



Retirement Rag

**Oakville Retirees Club
Including Mississauga, Milton and Burlington
P.O. Box 52047 Oakville, Ontario L7J 7N5**

March 2006

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TELCO COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Telco Community Retirees Clubs shall be:

To provide social, recreational, educational and cultural activities among members

To Provide meeting facilities for the accommodation of members and their guests

To promote participation and contribution by members in activities that are of service to the community

To promote participation and contribution by members in various Charitable organizations: and

Such other complementary purposes not inconsistent with the above objectives.

Executive

President: Tom Brown

Past President: Ron Knisley

Vice President: Bill Hughes

Secretary: Syd McKay

Treasurer: Jean Cook

AVP Club Room: Elmer Throop

AVP Community Service: Bill Check

AVP Fellowship: Eileen Chewter

AVP Fund Raising: Venetia Binns

AVP Historical: Doug Kirkwood

AVP Participation: Dave Warren

AVP P.B. Moore Fund: Ron Knisley

AVP Programs: Fred Bucknam

AVP Records: Pat Herron

Crafters Who Care: Bea Medland,
Norma McIntyre

Golf Tournament: Chris Harvey
Ron Naccarato

Oakville TCV Rep.: Ron McLean

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Telco Community Volunteers First Annual Meeting

This first annual meeting was held at the North York Novotel Hotel on November 9, 2005.

The primary purpose is to provide a venue for members of all 5 clubs to meet and renew old acquaintances. Time was available before and after the general meeting.

The secondary purpose is a business meeting to report to the Membership. 130 attended in total, with 25 from our club.

The financial report for the year ended June 30, 2005 was distributed and discussed by our Treasurer, Marjorie Grant.

Our Solicitor, Robert D. Finlayson, of the firm Gowlings, Lafleur and Henderson, who has been involved with the affairs of the Clubs for several years, provided a comprehensive review of the past, present and future of both TCV and the Pauline Baxter Moore Fund.

Our guest speaker was Sandy Hawley, who is an icon in thoroughbred racing in Canada and North America. All agreed, Sandy was a most entertaining speaker, who guided in a most humorous way through his early years and training as a jockey and his adventures during his subsequent career. Among other noted accomplishments: he is the first jockey in history to win 500 races in a single season; he is tied with two others with four wins at the Queen's Plate, and his mounts have earned more than twenty million dollars over his career. Sandy was available before and after the meeting to discuss horse racing and to sign autographs.

The Second Annual Meeting will be held in the Fall of 2006.

The Board hope to see a much greater number of attendees next year.

Club Events News

07 February, 2006: General Meeting We held a general meeting at the Maple Grove United Church attended by 60 members. A new member, Mary Kozak, was introduced. We also welcomed back a former president of our club, Elva Hollinsworth. A free lunch was provided, followed by a guest speaker from COMTECH Credit Union.

06 December, 2005: 193 Members and Partners enjoyed an afternoon of renewed friendships, fellowship and a singsong at the Annual Christmas Luncheon held at the Le Dome in Oakville.

Mrs. Ruth Deyman presented a display case, crafted by Doug Kirkwood, of the many Telephone Pioneer pins collected by her late husband, Bill Deyman, the founder of our Club.

Mrs. Helen Arthurs was the winner of the Crafters Who Care quilt raffle.

December, 2005: Congratulations to our members who take time to help others. In December more than 350 volunteer hours were given assisting the Salvation Army in Mississauga and Oakville. In Mississauga the team continued their tradition of doing interviews and assisting with the Christmas hampers. In Oakville volunteers helped to man the Kettle at Oakville Place. Food collected at our Annual Christmas Luncheon was distributed to the Salvation Army Food Banks in Burlington, Oakville and Mississauga.

November & December 2005: The Salvation Army Mississauga Corps Family Services (Cawthra)
Once again volunteers from our club assisted the Family Services in their Christmas Bureau, helping needy families. This year, our 13th, our members interviewed families, sorted toys and distributed food vouchers and toys to 1,300 families. Our member contributed 535 hours and qualified for a grant of \$2,500.00 from Bell under the Employee Giving Program. This is the sixth \$2,500.00 granted totaling \$15, 000.00.

Thanks to the following for assisting with their time:

Gordon Beeton	Venetia Binns	Tom Brown	Marg Clarke
Bob and Rosemary Grinton	Carol Hall	Doug Huctwith	Pat Holway
Norma Dalton	Doris Hyde	Kay Lee	Dunc Lyall
Chuck Piercy	Ian and Shirley Ross	Cathy West	John Smith
Ken Wiley	Marj Wilton	Yvonne Seaton	Pat Vincent

Thank-you.

Bill Hughes Bill Bowyer

Bumper Stickers

If you lend somebody \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it!

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes.
That way you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

Never miss a good chance to shut up!

By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends!

Timing has an awful lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

Coming Events

Thursday, March 16, 2006

We are returning to **Carmens'** to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with "**Irish Eyes**" where green is the colour of the day. A great St. Patrick's Day show, a fantastic musical review filled with wonderful comedy, great Irish songs and stories, with a delicious Irish meal to be served. The bus leaves Maple Grove United Church at 10:15 am and returns late afternoon. Total cost is \$30.00 for members and partners and \$50.00 for guests. Contact Fred Bucknam for reservations.

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

The **Annual General Meeting** of your club is being held at Maple Grove United Church. Doors open at 11:00 am for socializing. Lunch is at noon, with the meeting following at 1:00 pm. Other details to follow.

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

We are off to the **Sandy Flats Sugar bush** near Coburg for a Pancake Brunch and a tour of the sugar bush. This will be followed by "Olde Tyme" music. A previous favourite! The bus will leave Maple Grove United Church at 9:00 am. Oct for this outing is \$25.00 for members and partners and \$50.00 for guests. For further information and reservations, call Joan Wilush.

Saturday, April 29, 2006

The **Annual Pancake Breakfast** at the Balsam Clubhouse from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Come join your friends for a great breakfast for only \$5.00 per person. Pay at the door. Need more information? - call Elmer Throop.

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

We are going to **Stage West** in Mississauga for lunch and to take in the musical show **Cabaret**. Cost is \$30.00 for members and their partners and \$50.00 for guests. We will meet at Stage West (5400 Dixie Road—just South of Hwy.401) at 10:30 am. Call Milt Sweeney for reservations.

Tickets will be given to you at Stage West. Should you need a ride, let us know.

Saturday, June 3, 2006

Our **Annual BBQ** at Maple Grove United Church. Doors open at 11:00 am. \$5.00 for members and partners and \$15.00 for guests. The Crafters Who Care will have a draw for an afghan. Please bring something for the white elephant Table and/or a Food Bank Donation. Please respond by May 22, so we can confirm quantities with our caterer. Call any programme committee member for reservations.

September 6 - 9, 2006

A 4 day, 3 night trip is planned to **Magog** in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. This was an excellent trip in 2004. Good food, entertainment and fellowship. Still a few vacancies. For further information or reservations, call Yvonne Seaton.

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

We are off to **Stratford** to see the show **South Pacific**. We will lunch at the Stratford Country Club before going to the show at 2:00 pm. The bus leaves Maple Grove United Church at 9:00 am and returns late afternoon. Total cost is \$60.00 for members and partners and \$90.0 for guests. Contact Peggy Kemp for reservations.

Please note: Members who require transportation to any event are asked to call the event co-coordinator, any program committee member or Tom Brown to arrange for pick-up. If you wish to volunteer for this service, call the same numbers! **Telephone numbers are edited out on the internet version. Pick up one of our Event flyers that has the numbers at our next meeting.**

Your Events Programme Committee:

Fred Bucknam
Yvonne Seaton
Dorothy Wright

Milt Sweeney
Nan Colbert
Bob Stevenson

Joan Wilush
Peggy Kemp

Clubhouse Activities

Crafters: quilting, sewing, knitting , etc...

Contact Norma McIntyre or Bea Medland. Crafters meet at the Balsam clubhouse every Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Euchre: euchre is played at the Balsam clubhouse every Thursday from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. A cost of 50 cents includes coffee, cookies and a monthly prize. For more information contact Elmer Throop.

Things We Collect—An Update! We want Campbell's Soup Labels—the entire label. Any that have been cut down simply get thrown out. Please flatten each label and put into packages of 30 or 50. Ties or put an elastic band around them or put them in an envelope. Doing this makes it so much easier to prepare them for Campbell's. They give 10 cents per label to The Shriners Hospital to buy school supplies for the children during their treatment in hospital.

Pop Tabs are collected and sold to a recycler. The money we receive goes to the "March of Dimes" organization and is used to purchase wheelchairs. There are many different products that use the TAB as an opener. We will take them all, thanks!

Used Canadian Postage Stamps are sold to a stamp dealer who will package them for sale to collectors around the world. The money goes to the Seeing Eye Dog Program.

These are the **only** items our Life members are collecting now. Thanks very much for your interest and help in this part of our program! Contact Elmer Throop.

Event Reservations!!

IMPORTANT

When you make a reservation for an event,
please send a cheque to:

TCV OAKVILLE CLUB
P.O. Box 52047, Oakville ON
L6J 7N5

We then know how many to guarantee for an event and it saves embarrassment on the day of the event.

Transportation Required!!!

PLEASE NOTE:

Members who require transportation to any event are asked to call the event coordinator, any member of the Program Committee or Tom Brown.

It is recommended that you pick up one of our Event Flyers and keep it handy as the telephone numbers are listed.

Volunteer Hours

Our club does not provide financial assistance to any organization, charitable or otherwise. However, we do encourage members to assist charitable organizations with volunteer hours.

If any of you perform volunteer work please advise Dave Warren at (905) 845-3379 of your hours on a monthly basis.

For your information our club year runs from July to June.

For year 2003-2004 our club provided 6,010 hours of assistance to various organizations.

For year 2004-2005 we provided 5,371 hours of assistance.

Membership

In order to reduce the cost of the retirement rag, if you have an e-mail address and a PDF reader on your computer please advise Pat Herron. oakville@telcocommunityvolunteers.com

New Members

Mrs. Debbie Annett—Oakville

Mrs. Elva Hollinsworth—Oakville

M.S. Mary Kozak—Oakville

M.S. Brenda Hicks—Milton

Mr. Wm. F. "Bud" Jones—Oakville

M.S. Pat Seaton—Oakville

Keeping In Touch

Are you aware that cards are sent out twice a year to our members over 80 years of age? Venetia Binns does a wonderful job of keeping in touch this way. Many members, unable to attend some or all of our functions, know that we are thinking of them.

Unfortunately, we do not have the date of birth for many members. In a continuing effort to keep our records updated, would any of our senior members, over 80, not receiving an Easter or Christmas card from our club, please advise Pat Herron of your date of birth. We would also like to add this information for our younger seniors as well. All of this information is strictly confidential.

Please call or e-mail Pat so that the Oakville Club can continue with our tradition of keeping in touch.

e-mail - oakville@telcocommunityvolunteers.com

Milton Senior Activity Centre

Two of our members have been successful in receiving two \$2,500.00 grants from Bell's Employee Giving Program.

Bob De Forest and Mary MacKay are both members of the Milton Senior Activity Centre as well as our club. Their involvement with the Senior's Centre, with the assistance of others, accumulated the required 500 hours to obtain the \$2,500.00 grants in both 2004 and 2005.

Good work!

Nothing Special!

"May I take your order sir?" the waiter asked.

"Yes. How do you prepare your chickens?"

"Nothing special sire," he replied.
"we just tell them straight out that they're going to die."

More bumper stickers...

There are 2 theories to arguing with women.
Neither one works.

Guys have feelings too. But like...who cares!

Coffee, chocolate, men Some things are just better rich.

Telco Community Volunteers—A History - Courtesy of Mike McFall

How many club member know the background that led to the formation of **TELCO Community Volunteers**, the incorporated group under which each of the five retiree clubs in the Greater Toronto Area operates?

The five clubs (Of Bell Pensioners/spouses) include; Brampton Retirees Club, Fieldway Retirees Club, Oakville Retirees Club; Scarborough Retirees Club and Toronto Retirees Club.

In the period mid-1978 to approximately the end of 1990, the Telephone Pioneers of America, Maple Leaf Metro Chapter #74, exercised jurisdiction over membership of the Telephone Pioneers of America in the Toronto and Mississauga regions.

For several years, Pauline Baxter Moore, as a retired employee of Bell Canada, was a Pioneer Life member and regularly attended meetings of the Fieldway Life Members Club. She had never married and apparently recognized no close next-of-kin. In return for the "much happiness provided her by the Fieldway Life members Club" she wished, through her Will, "to provide assistance to such club to enable it to carry on..." Her Will was prepared and signed in 1985. At that time Maple Leaf Metro Chapter #74 had the same organization as when it was created. (I.e.—including five separate Life Member Clubs operating in Etobicoke, Oakville, Brampton, Scarborough and Toronto).

Pauline Baxter Moore died in 1987. Her Will provided that, until April 30, 2008, the Estate is to be held in trust by the (now) Bank of Nova Scotia, as Executor, with all of the income of the Estate to be paid to Metro Chapter #74, as directed by Fieldway LM Club. The University of Toronto was stipulated as a secondary beneficiary should Fieldway and associated clubs cease to exist during the Will period. Consistent with the intent of the Will, Fieldway LM Club established a sub-organization to oversee equal distribution of the income to all five Greater Toronto Area LM Clubs and to monitor that spending was consistent with the provision of the Will.

In late 1998 the local TPA executive, with the support of Bell, voted to sever ties with the Telephone Pioneers of America and to create a new organization. In early 1999, Bell Community Volunteers (BCV) was incorporated with the assistance of B.C.E. Bell Community Volunteers did not prove to be a successful venture and was dissolved in mid-2000. The Executor of the Will of Pauline Baxter Moore suspended further payments from the Estate subject to court clarification of the proper recipient. In the face of this, the five Metro LM clubs continued to meet as usual and established a committee, made up of a representative of each club, to re-establish suspended funding from the Estate and to establish a base for continuing Club activity. This was initially done with the incorporation of **TELCO Community Volunteers** in September 2000. Then followed each "Metro LM Club" becoming a Retirees Club of **TELCO Community Volunteers**. By early 2001 some 2,700 Telephone Pioneers of America Life Members were included into **TELCO** Retiree membership.

At about the same time, notification was received of the Telephone Pioneers of America's intent to seek a court review of their stated position of ownership regarding membership/finances of **TELCO**. This action raised legal concerns re: potential next-of-kin; University of Toronto (potential secondary beneficiary). During the period 2000 to late 2002 legal action commenced to determine the actual Will intent. Discovery meetings and mediation meetings were held until the "final" court hearing in September 2002. Agreements had been reached with the University of Toronto and with (Court appointed) lawyers representing potential next-of-kin on their claims—leaving the court contest between **TELCO** and the Telephone Pioneers of America. A decision was rendered in favour of **TELCO**. Annual interest payments are to continue until April 2008, following which the capital of the Will (Estate) becomes sole property of **TELCO** (not Maple Leaf Chapter #74)

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You might wonder what all the fuss was about. How much money was in the estate anyway?

Pauline Baxter Moore had been a clerk in the Engineering Department at Bell and a shrewd manager of her own savings. At her death, her estate had a value of \$800,000.00. By the year 200, when payments were suspended after 12 years, some \$60/\$75,000.00 annually had been paid to the Life Members Clubs in Metro. (another \$800,000.00) Add to that the fact that the Executor of the Estate had been paid a commission under the terms of the Will. Also, capital gains tax had been paid annually to Revenue Canada as legally required. After all these payments had been made, the value of the Estate was \$1,800,000.00.

Following the settlement of all costs associated with the court proceedings, the agreed upon settlements with the University of Toronto, the next-of-kin and the significant costs of all lawyers involved (required by the Court), the remaining value was in the range of \$1,200,000.00.

It speaks highly for the competence of the Executor of the Estate, in investing wisely, that an Estate that started with \$800,000.00 was valued at some \$1,200,000.00 after about 14 years, considering all the withdrawals made during that period.

And so, between now and April 2008, it is the task of the TELCO board to pass along to the five Metro Retirees Clubs their equal share of the annual earnings of capital derived from Pauline's gift. Following that, the board of the day will assume the role of the Executor of the Estate in managing the remaining capital. A probable scenario is that the current method of investing the capital be continued and the resultant earnings support Club activities into the future.

December 2005

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Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place.

Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up me Irish Whiskey.

Miraculously , a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

The Bathtub Test:

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the director, "we fill a bathtub then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient as ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No." said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a room with or without a view?"