22 extends sympathy to all the families and friends of our departed loved ones.



Ena Greenwood with her 30 year certificate at 2006 RTO lunch

In Memoriam

Margaret Mary Black 11Mar 09
Grace Bowers 02 Jun 09
Marie L. Cooney 17 Jun 09
Beryl Briscoe 07 Mar 09
Helen Bryan 14 Feb 09
William Cochrane 28 May 09
Jack Farmer 23 Jun 09
Murray Gaziuk 31 Mar 09
Ena Greenwood 18 Jul 09
Frances Jean Grant 07 May 09
Richard Hattin 06 Feb 09
Olive Heels 07 May 09
Margaret Hopkins 08 Mar 09
Andre Kennedy 13 Feb 09
John Kester 24 Jun 09
Helen Kirkpatrick 19 May 09
Janis Klavis 13 May 09
Joseph Krupp 08 Apr 09
Mary McTeague 26 Mar 09
Ella Morgan 23 Mar 09
Helen Nopper 15 Feb 09
Helene Ryan 09 Mar 09
Douglas Seaton 06 Mar 09
Frank Shaw 06 Apr 09
Ivanka Springer-Spes 30 Jun 09
Reta Tarzwell 26 Mar 09
Frederick Weedmark 09 Mar 09

AGM & June Luncheon Report

Our AGM & June Luncheon took place at The Old Mill, on June 10, 2009. It was a special 40th Anniversary celebration and it definitely turned out to be **special**.

We were overwhelmed by the turnout and people enjoying themselves, and smiling as and colleagues.

The entertainment by Duetto Gelato was they played was something usually heard

Many people took time to seek me out and much they had enjoyed the day. All I can to all who participated.



thrilled to see so many they met former friends

spectacular! One piece on a pipe organ!!

and let me know how say is a big "Thank you"

Time marches on and we are now looking forward to seeing everyone at our Fall Luncheon at the Islington Golf and Country Club on November 4, 2009.

*Judy Paton
Social Convener*

Pensions

It is good to note that, as I write this, some economists are claiming that the end of the recession is at hand. Certainly markets are on an upswing and thus our personal investments are showing better returns. This would also apply to the OTPP investments and thus if the trend continues the predicted shortfalls will be reduced. Other than that we cannot say much more. In searching for material for this I always go to the OTPP website. I found a speech which Jim Leach, President and CEO of OTPP, gave to the Empire Club on May 28, 2009. In a small portion, of that speech he gives some facts regarding the current pensions and gives some historic perspectives. I thought you might be interested in some of his statements.

He started by explaining that the Teachers' Pension Plan is a "Mature Plan" meaning that the number of working contributors is declining and approaching a ratio of 1:1. It is currently 1.6: 1 and in 1970 was 10:1...

"The average age of retirement is 58 and the person would have worked for 27 years. They will collect a pension for 30 years and a survivor's pension will be paid for 5 years. The average starting pension is \$42,000."

Isn't it interesting that we are now about to collect a pension for more years than we worked? That was the first thing that I noticed. He went on to explain some of the historic principles on which pensions were based.

"Pension plans – public and private- were devised when "retirement longevity" was an oxymoron." Canada's retirement age in the 1920's was 70 – life expectancy was 61. In 1951 a means test pension was available at 65 when life expectancy was 68 and in 1966 CPP came in when life expectancy was 72. Today the OTPP has some 2300 members over 90 and among them about 80 are over 100."

These facts are part of his introduction. If you wish to read his entire speech and it certainly is an eye-opener into the differences between Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution pensions and the problems and concerns about pensions in general, go to the OTPP web site www.otpp.com and click "newsroom" then "speeches". I hope you find it interesting.

*Irwin Kelly
Pensions*



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**Changing your
Address?**

Please notify Dianne Vezeau at Head Office - she is the person who makes the labels for the newsletter and keeps track of all 60,000 RTO members.

There is a form on the website you can use to make changes easily.

The Post Office now charges \$1.00 plus a weight charge for returning mail to the sender.

Thank you for your co-operation.

☎ indicates email address is available on our website at:

www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org

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Executive**

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Secretary	Sheila Tait	416 767 2406	☎
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In Memoriam - Our Bridge Group Hostess

For the past ten years Harriette McCreath had hosted our bridge games. She was a gracious lady who enjoyed meeting and entertaining all the retired teachers and friends who wanted a place to play bridge. On average we had three tables and at our Christmas party our numbers usually increased.

Joyfully she laid out a great spread. Sadly she passed away in June. We shall certainly miss her smiles as she greeted and welcomed us in her home for our monthly bridge games.

The Lunch Group

Month after month we meet at various restaurants. How I enjoyed the Greek dishes at The Big Fat Buffet. In July at Snug Harbour in Mississauga 25 of us sat for hours savouring our selected choices while overlooking the ships in Lake Ontario.

Next dates: Monday September 14, 2009
Monday October 5, 2009
Monday November 9, 2009
Monday December 14, 2009

Friends of members are welcome. Just contact us.

Adele Pick ☎ 416-622-7361 ✉ adele_pick@yahoo.com

Betty Nykolachuk ☎ 905-278-5382 ✉ bnykolachuk@hotmail.com

To Hell With the Bell Breakfast

This is where we recruit the newly retired. Anyone who worked for a school board is eligible to join RTO/ERO. Those interested in becoming a member may enjoy a free buffet breakfast. Members pay \$13.

Location: Canadiana Restaurant

in Six Points Plaza

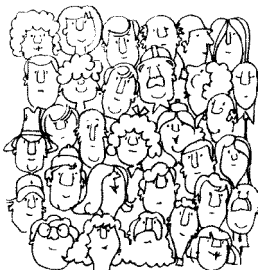
Date: Wednesday September 16, 2009

Time: 9:30 am
Reservations are required.

Contact: Adele Pick

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Will we see you there???

A Quarter Century of Retirement!

At this year's June luncheon we had fifteen members join our "25 Year Club" - that is to say they were presented with District 22's certificate for having achieved 25 years of retirement and membership in RTO. Unfortunately not all of them could make it to the luncheon.

These short bios are in no particular order as we must all be tired on being in a certain spot on every list. When your editor was teaching Grade Four she had a student whose first name began with A and her surname began with Z and when I showed the class how to make the computer put their names in alphabetical order by surnames, and then switch to first names, she was delighted to be first on the list for a change instead of last.

So here they are...

John Woszack

John began his 41 year teaching career in a one room school, Union School Section #1, Beverly & Ancaster, in the now non-existent village of Weir. This school had two privies, no hydro, no phone, a dug well, a water pail with a community dipper, a box cast-iron log burning stove and 30 pupils scattered through Junior First to Senior Fourth (now grades one to eight). The three-trustee board provided one \$1.98 box of white chalk which was the only teaching aid supplied for the entire year.



His salary was \$1025 per annum and when the trustees refused his request for a \$25 increment per annum, he resigned.

He moved from Trinity School to Owen Sound, Burlington, Fort William and spent the last 33 years in Etobicoke at Humber Bay, Franklin Horner, Lanor, Alderwood Collegiate, and The Elms. John was principal of Etienne Brulé, Sir Adam Beck and finally Wedgewood.

In retirement John became a tourist in Toronto briefly, he sampled working for Wardair as a warehouse clerk, drove a stretch limo for a few months and finally had an interesting stint as a court deputy in the court house complex on University Avenue. He and his wife have travelled across Canada, the United States, Mexico and to the Caribbean Islands. They spend each summer at "Camp Pinaio," their cottage on Georgian Bay, with their children and spouses and six grandchildren. It has been a wonderful life.

Norma Radford

Norma graduated from the Lakeshore Teachers' College in 1968 from a special programme that was offered to mature students. Those graduates became known as the "retreads" or over 40s training for a second career.



The Etobicoke Board hired her in May but she had to resign in June because her husband had been transferred to Montreal. There she did supply work and was assigned to a half-time kindergarten class. Four years later after moving back to Toronto she was hired by the Peel Board. She taught at Silverthorne Public School for two years and then spent the last three years at Dixie Public School as a full time remedial reading teacher on a class withdrawal basis. She found it delightful to be able to work with students in very small groups and to watch them succeed with individual attention.

Her retirement years with her husband have been spent in extensive and fascinating travel to Russia, China, Europe, Egypt and the USA.

Sports activities have been part of this time of life plus sharing time with her extended family.

Moss Madill

Moss began his teaching career in 1945 in a rural school in Greenbank, Ontario, where, for four years, he taught Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8.



Wanting to be closer to a university so he could work on his degree, Moss moved to Islington School in 1949. This was the last year of the Islington Board which became the Etobicoke Board one year later.

Moss was Assistant to the Principal at Rosethorn and Franklin Horner before being appointed Vice Principal of Lanor Public School. He was Principal of West Deane, Broadacres, and David Hornell Public Schools.

Since retiring Moss has done a lot of hunting and fishing from Lake Nonacho in the NWT to St Anthony in Newfoundland. He estimates that his two weeks each year of deer hunting translates into a full year of hunting since retiring. This has been enjoyed with the blessing of his wife and Moss would like one and all to know that, for the most part, the deer have been relatively safe!

In retirement Moss also took a course in metal sharpening and has run his own business for 25 years sharpening skates, mower blades, circular saws, etc.

Now, because of sore knees and a bad back this business is coming to an end but he has thoroughly enjoyed his second career. However, from now on, he says he will only "dull blades and not sharpen them."

John Stulac

John began his teaching in the Faculty of Physical and Health Education at the University of Toronto.



A year later he took a Physical Education position at Malvern CI when they opened their new gym and pool. Six years later, Richview CI opened and he went there as Head of Boys' Physical Education. His stay was highlighted by winning the Etobicoke and TDIAA football championship and, for three years, the Ontario High School Track and Field Championships.

John then spent three years as Geography Head at Thistletown CI where a major highlight was a trip to Expo '67 in Montreal, as one of the staff chaperones of the school orchestra.

John was appointed Vice Principal of Vincent Massey CI and then served as Principal of Vincent Massey, Burnhamthorpe CI and Scarlett Heights CI. John says that he "enjoyed all the schools he was in and always had great students and teachers."

After retirement he became a "bum" (so to speak) on the ski hills and the golf courses!!

Evelyn Phillips

After graduating from Normal School in 1947 Evelyn taught at John R. Wilcox Public School in York Township for five years. Then she married and at that time school boards did not accept married women teachers. However, the Etobicoke Board had opened so many new schools and were in need of teachers so, fortunately for Evelyn, they accepted her application. She helped to open Rosethorn Public School and stayed there for four and a half years. Then she had three children. After her youngest child, Carol, was in Grade Seven she taught for one more year at Richview Public School.



A highlight of her career as a kindergarten teacher was an invitation to help with a Christmas concert at Vaughan Road Collegiate. The young boy she chose to be the conductor of the rhythm band turned out to be the son of the conductor of the Toronto Symphony. Of course, her class production was

a huge success.

Retirement is busy with her family, three children and seven grandchildren. Evelyn summers in Beaver Valley on their farm and winters in Naples, Florida.

Terry Hanes



Terry began teaching in Hamilton and then at Central Peel in Brampton. He moved out of the classroom and became a Technical Inspector for the Ministry of Education. Terry later joined the Etobicoke Board of Education, ending his career as the Assistant Superintendent of Technical and Adult Education. He enjoyed every aspect of the job and enjoyed the challenge of running the very large Continuing Education programme.

In retirement, Terry has been interested in computers and was the editor of the Army Radar Association newsletter. He also renewed his interest in the bagpipes - practising with the Richmond Hill Centenary Band, performing solos and giving lessons.

He also enjoyed some memorable trips with family members to Europe, Australia and Morocco.

Bruce Brown

As an engineer working on the now infamous Avro Arrow, Bruce found himself without a job in 1959 when the project was cancelled. Fortunately there was a need for teachers and Bruce began teaching at Woodbridge High School. He retired after 25 years at the same school as Head of Mathematics.

At the start of his retirement, Bruce enjoyed travelling with especially memorable cruises to Alaska and Hawaii.

Olive Flaherty

Olive started teaching at age 19 and taught for three years in York Township. When she married she had to quit as the policy at that time was "no married women teachers." Olive was rehired for a year during the Second World War but then lost her job to the board policy when the men came back from war service. (It is hard to believe that such discrimination against women existed!)



Her family moved to Etobicoke where she did supply teaching, special education and later taught at Kipling Grove Public School.

Olive retired from teaching a Grade Two class at Princess Margaret Public School. She very much like teaching Grade Two children.

Olive and her husband retired at the same time. Now she enjoys gardening and furniture upholstery. A major highlight of retirement was participating in the first RTO/ERO Round the World Trip by private jet. Olive's niece is Judy Paton, our social convener.

George Kerr

George began his teaching career at Queensway Public School in 1947. The wartime housing at The Queensway and Royal York Road provided so many children that the six room school went on double shift. From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm he taught a Grade 4/5 class. The school grew from six to sixteen rooms in just over two years. Subdivisions and new schools were sprouting up throughout Etobicoke.



J.R. Lawrence, his principal, encouraged George to be an innovative teacher. This led him to teach a Grade Eight Advancement class for several years. That was very exciting as visitors from near and far came to see the programme in action. George taught in Lambton-Kingsway, Hilltop, The Elms and back again at Queensway. He became Vice-Principal at Rosethorn and Elmlea. As a Principal he served at George R Gauld, Briarcrest and Etienne Brulé.

At Christmas 1983 he retired and headed for Cape Canaveral, Florida.

That was the beginning of twenty-five winters as a "snowbird." His love of tennis became a year round pastime. Tennis is still a big part of his life.

Summers at home mean "catching up" on many chores that a house and yard require. Today Isobel and George are still working to improve their home and garden. It is a full time job!

John A McPhee

John McPhee began his career in Etobicoke in 1960, but soon moved to Peel. He was one of the original staff at Westwood Secondary School in Malton, where he continued to teach until his early retirement in 1982. John always insisted that he was not "an English teacher", but "a teacher of English". John had a marvellous voice and loved reading aloud, both to his own children and his students. He encouraged them to read aloud also, to develop a feeling for the rhythm of the language. He always said that

his greatest pleasure was seeing a number of kids, whose reading ability had been marginal in Grade 9, successfully complete their high school courses with good marks.



John's wife accepted his certificate from Silvio Sauro at the June 2009 luncheon.

While teaching, John also found time to run (alas, unsuccessfully) for the provincial legislature, and to direct the Junior Sailing program at Port Credit Yacht Club. After retirement he served on the district RTO (or STO as it then was) executive for several years, including a stint as President and Senator. His wife recalls many evenings pasting up and folding newsletters! He was also at various times president of the York West

Provincial Liberal Association and the Ontario McPhee Clan Society, as well as continuing to be a keen sailor.

John was very sorry that ill health prevented his attending to receive his certificate in November, 2007.

Sadly, John died suddenly in Florida in March, 2008.

Felix (Ted) Lewiecki



Felix, better known as Ted, has just turned 90 years old. He has fond memories of his time at Weston Collegiate, Kipling Collegiate and especially his role as Head of Chemistry/Biology at Bathurst Heights High School.

Ted very much enjoyed the opportunities he had to interact with students. He was always thrilled to see students begin to understand complex concepts and participate by asking questions.

When he was teaching, Ted did not have time to complete a Masters Degree. Upon retiring he undertook to complete a Masters Degree with a thesis concerning "Human Nature - Ethics, Values in the Literature of Modern Evolution." He found this to be a very fulfilling time of study.

Ted also enjoys tennis.

Betty MacGregor

Born in Kamloops, BC Betty graduated from UBC and the Pitman Business College. Betty "never wanted to be a teacher" but did have a lifelong desire to travel.



Betty worked for Alcan in Montreal, the Medical Faculty of the Winnipeg General Hospital, the Toronto General Hospital and for the Registrar at the University of Toronto. Betty's husband persuaded her to go to OCE and on graduation she taught at Royal York CI for fifteen years.

Betty then became a Lecturer at Kenyatta University, near Nairobi in Kenya, for two years. On returning to Toronto she taught at Richview CI until retirement.

Betty recalls driving, in her convertible, some Grade 9 English students to Stratford's "Macbeth." To this day former students will meet her and ask "Do you still have that car?" - maroon with beige top and leather seats, 20

feet long!! It died as an "antique" after 30 years. On a student trip to Sault Ste Marie Betty recalls cracking both wrists while "roller-skating for the first time."

Betty's dream to travel did come true. With students she visited London, Amsterdam, Berlin, Moscow, Czechoslovakia, Innsbruck and Athens. Since retiring she has travelled the world - Mexico, Barbados, England, Scotland, France, Spain, Portugal and Costa Rica. She has cruised the Caribbean, Mediterranean, the Norway Coast, the Northwest Passage and around the Horn from Buenos Aires to Valparaiso. Betty had a trip around the World in 30 days, visiting 14 countries in the Northern Hemisphere. Very recently Betty was on a birding trip to Tunisia and a "Two Masted" Schooner sail around the Queen Charlotte Islands.

When home, Betty keeps busy driving for Meals on Wheels, church elder duties, CFUW – Etobicoke meetings of Travel Club, Jaunters, Badminton and convening three annual condo Socials for over 100 tenants of her complex. She lives life to the full and claims all is possible only because of good health for which she is deeply thankful.

Marjorie Hill

Marjorie started with the Toronto Board and then moved to the Etobicoke Board. She was a pioneer in the area of working with children facing learning difficulties. A highlight of her career was mentoring teachers to meet the educational challenges of children and seeing the positive outcomes.



In retirement Marjorie has been very active with time in Florida, playing golf and tennis.

Also, she says time spent in Bible Study has been very rewarding.

Paul Motink

Paul graduated from Toronto Normal School in 1945. From there, he began his teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse on Pickering Beach Road, Pickering, with 24 students. His salary was \$98.00 per month with room and board, \$1.00 per day. Four gallons of gasoline cost \$1.00 at that time.



Some highlights of working at the schoolhouse was when Santa arrived on a white horse and when we accidentally burned down the school's wood shed on Arbour Day.

Paul then taught in Etobicoke from 1946 to 1983, a total of 37 years. Over these years, Paul taught classes in physical education, art, mathematics and science. He was also a forerunner in educational advancement, teaching a class of students with behavioural problems, who could not integrate into regular classes.

After retirement, Paul has enjoyed golfing and playing in a badminton club. He and his wife, Marie, have enjoyed travelling to Europe, the UK, Africa, South and North America. They continue to winter in Florida each year. He also enjoys gardening and home decorating.

Currently, Paul spends much of his time visiting doctors.

Cam McNabb

Cam began his teaching career at King George School in the Township of York. He then moved to Islington School in Etobicoke. He was Vice Principal at Islington and Humber Bay and then became Principal at Cloverdale, Rosethorn, Franklin Horner and Second Street Public Schools.

Cam feels that his whole career was memorable. He always tried to have a special event once a month which kept enthusiasm high in the school. He also says that although some students were very challenging, there was good in all of them!

In retirement, Cam and his wife have spent summers at their cottage at Honey Harbour and three months each winter in Florida. They have also travelled extensively, coast to coast in Canada and in the U.K., Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Austria, Yugoslavia, Bahamas and Las Vegas.

Cam now seems to be frequenting doctors' offices to a greater degree, as part of his routine, though he does believe wholeheartedly in Natural Approaches.

The Outstanding Community Service Award

This year the recipient is **Ian Anderson** who volunteered services to the University of Toronto Track and Field Athletic Program. Ian received a plaque and a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 made out to the charity of choice – the University of Toronto's Athletic Department.

Thank you Ian – you are a most worthy recipient of this award of \$1000 that will be donated to the University of Toronto's Athletic Department.



Ian Anderson receiving his Outstanding Community Service Award from Silvio Sauro at the AGM

Project – Service To Others

Katy Anderson submitted her project titled **"Tips For Teens: Effective Parenting Skills."**

This is a workshop series for high school students with children provided by Parent Education Network of Toronto – presented in two West Toronto secondary schools. After successful completion of this project, our goal is to continue offering this series to schools throughout Toronto through alternate funding.

Congratulations, Katy, on being the recipient of this \$2000 award – the cheque presented by the provincial office of RTO to the Parent Education Network.



Katy Anderson with Herb Cooney of the Awards Committee and Silvio Sauro.

Trips for 2009

By the time you get this newsletter the cut off dates for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum and for Brigadoon may have passed. If you have interest in either please contact Pam for availability.

Oktoberfest

Thursday, Oct 15, 2009

A fun day with music, comedy and just good entertainment - even a free souvenir mug.
Concordia Club, Kitchener \$74.00 per person Leaves St James 10:00 a.m.

2 Pianos 4 Hands

Wednesday, Nov 18, 2009

2 PIANOS 4 HANDS is the riotous tale of 2 Canadian boys, Ted and Richard, who share the same unorthodox goal: concert pianist stardom.
School House Theatre, St Jacobs \$80.00 per person Lv St James 8:30 a.m.

New for 2009...

A Michael Burgess Christmas and Simcoe Light Tour Monday Dec 14, 2009

Afternoon Michael Burgess Concert at Sanderson Centre in Brantford then off for supper followed by Christmas light tour in Simcoe.

Sanderson Centre, Brantford/Simcoe Tour \$96.00 pp Lv St James 12:15 p.m.

All trips will start at St. James United Church, 400 Burnhamthorpe Rd, include highway coach transportation, some shopping/browsing time, lunch/dinner, theatre tickets, all taxes and gratuities.

For more info please contact: Pamela Guy at ☎ 416 245 5201 ✉ pamguy@rogers.com
 or Irwin Kelly at ☎ 905 822 3334 ✉ irwinkelly@rogers.com

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Trip Registration Form Make cheque payable to **RTO District 22**.

Name: ☎

Address: ✉

A Funny Thing Sep 16 Tickets @ \$121.00 =

Brigadoon Oct 1 Tickets @ \$86.00 =

Oktoberfest Oct 15 Tickets @ \$74.00 =

2 Pianos/4 Hands Nov 18 Tickets @ \$80.00 =

Burgess Christmas Dec 14 Tickets @ \$96.00 =

Total =

Mail registration with cheque payable to **RTO District 22** to:

Pamela Guy
 16 Sun Row Drive
 Toronto M9P 3H4

District 22 Survey Results

First we must thank all members who submitted a survey to be tabulated. We had 57 surveys returned. Congratulations to Sophia Cook of Mississauga who won the free ticket to our fall luncheon.

The majority of you seemed quite satisfied with the programmes and services provided by District 22. Obviously a large majority responded with regard to the Newsletter, Health Insurance, Pensions and Day Trips, items in which most of us have an interest.

Generally speaking, almost all responses indicated that, the services and information we are providing, are being done appropriately. Almost every category got a score of four or five, 70% of the time.

We also received a very positive response to the awards that we are presenting and certainly some suggestions for future award recipients.

In the fall the executive will be looking more closely at the survey results and you will probably hear more details at that time. We think the survey was a worthwhile exercise and now we must respond to your suggestions, comments and criticisms.

Travel Companions

It was just brought to my attention that there may be another service I may be able to provide as a Travel Committee member. Many of our members have no travelling companion and thus are always hit by large single supplements when travelling.

Single supplements on many tours may be anywhere from 25 to 60 percent more than two persons travelling together. i.e. I looked at a cruise and found the outside twin rate of \$2184 each, but the single rate is \$3315 - this is a 52% increase. Travelling together would save over \$1100 per person. This may be more or less than the average but it is what I happened to chance upon at this time.

A possible solution for this problem may be for me to act as a mediator and try to link up members, who normally travel alone, with a companion. We will only provide info about other singles in our group once we have permission to share information.

If you are a "single" looking for a travelling companion and think this might be a viable solution, please contact me, and I will possibly be able to put you in touch with other members who are looking for travelling companions.

Call me at 905 822 3334 or by e-mail at irwinkelly@rogers.com .

I hope this will help some members.

*Irwin Kelly
Travel Committee*

Come to Your District 22 Fall Luncheon

Wednesday November 4, 2009

Lunch to be served at 12 noon

Registration opens at 11:15 a.m.

Where? Islington Golf & Country Club

45 Riverbank Drive

Etobicoke

(one block north of Dundas & Islington - west off Islington)

Cost - \$30.00 per person

No cash bar but wine will be offered at table.

Menu Choices are:

Halibut H

Beef Tenderloin T

Vegetarian V

Adam Timoon will be entertaining us.

There is no provision to pay at the door - your name tag will be at the registration table.
No refunds unless notification is received by Friday, October 23rd - For further information
please contact:

Judy Paton ☎ 416 769 1363 or Jeanne Rutherford ☎ 416 626 0650

Please return tear off sheet with menu choice(s) and your cheque payable to **RTO District 22**

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Registration for District 22 Fall Luncheon at Islington G&CC on November 4th

Name:..... Indicate choice in box H B V

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Please mail with your cheque for \$30.00 each, payable to RTO District 22, to ✂

**RTO/ERO
c/o Judy Paton
152 Cordella Avenue
Toronto M6N 2J9**

Goodwill Committee Report

Letters of condolence were sent to families of deceased members as soon as we became aware of the death.

Several "Get Well" or "Good Cheer" or "Thinking of You" cards were sent to members who were reported to me by our telephone volunteers. I would like to thank our volunteers for doing such a good job.

A basket of flowers was sent to the funeral of a recently deceased member.

On behalf of RTO, District 22, I attended a 99th birthday party and presented our member with a small gift and card.

I am willing to visit any other members who are in a long term care facility or a retirement residence. If he/she would like a visit, I need to know the name of the member and the name and address of the residence.

Members are reminded to call or email me if they know of a member who is celebrating a significant birthday or someone who is ill or needs cheering up.

You can contact me by telephone or email...

☎ 416 626-1353,

✉ mbchard@rogers.com

*Maryanne Chard,
Goodwill Committee Chair*

A New Chapter in Retirement for...

For many years Herb Cooney has served on your executive, filling many different positions. We are sad to see him leave the executive health and able to move on and spend more time with his family, chores about the house that maybe next week!



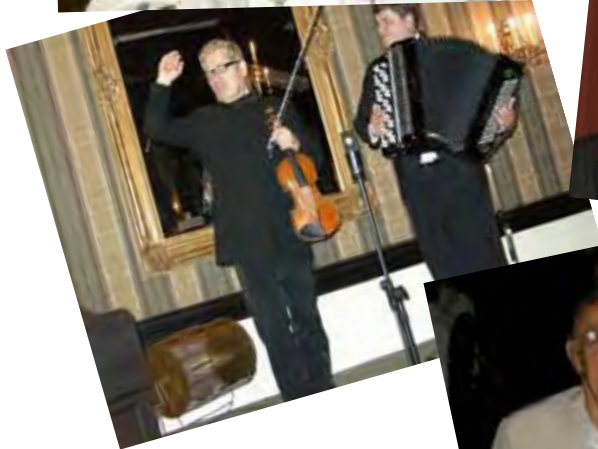
are sad to see him leave the executive health and able to move on and spend travelling, and catching up on those kept getting pushed farther ahead --

So, have fun, Herb, take lots of pictures and drop us a line or two about your "new retirement"

of pictures and drop us a line or two activities when you can find the time.

Good luck and enjoy your second retirement!!

Snapped at our 2009 AGM



Browsing Old Cemeteries

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour. And, one who can enjoy browsing old cemeteries... Some fascinating things on old tombstones!

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York:

Born 1903--Died 1942.

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.



In a Thurmont, Maryland , cemetery:

Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.



On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:

Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102. Only The Good Die Young.



In a London, England cemetery:

Here lies Ann Mann, Who lived an old maid but died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767



In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery:

Anna Wallace

The children of Israel wanted bread, And the Lord sent them manna.

Clark Wallace wanted a wife, And the Devil sent him Anna.

That's all for now, folks!!

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Keeping Older Drivers on the Road ...a Candrive Research Programme

Candrive's primary research goal is, through a five-year cross-Canada study of older drivers, to determine the key factors that impact their driving safety. Study investigators propose to recruit 1,000 older drivers, aged 70 and older, from seven Canadian cities including Toronto.

Interested in Participating? Please call us if you:

1. live in the Greater Toronto Area
2. are 70 years of age or older and have a valid general driver's licence
3. own a vehicle which you drive at least four times a week
4. have a family physician
5. are fluent in English

If you are interested or want for information please contact the Candrive Research Co-ordinator for Toronto, Novlette Fraser, at ☎ 416 597 3422 extension 7851



Reunion - West Humber Collegiate Institute

Calling all Grads and Teachers Class of '79

30 Year Reunion 1979

Saturday, September 19, 2009

For further information, please contact:

Mila Duric at ✉ miladuric@yahoo.ca

or

Daniela Renzella at ☎ 905-502-9044 (evenings) or

Sue Van Arkadie Klinck ☎ 604-794-3033

And we nearly forgot... Where in the world?

In our last issue we showed a picture of the Naval War Memorial in Halifax, which, by the way was not identified by any reader.

Oddly enough this memorial was not erected by a Canadian government department - it was erected and is maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It is this group which cares for Commonwealth cemeteries and monuments all around the world.

Now, where in the world is this... ↵

