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Membership

Total membership in District 13, as of March 31, 2007 was 2,559.

Approximately 1200 have joined the ranks of RTO District 13 in the past 10 years, while 450 have been members for 20 years or more.

Looking forward, we plan a "Welcome to New Retirees" event to be held at the Chamber of Commerce, September 25, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., to welcome those who have retired during the previous year. If you are one of those who have retired since January 1, 2006, consider yourself invited. If you know someone who plans to retire in 2007, please let them know about this event or better still let the Membership Chair know so that an invitation may be sent.

General membership information is now available on the internet as

follows: (www.rto-ero.org)

* Brochures can be browsed or downloaded

*Applications for membership may be submitted via the internet

*Applications to join the health plans may be submitted via the internet

*FACT sheets on various items of interest are available

*You can read older newsletters on the district website.

(Please remember, if you wish any information by telephone, or by mail, this still happens and many still prefer to get their information that way.)

Although we maintain a copy of the District 13 membership list for our own purposes, a comprehensive pro-

vincial membership list is maintained by the Toronto office. This has made it possible to have up to date membership information available on a continuous basis. When we have a mailing, we get up-to-date mailing list labels from the provincial office. (Provincial provides labels. District pays for the mailing.)

Change of address: If you have a change of address to report, the most efficient way is to advise the Toronto office by telephone 1-800-361-9888.

This causes the changes to be made both in provincial and in district records with one message.

Gordon Near , Chair

Help Wanted

There are some openings for Committee Members and also opportunities to serve on the District Executive. The District Executive usually meets five times a year, September, November, January, March and May. Each meeting is typically scheduled for a morning -- approximately 2 to 3 hours per meeting.

Committee activities vary, depending on the committee. Some committees are busy only at one time of the year, others have activities throughout the year.

Your Committee Chairs and District 13 Executive need help. We are con-

tinually looking for new ideas, or even reviving old ones. The idea is to serve the District Membership efficiently and effectively and live up to the RTO motto: "Here for you now, Here for your future".

For more information, or to obtain details about the Committee activities, or membership on the District 13 Executive please contact :

Past President Jim Wilson 905 522 2569

President Leo Normandeau 905 689 9198

1st Vice President Helen Szydlowski 905 388 0146

2nd Vice President Gordon Near 905 385 6656

This is a great way to meet people, develop new skills or use the ones you already have, to keep active and to serve.

Give one of us a call -- we will be happy to talk with you.

Retirement Reception

All teachers, principals, vice-principals and administrators who have retired during the past year are invited to a Retirement Reception to be held Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 555 Bay Street North, Hamilton.

If you know anyone who has retired during the past year, or is planning to

retire soon, please let them know about this event, or let us know so we can send them an invitation. The objective of this reception is to welcome new retirees to RTO. We are also pleased to welcome teachers who have retired and have not yet joined us. We look forward to seeing you there.

You will meet the District 13 Executive and find out what RTO has

to offer.

To reserve a place (no cost to attend), or for information contact:

Vice President Helen Szydlowski 905 388 0146

Membership Gordon Near 905 385 6656

New Members of RTO District 13

The following retirees have joined District 13 in 2007. We trust our District will provide useful services and information. We look forward to having you participate in the many District 13 activities.

Allison Fern F.
Balusiak Bill
Banks Susanne
Baradziej Alfreda
Bates Wilma
Bruce Douglas R.
Dancy Arthur N.
Farrell Pamela
Featherstone Tom
Flegg Sandra
Hamilton J. Cecil
Hanes Barbara
Hughes Jacquelyn

Ingrassia Ross
Johnson George J.
Johnson Mary
Keat F. Paul
Luciani George J.
Marrone Dominic A.
Massicci Silvio A.
Mazza Theresa
McColl Elizabeth
Melancon Barbara
Morden Jean
Paci Patricia
Packer John F.

Poot James
Proctor Margaret
Redding Joan M.
Reid Diane B.
Rose Roger A.
Stewart Marilyn
Villani Paul
Wahl Gunther
Warwick Lorne
Wilson Eric
Woods William
Zwicker Deborah

Our Annual Spring Meeting and Luncheon

Our Annual Spring Meeting and Luncheon was held on Thursday, May 3rd. One hundred twenty members gathered at Liuna Station for a very enjoyable meeting and luncheon. Greetings from Provincial were

brought by Margaret Couture. Margaret Bailey, Kathy Evans, Alex Gall, Elaine Murray, Bob Sinclair, Norm Walpole and Jim Wilson received recognition for their long-time service to District 13.

After a very filling meal, the Blazing Fiddles energized the gathering with their lively music.

Special thanks to Phyllis for all her work in organizing the luncheon.



Tour 3
Cambridge
Joe Bochsler
Photographing
butterflies



Lunch at Golf's in
Cambridge

*Pictures courtesy
Joseph Bochsler*

Clappison Corners Antiques and Lunch

Enjoy a brief talk about the vast array of antiques on display at Clappison Corners Antiques followed by ample time to browse and find that perfect "antique treasure"!

After "antiquing" enjoy a tasty lunch at Pause Awhile in Waterdown.

Date: **Wednesday, June 13, 2007**

Time: Meet at 71 Hwy 5, W, Flamborough at 11:00 a.m.

Contact Jutta Busch at 905 529 5197

A reminder for those already registered.

The 20th Annual Best Ball Golf Tournament,

Thursday, June 14th, 2007, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Knollwood Golf Club (Old Course) in Ancaster. Rain or Shine.

Fall date is September 13.

Call Richard at 905 765-4609 or e-mail

jelrich@mountaincable.net for more information.

Richard Lawrence, Jane Murray
Golf Tournament Co-ordinators

Dundurn Castle

Be a tourist close to home! Your afternoon will begin with a delicious lunch at the Coach House Restaurant on the lovely grounds of Dundurn Castle. After lunch the Dundurn gardener will lead us on a tour of the grounds and recently developed kitchen garden. This will be followed by a guided tour of the castle. The Military Museum will be open for those who wish to browse on their own.

Date: **Wednesday, September 19, 2007, 11:30 a.m.**

Location: Meet at Coach House Restaurant (Dundurn Castle, 610 York Boulevard, Hamilton)

Cost: \$25.00 includes both tours and full luncheon (inclusive: taxes and gratuity). Make cheques payable to Jutta Busch.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

For more information contact: Jutta Busch at 905 529 5197.

Application form is on page 7 of March's newsletter.

Mixed Bonspiel - Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

Dundas Golf & Curling Club.

Bowling - Wednesday, November 21, 2007,

1:30 p.m. at Mountain Lanes.

Dates to Remember

June 13 Clappison Corners Antiques and Lunch

June 14 Golf Tournament

June 27 Series A, Tour 5, Rice Lake Cruise

July 26 Series A, Tour 6, Red Barn Theatre, 'Fallen Angels', Jackson's Point

August 9 Tour 1, Drayton, 'Funny Money'

September 7 Table Officers' Meeting

September 10 District 13 Executive Meeting

September 11 Tour 2, Walter's Family, Bright, Ontario

September 13 Golf Tournament

September 19 Dundurn Castle Outing

September 25 Retirement Tea for Newly Retired Educators

October 5 Tour 3, Stratford's Oklahoma

October 17 Tour 4, Credit Valley Explorer Train Trip

November 7 Mixed Curling Bonspiel

November 17 Tour 5, St. Jacob's Country Playhouse Theatre, 'Crazy for You'

November 21 Bowling at Mountain Lanes

December 2 Tour 6, Westfield Heritage Village

Website (www.rto-district13.org)

All the events and dates for the year are listed for the convenience of members. When we have news or updated information that misses the deadline for the newsletter, we post it on our website.



Tour of the
Toyota Plant
Cambridge

