

**Dear District 32 RTO-ERO Members**

It seems that we have missed a big part of our winter, to the pleasure of some and frustration of others. I'm wondering if this is truly going to be an early spring or is Mother Nature going to fool us with another winter storm? If you know the answer to that question, please share!

As my first year as president, I'm very appreciative of all our executive members who work very hard for the benefit of our members.

Last month our district organized a very successful Retirement Planning Workshop, thanks to our three RPW district representatives and executive members. A staff member from our National office attended the workshop and gave an excellent presentation on RTOERO's Health plans. If you know of anyone who is planning on retiring and missed the workshop and would like further information, please let me know.

Did you know we have several actively employed members who have joined our district? If you know of any currently employed education workers who are close to retirement please encourage them to join. Their membership is free until they retire. They would have access to our Newsletters and have an opportunity to browse our District Website and FaceBook pages. This would facilitate a smooth transition into our district.

The date for our Spring luncheon and Annual General meeting has already been set for Thursday, June 6, 2024. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details to follow in the coming months.

*Patricia Rogers*

Patricia Rogers  
President, District 32  
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President Pat Rogers on right  
With Pauline Sarrazin

## **Membership Report**

We would like to welcome the new members who have joined our district since October 2023.



Betty Bradley- Russell  
Lucie Dauth- Orleans  
Darsi Kingsbury- Sudbury  
Charles Freeman- Hawkesbury

In Memoriam  
Dorothy Clark- Vankleek Hill



District 32 has 175 retired members and 31 actively employed members as of February 29, 2024.

If you know someone in education ( ie: teacher, administrator, EA, custodian or office worker) who is contemplating retirement but has not yet joined, have them contact RTO at [rtoero.ca/membership](http://rtoero.ca/membership) or call 1-800-361-9888 and ask for “membership”.

***Submitted by***  
***Bill Young and Pauline Sarrazin***

## **News from the treasurer**

As of March 3, we had \$26,059.56 in our bank account with no outstanding cheques. Our district grant was deposited on February 20 in the amount of \$18,000.

Our district budget for 2024 was sent to RTOERO in Toronto and it was approved.

At the district meeting in January, the executive passed a motion to continue to support the bursary program in the secondary schools in Prescott-Russell. An amount of \$300 each was given to the following eight schools: Rockland District High School, Russell High School, Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School, St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School, TR Leger School - Russell, TR Leger School - Rockland and TR Leger School - Hawkesbury.

This bursary is to be given to a graduating student entering post-secondary studies, priority given to one who is considering a career in the education field. The following considerations should be given to academic achievement, participation in a range of school activities, shows enthusiasm for team building in the school and/or community through mentoring, tutoring, coaching, volunteering, and aiming to work in an elementary, secondary or post-secondary school after their post-secondary studies.

***Anne Marie Farnworth***

## Information from your PAC

District 32 is focusing on Shortage of Geriatric Doctors this year. Invites to both provincial and Federal M.P.'s have been extended to discuss over lunch this concern. Update from MPP Sarrazin.

"MPP Sarrazin will be in Toronto on March 4th, so he unfortunately will not be able to attend. Please know that if he was in the riding at that date, he definitely would have attended. "

Stephany Tessier

Executive Assistant

Looking for a date to offer MPP Sarrazin form our Local Executive.

Provincial PAC is holding a workshop for all new PAC members to share best practices in advocating our three issues on April 28th-29th.

PAC Provincial is meeting after workshop on April 30th to review workshop's effectiveness.

At my recent Regional meeting that I Chair, the Northern Districts all shared their concerns regarding the shortages of Family Doctors and the impact it is having particularly on our Seniors. The government is not offering any solutions to address these concerns.

The shortage of beds in the Long-Term Care was another issue that was discussed with our provincial PAC members.

At our recent PAC meeting in February, we discussed the importance of consulting with the Support Team at RTO/ERO prior to writing any letters of concern to politicians and media.

### Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan:

Average inception age 58.8 years

Average age of current recipients 73.5 years

Age of youngest pensioner 5 years – child survivor

Age of oldest pensioner 109 years

Average annual pension - \$47 096

\$249.8 Billion in net assets

336,000 members

Investing in over 50 countries.

Did You Know this about the



plan???

**Submitted by Richard James, PAC District 32**

### A Little Smile:

ONE MINUTE YOU'RE 21, STAYING UP ALL NIGHT DRINKING BEER, EATING PIZZA AND DOING SKETCHY STUFF JUST FOR FUN.

**THEN...**

IN A BLINK OF AN EYE YOU'RE 60, DRINKING WATER, EATING KALE AND YOU CAN'T DO ANY SKETCHY STUFF, BECAUSE YOU PULLED A MUSCLE PUTTING ON YOUR SOCKS.

**I'M SO OLD  
I REMEMBER  
MULTIPLICATION  
WAS CALLED  
"TIMES TABLES".**



## **Membership Services**



***National Volunteer Week is on April 14-20.*** We congratulate all members who volunteer in their community: either in schools, in hospitals, in retirement homes, in their churches and with RTOERO. Thank you for giving up your time to help others.

Volunteering has so many benefits. You are contributing to the improvement of your community, and most importantly, you are enjoying social interactions with colleagues. There will be a Prescott-Russell Volunteer Fair on Saturday, April 20 at the Vankleek Hill Arena from 10 AM to 4 PM. This event is put on by The Review newspaper and there will be over 20 non-profit organizations ready to recruit volunteers. For more information, please contact Andrea at [andrea@thereview.ca](mailto:andrea@thereview.ca). Bring a friend and find the volunteer opportunity that's right for you!

– Anne Marie Farnworth

## **Goodwill Report**

### **December 2023:**

Birthdays: 6 birthday cards were sent.

73 Christmas cards were mailed to those 70+ and 24 gifts were sent to those 80+

## **Goodwill Report for January to March 2024**

### **January:**

Birthdays: There were no birthdays

Correspondence: Nicole McAllister thanked us for our condolences on the passing of her brother.

Condolences: to the family of Dorothy Clark – card sent to her son David Clark

### **February:**

Birthdays: 3 cards sent

Thinking of You Card: Sent to Lois Barton

### **March:**

Birthdays: 4 cards sent

Condolences: card sent to Richard James on the passing of his mother



***Submitted by Melanie Beaupre and Eileen Rainey***

## **District 32 hosts Successful RPW**

Our district hosted a “Retirement Planning Workshop” at Russell High School on Tuesday, February 27th.

Ashveena Govindaraju, the Health Benefits manager from head office in Toronto presented the workshop, which consisted of information on finance, health benefits and community. The nineteen people in attendance were mainly from the western section of Prescott Russell as well as from Stormont Dundas & Glengarry, Carlton and Ottawa.

The information was clearly presented, and participants left with a clearer understanding of their upcoming retirements.



***Pauline Sarrazin and Bill Young***

## **The Christmas Get together**

On Thursday morning, the seventh of December, forty-one of us met at place 1967 for a delicious lunch.

Food items and 160 dollars were collected for the Riceville Food bank! Many thanks to Percy Higginson for delivering them. We also thank Karl Holmes and Pauline Sarrazin for delivering 85 dollars for the Chretien Viens and Vois in Hawkesbury. Our president Pat Rogers presented a cheque to Prescott Russell Valoris to help buy presents for needy children.

Chocolates were left at everyone's place and Dave Neiman provided ceramic ornaments too. Due to a healthy budget this year 37 people went home with a festive door prize.

As always it was great to chat with colleagues and all were wished a very Merry Christmas.



### **Let's All Get Together for our Annual Luncheon**

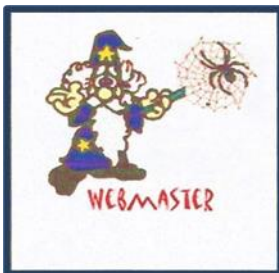
**WHEN:** Thursday, June 6, 2024

**Information will be coming soon.**

***Submitted by Jill Cass and Sandy Rainey***

## **Be Sure To Keep in Touch**

**Check out our website [District32@rtoero.ca](mailto:District32@rtoero.ca)**



### **Engaging with RTOERO District 32 on social media**

Connect with RTOERO on social media to discover:

- Healthy aging tips, information and resources
- Fun member stories, photos and contents
- RTOERO news
- Connections with like-minded RTOERO members
- Retirement ideas and inspiration

Follow, like and visit so you don't miss any content:

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Follow Our Twitter account - RTO/ERO\_PR@rto\_pr

Visit Our website - [district32.rtoero.ca](http://district32.rtoero.ca) You can also access our

Facebook page and Twitter directly from our website by clicking on the icons in the right hand corner.

***Submitted by : John Healey***

