



**District 39
PEEL**

Peelings



Peelings is the official newsletter of the Retired Teachers of Ontario (District 39, Peel), published quarterly for distribution to its membership.

CANADA 150

from Jo Anne Jennings

Here are some ways our country is celebrating being 150 in 2017. Let's all get involved. The following is from the Canada 150 web site (google Canada 150):



150 years of history, one day at a time

Rediscover Canadian history from Confederation to today with the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) heritage collection. Throughout 2017, discover the today-in-history vignette highlighting a significant event that shaped our society. Join the conversation. Use #Canada150 and #OnThisDay. Visit Canada.ca/OnThisDay to read the stories.

Canada's Celebrations

You will soon be invited to spectacular festivities to mark the 150th anniversary of Confederation. Take part in National Aboriginal Day on June 21, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day: Fête nationale du Québec et de la Francophonie canadienne on June 24 and Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27, and celebrate July 1 like never before. A full weekend of events in Canada's Capital Region will highlight Canada Day in an outstanding way.

Passport 2017

Get the scoop on everything that's going on. Find out about Canada 150 events and activities that matter to you with the Passport 2017 App. (I'm not sure how many of you use apps on your phones.) This personalized application combines culture, food, history, sports and travel while awarding virtual badges. Passport 2017 is an excellent resource for discovering, experiencing and celebrating our beautiful country.

SESQUI

We're excited to release our all new interactive web site, SESQUI.ca, which will feature original multimedia and Virtual Reality (VR) content, learning resources, community hub, information on SESQUI events and programs, contests and c150 years of history, one day at a time.

Toronto Activities

TO Canada with Love this March

The City of Toronto's year-long program of celebrations, commemorations and exhibitions honouring Canada's 150th birthday continues. Information on Becoming Canadian in Toronto and My City My Six is below, and details of the city-wide events are available at toronto.ca/canada150.

My City My Six

Through May 2017, this participatory public art project in celebration of TO Canada with Love asks Torontonians of all ages and backgrounds to share something essential about themselves in six words. Six word story submissions should be sent to culturalhotspot@toronto.ca and include first name, neighbourhood and age. Examples of six word stories and information available at www.toronto.ca/culturalhotspot.

President's Report John Livingstone

Would you believe it, spring is just around the corner? We'll soon be turning our clocks forward once again. It won't be long before we are enjoying the Forsythia blooms, Crocus and Tulips and the



buds opening on the trees in addition to our friends who wintered in warmer climates.

Many thanks to RTO/ERO District 39 (Peel) District Executive and District Executive Board – a dedicated group of volunteers – for their work these past few months.

I hope that you will be able to join us for our Spring General Meeting. Look for details in this newsletter. I encourage you to bring along another RTO/ERO member who maybe hasn't attended for some time or a new member.

I also encourage you to participate in the many activities organized by our volunteers.

In May, your senators will be attending spring senate and one item on the agenda is the governance of RTO/ERO. Our provincial executive is preparing itself for a possible major transformation from an executive governing body to a "Board of Directors" as the governance structure for

RTO/ERO. There would be an election for a group of approximately nine members to become Board members who will govern. We will continue to keep you informed as this possible change unfolds.

I encourage you to carefully read each *Peelings* and each article because our authors are very excited to share information and news with you. Please let us know what you think of our seasonal newsletter.

We are only as strong as the members we have involved!

Please become involved in any way that you can.



From The Editor
Betty Ann Brassard

Calling All Photographers

In every issue of *Peelings* we call for our members to submit a story and/or pictures about their activities. We do not receive very many responses and so I would like to step up the request.

This is a very special year in our great country. Let's share our wonderful adventures with the rest of our members.

Send us your photos of places you visit this year or activities celebrating Canada.

Let's make the Fall issue of *Peelings* the most colourful ever.

Please submit to pmaloney@interlog.com by September 1, 2017 at the latest.

Membership

Ed Bergey



District 39 (Peel) membership as of March 2017 totals 3699, comprised of 3317 Full and 382 Associate Members. As of this date, 2736 of us have registered an e-mail address with RTO/ERO. Of this group, our District 39 (Peel) e-mail circulation is 2034. We try to keep our District 39 data current, so we're encouraged when members alert us that they have an e-mail address or have made a change. We also understand that some members choose to "Unsubscribe". Remember, when you unsubscribe from a District 39 e-mail notice, you are removing yourself from all future electronic notices from District 39 (Peel). If you think that you should be receiving our e-mail communications, send an e-mail to rtod39@gmail.com and we'll look into it.

Membership has its Benefits.

All of us who are part of the Extended Health Care Plan (EHCP) will have received the Update for 2017. In addition to the upgrades to the EHCP, be sure to check out page 4. Look for the headline Venngo MemberPerks world class group discount program. As of January 2017, we are all eligible for some significant discounts at

more than 1200 shops. Instructions for joining are in the Update brochure.

Don't get lost in the move!

When you move or change your e-mail address, please keep your information updated by sending us an e-mail at rtod39@gmail.com. Some iPad users have found it necessary to adjust some settings to allow full viewing of our e-mails.

**Welcome to Our New Members
To March 1, 2017**

- Rodney Ayotte
- Armando Azevedo
- Bonnie Baker
- Ronald Boone
- Betty Bryant
- Garry Campbell
- Russell Daniels
- Anita Elahi
- Lynn Gallagher
- Eva Galos
- Mitchell Grant
- Danuta Grimaldi
- Holly Harris
- Kwok Hung David Lai
- Beverley MacKenzie
- Cheryl Maloney
- Vicki McCracken
- Marion McGiffin
- Laureen Patrick
- Violet Prosper
- Frank Roden
- Antonio Ruscetta
- Catherine Smith
- Marion Williamson
- Anne Zagar

Transfers Out

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Edward Bavington | to Toronto |
| Susan J. Campbell | to Niagara |
| Jeannine G. Hills | to Halton |
| Deborah Makaway | to Norfolk |
| Andrea Seale | to Wellington |

SOCIAL

C E N E



Dennis Taylor
Social
Committee
Chair

It's hard to believe that winter is almost over and that we are looking forward to the arrival of Spring. Tulips are already popping up and we may soon see the results from the bulbs we were given at the Fall general meeting.

Our Cards and Conversation and AM Specials are usually held at the Educators' Centre, thanks to the generosity of the Teacher Groups and the Credit Union, but sometimes the various groups have activities planned on the same day that we run our activities. So watch for a change in venue, time or day. In particular, check the monthly calendar. If you do not receive this, but have e-mail write to rtod39@gmail.com and your name will be included. If you are not sure of a particular event you can call me.

Our activities are on Thursdays and usually start at 10:00 am.

On the **first Thursday** of each month, there is Cards and Conversation at the Educators' Centre, 6435 Edwards Blvd., Mississauga. **However, due to booking conflicts, this activity will not be running till further notice.** We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

On the **last Thursday**, there is Bowling at our new location, Streetsville Bowl, 128 Queen Street South (Centre Plaza) in Streetsville. Bowling in April and May starts at 10:00 a.m. and runs for 2 hours. **There will be no bowling in June.**

Call Larry Holseth (905 459 8965) for further information or directions.

On the **second Thursday**, are our AM Specials, usually held at the Educators' Centre beginning approximately at 10:00 am. For these, our costs are covered by a nominal \$2.00 charge.

In February, the Friends of the Schoolhouse, in conjunction with the book they recently published called *Echoes of the Past*, did a presentation on some of the one room schoolhouses in Peel. It was well received. In March, Dr. Doug Lane brought and explained the equipment used in underwater photography. He shared his amazing photographs with us and patiently answered our many questions.

On April 13th there will be a Photography Presentation by Vince Filteau on his trips to Costa Rica and New Zealand. Both presentations will be a mixture of wildlife (mostly birds), landscapes, flowers and various plants. The location is the Educators' Centre (6435 Edwards Blvd., Mississauga).

No June activity is planned.

On the **third Thursday**, are our walks. The walks will resume in April. Frank Hough will be leading the April and May walks. The April walk will take place at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. Meet at the Ski Chalet. Enter at Centennial Park Gate off Renforth Drive or at Centennial Park Road off Rathburn. The Ski Chalet is at the north end of Centennial Park Road.

In May, we will meet at the Credit Valley Conservation Authority off Old Derry Road west of the Credit River. Access Old Derry Road from Old Creditview Road or from Second Line West. (There is no access from Derry Road.) In June, Nancy Perrin will lead a walk from Lakefront Promenade in Mississauga.

When you receive this newsletter, Dennis should be well on the road to

recovery after his heart surgery. If you have any questions, call Dennis or Ruth at 905 457 8804.

**Health and
Wellness
Report
Pat Lychy**

Everyone should have received the 2017-2019 Insurance Plans Booklet in the mail. (It's time to destroy the 2014 Green cover one.)



On the inside cover pocket, there is a 2017-2019 out-of-Province Canada Travel Booklet. For quick information and phone numbers for emergencies out of Country, it would be helpful to pack this when you travel.

Also, you should have new Benefits Card.

Please note that premiums that RTO/ERO members pay toward our Group Insurance Plans are eligible toward Canada Revenue Agency's medical expense tax credit.

Workshops

We continue to offer workshops on topics of interest suggested by our members. In the last five workshops over 300 of your colleagues participated. Many come when a topic interests them and only about five people were repeat attendees.

There is no cost, except for Golf, for which we charge \$5.00.

By registering your e-mail with RTO/ERO District 39 (Peel), you will receive information on planned speakers about three weeks before the event. The workshops's speaker, time and location are also available on the District 39 Web site. To register, respond to RTOHealth2015@gmail.com. You will receive an e-mail confirmation.

We hope that you will join us soon. You are always welcome. If you don't see a topic you want or if you missed one that you wish you had attended, e-mail one of the committee members.

April is our last workshop until the Fall. April is Golf!! Watch for flyer.

In Memoriam as of March 1

Elizabeth Titley	Dec 08 2016
Thelma May	Dec 14 2016
Douglas White	Dec 19 2016
Richard Williamson	Jan 10 2017
Lesley Bingham	Jan 18 2017
George Christian	Jan 29 2017
Donald A. Parker	Jan 30 2017
Reta Smith	Jan 30 2017
Carole Davies	Jan 31 2017
Harry Fried	Jan 31 2017
Zella Lehtovaara	Jan 31 2017
John McGiffin	Jan 31 2017
Olga McGirr	Jan 31 2017
Terry Paul	Jan 31 2017
Sophie Saba	Jan 31 2017
Martha L. Van Amerongen	Jan 31 2017
Elizabeth Watkins	Jan 31 2017
John Bryant	Feb 14 2017
Heather Roden	Feb 15 2017
Judith Harper	Feb 21 2017
Douglas Hazelton	Feb 28 2017

RTO/ERO District 39 (Peel)

Spring General Meeting and Luncheon

Capitol Banquet Centre, 6435 Dixie Rd., Mississauga

The Executive of District 39
extends a warm invitation to all its members
and their guests to attend this SGM and Luncheon.

Monday, May 8, 2017

\$20.00 per member (Reservation Deadline: April 17)

9:30 Registration and Refreshments

10:00 Business Meeting

11:00 Entertainment

Supertonic Quartet

An a cappella quartet whose roots are based in the Barbershop Style.
They bring a high energy sound showcasing all kinds of music, ranging from
the golden age of Broadway to the radio hits of today

12:30 Lunch

Please cut here and remit the Reservation Form below with your cheque to:



RTO/ERO District 39, c/o Larry Holseth, 6 Tullamore Rd., Brampton, ON L6W 1J7
Meeting Only _____ Meeting and Meal _____

Enclosed is a cheque payable to: RTO District 39 (Peel) for @\$20.00 per meal

\$ _____ for _____ luncheons (non-refundable) (Return by-April 17, 2017)

Choice of: Beef: _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____ Salmon _____

My Name _____ retirement year _____

Guest Name _____ retirement year _____ (if a
member)

Member e-mail _____ phone _____

Comments Appreciated (on General Meetings, Social Activities, Newsletters, etc)



Roger Martin, Chair

Pension Plan amendment: spousal pension waiver

A recent (August 16, 2016) plan amendment allows the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (O.T.P.P.) to recalculate your pension if your former spouse waives his or her entitlement to a spousal survivor pension.



O.T.P.P. will recalculate your pension effective the first of the month following the month in which they receive the waiver. The recalculation results in the removal of the actuarial reduction for a higher survivor election and/or the adjustment for the 10-year pension guarantee.

To waive his or her entitlement to a spousal pension: your former spouse must submit a waiver form created by the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO Family Law Form 8), and a waiver must be specified in your settlement agreement.

If you remarry, you can provide a survivor pension to a new spouse on, or before, 90 days after O.T.P.P. receives a valid waiver, without being required to complete a medical.

**THE FOUNDATION
Jo Anne Jennings**

This is the only news I have had from the Provincial Foundation. The work and goals of this group can be found in detail in each issue of Renaissance. If you or anyone you know or any group you have connections with might be interested, let me (and the executive) know and we can facilitate an application.

Dear District Presidents and District Foundation Representatives,

The number one emerging issue facing seniors in Canada is keeping older people socially connected and active (*The National Seniors Council, Report on the Social Isolation of Seniors, October 2014*).

That is why the Foundation has chosen Social Isolation as one of two granting priorities (the other being investing in Geriatrics/Gerontology Research & Training).

Our first grant in support of local community efforts to address social isolation of older adults was a grant to the Hamilton Seniors Isolation Impact Plan.

Today we are launching our first-ever call for proposals for community-based social isolation projects and we wanted you to be the first to know.

Attached is the grant criteria and submission process. Please note that due to Canada Revenue regulations, the RTO/ERO Foundation can only make grants to other registered Canadian charities.

Feel free to share this information with local charities in your community.

As this will be our first time to consider proposals from British Columbia, we will be working with a BC-based agency to identify potential partnership opportunities.

Contact Yolanda Bronstein at the Foundation if you have any questions.

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**Peelings Summer issue deadline is
June 1, 2017**

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- 2. Go Green (decline the printed version of *Peelings*.)**

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