



Retirement Rag

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

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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.

Presidents Message

Thank you to all our members for being so supportive of our activities, trips and meetings over the last year.

Our program committee has more exciting events planned for the coming year. The annual BBQ at the Port Credit Yacht Club on June 3 is a must attend.

We are always looking for volunteers to serve on committees. If you have some free time we would appreciate your efforts. Please contact me or any member of the executive we will find the perfect spot for you.

Remember—exercise and stay healthy!
Eileen Chewter

Club General Meetings

Our club holds two general meetings a year at the Maple Grove United Church in Oakville. These meetings are held the first Tuesday of February and the first Tuesday of October.

At these meetings a free lunch is provided along with a guest speaker. Attending these meetings gives you an opportunity to meet and mingle with other members. This also is the best time to hear what the Program Committee has planned for our outings.

In addition to the two general meetings; our annual meeting is held the first Tuesday of April, again at the Maple Grove United Church.

Executive

President: Eileen Chewter
Past President: Bill Hughes
Vice President: Barbara Gohm
Secretary: Syd McKay
Treasurer: Jean Cook
AVP Club Room: Claude Therrien
AVP Community Service: Bill Check
AVP Fellowship: Yvonne Seaton
AVP Fund Raising: Venetia Binns
AVP Historical: Doug Kirkwood
AVP Participation: Dave Warren
AVP P.B. Moore Fund: Ron Knisley
AVP Programs: Bob Grinton
AVP Records: Pat Herron
Crafters Who Care: Bea Medland,
Norma McIntyre
Golf Tournament: Chris Harvey
Ron Naccarato
Oakville TCV Rep.: Ron McLean

Club Events News

December 1, 2009

We enjoyed our **Annual Christmas Luncheon** at a new location, **St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre** in Oakville. 131 members and guests enjoyed a turkey dinner and entertainment by "crooner" Jim Cormier singing old favourites, but no Christmas songs or carols. We had our usual 50/50 draw and food drive for the needy. Our "Crafters Who Care" held a lucky draw for their beautiful quilt. In 2010 we will return "home" to Le Dome for our Christmas Luncheon.

February 2, 2010

We held a **General Meeting** at the **Maple Grove United Church**, including the usual lunch. The guest speaker was a policewoman from Halton Region S.A.L.T. (**Seniors And Law Enforcement Together**). She gave an interesting talk on safe driving with some great tips for older drivers.

February 16, 2010

We had a good turnout at the **Sheridan College Theatre** to see a production of Cole Porter's "**Anything Goes!**" This was a great show with good music, dancing and story line. It was completely entertaining. While this was an amateur production featuring students; it is hard to imagine Broadway doing it much better. The whole cast was outstanding, especially the male and female leads.

March 17th, 2010

On a warm sunny Spring-like day 58 members and guests boarded our Yellow Bus and headed to **Carmen's** in Hamilton to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day**. We enjoyed a lunch of fish also an Irish Stew, followed by many old and famous Irish songs and ditties enough to bring a wee tear to your eyes. We were also treated to some Irish dancing by some young school girls. We ended on a happy note singing McNamara's band and homeward bound.

Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash with Wylie Post in 1935, was probably one of the greatest political sages ever known. Enjoy the following about growing older...

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

Membership

New Members

Mr. John Jarvis—Milton
Mrs Rose Kurak (Ed) - Oakville
Mrs. Barbara Reynolds (Rick) - Etobicoke

In Memoriam

Mr. Bill Bowyer (Mississauga) Nov 2009
Mr. Joe Cosmo (Mississauga) Dec 2009
Mr. Roy Cunningham (Barrie) Dec 2009
Mrs Anita Harris (Oakville) Feb, 2009
Mr. Dave Jarrett (Oakville) Jan 2010
Mr. Craig Mellish (Oakville) Nov.2009
Mr. Doug Pearce (Oakville) Nov 2009
Mrs Isobel Prince (Oakville) Dec 2009
Mrs. Ann Shaw (Oakville) Feb 2010
Mr. Bill Sprung (Oakville) Feb 2010
Mr. Ted Stover (Milton) Dec 2009
Mr. David Wilson (Mississauga) Nov 2009

KEEPING IN TOUCH

We do not always hear when one of our members is not well, or is in the hospital—maybe in a nursing home. We don't hear of a Member passing away unless someone tells us or we see it in the newspaper Please help by letting us know if you hear of a death, or someone moving into a nursing home. Contact Pat Herron.

NEW MEMBERS are always welcome !!

Do you know anyone that is eligible to join ? Please pass along any names to Pat Herron

Pick up an Event Flyer for Tel number or Email oakville@telcocommunityvolunteers.com

In order to reduce the cost of the retirement rag, if you have an e-mail address and Adobe PDF Reader on your computer please advise Pat!

Go placidly amid the noise of the haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons....

And whatever your aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful! Strive to be happy!

Coming Events

Tuesday April 20, 2010

Warkworth ON, north of Colborne, and the **Sandy Flats Sugar Bush and Pancake House**. Tour through the bush on sleigh or wagon, Olde Tyme Music, pancakes, sausages, beans, tea biscuits with pure maple syrup. Great Way To Welcome Spring. Ride on comfortable coach bus. Bus leaves Maple Grove United Church at 9:00 a.m. Members and Partners \$25.00, Guests \$40.00.

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Our **Annual Pancake Breakfast** at the Balsam Clubhouse in Oakville. Share pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee or tea, etc. **Club Room, Balsam Drive, Bell Exchange Building**. \$5:00 per person at the door. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Always good and a bargain too!

Thursday, June 3, 2010

Our **Annual BBQ** for the 3rd year at the **Port Credit Yacht Club**. We'll have great food, a white elephant sale, 50/50 draw etc... and our usual great weather. You will love it! 115 Lakefront Promenade, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Beautiful setting with sailboats and Lake Ontario. Bring items for the White Elephant Table and Food Items for the less fortunate. Members and Partners \$15.00, Guests \$25.00

REFUNDS will only be made if you notify the Program Committee at least two weeks prior to the event. This includes the Christmas Luncheon and Annual B.B.Q. Late cancellations can not be accepted as the Club is committed to pay for the event.

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

Note: If we do not receive your cheque two weeks before an event, you will be placed on a waiting list.

TRANSPORTATION IMPORTANT!!

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!

For up to date information on your club's activities, call the **Event Line** at (905) 849-9867

Your Events Programme Committee:

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| Fred Bucknam | Bob Grinton | |
| Rosy Hayward | Bob Stevenson | |
| Milt Sweeney | Lorna Maj | Barbara Gohm |

We have something for all seasons

AVP COMMUNITY SERVICES

It would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that I have called upon at different times of the year to help out. I refer to us as the "quiet ones" who give up other time, away from our families to give back to society. We appreciate the good things in our lives—health and happiness and time with our loved ones. We as a group get together when called upon by our leader. Two or three hours during the week, usually in the mornings. It mostly turns out to be a "fun thing" - meeting new friends and maybe a coffee too!

The groups we have helped out include:

The Salvation Army—Oakville, Mississauga & Milton branches—with their food banks and Christmas Kettles (I really miss the ringing of the BELLS)

The Canadian Cancer Society—Daffodil Day and The Cancer Run in June.

Friends of the Oakville Library—packing old books for other countries (free books to you for helping)

We always need more volunteers! We are all getting older, so any help to lighten the load is greatly appreciated. Call me, Bill Check. First of all, step away from the TV (the Olympics are over!! - And we won!!!) Giving back is guaranteed to make you feel good!

SO THANKS TO MY VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Joan & Stan Beaudette, Tom Brown, Ray Burrell, Eileen Chewter, Bob De Forest, Joan Gibbs, Bill Hughes, Kel & Shirley Kaye, Doug Kirkwood, Ron Knisley, Lorna & Ed Maj, Danny Moniz, Yvonne Seaton, Claude Therrien, Dave Warren, Faith Witt and Roy Warmington for all the hours they contribute to our Oakville Retirees Club. A special thank-you to the family of Elmer Throop for all the work he did for our group. If I forgot anyone, I guess I owe you a coffee and extra special thank-you.

Your Volunteer, Bill Check

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

Games are played at the Balsam clubhouse every Thursday from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information contact Kelvin or Shirley Kaye

Things We Collect

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 given to the Royal Canadian Legion. The Legion's "Tabs for Wheelchairs" campaign, has been collecting pop can tabs to raise money to buy wheelchairs for people in need. The campaign actually began 20 years ago at a Legion in Elora, Ont. Since then 1,075 wheelchairs have been purchased for people who need them. It takes about 2.5 million tabs to purchase one wheelchair.

Used Canadian Stamps are sold to a stamp dealer who will package them for sale to collectors around the world. The money raised 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.

Helping Hands—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. Many of our members provide hours of assistance to various charitable organizations throughout our territory. These hours, when reported to Dave Warren are maintained for the year (July to June). “Helping Hands” is a program provided by “Bell” to assist charitable organizations. As an individual, if you provide 50 hours of volunteer service to one organization, you may be eligible to receive a grant of \$500.00 for that charity. If any of you perform volunteer work please advise Dave Warren of your hours on a monthly basis. As good as this is; it is known that many volunteer hours are never reported. Give Dave a call and let your Club know what a great job you are doing.

In mid January 2010 we applied to the Employee Giving Program for a grant to the Salvation Army Mississauga on behalf of T.C.V Oakville. On Feb 11th we received confirmation the grant had been approved and a cheque for \$2500.00 was enclosed. On Feb 22nd the cheque was presented to the Army at a reception for volunteers. This is the 11th year we have received this grant and I believe it is the 20th year our Club has assisted at the Christmas for the Needy function. When the Employee Giving Program was started in 1999 our Members contributed over 500 hours to meet the needs for the original grant. This year we had to scramble to meet the 250 hours of Members and 250 hours of friends for the 500 hours. I doubt if next year we will meet the objective.

The following Members contributed their time to meet this years objective;
Norma Dalton, Bob Grinton, Carol Hall, Doug Huctwith, Bill Hughes, Kay Lee, Dunc Lyall, Shirley Ross and Pat Vincent.
Bill Hughes, Past President

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping centre and rolled down the car window to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat.
I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the curb backwards, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically,
“Now you stay. Do you hear me?” “Stay! Stay!”

The driver of a nearby car; a pretty blonde young lady gave me a strange look and said,
“Why don’t you just put it in park?”

An easy life is not always the best preparation for facing life’s difficulties!

**To keep up to date with Club News and outings, don’t forget you can find us at
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