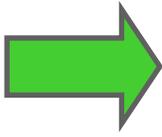




BRANT DISTRICT 40

A better future, together

Autumn 2022



Ensemble pour un avenir meilleur



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems that summer has vanished! And Fall is upon us. I hope this has been a wonderful summer

for you and your families. Your Executive has been working to plan some interesting activities for you. We can't do it without your participation. In a sense we are rebuilding Brant District 40 after COVID as we all re-emerge from various forms of lockdown and personal protection. I hope you will help us to increase the numbers who attend our events. It is so good to see old friends and former colleagues. Please join us and encourage other education worker members to join you. There can't be too many opportunities to socialize.

The first event this Fall was our "To Hell with the Bell" Breakfast on September 6th. I hope you were able to join us and see everyone you were missing, reminisce about other first days and celebrate our freedoms. Unfortunately, we will not be able to host our Golf Tournament this Fall but are planning one for next Spring.

In an effort to engage people with different interests, we are adding some new activities including an Arts & Crafts Sale, Billiards, a Chocolate Tasting event, a visit to a Distillery, Trivia and some other activities. Stay tuned for further information on these and some other activities. Don't hesitate to make suggestions, as well. There are a few members who have volunteered to help. We will be calling on you soon to get involved and seeking others as well.

Our Annual Meeting is November 2nd. The main activity at that meeting will be an Arts & Craft Show and Sale. Let me know as soon as possible if you will enter a display. There will be no charge for a table. We will also be honouring members who are celebrating a Membership Milestone this year. Those milestones are 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years. We have members in all of those categories and we would love to see as many as possible at the luncheon. We hope to make this an ongoing recognition of milestone membership. It promises to be an interesting and fun meeting.

The Christmas Social is one of our most popular events. It will take place on November 30th.

Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. There will be more information on some of these later in the Newsletter and others via our website or an e-mail flyer.

We wish you all the blessings of the season and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Betty Anne

VISIT OUR DISTRICT 40 WEBSITE AT <https://district40.rtoero.ca>

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District forty website

Check out the District 40 Website at
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For Events, Newsletters, Trips & Tours,
Opportunities to Volunteer, and more.

“Like” our District 40 Facebook Page
[https://m.facebook.com/
RTOERODistrict40Brant/](https://m.facebook.com/RTOERODistrict40Brant/).

Great page to keep up-to-date with items
of social interest.

Want to promote a community event?

Email Barb Rogelstad, Webmaster & Social
Media. rogieba@rogers.com

**Change of address or personal info?
Please make sure to let RTO know!**

RTO office: 1-800-361-9888 or

RTO website

<http://www.erorto.ca>

Due to not spending some of our funds during the pandemic we are able to subsidize events to a significant amount, making your costs much lower this year. Take advantage of these prices to attend events and bring an RTO friend.



Annual Meeting and Luncheon

with Member Art and Craft Show

Walter Gretzky Golf Club

320 Balmoral Drive N3V 1E6

Luncheon will include salads, pasta, roast beef, potato, vegetables and dessert (Catered by the White Rabbit)

Wed. Nov. 2, 2022

Meeting: 11 am. Luncheon: 12 noon

Cost: Members \$20. Non-Members \$25.

Arts and Craft Sale to follow.

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS for the AGM Luncheon may be completed by going to the Brant District Website. <https://district40.rtoero.ca>. Payment will be made upon arrival at those events

OR EMAIL rtobrant40events@gmail.com

OR CALL Betty Anne Whitney president40@districts.rtoero.ca

These events are subsidized in part by Brant District 40 RTO.

Please include the following information:

Name(s) of Member(s) Attending _____

Name(s) of Non-member(s) Attending _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____



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Better lives for Canada's education
community retirees

Une vie meilleure pour les retraités du
secteur de l'éducation au Canada

RTOERO is an amazing organization working **for** members **by** members to ensure that our retired years are the best they can be. In addition to our members, it is a political advocacy group for all seniors in our country. About 25% of those in Canada are seniors. That fact, along with the economic and political situation means that issues for seniors are becoming more critical. Retired educators are among the more fortunate seniors because of our lived experience, our pensions and the RTOERO organization; we have the ability and responsibility to influence how others are treated. There are many local and broader organizations one can support to further these efforts and we must be vocal about our values and beliefs at this important time. With over 80 000 members and outstanding leadership, RTOERO, in partnership with other Seniors' groups across Canada has a strong voice to advocate at all levels of government. Sharing your concerns with our political and local leaders will add emphasis to important issues. See this and former Newsletters for issues we need to continue to encourage. Even though the government has proposed changes in some areas, little actual difference has been made at this point. (e.g.. many Long-Term Care facilities have still had no improvements re ventilation, air conditioning or multiple beds in a room even though there has been some commitment to do so.)

Whether you're involved in RTOERO's collective advocacy efforts or not, you may be comforted to know that folks are advocating on your behalf and on behalf of older Canadians and Canadians of any age. Seniors strategy, geriatric healthcare and environmental sustainability remain RTOERO's key priority areas. Here's how to stay informed: Visit the advocacy page of rtoero.ca – There you'll find copies of the summaries and positions for each of the priority areas, as well as the latest blog posts related to advocacy – go to rtoero.ca/giving-back/advocacy. Be a critical consumer of news media to determine what is true.



Monday, October 24, 2022 is the next Municipal election for Council and School Board representatives across Ontario. It will be important to choose individuals who believe in the importance of supporting seniors and senior issues and good education for our young people. What will you do to ensure the right individuals are chosen?



SOCIAL CALENDAR



Get Your Money's Worth

Billiards – Last Wednesday of Month (Sep 28)

Coffee Middle Wed. of Month (Sept 14)

Annual Luncheon & Meeting & Arts Show & Sale (Nov 2)

Trivia (February & March)

Spring Luncheon & Meeting (May 4)

Golf (May 17)

Chocolate Tasting (TBA)

Distillery or Brewery (TBA)

Other ideas you suggest

“To Hell With the Bell” Breakfast

The “To Hell with the Bell” Breakfast was quite a success. We had about 40 attending including 12 new members. It was an enthusiastic group and the chatter suggested lots of reconnecting with friends, which is one of the

main reasons for our get-togethers. Congratulations to Jim Harder, who won the tickets to the Brant Music Club performance donated by Mieke Schroeder.

We are happy to welcome 26 new members to RTOERO Brant District 40.



When you read an online article there are often ways to find further information at your fingertips. If you see something underlined or a website included, you can often just click on it or press the control button and click on the link to access the information. It saves you copying and pasting or just wondering what might be there. I'm sure there are other tricks too. Share interesting things you find with others so we can all continue to learn to learn.

Try it here: Check out <https://district40.rtoero.ca> or

The IEA has released a [10-Point Plan](#) to reduce the EU's reliance on Russian gas.



Let's Play Pool!

Legends Billiards & Lounge

20 Dalhousie St, Brantford
Last Wednesday of the Month
Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 23 1:00pm

Come for Fun. No skill required.

Save the Date!!

Coffee 'n Club

Williams Fresh Café

616 West Street

Middle Wednesday of the Month

October 12, November 12 10:30 a.m.



RTO District 40's annual Winter Wine & Cheese Party

will be held on

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022

from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

at the

Brantford Golf & Country Club

Mark your calendars!!

More details later.





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Check out Mailings & Email from RTOERO

See Newsletters and Updates from Brant District 40

RTOERO Website (rtoero.ca) (www.rto-ero.org/vibrant-voices)

RTOERO Facebook (www.facebook.com/rto.ero/)

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Wanted!



Artists & Crafters

*interested in displaying/selling
their works*

*at the November 2nd **Art & Craft Sale***

Contact Betty Anne

– president40@districts.rtoero.ca

519-484-2742



Thanks to our members for their continued support of Goodwill. We appreciate your communication. Please keep us informed of passings, anniversaries/, and significant occasions in the lives of our members.

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Margaret Gillan mlgillan@gmail.com

***National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
Friday, September 30, 2022***



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours First Nations, Inuit and Métis Survivors, their families, and their communities, to ensure that Canadians never forget the history and legacy of government-led residential schools. Take time to reflect and support Indigenous People’s experiences and amplify their voices, perspectives, and histories.

Another school year has started and if you're like me, thoughts turn to teaching and classrooms – but soon move on to the joys of retirement! Although people are urged to remain cautious, people are returning to travel, restaurants, concerts and other events. Hopefully, the worst of the pandemic is now behind us.

The fall is the usual time for active teachers who are approaching retirement to start investigating their options. If you know of anyone who is thinking of retiring soon or even in the next five years, please direct him or her to the following website for information on **Virtual Retirement Planning Workshops**. It is hoped that we can return to in-person workshops in the future as they are more effective at making connections and convincing that RTOERO is the way to go. We would love to increase our numbers, so please spread the word!

<https://rtoero.ca/events/retirement-planning-workshops/>

As of Sept. 1, 2022, RTO District 40 has 1044 retired members, and 23 members who are actively employed. 49 people in our District are 90 -99 and 6 are 100+.

In a continuing attempt to save money and to do a bit for the environment, we are once again encouraging members to agree to give up the paper copy of the newsletter and opt to receive the online version only. We now have 749 members on the print mailing list. If you would be happy to be removed from the list of members who receive the print version of the newsletter, please let me know.

This would mean that you would only receive the newsletter by email.

Please contact me at rtobrant40membership@gmail.com

Also, mix-ups can occur at the District level and at the Provincial level. If you know of any members who **should** have but did not receive this newsletter by email, please ask them to contact **RTO Head Office** by phone to get the problem resolved.

Remember that you should always update your contact information (phone, address or email address), so that we can stay in touch.

Membership department at membership@rtoero.ca or **1-800-361-9888**.

Happy autumn! Lynn Haylock.
Membership Chair

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, November 28 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

ONE OF A KIND Craft Show @ Toronto Enercare

Price (to be determined) will include show admission and subsidized coach.

Limited seats will be announced shortly.

For more information, lorichisholm@rogers.com



Wendy's Celebrates Seniors



Ageism, also spelled agism, is stereotyping and/or discrimination against individuals or groups on the basis of their age. This may be casual or systemic. The term was coined in 1969 by Robert Neil Butler to describe discrimination against seniors, and patterned on sexism and racism. Butler defined "ageism" as a combination of three connected elements. Originally it was identified chiefly towards older people, old age, and the aging process; discriminatory practices against older people; and institutional practices and policies that perpetuate stereotypes about elderly people.

RTOERO Foundation hosts 50/50 draw in October

The RTOERO Foundation is one of the only charitable foundations in Canada focused on the health and well-being of older adults. The Foundation focuses on building and supporting creative results-based initiatives to improve seniors' health care and promote social engagement.

For Social Isolation Month in October, the Foundation will host a 50/50 draw. Funds raised by this raffle will be invested in programs, research and training to support healthy active aging for all Canadians. The Foundation's activities aim to improve seniors' health care, end social isolation and combat ageism.

Tickets go on sale Oct. 1. The early bird draw is Oct. 14. The grand prize draw will be held on Oct. 31.

50/50

ONLINE RAFFLE!
Your chance to support the RTOERO Foundation & WIN!

TIRAGE EN LIGNE!
L'occasion d'appuyer la Fondation RTOERO et de GAGNER!

Lottery Licence / Licence de loterie
RAF1256385

Tickets available online starting October 1st!

Billets disponibles en ligne à compter de 1^{er} octobre!

rafflebox.ca/raffle/rtoerofoundation

RTOERO Foundation
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Have a look at our new site!

<https://district40.rtoero.ca>

What's new

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Welcome to Brant District 40!

We welcome you to the new website for Brant District 40. We hope you find it easy to navigate as you discover items of interest [...]

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Explore all issues of Renaissance. Browse through previous issues from the most recent issue, back to the Spring 2021. [http \[...\]](#)

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Fall 2022 Newsletter

The Brant Forty Newsletter is being prepared and will be available right here this fall. [...]



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