

**Retired Teachers of Ontario – RTO/ERO**  
**District 30 Northumberland**  
**Spring Meeting/Luncheon**  
**May 26, 2010**

**9:00 – Registration, Refreshments, Social Time**

**Business:**

- Reports –**
- a) **Secretary – David Staples made a motion, seconded by Anne Tryon, that the minutes be accepted as posted on the web site. Carried.**
  - b) **Treasurer – Dave Randall reported that our balance, after the \$4,000 grant for Project to Others, is around \$19,000. Including the estimated costs for today’s luncheon and related expenses (Senate observer, transportation costs, newsletter costs, mailing costs), the anticipated balance is around \$10,000.  
He made a motion, seconded by Morris Tait, that the report be accepted as read. Carried.**
  - c) **Health Services – as printed in the Applepress**
  - d) **Newsletter/Web Site – Don Colby asked for members to submit articles to him for publishing. He will be attending an upcoming Web Design Workshop in Toronto.**
  - e) **Recruitment/Hell With the Bell – as reported in the Applepress**
  - f) **Political Advocacy – Acting President John Christie asked the members for a volunteer to fill this position.**
  - g) **Social Committee – No Report**
  - h) **Travel – Fay Farmer’s report can be read in “Renaissance”.**
  - i) **Pension – Morris Tait’s report is in the Applepress.**
  - j) **Archives – Connie Poole set up a display at the back of the room. She is looking into the possibility of setting up an Archives Room.**
  - k) **Membership/Goodwill – Anne introduced the “Goodwill” volunteers attending and presented them with a flower. As well, each enjoyed a complimentary meal.**

**Senate Report:**

**Mary Bird’s report was read by Charlotte Majic, as she was battling Poison Ivy.**

**Key Points – establishment and support of a Charitable Donation (an Endowed Chair in Geriatrics @ U of T)**

- **guest speaker was Dr. Gary Naglie, geriatric and senior scientist U of T**
- **chair’s job is to promote this field among young doctors, work with family caregivers, support stroke survivors and those with dementia and promote the training of paramedics**

**Senate (cont'd)**

**Why chose U of T?**

- it's the largest regional geriatric program in Ontario
- 34% of RTO members live in this geographic region
- it's a research-based university with a strong infrastructure in place
- it's widely respected nationally and internationally for research and education

**At the fall senate, the executive will set out the parameters for the foundation and fundraising strategies to raise 3 million for the Chair.**

**Age 65 is the termination of coverage for catastrophic drugs; the executive and Johnson Inc. feels the cost is too high to increase the age limit.**

**Our pension benefits can not be changed as it is a defined plan.**

**Project Service To Others**

**On behalf of District 30, Barbara Moorcroft presented a \$4,000 cheque to Yvonne Bridger of Northumberland Family Respite Services Inc. This organization provides relief to parents of children who suffer physical and/or mental health issues. We support their summer programme by helping in the hiring process of summer staff (from students who are in post-secondary educational programmes).**

**Gary Fick, Political Advocacy Chair of the RTO Executive, brought greeting from the Provincial Office.**

**Aging Gracefully**

**Shari McKeen, Peterborough Area Community Care Access Centre, and Shari Gibson, Northumberland Community Care, provided an informative presentation concerning available services and how to access those services.**

**Luncheon and Draws**

**The meeting ended with another great buffet dinner, including a wonderful vegetable lasagne, for the 65 members attending. As well, the free draws were a nice touch, especially for the winners!!!**

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