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We're Back!



Haliburton To Hell With the Bell Luncheon

On September 7, members of Unit 1 in Haliburton enjoyed good friends and food for their first in-person To Hell With the Bell luncheon.

Volunteers Needed!

Your District 18 Executive is a great way to get to know more of our members and have a say in what kind of events we offer in the District. Currently we are seeking people to fill 5 positions. Come and join us in a light-hearted, friendly atmosphere for just 3 or 4 meetings a year. We're flexible so bring a friend and share a job! For more information contact George, president18@districts.rtoero.ca



Golf Tournament at Sturgeon Point Golf Club

Fun Facts

- first ever post-Covid 2019 RTOERO event
- September 15, 2022 was made memorable
- 30 golfers in attendance
- 5 more golfers than June 2019
- first ever use of the gorgeous expanded waterfront patio
- a PERFECT weather day with 'nary a' cloud in sight
- sensational prizes for ALL!

- 'traffic jams' at the prize table could not be avoided but they were politely navigated by all
 - Golfers from the North
 - Golfers from the South
 - rave reviews accompanied a delicious meal served up by Dianne and Don from Dianne's Country Cooking
 - an entirely outdoor event
 - Some golfers brought more skill and talent than others BUT ...
- A GOOD TIME was enjoyed by All!!!



Thanks go out to Bob May, Jane Ellis, and Bob Ellis for making this successful event happen. See you again in June 2023!

District 18 Executive

President: George Denny
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Past President: Roberta Fuller

1st Vice-President: position vacant

2nd Vice-President: position vacant

Secretary: Position Vacant

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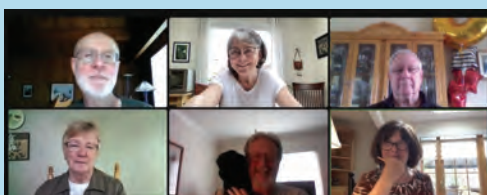
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Greetings From Your President



George Denny

Although the COVID-19 “waves” and variants are continuing to modify, the Ontario Government has removed, with a couple of exceptions, the mandate for mask wearing. There are some doctors and scientists who continue to recommend wearing masks in crowded situations as well as keeping up with booster shots and the sound advice of regular washing of hands. Keeping these in mind, we can begin to resume more “normal” living.

Your executive of District 18 is beginning to plan some social events and every member is welcome to attend, whether living in the Haliburton Unit (1) or the Kawartha Lakes Unit (2). Lunches, golf, curling, and other events are in the planning stage. Watch for further information regarding these opportunities to gather together as we have done in the past.

I am pleased to write that some events are now underway. There was a To Hell With The Bell lunch in Carnarvon on September 7th. A Golf Tournament was held on September 15th. A Welcome Back Social is in the works, similar in nature to the one held in 2017. Dates for Kaffee Klatches will be

forthcoming. A Chickadee Lunch might be held in January.

The RTOERO office is planning to lift the mandate of not allowing in-person meetings, beginning in October with the Fall Forum. It will be offered as a hybrid meeting, in-person in Toronto, and using the Zoom platform for those who remain uncomfortable with large groups. The D18 Executive held its first person-to-person meeting on August 24th at the Lindsay Golf and Country Club, the first “live” meeting in over two years.

Normal RTOERO and District business continues, with emails and regular Zoom meetings. I was pleased this year to represent D18 as a Corporate Member, along with Ward Levine, at the RTOERO Annual Meeting and Forum held in May over Zoom. Marilas McInnis and Bernie Reznicki served as Alternates. For the October Fall Forum, I and Bernie Reznicki will serve as Corporate Members and Marilas McInnis will serve as Alternate.

A few points of interest from the RTOERO Annual Meeting follow.

- 2836 actively employed members
- 82123 retired members
- Maximum annual membership fee for 2023 will be \$73, increased for inflation
- 4 members were elected to the Board of Directors
- Post-secondary scholarships are \$3000; 157 applications were submitted and 20 were accepted
- Group insurance premiums were reduced by 3%; a net surplus at the end of 2021 was \$4 040 472
- Group insurance now covers trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage due to COVID19

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Combat the Climate Crisis Poster

Winning posters of the Combat the Climate Crisis, representing students from Haliburton Highlands S.S., Fenelon Falls S.S. I.E. Weldon S.S. and St. Thomas Aquinas. The contest was funded by a grant from RTOERO’s Community Grants and Scholarship Program.



B. McIntyre
Fenelon Falls S.S.



K. Fatt
I. E. Weldon S.S.



T. Horsley
Haliburton Highlands S.S.



F. Kinghorn
St. Thomas Aquinas



New District 18 Website Format

<https://district18.rtoero.ca>

This new district website will now be a “microsite” synchronized with the national RTOERO website. All district information will still be available but now you will have access to more current RTOERO postings.



Membership

As of September 1, 2022
Retired Members: 776
Actively Employed Members: 14
Total Membership: 790

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· Health Stabilization Fund sits at a healthy \$187+ million
Again this year, D18 did not hold an in-person Annual Meeting. However, there remain several vacancies on our executive and we welcome inquiries for a Secretary; a Member Services Director; a Goodwill representative for Unit 1 (Haliburton); and a Director at Large. Our budget continues with a comfortable balance. Once again, the executive, on behalf of the membership, decided to make charitable donations to Food Banks in both Haliburton and Kawartha

Lakes and to each secondary and elementary school in Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes. Winter Wish cards were sent out to all D18 members. In a recent Zoom meeting, two members of the RTOERO Information and Technology department, Charles Tabone and Lori Hunter, conducted a presentation of the new website for D18. The website is now “live” and will be updated from time to time. A visit to the new site can be had by visiting <https://district18.rtoero.ca/>. All meetings and activities of RTOERO, and the Districts, operate under The Canada Not For Profit Corporations Act as well as District Governance Documents. Recently,

your executive added a section to the D18 Document covering charitable donations. Please feel to contact me at any time. My preferred method of communication is by email. If there have been any changes in personal information, these must be communicated to RTOERO in Toronto by email membership@rtoero.ca or phone, by calling 1-800-361-9888. As I write this, Autumn is beginning in our beautiful part of the Province of Ontario.

George Denny,
president18@districts.rtoero.ca

Travel Updates to RTOERO Extended Health Care Plan

Starting May 1, if you have extended health benefits through RTOERO you are covered if you need to cancel, interrupt or delay a trip because you or your travelling companion have a positive COVID-19 test result, become ill with COVID-19 or die due to COVID-19.

As you know, RTOERO owns and manages its insurance plans for the benefit of our members. In 2020, the Benefits Committee and the board of directors approved a change to our travel insurance, covering medical emergencies related to COVID-19, even where there was a COVID-19 travel advisory in place.

Now, we are improving our service to members again. Effective May 1, the travel plan will provide coverage to the insured for trip cancellation, interruption or delay due to COVID-19. This includes coverage for additional expenses if a member must quarantine at a destination or is refused boarding due to a positive COVID-19 test.

For more information and detailed questions and answers, go to rtoero.ca/prepared. In addition to using this link you can contact Johnson directly with specific questions you may have.

Retirement Planning Resource Bundle Now Available

Do you have friends, family or colleagues planning to retire from education in the next few years? Let them know RTOERO has a free retirement planning resource bundle they can download. They don't need to be a member yet to get it.

The bundle includes a practical checklist of tasks in Excel that they can add to and use to track the various things they need to do to get ready. I also has a template

retirement letter in Word that's easily updated - takes the guesswork out of writing their letter.

Send a quick note to your friend, or post about the bundle on your social media. No sense having our friends navigate the road to retirement alone - there's a lot to do!

Find it here:

rtoero.ca/caterogy/retoero-news/retirement-planning

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