



District 7
Windsor-Essex

Spring Newsletter

April 2024

RETURN TO:

RTOERO District 7
1963 County Rd 27
South Woodslee, ON
N0R 1V0

*With Spring
comes new life
and awakening
in Mother Nature
and ourselves.*



President's Message

Bill Bowden

Welcome to Spring! Maybe I missed something these past several months but it sure wasn't the absence of snow and very cold weather. All things considered I think the Windsor-Essex region came off quite well.

With Spring comes new life and awakening in Mother Nature and ourselves. People get outside, walk more and seem to have a brighter outlook on life.

District 7 itself has numerous projects in the coming months. Theatre trips, fun and fellowship, a river cruise just to mention a few. Check this Newsletter for dates and availability. Our prices are the best!

On May 8 our Annual Meeting takes place at the Serbian Centre on Tecumseh Road (next to Walmart). There will be fine food, entertainment and lots of time to socialize. The social time will be preceded by our Annual Meeting and election of officers. I encourage everyone to join us. District 7 is your organization and we would love to see everyone come out and join us.

As an aside, may I say there are some interesting articles about taxation and valuable tips on our website from the Toronto offices. If you have any questions about RTO/ERO, do not hesitate to contact myself or one of our hardworking Executive members. Also, any Benefits-related questions can be directed straight to Judy, our Benefits officer. Please check the back of this Newsletter for relevant information.

If you have thoughts of a new activity or event which might be interesting to our members please let me know.

RTO/ERO has its Annual Meeting for all districts in Toronto in May. If you have issues which I might pass on to the Board, just send me an email, text or call.

Enjoy the spring weather and activities and look for our next newsletter mid summer.

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Annual Reports

2nd Vice President

Gina Marcon


The start of 2023 was a wonderful reminder of the fun and engagement that RTOERO used to be before the COVID pandemic. With the shut-down in the rear-view mirror, our Executive was busy as ever providing support, service and exciting excursions for our members. I regularly attend the Breakfast Club outings once a month. They are a great opportunity to visit various restaurants around the county that I wouldn't otherwise visit because sometimes I didn't even know they existed. I especially enjoy the small Mom & Pop family run breakfast places. 2023 also gave me the opportunity to attend some amazing trips. The bus ride is always a hoot. We play games on the bus and get the chance to have lovely conversations with our members. Ours trips to Turkeyville, Stratford, and Petrolia leave me with great memories. RTO Golf Tournament and RTO Wine Tour was the chance to meet and greet members whom I hadn't had the chance to meet before. Another opportunity to meet retired people is at TO HELL WITH THE BELL (Sept. 2023) and at the ETFO Retirement Workshop. Encouraging newly retired educators to join RTO is a passion of mine. At the Executive Committee table, I have had the honour to be a part of the Awards and Bursaries Committee. Having the opportunity to showcase incredible members and to support future educators warms my heart. Finally, as 2nd Vice President, I have had the opportunity to represent District 7 at the RTOERO Fall Forum and RTOERO Annual General Meeting in Toronto. Here I see the good work happening around the country in the name of RTOERO. It has been an honour to serve District 7. I look forward to 2024.

[See last page for Gina's contact information](#)

Bilingual Committee / Comité Bilingue

Diane Picard

This year saw the creation of a new French newsletter page. I attended many events offered through our local and promoted them to our French-speaking members. The Bell breakfast, breakfast club, and various trips. We saw a revival of the annual golf tournament. Plans are underway for our 2024 edition. I attended the Pension workshop on the French side and helped to answer any questions I could. Budget submission was submitted for 2024. For next year we are looking into the possibility of a "learn to golf" series of lessons at Ambassador golf course.



Cette année a vu la création d'une nouvelle page de newsletter en français. J'ai assisté à nombreux événements offerts par notre groupe locale et j' ai fait la promotion auprès de nos membres francophones. Le petit-déjeuner Bell, le club des petits-déjeuners et diverses excursions. Nous avons assisté à une reprise du tournoi de golf annuel. Les plans sont en cours pour notre édition 2024. J'ai assisté à l'atelier de retraite côté francophone. Un projet de budget a été soumis pour 2024. Pour l'année prochaine, nous étudions la possibilité d'une série de cours « apprendre à jouer au golf » au terrain de golf Ambassador.

[See last page for Diane's contact information](#)



Goodwill

Glenna Hemphill

We send cards! **Thinking of You cards** to anyone over 90, residing in a retirement residence, with mobility issues or needing a card of cheer. **Birthday Cards** Are you in the birthday book? No? Call me. **Congratulatory, Get Well, Wedding Anniversary, Sympathy.** Please let us know if you are aware of someone needing a card. We count on YOU to help us. Thanks to Marie – Anne Seguin for all her phone calls to keep us informed.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you as I distribute the Certificates of Membership in RTO/ERO. These are presented every 5 years beginning with 25 years of membership. I hope to meet some of you again this year. Keep your eyes on your mailbox if you live out of my area of distribution.

We visit/call our members in retirement homes and those 90 and over. Thank you to Liz Antal, Helen Biales, Bill and Judy Bowden, Jan Countess, and Hilda Watkins for your help. I was very happy to add Mona Paulin as a new member to this team. This group also helped me deliver approximately 155 Christmas gift bags. All of us know what a great privilege it is to spend time with our senior members and share their stories. I am still looking for a person to work with me as a co-chair. If you have a big heart, you qualify. A special thank you to members who donate cards. If you have special occasion or blank cards, we are always happy to receive them.

Fun and Fellowship will take place on May 30, 2024 at Amica in Windsor. Hope to see you there.

[See last page for Glenna's contact information](#)

Margaret Ann (Tomen) Couture

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Margaret Ann (Tomen) Couture, a friend and colleague of many in education throughout Ontario and beyond. Margaret returned to her maker on December 17, 2023.

Margaret was instrumental in providing guidance and mentorship to educators in Ontario and internationally through her work with the Essex County Board of Education, the Ontario Public School Teachers Federation (locally and provincially), the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa and the Retired Teachers of Ontario. She received many awards in recognition of her outstanding contributions to education.

Margaret was instrumental in the formation of the Elementary Teachers of Ontario through the amalgamation of the Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario and the Ontario Public School Teachers Federation

Marg's enthusiasm and dedication to serving many personally and professionally will be thoroughly missed.



In Memoriam

December, January and February 2023-24



Joanne Anderson

Irene Andriash

M Brown

Krystyna Budniak

Denise Chabot

Catherine Cloutier

Jane Deneau

Irene Didomenico

Kathleen Giles

Sharron Minto

Monique Paulet

Dawn Peacock

Pauline White



REMEMBERING

OUR COLLEAGUES

Annual Reports

Pension / Political Advocacy

Jim Sparrow

I have temporarily assumed the Pension Portfolio, in addition to the PAC Portfolio. The Provincial PAC Committee has also assumed the Provincial Pension Portfolio.

The major event in the Political Advocacy area was the abolishment of Bill 124. I am trying to be non-partisan but the price tag of Ontario Premier Doug Ford government's failed attempt to impose wage restraint on public sector workers has now topped \$4 billion. Though a considerable sum, the money owed to workers is likely to grow much higher. On February 23, the government axed the legislation through an order-in-council. Although the government has scrapped the law, no public repentance seems to be forthcoming. In fact, Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy said he had no regrets about Bill 124.

Of major importance to our area was the announcement that construction on the final phase of widening Hwy. 3 between Essex and Leamington and building a new interchange at Banwell Rd. and the E.C.Row expressway was approved. The province is also building a new interchange connecting 401 to Lauzon Parkway. Good news !!

In regard to the Pension portfolio I have temporarily assumed, the only "headline" I came across was that climate activists in Canada and beyond have been increasing pressure on pension managers to steer away from fossil fuel investments toward renewable energy.

I did explain, as best I could, to one of our members the difference between Defined Pension Benefit (DB) and Defined Contribution (DC). The main difference between the two is the way the retirement benefit is determined and the allocation of investment risk. In a DB plan, like ours, the pension is predetermined and guaranteed, while in a defined contribution arrangement the benefit is dependent on the contributions and investment returns with the employee assuming all the investment risk. I do have a very good chart that outlines the key features of each plan and can send it to anyone interested in it. I also have a table of the key information from the pension plans of most of our RTOERO members - OTPP, OMERS and CAAT.

[See last page for Jim's contact information](#)



Treasurer

Margaret Clarke

The 2023 Budget versus Actuals will be found on the next two pages.

[See last page for Marg's contact information](#)



RTOERO District 07 Windsor Essex

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS

January - December 2023

	Actual	Budget	Total Remaining
INCOME			
400 Grant - Annual	41,341.63	41,335.00	-6.63
410 Grant - Bilingual		3,000.00	3,000.00
440 Trips			
440-1 Trips - Stratford	6,800.00	12,600.00	5,800.00
440-2 Petrolia	13,300.00	13,800.00	500.00
440-3 Turkeyville	-137.76		137.76
440-4 Trips - Great Lakes Crossing	1,535.00		-1,535.00
440-8 Trips - Other		4,000.00	4,000.00
Total 440 Trips	21,497.24	30,400.00	8,902.76
450 Social Events			
450-1 SE - AGM Spring	1,280.00	2,000.00	720.00
450-2 SE - HWBell	260.00	600.00	340.00
450-3 SE - Fall Luncheon	1,520.00	2,000.00	480.00
450-5 SE - Fall Golf	60.00		-60.00
450-6 SE - Other	920.00		-920.00
Total 450 Social Events	4,040.00	4,600.00	560.00
460 Donations - District Fundraising	-500.00		500.00
490 Miscellaneous Revenue	880.50	500.00	-380.50
Total Income	67,259.37	79,835.00	12,575.63
GROSS PROFIT	67,259.37	79,835.00	12,575.63
EXPENSES			
500 District Executive			
501 Meetings - Executive	827.43	1,000.00	172.57
502 Meetings - Annual Mtgs/Forum	3,237.09	1,300.00	-1,937.09
503 DE Office expenses	392.55	1,500.00	1,107.45
504 Transportation			
504-1 DE - Transportation - Executive	76.48	300.00	223.52
504-2 DE - Transportation - AM/Forum	220.80		-220.80
Total 504 Transportation	297.28	300.00	2.72
Total 500 District Executive	4,754.35	4,100.00	-654.35
550 Communications/Social Media			
551 Newsletter	23,340.56	20,000.00	-3,340.56
Total 550 Communications/Social Media	23,340.56	20,000.00	-3,340.56
600 Member Services			
601 Goodwill	5,609.52	7,950.00	2,340.48
601-1 Goodwill-Transportation	686.96	300.00	-386.96
Total 601 Goodwill	6,296.48	8,250.00	1,953.52
605 Social Events			
605-1 SE - AGM Spring	3,328.44	2,500.00	-828.44
605-2 SE - HWBell	722.79	700.00	-22.79
605-3 SE - Fall Luncheon	4,980.01	2,500.00	-2,480.01

	Actual	Budget	Total Remaining
605-4 SE - Spring Golf		600.00	600.00
605-5 SE - Fall Golf	478.71	600.00	121.29
605-6 SE - Other	120.00	50.00	-70.00
Total 605 Social Events	9,629.95	6,950.00	-2,679.95
606 Trips			
606-1 Trips - Stratford	5,841.52	12,600.00	6,758.48
606-2 Trips - Petrolia	12,217.62	13,800.00	1,582.38
606-3 Trips - Turkeyville	-58.59		58.59
606-4 Trips - Great Lakes Crossing	1,474.65		-1,474.65
606-8 Trips - Other	1,439.30	4,000.00	2,560.70
606-9 Trips - Breakfast Club	174.57	400.00	225.43
Total 606 Trips	21,089.07	30,800.00	9,710.93
Total 600 Member Services	37,015.50	46,000.00	8,984.50
650 Political Advocacy		200.00	200.00
800 Office expenses			
801 Stationery and Printing	888.72	1,550.00	661.28
803 Equipment	335.65		-335.65
804 Bank Fees	115.76		-115.76
805 Other	47.88		-47.88
Total 800 Office expenses	1,388.01	1,550.00	161.99
850 Bilingual Services		3,000.00	3,000.00
860 Donations	1,750.00		-1,750.00
861-1 Awards, Bursaries	1,662.51	2,450.00	787.49
861-2 Donations, Grants	500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
861-3 Teacher Education		300.00	300.00
861-4 District Fundraising		500.00	500.00
Total 860 Donations	3,912.51	4,750.00	837.49
900 Uncategorized Expense {54}		200.00	200.00
950 Miscellaneous expenses	1,157.42		-1,157.42
950-1 Archives		35.00	35.00
950-2 General Expenses	633.90		-633.90
Total 950 Miscellaneous expenses	1,791.32	35.00	-1,756.32
Total Expenses	72,202.25	79,835.00	7,632.75
NET OPERATING INCOME	-4,942.88	0.00	4,942.88
NET INCOME	\$ -4,942.88	\$0.00	\$4,942.88

Canadian Dental Care Plan

NEW FEDERAL DENTAL PLAN SET TO LAUNCH

Judy Bowden, District 7 Health Rep

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) is launching soon, and if you're unsure of what it means to you, you're not alone. There's still some uncertainty around the rules. Here's what we know, and what RTOERO is doing.


Starting in May, eligible Canadian residents aged 65 and above, in households earning under \$90,000 annually, will have access to coverage for routine dentistry. The CDCP will reimburse a percentage of costs based on your adjusted family net income: 40% of costs for household incomes of \$80,000-\$89,999; 60% for incomes of \$70,000-\$79,999; and 100% of costs for incomes under \$70,000.

Coverage extends to preventive services (polishing, scaling, sealants, fluoride); diagnostic services (exams, x-rays); restorative services (fillings); endodontic services (root canals); prosthodontic services (complete and partial removable dentures); periodontal services (deep scaling); and oral surgery services (extractions).

A FEW THINGS TO NOTE:

- ◆ Dentist, denturist, hygienist and specialist participation in the CDCP is voluntary.
- ◆ Canadian Dental Plan's (CDCP's) "established fees" are not the same as provincial and territorial fee guides. Patients will be billed for anything above the CDCP fee.
- ◆ Individuals with existing private dental care insurance (through their employer, pension, self-purchased plan or any other organization offering a group plan), may not qualify.
- ◆ Having access to dental insurance may prohibit access to the public plan.

You can find more information on the **Government of Canada website**.



The RTOERO Benefits team have sought clarification from Health Canada and the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association. We expect additional context from the government in the next months, and will share more information with you as we get it.

Taken from Chair's Newsletter, March 2024



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 7'S GOODWILL COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY MAY 30, 2024
TIME: 1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M
PLACE: AMICA RIVERSIDE
4909 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, EAST
WINDSOR

JOIN YOUR HOST **GLENNA HEMPHILL** FOR AN AFTERNOON OF:
FUN * GAMES * LIGHT SNACKS * LAUGHS
COME WITH A FRIEND AND MEET NEW FRIENDS!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
rhemphill@sympatico.ca

RTOERO

DISTRICT 7 WINDSOR-ESSEX

INVITES YOU TO A FREE RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY  RTOERO

For anyone who:

- Works in schools and school boards, early years, post-secondary
- Wishes to learn about retirement planning
- Wants a workshop tailored to the education community

Learn about:

- Financial planning
- Health benefits in retirement
- Retirement and lifestyle planning

Pour toute personne qui...

- travaille dans les écoles et conseils scolaires, pour la petite enfance et les institutions postsecondaires
- désire se renseigner sur la planification de la retraite
- veut assister à un atelier spécialement conçu pour le secteur de l'éducation

When:

Saturday - April 22, 2023
Check-in & breakfast: 9:00am
Workshop: 9:30am - 11:30am

For more information

Local contact:

Roger LeBlanc

Phone - 519-996-9916

Email -

rlleblanc15@gmail.com

REGISTER/INSCRIVEZ-

VOUS À: rtoero.ca/rpw

QUESTIONS? 1-800-361-9888



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MICHAEL ODDY

SECRETARY, DISTRICT 7 EXECUTIVE AND SO MUCH MORE

Gina Marcon

We first met Michael Oddy in the October 2022 Newsletter. He had recently retired from a very accomplished career in teaching and had just joined District 7 Executive as Secretary. Let's catch up with Michael now after 2 years on Executive. I asked why he joined District 7 in the first place and then right out of the gate became Secretary? Michael explained that having been involved for years in ETFO, both locally and provincially, it felt like a natural progression to get involved with RTOERO. He went on to explain that, *"at TO HELL WITH THE BELL that year both Diane Picard and Gina Marcon approached me, tapped me on the shoulder, told me I would be a good fit and that I was needed to fill a recently available spot on the Executive. How could I decline Diane and Gina?"*

Next, I asked Michael to tell us about a lasting personal memory from his recent retirement. He explained that he had the opportunity last year to play the piano of his dreams. (Did I mention that he is an accomplished pianist?) A local church was looking to purchase a new piano and Michael was asked to help with the search. While on that search, he came across one in Michigan that was valued at *"a quarter of a million dollars and made in Italy."* The FAZIOLI grand piano, made in Pordenone Italy is the pinnacle of artisanship. It plays so beautifully, and the keys move effortlessly. It was a once in a lifetime experience and Michael will always treasure that experience. Needless to say, the church did not purchase that particular piano.



Michael also shared his opportunity in 2022, to be a Minor Official at the Canada Games in St. Catherines. He was honoured to oversee both the men's and women's basketball games for a week. Retirement has not slowed Michael down in the least.

When asked about giving back to the community at large in his retirement, Michael's list certainly is long:

- Collaborative Pianist for Windsor Symphony Orchestra Chorus
- Collaborative Pianist for County Classic Chorale



Featured Member

MICHAEL ODDY – In the Spotlight

- Windsor Symphony Orchestra Education Committee
- Mentor at SoCA (U of Windsor School of Creative Arts)
- Resident Pianist at Westminster United Church
- Windsor Chess Challenge planning committee, announcer and Arbiter

I asked Michael to give some advice to the newly retired person as to why joining RTOERO is beneficial. He responded that “opportunities to socialize with like-minded people with the same general past experiences is a plus. To be a part of a community of educators, who now have to get used to a different rhythm in their daily life is a bonus. But mostly, to create a new “established” routine without a bell to start the day, without losing weekends to writing report cards, and to travel outside the limits of the March Break is a gift of a long career in Education.”

Michael shared his love for woodworking and really appreciates that he is now able to really participate in this, his second passion. He builds small furniture, games for his granddaughter, cutting boards, etc. He loves that he has something built with his own hands to leave behind to his children and grandchildren.

Michael’s 3rd passion is ROAD TRIPS. He has travelled to many locations in North American and can’t wait to get back out there in his new vehicle.

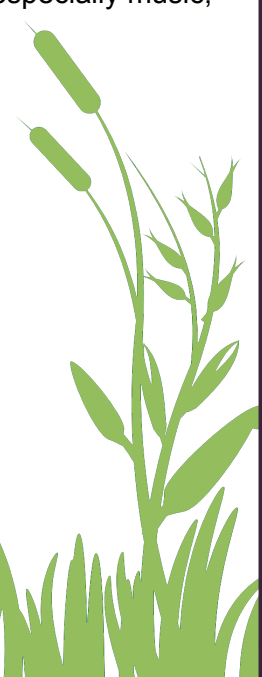
Finally, Michael looks forward to future opportunities to coach basketball, volunteer at the next Canada games, play his music, create more wood treasures, pack up the car and travel with his lovely wife Joanna and mentor music students. He shared his inner mantra, “*Art is on the wall for all to see, but music is an aural art to be experienced thru the movement of time.*”

Michael looks forward to chatting with other retired RTO members about many topics, but especially music, sports, chess, woodworking and travelling.

Thank-you, Michael, for sharing your time with me.

“IN THE SPOTLIGHT” is looking for your help. Are you, or is someone you know, someone we should all get to know? If so, this this page is for you! Looking for biographies or autobiographies to feature in the Spotlight. Please don’t be shy.

Submit your story to: judithcbowden@hotmail.com





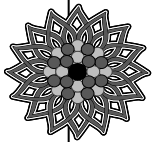
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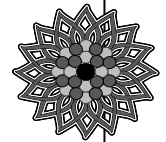
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AND
SPRING LUNCHEON**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

**SERBIAN CENTRE
6770 TECUMSEH**



PROGRAMME



10:30 A.M.

-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join us for an opportunity to meet your District Executive, ask questions, express concerns, participate in the governance process.

11:00 A.M.

-SOCIAL

11:30 A.M.

-ENTERTAINMENT (TBA)

12:00 A.M.

-ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:30 P.M.

-LUNCH

1:15 P.M.

**-BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND -
SINGER /ENTERTAINER
GARY MacDONALD**

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

MARGARET CLARKE

558 DORSET PARK PLACE

TECUMSEH, ON N8N 3N4

519-735-0727

mtclarke@mnsi.net





**RTO/ERO DISTRICT 7
SPRING LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
REGISTRATION FORM**

DETAILS

PLACE: SERBIAN CENTRE
6770 TECUMSEH ROAD, E.

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

TIMES: 10:30 A.M. -ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
11:00 A.M. -SOCIAL
11:30 A.M. -ENTERTAINMENT (TBA)
12:00 A.M. -ANNOUNCEMENTS
12:30 P.M. -LUNCH
1:15 P.M. -ENTERTAINMENT
GARY MacDONALD

COST: \$20.00

MENU

SERVED BUFFET STYLE

- FRESH GARDEN SALAD
- CHICKEN SCHNITZEL
- ROASTED POTATOES
- MIXED VEGETABLES
- PENNE WITH MEAT SAUCE
- ROLLS AND BUTTER
- COFFEE/TEA
- ASSORTED DESSERTS



Please make cheque, made payable to RTO/ERO DISTRICT 7 and return the section below, along with your cheque, by MAY 1, 2024, to our Treasurer:



**MARGARET CLARKE
558 DORSET PARK PLACE
TECUMSEH, ON N8N 3N4**



519-735-0727 mtclarke@mnsi.net

LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

NAME: _____ **RTO/ERO MEMBER:** _____ **GUEST:** _____

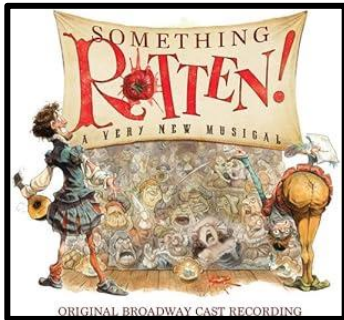
NAME: _____ **RTO/ERO MEMBER:** _____ **GUEST:** _____

ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

AMOUNT: \$ _____

DEADLINES!! DEADLINES!! DEADLINES!!

THE DEADLINE FOR LETTING STRATFORD KNOW the number of tickets we require is fast approaching. There are still tickets available. **So as not to be disappointed, contact Bill ASAP to reserve your ticket. BILL - billben9999@yahoo.ca or 519-948-5214**



STRATFORD FESTIVAL PRESENTS

SOMETHING ROTTEN

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

“Something Rotten! Is a wonderful comedy, with a **great book, songs and huge dance numbers.** It’s **full of laughter, passion and heart** and we want to deliver an experience for the audience that delivers all of that. – Director Donna Feore

Based on a book by John O’Farrell and Karey Kirkpatrick, music and lyrics by Karey and Wayne Kirkpatrick. Set in 1595 South London, the story follows the Bottom brothers, Nick and Nigel, playwrights who find themselves in competition with the wild popularity of their contemporary William Shakespeare.

Something Rotten! opened on Broadway at the St. James Theatre, where it played for 708 performances. A rollicking song and dance extravaganza, **it was nominated for ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical.**

NOT TO BE MISSED!!!!!

Adapted from stratfordfestival.ca

COST - \$180.00

INCLUDES Transportation & Theatre Ticket

OUR PRICES CANNOT BE BEATEN

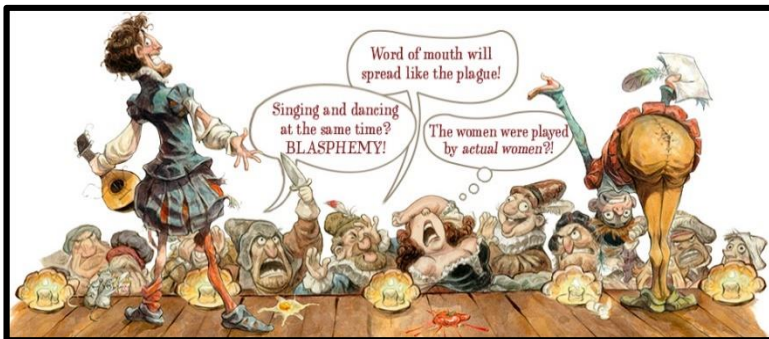
A+ SEATS ON THE MAIN FLOOR AND FRONT ROW BALCONY

PLEASE NOTE: Please make cheques payable to **RTOERO District 7** and please mail them to:

Bill Bowden

1104-8325 Riverside Drive, East

Windsor, ON N8S 1E8



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Leaving: ESSEX at 7:30 A.M. and DEVONSHIRE 8:00A.M.
Arriving: Stratford intime for lunch, shopping and theatre
Stopping: at White Oaks Mall, London for a bite to eat and a little shopping.
Returning: to Devonshire Mall at approximately 8:30 P.M.

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.



SHAW FESTIVAL PRESENTS

LERNER AND LOEWE'S

MY FAIR LADY

The most beloved musical to ever hit the stage.

Book and Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner - Music by Frederick Loewe
Adapted from Bernard Shaw's Play and Gabriel Pascal's Motion Picture Pygmalion

This timeless classic has been dazzling audiences since its debut on Broadway in 1956. Based on the play *Pygmalion* by Bernard Shaw, it's the story of Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower girl caught in the middle of a bet between Henry Higgins, a professor of phonetics and Colonel Pickering, a fellow linguist. With unforgettable songs such as "On the Street Where You Live," "I Could Have Danced All Night" and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" *My Fair Lady* is one of the most beloved musicals of all time – and now it's returning to The Shaw!

Information taken from <https://www.shawfest.com/playbill/my-fair-lady/>



COST: \$180.00

DATE: JUNE 7, 2023

Leaving ESSEX at 7:30 A.M. and DEVONSHIRE 8:00A.M.
Arriving Niagara-on-the-Lake in time for lunch, shopping and theatre
Stopping at White Oaks Mall, London for a bite to eat and a little bit of shopping.
Returning to Devonshire Mall at approximately 9:00 P.M.

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VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS

SWEET SOUL MUSIC



Created by D2 Entertainment – Music Arrangement by
Mark Payne – A Victoria Playhouse Original

Get on Board the Soul Train as they showcase the very best music of this iconic genre. Smooth, soulful voices, pay homage to legends such as *Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Lionel Richie and Marvin Gaye*. Get ready to move and groove in this parade of non-stop soul.

DATE: TUESDAY JULY 16, 2024

COST: \$125.00

Includes tickets and transportation
GREAT Seats – The Best – Front 3 rows - Main Floor

DEPART Essex at 9:30 A.M.
Arner and Hwy #3 Car Park
DEPART Windsor at 10:00 A.M.
Devonshire in front former Sears store
RETURN Approx. at 6:30 P.M.

For information contact Bill
@519-948-5214 or
billben9999@yahoo.ca

Please make cheques payable to **RTOERO District 7** and mail to: **Bill Bowden**
1104-8325 Riverside Drive East, Windsor ON N8S 1E8

As we are non-profit and 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.



GRAND RIVER CRUISE

Thursday August 22, 2024

Since 1978, Grand River Cruises has been offering a unique and unforgettable dining experience in Southern Ontario.

All dining cruises include:

- Complimentary refreshments from our Dockside Cafe on arrival
- Complimentary snack from Dockside Cafe prior to boarding
- Fresh-baked bread
- Mixed greens salad with choice of dressing
- Choice of: Slow-cooked roast beef or baked chicken breast or vegetarian chili (protein choices must be pre-ordered)
- Potatoes and vegetables
- Choice of Apple Crisp Pie or Strawberry Shortcake for dessert
- Tea, coffee, soft drink

LUNCH CRUISE AND BLAZING FIDDLES SHOW

Begin your day with [the fabulous Blazing Fiddles Show](#) in our auditorium at 11:30 a.m. with a complimentary snack & refreshment upon arrival. You will then embark on a 2-1/2-hour cruise at 12:30 p.m. with a delicious three-course meal served to your private window table. During the cruise your captain gives an informative commentary and you can sit out on the promenade deck to enjoy the river scenery.

A great day trip in Grand River Country!

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COST: \$180.00

Leaving ESSEX at 7:00 A.M. and DEVONSHIRE 7:30A.M.
Arriving Caledonia approximately 10:45 A.M.
Stopping at White Oaks Mall, London for a bite to eat and a little bit of shopping.
Returning to Devonshire Mall at approximately 9:00 P.M.

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RTO/ERO

Breakfast Club



APRIL - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, April 11, 2024
Hi-Ho Diner
2584 Manning Road,
Tecumseh



MAY - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, May 9, 2024
Stacked Pancake House
2601 Lauzon Parkway, Unit 1
Windsor

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

JUNE - 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, June 13, 2024
Mealtime Express
421 Sandwich Street, South
Amherstburg

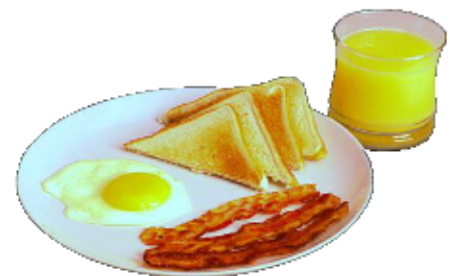
*COME OUT
AND JOIN US FOR
GOOD FOOD AND
GREAT
CONVERSATION AND
FELLOWSHIP*

JULY - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, July 11, 2024
Toast
653 Erie Street East,
Windsor

AUGUST - 9:30 A.M.

August 8, 2024
Hometown Cookhouse
51 Talbot Street, North
Essex



If you have any suggestions for a Breakfast Diner/Restaurant
please let me know.

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BULLETIN BOARD

THEATRE TRIPS

SOMETHING ROTTEN - May 7, 2024
MY FAIR LADY - June 7, 2024
SWEET SOUL MUSIC - July 16, 2024

DISTRICT 7 AGM & SPRING

LUNCHEON
May 8, 2024
Serbian Centre

BREAKFAST CLUB DATES

April 11, 2024
HI-HO DINER
May 9, 2024
STACKED PANCAKE
HOUSE
June 13, 2024
MEALTIME EXPRESS
July 11, 2024
TOAST
August 8, 2024
HOMETOWN
COOKHOUSE

DEADLINES

COMMUNITY GRANTS - May 31, 2024
Grant of up to \$4000.00 for a qualifying Community Project. Contact judithcbowden@hotmail.com for information.

DISTRICT BURSARIES - July 2024

3x\$500.00 bursaries are available for qualifying graduating secondary school students about to pursue a career in teaching. Applications will be available in the high schools shortly.

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDS DESIGNED TO HELP FUND PROJECTS; POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION!

- CHECK DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL WEBSITES
- CONTACT A DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEMBER
- WATCH FOR INFO IN OUR NEWSLETTER

A PEEK INTO THE FUTURE **EVENTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE**

Fall- 2024 -WINE TOUR
FALL 2024 - GOLF TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 2024 - TURKEYVILLE - MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

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 dates.....

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