

**RTO District 30 General Meeting
June 11, 2008
Lion's Community Centre, Cobourg**

Call to Order: President Morris Tait welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order @ 10:30. He also welcomed the "Volunteer" presenters. This was followed by the singing of our National Anthem. There were over 60 RTO members present.

Memorial Moment: A moment of silence was held as the names of the deceased members from the past 6 months were read.

Agenda Approval: Moved by Bob Moorcroft and seconded by Claude Thompson, that the agenda be adopted as printed. Carried.

President's Remarks: RTO is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

In 1968, gas was \$.09 a litre; Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King were murdered; the starting salary for a teacher was \$3 700.00.

RTO has 60 000+ members

Our federations protect us against "charges" in retirement.

Scholarships are available for relatives entering educational institutions.

Emergency funds for a ONE time "tough time" are available.

Our constitution will be updated by the Fall Dinner.

Secretary's Report: David Staples presented the hi-lights of the Spring Dinner Meeting. He made a motion, seconded by David Randall, to accept the minutes as printed in the current issue of the Apple Press. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is \$17 662, with outstanding bills of \$5 000 So, the balance will become about \$12 000. Dave R. made a motion, seconded by Harry Knapper, that this report be accepted as read. Carried.

Other Reports:

- a) **Retirement:** Barbara Moorcroft (Anne Tryon, Morris Tait). She reported that our local unit was represented at the KPR Retirement Dinner and that they would be going into schools in the fall to promote RTO with posters etc.
- b) **The Hell With the Bell Breakfast:** Barbara (Dave Randall). She handed out a sheet with the name and phone number of the area contacts. She also reminded everyone that this breakfast is open to all retired teachers, not just those who belong to RTO.

- c) **Membership/Goodwill:** Anne Tryon reported that District 30 is holding their own with around 650 members.
- d) **Health Insurance:** Bob Moorcroft – no report
- e) **Pension and Retirement:** Sharron McMann – no report
- f) **Archives:** Connie Poole – no report
- g) **Web Site/Newsletter:** Don Colby asked that volunteers send articles for the newsletter a month before printing. Also, he continues to encourage members to give District 30 their e-address to assist in reducing postage costs.
- h) **Senate:** John Christie gave some hi-lights: cleaning up the constitution is an onerous task; associates like Custodians, EA's and Secretaries are being given the chance to join our health plans; a \$10 000 donation will be given to the Nelson Mandela Foundation at the upcoming Blue Jays ballgame in August.
- i) **Political Action:** Jim Stirling reported that he is in touch regularly with our provincial "rep". Members are encouraged to bring their concerns to him.
- j) **Travel:** Fay Farmer (Sharron McMann) reminded the members that Merit Travel offers specialized tours for RTO; phone for the details.
- k) **Social:** Betty Morris (Mary Bird) – no report

Project Service to Others: Barbara explained about Alpha House's focus on young single mothers being given the opportunity to train for employment and take required courses (babysitting provided), so they will be better prepared to support themselves. Morris made the official presentation of \$3 000 to Stephanie Davies, Director of Alpha House. She graciously accepted the cheque, and spent some time explaining to us their motto: T.E.A.M. = Together Education And Mothers.

Blue Jays Game: Dave R. pointed out that there are still some tickets available (Aug. 23 vs. Boston Red Sox).

Next General Dinner Meeting: October 21, 2008 in the same location.

Adjournment: Morris declared the business meeting adjourned. This was followed by our "Volunteer" displays, a tasty buffet luncheon and great door prizes.

Minutes prepared by David Staples, secretary District 30, R.T.O.