

# Retirement Rag

## Oakville Retirees Club

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### Presidents Message

The cools wet days of summer have gone and the warm dry days of fall are upon us as we issue the 2004 fall edition of the "Retirement Rag."

We started off the fall with a great golf tournament in September under perfect weather conditions. We owe Mike McFall and Gerry Norris and all their committee a large vote of thanks, for a well-run tournament. The ladies winner was Bonnie Parsons and the men's winner was Ron Knisley.

We welcomed a new Fellowship Vice President Bill Hughes and a new secretary Syd McKay to our Executive for the 2004 - 2005 season.

Bill Hughes has at last got the calling of our membership underway, after overcoming some difficulties with the number of long distance calls our callers had to make. He has divided the membership list into groups for each caller eliminating them from having to make long distance calls.

You maybe called by a new caller because the changes made, but our main objective has been met in that our membership will be called twice a year.

We are asking for your assistance in letting your Executive know when any of our members are ill or have been hospitalized or a member has passed away. We are finding these things long after they have happened, so please contact any member of the Executive regarding our members.

We are very pleased to see a large increase in number of members attending our luncheons held at Maple Grove United Church and other program events. I guess the hard work of our Program Committee is paying off, with better events and guest speakers.

The daylight is getting shorter as we

approach the Christmas Season once again, so don't forget our Christmas Luncheon on December 7, 2004 at the "The Dome" in Oakville, time 11:00 am. Bring your appetites and singing voices for a time of feasting and fellowship.

### Membership

We are always on the lookout for new members. Do you know anyone that has retired recently, or someone that has just moved into the area?

Please contact Pat Herron

### In Memoriam

Gordon V Scott	Jan 2004, Cherry Valley
Margaret Fretwell	Mar 2004, Burlington
George W Christie	Apr 2004, Mississauga
Marjorie Kimpton	May 2004, Oakville
Adeline MacKay	July 2004, Ottawa
Alan Brocklehurst	Aug 2004, Burlington
Pat Baker	Sept 2004, Burlington
Ron Beaty	Sept 2004, Burlington
Dr. Robert H. Porter	Nov 2004, Burlington

### New Members

Nora Coulter	Acton
Keith Sabine	Burlington
Marilyn Smith	Mississauga

### Fellowship

The fellowship committee is attempting to call each of our members twice a year in order to keep our members informed of our club activities and to keep our membership file up-to-date.. If you do not wish to be called twice a year, or you do not wish to be called all let your caller know and our records will be so noted. If you have any question re: this activity call Bill Hughes.

We are once again conducting interviews at the Mississauga Salvation Army

on Cawthra Rd. in order to determine if applicants qualify for assistance for their family at Christmas. We interview week days from November 15<sup>th</sup> until December 23<sup>th</sup>. if you wish to assist and you have not been called please call; Bill Boyer or Bill Hughes.

### **Our Trip to Magog Quebec**

On September 7th at 6:00 a.m. 38 members of our club departed by private luxury coach from Maple Grove United Church on our way to Magog Quebec. On our way we stopped for breakfast, and at noon for lunch in Dorion, Quebec. Around 4:00 p.m. we arrived at Auberge Memphremagog.

The next three days were filled with great food, great entertainment, great fun and great fellowship. Some of the side trips included the Montreal casino, a tour of Sherbrooke, a visit to the Abbey and a cruise on Lake Memphremagog.

We were entertained at breakfast, lunch and dinner by two very funny hosts. The highlight of the course was the wedding of Barbie and Ken. All in all the four days and three nights were full value, thanks to our tour director Yvonne Seaton. Will a repeat be on the calendar for 2005?

### **Program Committee**

The following are the events planned and carried out by your program committee beginning with the Christmas luncheon in December 2003.

The Christmas luncheon was held at "Le Dome" in Oakville with 191 people in attendance and our first appearance of Santa Claus. This year let us exceed the 200 mark.

In January we attended Theatre Aquarius in Hamilton see "The Mystery of Irma Vet" lunch at the Black Forest Inn, with 50 people attending.

Our next outing was in February at the Oakville Center where we saw Agatha Christie's play called "The Mousetrap" again with 50 people in attendance.

In March we made our annual visit to Theater Sheridan in Oakville, to see the play "Into the Woods" and attendance was 55 for this event.

For April we journeyed to the Sandy Flats Sugarbush near Cobourg for a pancake brunch followed by some old-time music and dancing as well as a tour of the sugar bush. Attendance was 48 people.

In May we enjoyed a great pancake breakfast at the Balsam Rd. Clubhouse. This event was coordinated by the euchre and crafters volunteers, who looked after the cooking, serving and cleanup.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Tuesday, December 7, 2004**

Our Christmas Luncheon is again at Le Dome on the North Service Road in Oakville. Mark your calendars!! Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. The fantastic Craft Table will be set up. We will also have a 50/50 Draw and collect donations of food for the less fortunate. You shouldn't miss this event - great food, great fellowship and all at an extremely low cost - only \$10 per members and partners and \$20 for guests! Call any member of the program committee (below) for reservations by December 1.

#### **Wednesday, January 26, 2005**

We are going to Theatre Aquarius in Hamilton to see "A Whole Lot of Love" and will have lunch at the Black Forest Inn. A bus is leaving Maple Grove United Church at 10:30 a.m. and will return late p.m. Cost is \$20 for members and partners and \$35 for guests. Please reserve with Yvonne Seaton.

#### **Tuesday, February 1, 2005**

A General Meeting of your club will be held at Maple Grove United Church. Lunch at 12 noon followed by the meeting. Doors open at 11 a.m. for socializing. Guest speaker will be a representative from The Canadian Medic Alert Foundation.

#### **Wednesday, February 16, 2005**

We will take in the show "Grease" at the Oakville Centre located at 130 Navy St. Oakville. Grease is a hit musical classic with a mix of 50's pop culture. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. and the cost is \$10 per person. Tickets will be distributed at the theatre at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Peggy Kemp for reservations.

**Tuesday, March 22, 2005**

We are off to the Sanderson Centre in Brantford where we will see the Low Family, direct from Branson. This musical family will perform Irish step dancing, jazz, swing, gospel and olde tyme melodies. The Lows will provide a heart beating, hand clapping, toe tapping performance. Lunch at noon at the Best Western Hotel then to the show. Bus will leave Maple Grove United Church at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30 for members and partners and \$60 for guests. Please reserve tickets with Milt Sweeney.

*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 at 905274-0932 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. Should you have any comments or suggestions, please contact any of the Program Committee members listed below. Thank you for your previous support, and we hope you will enjoy the future events we are planning.

- Fred Bucknam
- Milt Sweeney
- Joan Wilush
- Yvonne Seaton
- Nan Colbert
- Peggy Kemp
- Dorothy Wright
- Bob Stevenson

**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.

**Clubhouse Activities**

Are you interested in having fun while doing quilting, crafts, sewing or knitting at the club house? Contact Norma McIntyre or Bea Medland. Crafters meet at the Balsam clubhouse every Wednesday from 1 - 3 P.M.

If cards is more your style, euchre is

played at the Balsam clubhouse every Thursday from 2 - 4 P.M. A cost of 50 cents includes coffee, cookies and a monthly prize. For more information, contact Elmer Throop at 905-849-1499.

**OAKVILLE CLUB WEB SITE**

For you people handy with computers you will now be able to go online at will and check out the happenings in our club. To have access to all five clubs you can bookmark the Telco Community Volunteers Retirees Clubs main page at:

<http://www.telcocommunityvolunteers.com/>

and proceed to the club of your choice. Of course you may only want the Oakville Club which is:

<http://www.telcocommunityvolunteers.com/oakville>

**Oakville Retirees' Club**

<b>President</b>	<b>Ron Knisley</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Tom Brown</b>
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You will be able to check out some of our club history, who is on the executive and the upcoming events. The Event Line can still be used, but you can contact us by Email as well. You may want to add it to your address book. Any comments or suggestions can be sent to the club Email address or Doug Kirkwood.

### Oakville Retiree's Community Service

On Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, five members gave 25 hours of their time and the use of their vehicles to assist the Salvation Army with their fall food drive. Coordinated by Bob De Forest the team included Ron McLean, Elmer Throop, Ken Wilford and Doug Kirkwood. Each driver was accompanied by local high school students who went door to door.



Ken; Ron; Doug; Bob; Elmer

### THE LAW IS THE LAW

So if the US and Canadian government determines that it is against the law for the words "under God" to be on our money, then, so be it. And if that same government decides that the "Ten Commandments" are not to be used in or on a government installation, then, so be it. And since they already have prohibited any prayer in the schools, on which they deem their authority, then so be it.

I say, "so be it," because I would like to be a law abiding US citizen, or Canadian citizen. I say, "so be it," because I would like to think that smarter people than I are in positions to make good decisions. I would like to think that those people have the Publics' best interests at heart.

### BUT, YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE I'D LIKE?

Since we can't pray to God, can't Trust in God and cannot Post His Commandments in Government buildings, I don't believe the Government and it's employees should participate in the Easter and Christmas celebrations which honour the God that our government is eliminating from many facets of our lives.

I'd like my mail delivered on Christmas,



Doug Kirkwood, Brian Marshal, Natalie Dmuchowska

Good Friday, Thanksgiving, & Easter. After all, it's just another day.

I'd like the Supreme Court to be in session on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving & Easter as well as Sundays. After all, it's just another day.

I'd like the Senate and the House of Representatives, or the Parliament to not have to worry about getting home for the "Christmas Break." After all ~ it's just another day.

I'm thinking that a lot of my taxpayer dollars could be saved, if all government offices & services would work on Christmas, Good Friday & Easter. It shouldn't cost any overtime since those would be just like any other day of the week to a government that is trying to be "politically correct".

In fact.... I think that our government should work on Sundays (initially set aside for worshipping God...) because, after all, our government say that it should be just another day.... What do you all think????

*Above received from Ron Knisley*

Well that's all I have folks. 73