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community retirees

Une vie meilleure pour les retraités du
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RTO Donates to Local Communities



Trillium Lakelands School
Breakfast Programs



Kawartha Lakes Food Source

Salvation Army Donation



On December 9 Retired Teachers of Ontario, District 18, made a donation to our local Salvation Army to assist with their winter food hampers. Receiving the cheque from Ward Levine and Debbie Peck are Lieutenant Bob Roffel and his wife.



Minden Food Bank Donation



Haliburton Food Bank Donation

District 18 Executive

President: George Denny
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Past President: Roberta Fuller

1st Vice-President: position vacant

2nd Vice-President: position vacant

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Position Vacant

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Greetings From Your President



We are so pleased that we are resuming more “normal” living as the COVID “waves” and variants have become less of a concern for most people. It is still wise to keep booster shots up to date. Hand washing has always been good practice.

It is now time for your executive of District 18 to plan some social events. 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.

September To Hell With The Bell lunches are on the horizon. A Golf Tournament is planned in June. Dates for Kaffee Klatches are forthcoming.

RTOERO has lifted the mandate of not allowing in-person meetings. The May Annual Meeting and Forum was an in-person event in Toronto. I was pleased this year to represent D18 as a Corporate Member, along with Roberta Fuller and Marilas McInnis. Normal RTOERO and District business

continues, with emails and regular Zoom meetings.

A few points of interest from the RTOERO Annual Meeting follow.
- RTOERO Strategic Plan – 3 pillars: Trusted voice for educational community; improve lives of members and seniors; broaden the membership base

- RTOERO office staff now spend at least two days a week in the office (18 Spadina)

- 2836 actively employed members

- 82123 retired members; 100000+ hold insurance

- Retirement Planning Workshops are very successful – D18 had 45+ participants in April

- Maximum annual membership fee for 2023 will be \$73, increased for inflation

- 3 members were elected to the Board of Directors

- Post-secondary scholarships are \$3000; 177 applications were submitted and 20 were accepted

- Group insurance premiums in 2022 increased by 0.52%

- Group insurance now covers trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage due to COVID19

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 Newsletter Editor. Our budget continues with a comfortable balance.

As in previous years, the executive, on behalf of the membership, decided to make charitable

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Champagne Brunch



Several members enjoyed a lovely champagne brunch at Hobart's restaurant in Lindsay in January to ring in the New Year, 2023!

Retirement planning workshop



For anyone who:

- Works in schools and school boards, early years, post-secondary
- Wishes to learn about retirement planning
- Wants a workshop tailored to the education community

Anya Rampersad was the presenter at our RPW in April. We had over 40 currently employed educational workers present. The presentation was very positively received with good audience participation. Anya did an excellent job of explaining all that is encompassed with RTOERO membership, not just insurance.

Membership Map



Pill Holder

Get one today! Our executive members have several of these pill holders to give away to members. Put 2 aspirin into the fob and possibly "save a life". Be sure to pick one up at the next RTOERO event you attend.



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