

Fall Luncheon & Annual General Meeting
RTO DISTRICT 30 - NORTHUMBRLAND
October 21, 2008

At 10:30, President Morris Tait called the meeting to order and welcomed the 90+ attendees to the 34th District Meeting for our Northumberland Local, and to the 40th Anniversary of RTO.

1. Memorial Moment – Sharron McMann read an appropriate poem in memory of those members who have passed away.

2. Approval of Agenda – moved by Bob Moorcroft and seconded by Claude Thompson that the agenda be approved as printed. Carried`

3. President's Remarks – Morris spoke briefly about the changes in RTO over the years including the use of computers, the Internet and massive changes in Technology. As well, he recognized the contributions of the executive, and assured members that their pensions are secure.

4. Secretary's Report – David Staples made a motion, seconded by Sharron McMann, to accept the minutes of the June General Meeting as printed in the Apple Press. Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report – David Randall reported that the Bank Balance on October 15 was \$9 018.07; the anticipated expense for today's lunch is \$3 700.00, so the projected balance will be \$5 318.07. David R. made a motion, seconded by Harry Knapper, to accept the report as read. Carried.

6. 2008-2009 Slate of Officers –

President – Jane McCaig

Past President – Morris Tait

First Vice – John Christie

Second Vice – Charlotte Majic

Treasurer – David Randall

Secretary – David Staples

Health and Insurance – Bob Moorcroft

Recruitment – Anne Tryon and Barbara Moorcroft

Membership – Anne Tryon

To Hell With The Bell – Barbara Moorcroft

Political Action – Jim Stirling

Pension and Retirement – Morris Tait

Travel – Fay Farmer and Sharron McMann

Goodwill – Anne Tryon

Social – Betty Morris and Mary Bird

Newsletter and Web Site – Don Colby

Archives – Connie Poole

Sharron made a motion, seconded by Dave Patterson, that the executive be acclaimed for the year 2008-2009. Carried.

7. Other Reports:

- a) Recruitment – Anne informed us the report was in the Apple Press.
- b) Hell With The Bell – Barbara gave her report in the Apple Press.
- c) Membership and Goodwill – Anne reported that our membership is up to 631, with 53 associate members.
- d) Health Insurance – Bob reported that World Access has changed their name to Mondail (check out the Johnson website for more details); also,

after 62 days of travel out of province, 5 supplementary days are available for approx. \$130.00 per couple.

e) Pension and Retirement- Sharron presented the following report:

The RTO Provincial Pension and Retirement Concerns Committee met in Toronto on Sept. 16, 2008. Three new Fact Sheets were produced this year (Joint Asset Planning, Identify Theft and Income Splitting). These are available on the RTO website or by calling the RTO office.

The PRC Committee will introduce at Senate a motion to have a District workshop for PRC Representatives in the fall of 2009.

The issue of survivor pensions will not be pursued while OTPP is in a deficit position; however, member pensions are guaranteed by legislation.

The committee continues to review senior publications.

Next year, the PRC Committee will continue to work with other Standing Committees on issues such as appealing property assessments, when seniors should no longer drive and when a parent can no longer live alone. Districts are asked to send topics for potential Fact Sheets to the Committee.

Communication between the provincial PRC Committee and District PRC Representatives continues to be a priority. Questions, suggestions and feedback are welcomed.

Archives – Connie informed members to read her report in the Apple Press.

f) Web Site and Newsletter – Don was unable to attend this meeting.

g) Travel – Fay's report is in the Apple Press

h) Project Service to Others – Barbara gave a brief follow-up to our Alpha House project: there are 3 rooms at Cobourg East H. S. dedicated to this; during classes, babies are cared for by volunteers; please sign up for babysitting sessions.

i) Social – Mary and Betty reported we received regrets from Senior Administration and the local union reps. (except for Marsha Jones of the Occasional Teachers Union, who was there) re attending our luncheon for RTO`s 40th Anniversary.

j) Constitution – Fay informed members that copies of our Constitution are available on a table at the back of the room.

Charlotte Majic made a motion, seconded by Anne Tryon, to accept the reports as reported. Carried

8. Fall Senate Delegation for District 30:

Senator 1 - John Christie

Senator 2 – Charlotte Majic

Observer 1 – Jim Stirling

Observer 2 – David Randall

9. President of RTO, Brian Kenny was our guest speaker.

Hi-lights of his address: a combination of witty stories and interesting information was presented; it's a great idea to invite former local executive members; Alpha House is a wonderful local project showing that RTO gives back to the community in many ways; health services have premiums of \$80 million and reserves of \$50 million; pensions are safe; there are 110 000 members collecting pensions, with two-thirds being women; the average age of retirement is 57, with 30 years of teaching; RTO continues to re-vitalize for the future; finally, every day we must ``awake to the challenges awaiting us``.

Brian was introduced by John Christie and thanked by Morris Tait.

10. Next Spring Luncheon – June 2, 2009 at the Cobourg Lions Centre.

After adjournment, members chatted and looked at various displays around the room relating to the past forty years. Then, we sat down to a wonderful buffet luncheon. That was followed by the recognition of former local District 30 presidents who were able to attend. Finally, Morris drew the

names of lucky draw winners, many receiving special RTO 40th items or free luncheon tickets for next June.

These minutes were prepared by David Staples, Secretary of District 30 RTO.