

Summer 2023



RETURN TO:

RTOERO District 7
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South Woodslee, ON
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*The secret of happiness, you
see, is not found in seeking
more but in developing the
capacity to enjoy less!*

Socrates

President's Message

Bill Bowden

Here we are in August and half way through summer. Isn't it interesting we complain about the heat yet in January we wish it was August. Human Nature! After hearing about all the natural and not so natural disasters around the world — wildfires, floods, droughts, tornadoes, hurricanes and wars etc., I feel blessed for so many reasons to live in Essex County.

Someone once said to me "Why would you live in Windsor?" I replied that I have the best of all worlds — a beautiful city with gorgeous parks and fantastic river views. We have the Arts in all its forms from a world class symphony, fantastic art gallery, museums and sports in all its forms. On top of that I have the opportunity to travel to a large city with all of its cultural advantages and none of the problems. But mostly I have the People, who are cordial and helpful and just plain fun. I love Windsor and Essex County and our farms and wineries, great restaurants and I'll stop now.

DISTRICT 7 is here for you our 2400 members and families. If there is something you think we should be doing, please let myself or one of your executive know. Please enjoy our many activities and feel free to suggest new ones. We have theatre productions in October and December. Our Fall lunch with entertainment takes place in November and after a 4 year hiatus our Black Tuesday shopping trip to the U. S. A. is back. Why not come out to one of our Breakfast Club gatherings, Golf Tournament or Wine Tour. A special event takes place on Tuesday Sept 5. It is our annual He### to the Bell gathering at the Dominion Golf Club - please join us at 8:30 for breakfast and fellowship. Details on these events are in this issue. Enjoy the rest of your summer and hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Bill

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information can be found on
the last page



**RTO
ERO**

A better future, together
Ensemble pour un avenir meilleur

RETIRED TEACHERS OF ONTARIO (RTOERO)

DISTRICT 7. WINDSOR-ESSEX

**Invites you to join us for
our annual**

“H* With the Bell” Breakfast Buffet**

Tuesday. September 5. 2023

**Dominion Golf Course
6125 Howard Avenue**

Registration: 8:30 A.M.

Breakfast: 9:00 A.M.

Cost: \$10.00

PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS



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STAFF MEETINGS



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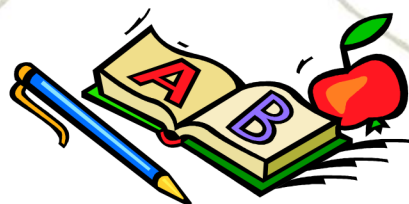


PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS



*Open to all
RTO/ERO
Members
and newly
retired
Teachers
and all
members of
the
Educational
Community*

*No need to
pre-register*



À la Une

Diane Picard

Votre exécutif d'ERO/RTO District 7 a travaillé d'arrache-pied pour planifier plusieurs voyages et événements passionnants pour vous. Nous espérons que vous découvrirez des activités qui vous plairont et que vous vous joindrez à nous. Faites de nouveaux amis et renouez avec de vieux amis. Pour ceux d'entre vous qui viennent de prendre leur retraite... Bienvenue !

Club du déjeuner

Nos nombres mensuels augmentent
Venez prendre un petit déjeuner entre amis...vous courez la chance de gagner votre déjeuner !!!

Dates et lieux—chaque 2e jeudi du mois

le 10 août 2023 à 9h30
Moonlight Restaurant - 75, rue Talbot E., Leamington

le 14 septembre, 2023 à 9h30
Louis' Restaurant - 4728, rue Wyandotte E., Windsor

le 19 octobre 2023 à 9h30
L. A. Town Grill - 5975, rue Malden #5, Lasalle

Voyages et événements

Petrolia Victoria Playhouse Camelot : le 12 octobre 2023

Entrez dans le monde magique du roi Arthur, la reine Guenièvre et Sir Lancelot et redécouvrez ce puissant tableau enchanteur de la lutte entre la passion et l'aspiration.

Visite aux Vignobles du comte d'Essex Le 27 septembre 2023

Visite de trois vignobles locaux, 40,00\$ (inclut transport aux trois vignobles). Dégustations et autres à vos frais. Plus d'informations dans la newsletter. Pour plus de détails ou pour réserver vos places svp contactez le président, Bill Bowden billben9999@yahoo.ca (Pour les informations en français, vous pouvez contacter Diane Picard diapic50@gmail.com)

Sortie de Golf 2023

Nous sommes de retour !!! Nouveau format et nouvel endroit

Date : vendredi le 29 septembre 2023 Wildwood Golf Club 14 h 00

- 9 trous— (20 \$ à pied et 30 \$ avec une voiturette)-payable au terrain de golf
- Non-membres de RTO/ERO sont les bienvenues—frais supplémentaire de 5,00\$ par personne payable en espèce seulement
- Les participants DOIVENT s'inscrire au préalable auprès de Diane Picard PicaRTOgolf@gmail.com
- Un excellent souper est disponible. De nombreux prix mystères... tout le monde est gagnant !!! Les 25 premières personnes à s'inscrire auront une chance de gagner un prix tout spécial!

L'atelier de planification à la retraite le 22 avril 2023 au Serbian Centre fue un grand succès

C'était une session complète couvrant ce que vous devez savoir pour vous préparer à la retraite, planifier votre avenir financier, vos prestations de santé y compris les avantages de l'assurance collective et les perspectives de retraite de vos pairs. Cela nous a fait plaisir d'accueillir nos nouveaux / nouvelles retraité(e)s

Photo: Notre groupe francophone à Cornwell's Turkeyville à Marshall, Michigan le 9 mai 2023
"Sex Please We are Sixty"



Fall Golf Outing



RTO/ERO District 7 presents.....

Nine and Dine: A Fall Golf Outing!!

Join us with family/friends for a great
afternoon of golf and fun!

*Every team will have a fun/surprise twist to their round.
Surprise challenges on the course to add to your fun.*

Date: Friday, September 29, 2023

Time: (9 holes) First tee time is 2:00 p.m.

Price: RTO member \$20 walking

RTO member \$30 with a cart

Non RTO members (family and friends are welcome)

- extra \$5.00 cash fee

Payments will be made at the golf course on the day.

Location: Wildwood Golf and Country Club

11112 Eleventh Concession Rd, McGregor, ON NOR 1J0

Dinner: Optional and available (why not make it a date night??)

Prizes: Lots of them!!!

RSVP: Diane Picard at  PicaRTOgolf@gmail.com by September 22, 2023

***First 25 people to register will be entered to win a very special prize package

Goodwill Report

Glenna Hemphill

Happy Summer! I hope your summer is going well and you are able to do all those activities we looked forward to all winter.

I have had a great few months delivering certificates of years of membership in RTOERO. This gave me the opportunity to meet many of our members. I also discovered that it is hard to find our members at home so I mailed certificates as well. These certificates represented 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50+ years of membership. I did deliver two 50+ certificates.

Thanks to your generosity in donating cards, I have an abundance of birthday cards. I don't need any more of those but will continue to accept any blank cards or cards for other occasions. Again - thank you to all who donate cards.

Our first Fun and Fellowship in four years was held at Seasons in Amherstburg on June 1st. It was great to see familiar faces and to meet new people as well. It was a great afternoon.

By the time you are reading this, I will have turned 80 and am still looking for someone to help out - hopefully to take over sometime in the future. Please give this some consideration as it is one of the most important aspects of District 7's work.

Just a reminder - Let me know of anyone needing a card or if you wish to be added to the birthday book.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Contact Glenna at ☎ 519-967-7102 or ✉ rhemphill@sympatico.ca

Travel & Breakfast Club Report

Bill Bowden

Great trip to Stratford in June and by now we will have travelled to Petrolia for the production of "Yesterday Once More".

In October we will be seeing Camelot and December brings the Christmas spectacular "Starbright Christmas". Do you have your tickets yet?

It's back after a 4 year hiatus, our shopping trip to the U. S. A. See this issue for details.

We are beginning to plan for 2024 and welcome any suggestions for trips. In our January issue of this newsletter there will be a calendar containing a complete list of events for the coming year. We are looking at theatre, river cruises, sporting events, local activities and even a longer trip.

The BREAKFAST CLUB continues to be a great success. Please check the calendar in this issue for locations and dates for the fall. Join us for good food, pleasant conversation and even prizes. We meet at locales in the city and county.

I look forward to seeing our members and friends at one or more upcoming events

Contact Bill at ☎ 519-948-5214 or ✉ billben9999@yahoo.ca



District 7 WINE TOUR

Join us on Wed. Sept. 27th for an exciting day of merriment. We meet at SEARS west side parking lot at 10:50 AM for an 11:00 AM departure. We will return to SEARS at 5:00 PM.

Our first stop will be at **Oxley Winery** where we will have lunch (off the menu) and wine by the glass or by the flight (\$14 for 4 pours).

Our second stop will be at **North 42**. Enjoy their wine by the glass or by the flight (\$15 for 5 pours).

Our last stop will be at **CREW**. Here you can order a snack or appetizer off the menu and enjoy their wine by the glass or by the flight (\$15 for 4)

COST

\$40.00 a person.

This covers the cost of the transportation (pick-up, shuttle to each winery and return).

Travel in an air-conditioned LIMO bus without any worries. Enjoy a leisurely drive through the county.

All meals, snacks, wine, and purchases are at your discretion and desire.

Contact - Gina Marcon

(2nd VP) ASAP to reserve your spot as seats are limited.

ginamarcon65@gmail.com



Get your payment to Gina by Sept. 8th.

Please pay by cheque (made out to RTO/ERO District 7) or cash is accepted.

Convenient option - I will be available at *To Hell with the Bell* on Sept. 5th to receive your payment.

Political Advocacy Report

Jim Sparrow

As PAC Chair, it is important that I keep abreast of political and health issues, particularly health as it affects seniors. Bill 60 ("Your Health Act"), the hospital privatization legislature that will cut core hospital services and privatize them to for-profit clinics, and the backlash, especially from the Ontario Health Coalition, certainly dominated my spring reading. We all await the outcome of the Bill and the "referendum" from the OHC.

I receive calls and emails about senior issues and concerns – e.g. why is RTOERO non-partisan? (a provincial issue). Several involved the progress and plans for the new Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital project. (Yes, your Executive endorsed the site chosen). What follows is a brief update and summary of the project.

The project has achieved a major planning milestone with the submission of its Stage 1.3 (formerly Stage 2) plan to the Minister of Health. The submission is the result of extensive collaboration with many partners within the hospital, the community and the province. It includes a functional program, a set of block diagrams, a campus plan and an updated cost estimate. Hospital planners, in consultation with 40 User Groups representing all hospital programs and services, developed the submission over 18 months.

The Ministry of Health Capital Branch will now review the submission, provide feedback and work with the hospital to ensure the final approved plan aligns with provincial expectations and standards for modern and efficient hospital care. The Project Management Team looks forward to working with the Ministry of Health, responding quickly (their words) to any questions and addressing any challenges to proceed to the next stage of planning.

One key area of focus now is the development of a Stage 1.3 submission for the Ouellette Campus, where Urgent Care and other Ambulatory Services will be offered after the new hospital opens. A firm has been recruited to "repurpose and maximize the use of the Ouellette Campus" going forward.

We look forward to being kept informed of the Project's Vision: "Create a state-of-the-art treatment and healing environment for all of those who we care for; a supportive workplace with the latest technologies to allow all of our staff to provide the most efficient and highest quality care, in a new hospital that supports well-being and has the capacity to provide timely patient and family-centred care for generations to come."



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The other day I was thinking about the schools I had taught at in my 35-year career. I particularly thought about Windsor (I did not teach in the County).

So, here we go!!

How many schools in Windsor/Essex County have closed, changed their names/ been demolished etc. since 1970 which is when I moved to Windsor?

Send your list to me and the one with the most school names will win a gift card. (Ties will be broken) Here is my first one – John Ross – my first school after moving to Windsor. I have 22 on my list and I don't have any Separate Schools. Send your list to me by August 20th via email (picture or screen shot) or by regular mail.

Questions?? 519-948-5214 or billben9999@yahoo.ca

Bill Bowden
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Windsor, Ontario N8S 1E8

You are on your honour- Google People!!!



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RTO/ERO

Breakfast Club



SEPTEMBER - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, September 14, 2023

[Louis' Restaurant](#)

4728 Wyandott Street, East

Windsor

(north side – corner Wyandotte and Pilette)



OCTOBER - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, October 19, 2023

[Uptown Restaurant](#)

521 Tecumseh Road East, Windsor

(southeast corner of Howard and Tecumseh)

*FOR THE LATEST
BREAKFAST CLUB
AND TRAVEL
NEWS BE SURE
TO CHECK OUR
DISTRICT
WEBSITE*

NOVEMBER - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, November 9, 2023

[Spoonz](#)

1555 Talbot Road (Crossings)

Windsor

*COME OUT AND
JOIN OUR
GROWING CROWD
FOR GOOD FOOD
AND GREAT
CONVERSATION
AND FELLOWSHIP*

If you have any suggestions to add to our list of Breakfast Diner/Restaurants please let me know. We are always looking for new venues. For information contact Bill @ 519-948-5214 or @billben9999@yahoo.ca



PHOTO GALLERY



**FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP**



**"RENT"
STRATFORD FESTIVAL THEATRE**



District 7's Eldest Member

Bernadette Chaput

Roger and Carol Lanoue

Bernadette began her teaching career on a two-room school in Tilbury. She began life in Tilbury West Township, January 5th, 1916. At 107 years young, she is the eldest member of District 7 and the oldest female receiving U.S. Social Security living in Canada.

When she married, she and her husband Leo moved to (appropriately) Academy Dr., in Windsor. She became a teacher with the Essex County Catholic School Board and later with the Windsor-Essex School Board and taught French at various schools in the city.

She was very comfortable in the teaching profession and that ease led to helping others in her profession with guidance and support, an aspect of her career for which she is particularly fond.

Bernadette and Leo attended many social gatherings in South Windsor and rubbed elbows with many prominent people. She was gifted with a beautiful smile and was so charming with whomever she met. To this day, many of her former students recognize her and come up to her while we take her out for a coffee and with some of them she actually remembers their names.

Bernadette wasn't a world traveller but she and her husband spent a lot of vacation time in northern Ontario and Quebec. The family reunions at the farm on the Comber side road still hold a lot of precious memories of simpler times and family ties.

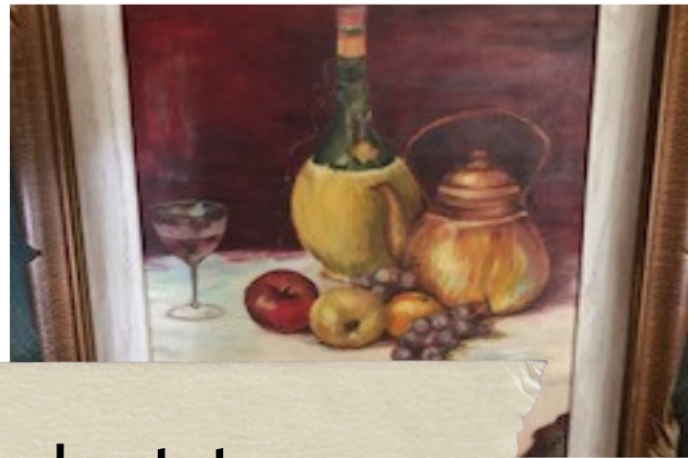
Bernadette and Leo wintered in Florida after retiring and she became a very good shuffleboard player having won many trophies.

One of her other passions was for sewing. She assembled quite a library of patterns and made quite a bit of her own clothing.

Bernadette also had a very good eye for art. Some of the pictures that she painted began with simple paint by numbers then developed into free hand. She painted small murals in the basement of her home.



We can also attest to the fact that the reason why she is still mobile at her age is because she enrolled herself in the senior aqua fitness at St. Clair College and drove herself there for approximately 15 years, well into her 80's.



Bernadette





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Bill Van Wyck A Life Well Lived 1931-2023

Gina Marcon



Writing about the life, career and accomplishments of Mr. William Van Wyck was supposed to be easy. I would go to his retirement home in March 2023, sit with him for an hour, and get some facts from his incredible life.

Only he didn't want to brag or boast. He didn't want to explain anything in detail, in fact he left out many details about his life as a teacher, a traveller and a mentor. No, Mr. Van Wyck was in fact a list maker. A succinct and concise man who could get to the point of any discussion. He wakes up every morning and writes a gratitude list. He has already written his obituary. He checks the stock market reports, analyzing his investments and watches his money carefully. I arrived for this interview with a list of questions, however, Mr. Van Wyck had other plans.

What does the list look like in the First Act?

Born on March 9, 1931 and raised in Windsor at 153 Crawford Rd., the current site of Devonshire Retirement home. Went to Cameron Ave Public School. He has fond memories of his kindergarten teacher Miss Webster and his Grade 3 teacher Miss Francis. Went to Patterson Collegiate and has fond memories of his gym teacher Mr. Dawson and the Vice Principal Mr. Hayden. Went to Queens University and studied Psychology and Biology. Followed that up with a teaching degree from the Ontario College of Education, where he found himself having to live in a funeral home doing odd jobs to earn spending money. He would return in the summer to work at Hiram Walker and Purity Dairy. Went on to get a master's degree in theology from the Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Then returned to Windsor to teach at Patterson Collegiate and Kennedy Collegiate.

Let's explore the list in the Second Act.

According to Mr. Van Wyck his goal when teaching English was to focus on reading, writing, speaking fluently and being articulate. His favourite author is Joseph Conrad, favourite book is Heart of Darkness. His favourite play to teach was Othello. His favourite book to teach was Catcher in the Rye (I mistakenly thought he would choose Waiting for Godot). His favourite movie of all time is Casablanca. His favourite actress was Elizabeth Taylor. He highly respected Annie Sullivan as a great teacher. He respected Franklin Roosevelt as a great risk taker.

How does the Third Act look?

Mr. Van Wyck retired in 1993. Served on the Boards of the Alzheimer's Society, the Ontario Employment Insurance Service, various volunteer programs, Little Tomato Theatre Company and very active within the municipal, provincial and federal Liberal party. He was the Returning Officer for Windsor West in 3 elections. Attended 6 Liberal Party conventions throughout Canada. When I asked how he explained his longevity, his list included: one day a week he fasts, he keeps his mind sharp by watching Front Line, CNN, PBS and TVO, he exercises, he believes in getting substantial sleep to regenerate the brain, he reads the bible and listens to opera. I explain to Mr. Van Wyck that I was very happy to receive all this information, but I REALLY wanted to know about what had made him famous in Windsor, what got him often in the Windsor Star and what he was often interviewed about on the local news... his many visits to the Summer Olympics, the students he brought there and how he paid ALL THE EXPENSES of the students to these incredible locations.

What, there is a list in the Fourth Act too?

Montreal 1976, Los Angeles 1984, Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996, Athens 2004 (where he brought the students on an extended 3-week trip to see Greece, the birthplace of the Olympics), Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio de Janeiro 2016. He was planning to go to Tokyo in 2020 with a group until a health scare in 2019 made him slow down and cancel. He was itching to go to Paris in 2024. He really hopes he can make it.

We have now passed hour 2 of this interview and are headed deep into the third hour. Now the stories are flowing.

Mr. Van Wyck pulls out a white plastic grocery bag filled with photos of his trips, photo albums, newspaper clippings, travel guides, post cards and a few small souvenirs. I can see that the photo albums have been made by some of the students he took on his trips (best estimates are approximately 90 students received this trip of a lifetime). Their handwritten notes in the front cover tell him that they will never forget him, that they appreciated being chosen to go and how lucky they were to have experienced what they did. They write of their gratitude that he always took time to talk to them and to listen to them. He gave them so much independence during their time away and they appreciated the trust he had in them to make good choices. Mr. Van Wyck shares his most favourite memory of the Beijing trip by showing me a photo of three girls... Heather, Lexi and Holly. They are on the Great Wall of China. The timing was perfect. The photographer (another student) has captured them high in the air, with arms over their heads, legs bent back, bare feet, big smiles and eyes wide open. Mr. Van Wyck calls this photo "JOY" and I read on the back where Heather writes a beautiful message, "I can't describe how it felt to take my first step on the wall. The surrounding mountains were rugged, bright green with jagged peaks. This wall is beautiful and formidable. Holly, Lexi and I took off our sandals and ran along the wall up and down steps, through watchtowers. We won't soon forget the feel of the dusty stone beneath our feet." I am truly in awe of this photo. I tell Mr. Van Wyck that he has achieved what every teacher hopes to achieve sometime in their career... real impact! Leaving students with a life long impactful moment.

Mr. Van Wyck shares his list of impactful moments in his life: visiting the Anne Frank house as a young man in 1972, seeing the Winged Victory of Samothrace at the Louvre in Paris, seeing the Lincoln Memorial, touching a letter written by Thomas Jefferson, walking along the Gandhi Ghat on the Ganges River, meeting Indira Gandhi in India, walking at the Parthenon and seeing the Taj Mahal.

Epilogue

Throughout this interview and really every time I saw Mr. Van Wyck at RTO events, I could never call him "Bill" as others do, because he had been my teacher at Kennedy (1978-82) after all. He was the reason why I loved Shakespeare and The Glass Menagerie. And now we have reached the Final Act. Mr. Van Wyck would have hated that I started a sentence with "and." On May 6th, Mr. Van Wyck passed away. His obituary was ready. There was no mention of any of the Olympics. He was too humble to brag about his generosity. On May 27th, friends and family, former colleagues and students gathered for his Celebration of Life. Memory tables of various artifacts and souvenirs were set up. Photo display boards were around the room. Front and centre there was "JOY" sitting on a tall easel, blown up to 20 by 24 size. His nephew explained that there were instructions to display an enlarged print of this special photo. Those who knew Mr. Van Wyck well spoke of his humour, his dedication to teaching, his favourite Bible passage – ACTS 20:35, and his love of the hymn Amazing Grace. Heather (all grown up now) was there too and told funny, sentimental stories about her teacher/mentor/friend. See you in Paris in 2024 Mr. Van Wyck.



Are you or is someone you know some we should all get to know?
This page is for you! Looking for biographies or auto biographies to
feature in the Spotlight. Please don't be shy.
Submit to judithcbowden@hotmail.com

Your current Executive is listed on the back page of this Newsletter. We welcome your comments, questions, suggestions and/or concerns.

In Memoriam

April, May, June and July 2023

*Charlotte Bautista
Angela Beneteau
Daniel Bezaire
Charlotte Bouteiller
William Chaplin
Paul Chauvin
Jan Crawford
Henry Desjardins
Willis Glenn
Robert Godden
Marilyn Hamilton
Elizabeth Hewitt
E. Ruth Hicks*



*Mary Jaffray
Robert Jaques
Leona Langlois
Julia Joy Mellow
Margaret Millican
Angeline Murgaski
Doreen Park
James Shearon
Theodore Symonds
Magdalen Toth
William Van Wyck
Mark Waviner
Hillary White*



REMEMBERING OUR COLLEAGUES

RTOERO MEMBERSHIP

We have had number of phone calls from people with respect to the status of their membership in RTOERO. Some thinking they are members, only to find out that in fact, they are not. Others thinking that they are enrolled in our Health Plan, only to find out, that they are members of another Health Plan with a similar name. In order to eliminate this confusion, the RTOERO Health Plan is now called ENTENTE Group Insurance Program

Membership in RTOERO is open to all employees in the education community. This includes all school board employees, university and college employees and early childhood educators (ECE's).

However, membership is not automatic. You actually have to apply.

Once retired, you are eligible for Full Membership with access to all benefits provided through RTOERO. Currently the Membership Fee is \$73.00 paid annually and subject to an annual increase in keeping with the rate of inflation.

Prior to retirement, you are eligible for Active Employee Membership. This gives you access to most benefits provided through RTOERO with the exception of serving at the Provincial level and enrolment in the ENTENTE Group Insurance Program.

However, if as an Active Member, you are 50+ years of age and no longer have health benefits through your employer, you are eligible for enrolment in the ENTENTE Group Insurance Program. Health Coverage is not free. Information and premium rates are available through the Toronto office.

As an Active Member, upon retirement, you need to contact the Office in Toronto and confirm with them as to whether or not you wish to change over to a Full Member and whether or not you wish to enroll in the ENTENTE Group Insurance Program.

It is important to note that in order to belong to the ENTENTE Group Insurance Program YOU MUST BE AN RTOERO MEMBER. However, you can belong to RTOERO without taking advantage of the RTOERO Health Plan.

The RTOERO staff continue to serve members via a hybrid model combining work in the office and work from home on a regularly set schedule.

E-mail membership@rtoero.ca or phone 1-800-361-9888 and leave a message and they will be in touch.



WINDSOR - ESSEX DISTRICT 7
*Serving the Education Community Retirees of
Windsor-Essex and the Community since 1985!*

2023 Enhancements to The ENTENTE (formerly RTOERO) Insurance Programme –

submitted by Judy Bowden - Health Rep



Enhancements to the Travel Plan

- Dental accident - \$5,000 for emergency treatment
- Dental pain - \$600 for emergency treatment
- Emergency Evacuation - \$5,000 from a remote location (e.g., mountain, sea)
- Return of Luggage - \$500 when insured is returned by emergency air transportation or return of deceased

Enhancements to Trip Cancellation/Trip Interruption (TC/TI)

- Document replacement when travelling - \$500 combined (e.g., passport, driver's license)
- Pet Return - \$500 if eligible trip interruption/delay
- Natural disaster - TC/TI has been added - at destination
- Service/therapy dog - TC/TI has been added for illness or death if dog was to accompany you on trip
- Toiletries/clothing - \$400/person reimbursement when baggage is delayed more than 12 hours.



Proof of Travel Dates

When you're travelling, you DO NOT need to tell us in

advance about your departure date and return date for each trip.

However, in the event of a claim, you will be required to provide **proof of your date of departure** and the date of return.

The proof must take place in your province of residence. Some examples of acceptable proof are:

- airline ticket
- boarding pass
- passport stamp
- transaction receipts such as gas, hotel or a store purchase

Importance of Travel Insurance while Travelling within Canada

- Trip cancellation & interruption/delay
- Ground ambulance - costs vary by province (can be over \$700)
- Air ambulance - also varies by province (approximately \$6,000 - \$12,000)
- Vehicle return
- Repatriation

Be sure to check out your plan booklet for complete coverage info. You may want to toss the booklet in your suitcase when travelling.



Travel questions? Call Johnson 1-877-406-9007

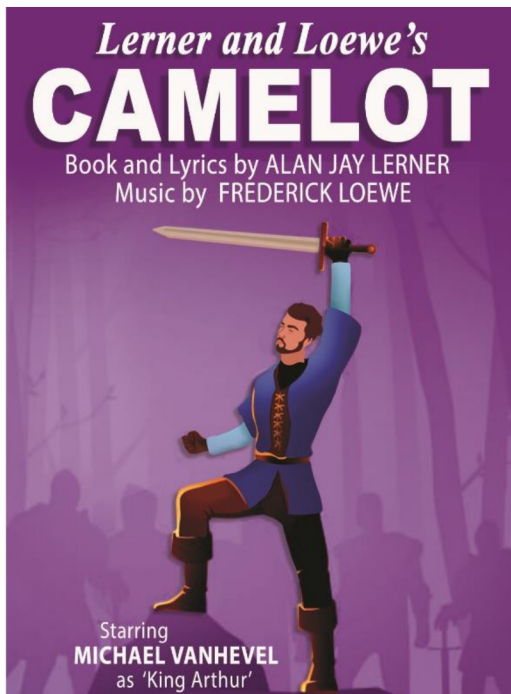
Petrolia's Victoria Playhouse Presents

Lerner and Loewe's

"Camelot"

A Sparkling New Telling of a Classic Tale

Starring MICHAEL VANHEVEL as 'King Arthur'



Enter the magical world of King Arthur, Queen Guinevere and Sir Lancelot and re-discover this powerful, enchanting tale of the struggle between passion and aspiration. A fresh and exciting new take on Lerner and Loewe's legendary Camelot, featuring the beloved and glorious score including *If Ever I Would Leave You*, *What Do the Simple Folk Do?* and of course, Camelot.

Book and Lyrics by ALAN JAY LERNER - Music by FREDERICK LOEWE
Original Production Directed and Staged by Moss Hart
Based on *The Once and Future King* by T.H. White
Book Adapted by David Lee
New Orchestrations by Steve Orich

Information taken from the Victoria Playhouse website.

Date - **October 12, 2023**

Cost - **\$110.00** (includes tickets and transportation)

Great Seats -The BEST – Front 3 Rows - Main Floor

Departure -Essex – 9:30 A.M. (Sharp) -Essex Car Park -Hwy #3 and Arner Town Line
-Windsor – 10:00 A.M. (Sharp) - Devonshire Mall Parking Lot – in front of former Sears Store

Return -Windsor - Approximately 6:00P.M.

Please make cheques payable to RTOERO District 7 and mail to:

Bill Bowden

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Windsor ON N8S 1E8

For more information contact Bill

@ 519-948-5214 or @ billben9999@yahoo.ca

As we are non-profit and reservations and some deposits/payments are required in advance, there are no refunds. However, should it be necessary for you to cancel you may sell your reservation to another member.

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW



OUR ANNUAL "GET YOUR CHRISTMAS "SHOPPING DONE EARLY" TRIP IS **BACK** AND READY TO GO FOR YOUR SHOPPING PLEASURE!!!



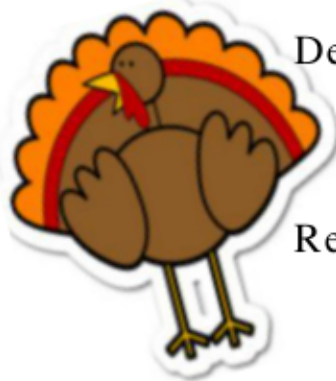
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Great Lakes Crossing, Target, **Kohl's**
and Meijer's

Monday, November 20, 2023

(BLACK FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 23rd)

COST: \$45.00



Depart: -Essex at 8:00 A.M.

Essex Car Park – Hwy #3 and Arner Town Line

-Windsor at 8:30 A.M.

Devonshire Mall Parking Lot in front of former Sears Store

Return at 7:00 P.M. (approx.)

DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

BOOK EARLY AS THIS TRIP FILLS UP QUICKLY

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Contact Bill @ 519-948-5214 or billben9999@yahoo.ca

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“Starbright Christmas”

*A glorious tradition
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Date: - December 8, 2023

Cost: - \$120.00

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Great Seats -The BEST – Main Floor



Bus Leaves: Essex - 9:30 A.M.

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Bus Leaves: Windsor - 10:00 A.M.

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Return: -Windsor - Approximately 6:00 P.M.



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DID YOU KNOW?

“A FOOD BANK ----IN KINGSVILLE?”

It's amazing the number of times we have heard those words. Yes, the need is there now and was also there in 1996. A group of concerned citizens became aware of the growing need to provide a location in Kingsville where residents in need of assistance, could get that help in their own community. At that time, the Salvation Army Food Bank in Leamington was their only option. This often presented a problem since transportation was not always available.

On September 3rd, 1996 a group of dedicated volunteers, under the leadership of Dorothy Martin, opened the doors to the Kingsville Community Food Bank. The location was on Main Street East in the building occupied by the South Essex Community Centre. It didn't take long for the word to spread that the Food Bank needed help. Donations of both food items and money began to pour in from service clubs, schools, churches, sporting groups, businesses, and individuals. The amount of food donated finally became more than the SECC office could accommodate, and a move to a more spacious location was necessary. Saturday, March 23rd, 2002, was to be moving day. A call went out for volunteer help from the community. In true Kingsville fashion, the residents pulled together making it possible for the Food Bank to reopen at its new location four days later. It was still on Main Street East just to the west and across the street (the site of the present-day Driving School).

Change affects several things. In late 2009, the intersection at Main Street and Division Street was reconfigured to accommodate a better traffic flow. This eliminated the three parking spaces in front of the Food Bank, and NO STOPPING signs were put up. When clients stopped in the area to pick up their food order, they were issued fines. Now I ask you, if you can't afford to buy food, how are you supposed to pay for a ticket? TIME FOR ANOTHER MOVE!

The search was on for a new location that was still in the downtown area and able to provide a large enough to accommodate. It was finally decided a section of the building at 18 Division Street North would be suitable. Once again, the call went out for help, and again Kingsville residents answered the call. This time we acquired the help of all the grade 8 students from Kingsville Public School, who shuttled the numerous food items to the new location. Interestingly, two of these students had recently attended a poverty workshop as part of a Social Justice team. In conjunction with this the classes had completed a geography unit on local and global poverty. What a great bunch of kids!

Speaking of kids, as teachers we may wonder if there are a few “bad apples”, but on the whole, kids are amazing. Whether it's donating their birthday money, asking for food items instead of gifts, raising money selling lemonade, or organizing a can drive in their neighbourhood, kids come through. It is always heartwarming to see the pride in their eyes and in those of their parents, when they make their presentation to the Food Bank. It is often a 2-handkerchief day for the volunteers.

On a number occasions our Food Bank, which is a totally independent organization, has been able to reach out to other food banks when they have needed a helping hand. We have supported the Wheatley food bank after their town's devastating explosion, the student food bank at Canterbury College at the University of Windsor, and the Harrow Pantry, to name a few. Due to the continued support we receive from our community, we feel grateful that we can help other groups.

“A FOOD BANK ---- IN KINGSVILLE?”

And now to the volunteers. Food banks are only successful when there are dedicated volunteers to keep them going. Over the years, Kingsville Community Food Bank has had them by the dozens. ***Not surprising, retired teachers, both past and present, make up a goodly number of those wishing to lend a helping hand. A few names you may recognize are Sandra Wrench, Annetta Dunnion, Patty Kratz, Linda Pearson, Marie Bailey and yours truly. I witness the dedication and compassion of the volunteers each week as they go about the various tasks required to keep the Food Bank functioning smoothly.***

In the beginning it was estimated that approximately 70 Kingsville families relied on the Leamington food bank for assistance. Today, the Kingsville Community Food Bank serves nearly 3 times that number. Not wishing to bore you with numbers, suffice it to say that in the first 5 months of 2023, the number of individuals served is about 1100 more than in 2022 for the same 5 months.

The need is definitely there. Fortunately, the residents of Kingsville and surrounding areas support our Food Bank, allowing us to provide a very necessary service.

I wish to thank RTO for giving us the opportunity to tell the story of the Kingsville Community Food Bank, and for the support received from the members of this fine organization.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Lynch, Co-ordinator
Kingsville Community Food Bank



WECAR Members Giving Back during REALTORS Care Week



PHOTO GALLERY 2



YOUR TEAM AT THE MAY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN TORONTO

HELEN BIALES AND JIM SPARROW
DISTRICT 7 PROVINCIAL PAST PRESIDENTS



DISTRICT 7 SPRING LUNCHEON



MARGARET CLARKE -OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
GINA MARCON- AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR
HELEN BIALES – COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DATES: *for your calendar*

H* WITH THE BELL BREAKFAST -**
*September 5, 2023 - Dominion Golf and
Country Club*

WINE TOUR -*September 27, 2023*

GOLF TOURNAMENT -*September 29,
2023*

PETROLIA - CAMELOT -*October 12,
2023*

**SHOPPING GREAT LAKES CROSSING &
ETC. -***November 20, 2023*

FALL LUNCHEON -*November 22, 2023*

PETROLIA - STARBRIGHT CHRISTMAS -
December 8, 2023

SAVE THE DATE **RTO/ERO FALL LUNCHEON** **NOVEMBER 22, 2023**

*Please save the date and plan to attend
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EVEN BETTER COMPANY
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DOOR PRIZES, DRAWS, ENTERTAINMENT

*Look for more information about the
luncheon in the Fall Newsletter.*

RTO/ETO
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Windsor/Essex County

...and don't forget:

BREAKFAST CLUB DATES

September 14, 2023

-Louis' Restaurant - Windsor

October 19, 2023

-Uptown Restaurant - Windsor

November 9, 2023

-Spoonz Restaurant - Windsor

...and then there's

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT: *It's never too early to
start thinking about: (more info in upcoming Newsletters)*

COMMUNITY GRANTS - TBA

PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS - January 2023

DISTRICT GRANTS - January 4, 2023

DISTRICT BURSARIES - TBA

*Grants available for community projects; scholarships or
bursaries available for students pursuing or already in post-
secondary programmes.*

*Details about these dates can be found elsewhere in this and/or future Newsletters and,
also on our Website!*

*Members of the Executive would also be happy to answer any questions you might have
regarding these events/dates.....*

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