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President's Message

It has been wonderful to meet so many of our members at the 'Meet and Greet' events in Cobourg, Bowmanville and Brighton. On June 14th when we plan to be in Campbellford to meet our members in that area at the Dockside Bistro. You should have received an Eblast invitation. If you're not on email, reach out to another member and get the info about this Meet and Greet in case this newsletter does not reach you before June 14th.

Your District 30 Executive is an amazing team. Each person is willing to share ideas, accept responsibilities and help out whenever required. District decisions are made following full-some discussions of the issues. Contributions of a variety of points of view are welcomed. If you wish to become part of this group, please let me know. Current Executive positions were confirmed at our District 30 Annual General Meeting on May 9. There was a opportunity for nominations from the floor.

We're were very excited about our recent AGM. After the isolation of the COVID years we finally got together and renewed our acquaintance with each other.

As I become more familiar with RTOERO I continue to be impressed by their advocacy for Seniors, Geriatric Health Care and the Environment. Their grant structure encourages involvement within the communities in which we live. District 30 accessed a \$4000 grant to allow us to partner with the YMCA in the presentation of the Empowerment series of five speakers presenting information of interest to our communities. Each of these presentations was open to all community members at no cost to individuals. It was a great success.

As summer approaches, I hope everyone will be energized by the renewals that are so evident in nature. Take time to look after yourself and check in with each other.

APPLEPRESS

News from Your Recruitment and Membership Committee

As of April 1, 2023, we have 792 members in District 30 – Northumberland. We have 38 members in their 50's, 143 in their 60's, 347 in their 70's, 225 in their 80's and 38 members in their 90's.

We welcome to District 30-Northumberland new/transferred members since our last Applepress in Nov. 2022: Jeanne Keiser, Catharine Tozer, Darlene Barrett, James Joseph Cox and Shawnee Spencer.

Sadly missed from District 30 – Northumberland since November, 2022 are: Dennis Keiser, Jeanne Nielsen, Isabelle Cox, Yvonne Ford, Joan Read, Ramona Foster, Stephen Spencer, Maureen Holloway, Peter Kurita and William McMechan.

RTO has been holding all their Retirement Planning Workshops on line. Any prospective member, looking to retire in the next five years, can sign up for any presentation that suits their schedule. They can register at <https://rtoero.ca/events/retirement-planning-workshops/> . Also, anyone still working can join RTO with free membership until they retire!

Consider the benefits of joining RTO. Not only can you get group benefits for health and dental, including travel insurance, we:

**have a voice in creating benefits that suit our needs at this time in our life (join the executive)
have our RTO Foundation that funds research in aging and related health issues
support local initiatives that our members are involved in thru the Community Grant Program
provide scholarship opportunities to our family members
provide social opportunities to our members**

Please inform us of any change of address or e-mail, or contact our National Office directly at 1-800-361-9888x223 or e-mail membership@rto-ero.org.

Heather Griffin, Mary Ellen French, Recruitment and Membership Committee

District Health Representative's Report



I have two quick questions for you:

- 1. Did you receive your copy of Communiqué – RTOERO 2023 Health Benefits Update late last year?**

Communiqué is published annually and sent to members by mail. It provides an overview of any changes made to insurance plans and processes. If you did not receive your copy, go to <https://rtoero.ca/resources/communique-insurance-plan-updates/> and download a copy. If you do not have a device by which to connect to the Internet, call the RTOERO Office (1-800-361-9888) and request a copy be sent to you.

- 2. If you did receive your copy of Communiqué, did you read it?**

If you did read it, you likely noticed the following significant change in submitting claims:

As of January 1, 2023, the RTOERO policy will require you to submit Claims within six months from the date the expense was incurred.

As your District Health Representative, I receive regular information memos from the Marketing and Communication Team at RTOERO. I noted the following information in the February 2023 “News You Can Use” memorandum:

Did you know that the spouse or dependent of an RTOERO member with extended health insurance can join the dental plan, even if the primary member doesn't?

Details about RTOERO's dental plan are available at rtoero.ca/insurance/dental-plan or contact the RTOERO benefits team to discuss your needs. (Source “NewsYouCanUse” – February 2023).

I will be attending the District Health Representation Workshop in June. I will report back to you about the workshop in a future Applepress and/or E-Blast.

If you have a specific question about your health benefit plans, call 1-800-361-9888.

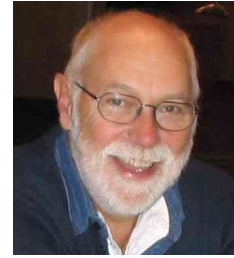
Until next time, stay both healthy and safe!

Respectfully submitted by Philip E. Palmer

Member Services—OTPP

OTPP 2022

During 2022 OTPP doubled down on efforts to Follow green investments and at the same time Expanded global presence by establishing new Offices in Mumbai and San Francisco. Our pension is fully funded Serving 336,000 active and retired teachers.



Our pension by the numbers

\$290 billion, pension plan value
183,000 working teachers are contributing to the pension
153,000 retired teachers are enjoying their pension
7,923 new teacher members joined the plan in 2022
44 average age of working teachers
5,500 new retirees in 2022
73 average age of a teacher pensioner last year
32 average years retired members expect to collect a pension
59 average retirement age
26 average number of years teachers contribute to their pension
5 years old, the youngest person receiving a pension payment
110 years old, the oldest person receiving a pension
148 pensioners are over 100 years old
\$50,000 the average starting annual pension payment
34 people have been receiving a pension for more than 50 years
1.2 to 1, ratio of working members to pensioners

Wishing all fellow teachers a healthy, enjoyable and active summer!

Morris Tait – District 30, RTOERO executive member

Source: Ontario Teachers' 2022 annual report

In Memoriam, November 2019 to May 2023

This list was read at the 2023 AGM. When you hear the name of your friends and colleagues, have a smile in your heart. Remember the fun times, great accomplishments and successes in our careers.

2019—Helen King, Robert Bird, Robert Reives, James Roy, Dora Grant, Christine Whitfield, y Hayne, Robert Lipton, Jessie Bond, Bill Ramsay, Ruth Tibbits, Beverly Walsh, Keith Stafford, Norman O'Neil, Richard Jones, Janice Fanning, Beverly Hayne, Robert Johns, Thomas Wilson, Barbara Winfield, Arthur (Harold) Peters, Denton Massey, Douglas Norman, John McGuirk

2020-David Brooks, Phyllis McBride, Kenneth Stilwell, Rita Marrocco, John Jackson, Henry Thompson, Mary Butler, Neil Smith, Kenneth Gearold Young

2021-Jane Halliday, Lorne Buck, Cozette Barnum, Dorothy Winter, Wendy McQueen, Jennie Herniak, Beatrice Cruse, John Buchan, Gwen Herrington, Jill Sellers, Eleanor Campbell, Helen McKee, Robert Bolton, Carol Benor, Gloria O'Grady, Paul Haley, Marion Marsh, Patricia Turl, Frederick Sprague, Marjorie Melmer, Doreen Swan, Mary Beamish, Patricia Fenner, Gail Rickard, Linda Irwin, Melberta Abernathy, L Diane Laird, Deborah Smith, John Miller, Kendall Tancock, Dawn Boyer, Rosemarie Dale, Mary Buchanan, Lawrence Beck, Elizabeth Barnum

2022-Don Harnden, Mary Boland, Frances Presley, Ivy E. Reynolds, Garry Sear, Barbara Moorcroft, Charles Dobbie, O Ross Johnson, Gary Weekes, Jerry Sokol, Hope Bird, Reginald Fulton, William Hendricks, John Johnson, Joseph McMullen, Janette Johnston, Ewart Timlin, Carol Farrow, Emily Macklin, Maureen O'Grady, Dennis Keiser, Jeanne Nielsen

2023-Isabelle Cox, Stephen Spencer, Jacqueline Christie, Yvonne Ford, Maureen Holloway, June Collins, Joan Read, Peter Kurita, Barry Vail, Ramona Foster, William McMechan, Marguerite Walker

Rest in Peace, dear friends

District Communication Representative's Report

Have you visited our website recently? If not, why not take a moment to visit it at <https://district30.rtoero.ca/>.

The website contains information about District 30 – Northumberland and also provides a link to RTOERO Office's website.

Our Facebook page continues attract new visitors on a regular basis. If you have not yet visited our page, simply search "Rtoero District 30 Northumberland" on Facebook.

**Respectfully submitted by Philip E. Palmer
RTOERO District 30 – Northumberland's Webmaster**

Parting Words.....

Our Last Meet and Greet Before Summer

**Wednesday June 14th 2:30—5:00
*Come and join us in Campbellford !***

We provide the snacks– You purchase your drinks.

**Dockside Bistro
67 Queen St., Campbellford, On.**

**Please RSVP to Mark Fallis [mfallis56@gmail](mailto:mfallis56@gmail.com) or
416 523-3729 by June 10th.**

Pictures from our 2023 AGM.....*finally*



Pat Murphy, Former Executive being recognized



Shane Watson (far left) and Yvonne O'Neill (3rd from right Northumberland Sleeping Cabin Collective



Executive—John Ralfe, Marsha Jones, Wendy Westwood, Kathy Harding, Charlotte Majic, Jeremy Fowlie, Heather Griffin, Mark Fallis, Philip Palmer, Dave Staples,



**Jacqueline Beamish
35 year member**



Fay Farmer, 25 year member

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The Member Services Committee would appreciate your help. If you know of a member who could use a card, phone call, a visit to the hospital, or support in the death of a loved one, please let a committee member know or call **Wendy Westwood** (905-987-1123). Or even better, volunteer for one of the vacancies!