

**RETIRED TEACHERS OF ONTARIO - RTO/ERO**  
**District 30 - Northumberland**  
**Fall Meeting/Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 20/09**

**9:00 - Registration, Refreshments, Displays, Social Time**

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

**1. Reports: A) Secretary - David Staples made a motion, seconded by Sharron McMann, that the minutes from the Spring Meeting/Luncheon be accepted as printed in the Apple Press. Carried**

**B) Treasurer - Dave Randall reported that our balance is approximately \$7 000.00. See Appendix #1 for more details. He made a motion, seconded by Bob Moorcroft, that this report be accepted as read. Carried.**

**C) Health Services - Bob Moorcroft noted that the report is printed in the Apple Press - any questions, call him.**

**D) Newsletter/Website - Don Colby's report can be read in Appendix #2.**

**E) Recruitment/ To Hell with the Bell - no report, due to the absence of Barbara Moorcroft.**

**F) Membership/Goodwill - Anne Tryon stated that her report is printed in the Apple Press. She would like assistance with this activity.**

**G) Political Action - Jim Sterling reported that our Provincial Executive is in close touch with the government concerning the affect of the Harmonized Sales Tax on Seniors. He is not continuing in this position, so we will require a new member for this job on the District 30 Executive.**

**H) Social Committee - Betty Morris had no report at this time.**

**I) Travel - Fay Farmer's report is in the Apple Press; Sharron McMann announced that she is leaving the local executive, and took this opportunity to thank all those with whom she has worked.**

**J) Pension - Morris Tait's main report is in the Apple Press; however, if members have any questions, they can call him.**

**K) Archives - Connie Poole reported that she will have a new display for the Spring Luncheon as she is currently taking a scrap booking course.**

**2. A) Slate of Officers:**

- **President - Jane McCaig**
- **Past President/Pension - Morris Tait**
- **First Vice-President - John Christie**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President - Charlotte Majic**
- **Secretary - David Staples**
- **Treasurer - Dave Randall**

**2. B) Executive Committees:**

- Health Services - Bob Moorcroft**
- Web Site/Newsletter - Don Colby**
- Membership/Goodwill - Anne Tryon**
- Recruitment - Anne Tryon/Barbara Moorcroft**
- Political Action - .....**
- Social Committee - Betty Morris/Mary Bird**
- Travel - Fay Farmer**
- Archives - Connie Poole**

**President Jane McCaig made a motion, seconded by Sharron McMann, to accept the slate of officers/committee members, for District 30's Executive for the next year. Carried.**

**3. New Business: John Christie noted that his phone number in the recent Apple Press should be 905-377-9220.**

**4. The Light Magical of Brighton:**

**Faye introduced the group of six participants and two volunteer assistants - Dee Adams and Sharon Graham. They presented a "taste of their real show" performed in late May/early June at the Brighton Barn Theatre. Their show ranged from "A Yellow Polka-Dot Bikini", to the "Can Can", to Elvis Presley's "Rock a Hula". The 30 minute performance was really enjoyed by all in attendance.**

**5. Merit Travel: Lori gave a shot presentation on some of the great deals offered by our official travel company. Now is a great time to plan a cruise, a long-stay vacation, a coach tour or that European dream trip. Check out their web site: [www.rtotravel.com](http://www.rtotravel.com).**

**The meeting concluded with another sumptuous roast beef buffet, followed by excellent draws for items such as a surprise gift bag (Merit), a cheese tray, a choose/cookie tray, six free tickets to our 2010 Spring Luncheon and, THE BIG ONE - two tickets to Cirque de Soleil, including transportation and dinner.**

**The Executive was pleased that there were 110 tickets sold for this dinner, up from the 60 sold at the Spring Luncheon.**

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

## Updated Treasurer's Report

The balance that I reported in the Applepress as of September 16<sup>th</sup> was \$ 9,158.60. Since then the District has held a retirement workshop where most of the costs are covered by those attending. The anticipated costs for today are about \$ 2 500.00 which includes: meals, draws and any extras. Income from the membership for today's luncheon was \$1,350. The luncheon costs more than \$ 15 but the executive have agreed to keep it at \$ 15. We also pay for any members who are 85 and over.

Members had more time to send in their registrations, however I did receive 5 last Friday after the deadline of October 13. The Lion's Centre has been very kind in allowing us to add to our numbers after the deadline.

Other expenses will be for our two observers at the Senate next week. Costs are \$ 1 000.00.

If I have added when I should have and subtracted when necessary, our balance should be approximately \$7 000.

Appendix \* 1

# Appendix #2

As your communications rep and new member of the Provincial Communications Committee I attended my first meeting on Sept 24 & 25. The group's plans include a Webmasters' Conference for June, 2010 (provided the plan is approved by Senate) and a number of initiatives for 2010 were discussed. The next meeting of the committee will be on December 2 & 3 to further refine our plans.

As to District 30 affairs, we have published the 31<sup>st</sup> issue of the *Applepress* without too many complaints, still on that green paper and in monochrome. There has been some discussion about going to full colour but the costs are, in my opinion, prohibitive. The executive will be discussing the matter at a future meeting. As always, we would like to compile a more complete list of members' email addresses -- we only have some 70 addresses on file or about 10% of our membership -- so if you haven't told us about yours please do so as soon as possible. I should mention that several districts use EMAIL ONLY to send out their newsletters, thus reducing costs immeasurably! I am still in favour of printing a hard copy newsletter, however.

The website continues to be visited <sup>on</sup> a very occasional basis. The biggest day recently was right after I sent out the group email stating that Issue #31 of the *Applepress* was available for download -- some 10 or 12 hits were registered that day, a big difference from our usual 1 or 2. If you have any information (including digital photos) that you think should be posted on the site please email it to me for consideration.

And, I guess, that's my two cents worth for today.

Don Colby