**RTO SPRING LUNCHEON**

**CASSELVIEW GOLF COURSE**

**June 14, 2023**

1. **WELCOME:** Caroll welcomed everyone and introduced Martha Foster, our RTOERO President. She also inroduced the Executive to the membership. Carollthanked Jill and Sandy for doing such a wonderful job organizing the luncheon.

**2. MEMORIAL CANDLE:** Melanie lit a memorial candle in memory of RTO members who have passed away, She read a poem.

**3. AGENDA:** No additions. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Pat that the agenda be accepted. ***Carried***

1. **MINUTES:**  A summary of the Minutes of the last membership meeting -October 13, 2022 had been distributed. Melanie moved that we accept the minutes, seconded by Richard***. Carried***

**5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Caroll Carkner** See report in handout

Motion by Caroll that we accept the President’s Report. Seconded by David  ***Carried***

Caroll recognized 5 members who have attained milestone memberships of 25 amd 30 years

She also presented thank you gifts to Dave and Diane. Both are leaving the Executive.

**6 VICE PRESIDENTS’ REPORTS** - Pat Hempey-Rogers, Val Allen (No Report)

**7**. **TREASURER’S REPORT-** Diane Legault

As of the end of May, we have $25,455.90 in our bank account less outstanding cheques for 777.10. The balance is therefore 24,455.90.

Since January we have sent $300 bursaries to the following high schools: Rockland District , VCI, Russell High, VCI, St Francis Xavier, TR Leger Rockland, TR Leger Embrun, TR Leger Hawkesbury

Motion by Diane that we accept the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Anne Marie ***Carried***

Bursaries will be presented at the high school graduations. Linda at VCI, Melanie at Russell, Pat at TR Leger, Carley Cook at Rockland, Dorothy at St.FX and St Thomas

1. **SECRETARY**  Linda MacKinnon

Summary of the minutes of the Fall Luncheon - October 13, 2022 See handout

**9..** **COMMITTEE REPORTS:-**

1. **COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE-** Mary Leduc

Mary introduced William Laurin who led our Communuty Grants project entitled Drum Circles For Seniors

Grace Gong of our Dstrict was awarded a scholarship offered by RTOERO. We have supported her with an additional $200. See report

1. **SOCIAL MEDIA-** Pat Hempey-Rogers (Facebook & Twitter), Kathy Findlay (Newsletter), John Healey (Website)

Our Facebook page is where you will find our district’s and general RTOERO activities and information about any upcoming events. I have noticed that many of our posts have reached many members. This is good news! If you like any of our posts please to hesitate to say so, or comment on any of the posts. We always like to hear from our members! If you have not had a chance to visit our Facebook page, please do so.

You can find us by searching Facebook at rtoero District 32 Prescott-Russell or click on the Facebook icon on the bottom of the page on our website. (district32rtoero.ca).

Beginning next month your new Facebook administrator will be Caroll Carkner.

**C- PAC** - Richard James**-** see report in handout

1. **RTO FOUNDATION -** Dorothy Kinkaid

The vision of the Foundation  is to provide seniors the right to live with dignity and respect. Programs, research, and training that support healthy, active aging  for all Canadians is a focus of the Foundation. The cumulative value of all grants improve senior’s health care, end social isolation, and combat ageism.

In 2023 the Foundation took the opportunity to update and streamline the granting process. The result is a relaunched granting program that has simplified the application process, broadened its  scope  to a wider variety of project proposals and streamlined the work of the peer reviewers. Since  its inception in 2011 the RTOERO Foundation has focussed the bulk of its efforts on raising funds to support the annual grant program. The cumulative value of all grants awarded is $557,333.

Social isolation research grants totalled $357,939 and geriatric research grants was $199,394. The vast majority of funding that supports the Foundation comes from individual donors and RTOERO districts. Without generous donations from members, the Foundation could not support the innovative research and community programming that we are proud of making possible.

1. **SOCIAl -** Jill Cass, Sandy Rainey See report
2. **GOODWILL -** Melanie Beaupre. Eileen Rainey

**November:** Birthdays: 4 birthday cards were sent and flowers given to Bernard Cayen and Wyman Bradford for special birthdays

Condolences: Carol Carmichael on the passing of her mother and to John DeSerres who lost his brother George

**December:** Birthdays: 6 birthday cards were sent Condolences: Donna Lafrance on the passing of her niece, Chantal Lafrance-Boudreau

80 Christmas cards were mailed to those 70+ and 24 Christmas gifts were sent to those 80+ Get Well: Shari Baldwin for a speedy recovery from knee surgery Correspondence: Nancy MacGregor thanking us for her Christmas present

**January:** Birthdays: 1 card was sent plus flowers for a special birthday for Helen McCormick Condolences: Audrey Amell who lost a sister-in-law

**February**: Birthdays: 3 birthday cards were sent

**March:** Birthdays: 4 birthday cards were sent

**Apri**l: Birthdays: Flowers and a card were sent to Susanne Eumicke for a special birthday Condolences: Lisa Jennings on the passing of her mother To the family of Marguerite McCrank To the family of Barb Rutherford

**May:** Birthdays: 2 cards were sent

**June:** Birthdays: 2 cards sent – flowers for Lois Barton’s special birthday to be given later this month

Condolences: To Joan Barnes on the loss of her partner Jim Walsh

1. **MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT**- Pauline Sarrazin, Bill Young

Since October 2022 the following new members have joined:  
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>> 1) Danielle Wackid.  Nov 2022  
>> 2) Lise Théorêt. Dec 2022  
>> 3) Richard Jennings. March 2023  
>> 4) Sylvie Simon. March 2023  
>> 5) George Tomas. March 2023  
>> 6) Scott Hepburn. April 2023  
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>> Sadly we have lost the following members:  
>> 1) Marion Christie- L’Orignal. Nov 2022  
>> 2) Barbara Rutherford- Hawkesbury. May 2023  
>> 3) Margeurite McCrank - Ottawa - April 2023  
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>> We now have 177 retired members and 37 actively employed members.  
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>> District 32 had a “Retirement Planning Workshop” on May 24 at Vankleek Hill Collegiate. Stephen Wong from RTOERO,  presented the workshop on Pension & Financial Planning and Health Benefits & Insurance. His presentation was thorough, clear and well received by the 15 participants who were mostly from the eastern section of our district.

1. **MEMBER SERVICES -** Anne Marie Farnworth

One of the mandates of the Member Services Committee is to provide advice regarding member engagement, volunteer recruitment and succession planning. We held a very successful workshop in Toronto in the spring for representatives of all districts. We had a panel discussion with Caroll Carkner from District 32, Morris Tait from District 30 and Stephen Harvey from District 8. They gave us different viewpoints on how their districts encourage their members to participate in events. Our guest speaker was Sammy Feilchenfeld from Volunteer Toronto who explained the ways we can entice members to volunteer.

The Ted Talks video on “The Four Phases of Retirement” by Dr. Riley Moynes explains how to reach newly retired members. Attendees of the workshop went home with a copy of the new Volunteer Guide which is an excellent resource for their district.

This coming year we will continue to focus on the committee’s other two mandates: provision of information regarding important documents and addressing goodwill and social isolation. The Important Documents section on the website contains a fillable Inventory of Important Documents and Contacts. The committee is working on an accessible electronic resource with multiple types of information and links available for members.

A reminder to members to update their contact information by emailing membership@rtoero.ca or calling 1-800-361-9888.

1. **HEALTH -** Ruth Barton-Dempster

Here are some highlights from the Health Workshop in Toronto last week.

RTOERO’s group insurance has a new name!  ENTENTE is the new brand.

Over the years the extended health care, hospital and dental insurance has been developed by RTOERO but now it has a new name. The services remain the same.

A new booklet will be mailed out with Renaissance magazine.

The booklet is filled with information such as how to submit a claim , a summary of claims for travel claims, a chart to explain the difference between cancellation, interruption or delay insurance. Dental insurance , as well as Hospital and Convalescent insurance is covered.

The back cover has contact information that you may need.

CLOUDMD.      Has replaced Teledoc and Best Doctors.

This service is available to members at no charge and provides a second opinion .

A Nurse Care Coordinator gathers your medical records and conducts a review.

The service is also available to members children, regardless of age and parents.

They will work with members diagnosed with cancer or heart issues also

Global Excel  is our Emergency Medical Travel Plan.

If you have an emergency while travelling you must call Global Excel immediately in order to access the right level of healthcare. They are available 24 hours a day.

Your RTOERO health card has the phone numbers and it’s also available on the back cover of ENTENTE booklet.

Also you can call them before travelling to discuss any concerns or questions you might have.

**J-NOMINATIONS** David Nieman & Linda MacKinnon

David presented the proposed list of nominations for 2023-2024. Seeing no nominations from the floor, Jill moved that the nominations be accepted. Seconded by Pauline. ***Carried***

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Update on Pamphlet- Work on a pamphlet for District 32 is on going.
2. Art Show in Vankleek Hill- A request from Eva Levesque to support Art Show for Seniors at the Vankeek Hill Gallery.

Motion by by Karin Mode that we support the Art show with a donation of $500. Seconded by Dave Nieman.  ***Carried***

1. Donations for Samaritan’s Purse - CDSBEO

Champions For Kids - UCDSB

Motion by Richard James to support these organizations with $500 each. Seconded by Nancy McGregor.  ***Carried***

**11.** Next Executive Meeting September 28, 2023.

1. Meeting Adjourned