



Retirement Rag

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

November 2005

www.telcocommunityvolunteers.com/oakville

Hotline (905) 849-9867

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

Club Events News

4 October, 2005: We held a general meeting attended by 75 members, including 2 new members. Our guest speaker was our own Doug Kirkwood, greatly assisted by his wife Aletha. They talked about the many charitable works they have provided in many countries throughout the world, but in particular the recent work in hurricane ravaged Grenada. Doug is also responsible for our club's excellent website.

13 September, 2005: Thanks to a donation by member Ted Baker the Club now has a P.A. Amplifier for our General Meetings and events. A donation of a microphone by Doug Kirkwood completes the system.

12 September, 2005: On September 12 our 15th Annual Golf Tournament was held at Deerfield Golf Club. This was, as usual, a great outing, great weather, great food (lunch and dinner) and all 60 participants received a prize and a bottle of wine.

Prize winners:

Men:

Low Gross - Ron Naccarato

Low Net - Marv Larsen

Ladies:

Low Gross - Mary Larsen

Low Net - Wilma Royal

Most Honest Golfer - Rosemary Grinton

This annual Oakville Tournament was started and has always been organized by Mike McFall and Gerry Norris. They have decided to retire. Ron Naccarato and Chris Harvey have agreed to succeed Mike and Gerry. The other members of the committee, Ken Hobden, Jim Nolan and Bob Stevenson will stay on to assist Ron and Chris. Thanks to Mike McFall and Gerry Norris for 15 years of golf and entertainment. We hope they both will be participants in the years to come.

10 September, 2005: Thanks to Telco Volunteer Ken Wilford the "Crafters Who Care" now have a large new cupboard to store their supplies. Ken donated his time, the materials and used his considerable skills as a craftsman to construct the cupboard. Thank you Ken!

Club Events News Continued....



4 July, 2005 Lorna Has Done it Again!

Lorna Maj, on the left, is shown presenting a Bell "Helping Hands" cheque for \$250.00 to Luisa Parente of the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. This is the 5th cheque that Lorna has earned through her volunteer work at the hospital bringing her "Helping Hands" total to \$2500.

13 July, 2005 Joan Gibb was featured in the Oakville Beaver on the 25th Anniversary of Terry Fox running through Oakville in 1980. The Run was a day late and Joan was instrumental in getting a good turn-out at Sheridan College to cheer Terry on. Joan has been an organizer for the Oakville Terry Fox Run every year since. Joan has been a volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society for more than 37 years. Years ago she was one of the Bell Canada Managers on loan to the Oakville United Way Campaign.



Saturday June 4th 2005, Our members and partners attended our Annual BBQ at Maple Grove United Church. A successful White Elephant sale was held and Food Bank donations were collected.

Saturday April 30th 2005, 67 members and partners enjoyed our annual Pancake Breakfast at our Balsam Dr. Club Room.

April 05 2005 Oakville Retiree's Club Annual Meeting

President Ron Knisley receiving a Plaque of Appreciation from Major Doug Binner of the Salvation Army on behalf of the Members of the Oakville Retiree's Club who have contributed many hours over the years assisting the Mississauga Branch of the Salvation Army with their "Christmas Hamper" program.



Coming Events



YOUR PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

(left to right) Yvonne Seaton;
Nan Colbert; Joan Wilush;
Peggy Kemp; Milt Sweeney;
Dorothy Wright;
Chair Fred Bucknam;
(Missing) Bob Stevenson

Wednesday November 9, 2005

Telco Community Volunteers First General Meeting for Toronto Area. *Sandy Hawley* will be guest speaker. We need to know by Oct. 12, 2005 who will be attending. Bus will be supplied by TCV leaving Maple Grove United Church at 11:30 a.m. No cost. Contact Peggy Kemp if you plan to attend.

Thursday November 10, 2005

We are going to Carmen's Dinner Theatre in Hamilton. Lunch at 11:30 am followed by the Classic Sounds & Songs of the 1930s & 1940s. Bus leaves Maple Grove United Church at 10:15 am, and returns late afternoon. Total cost is \$30.00 for members and partners; \$60.00 for guests. Contact Fred Bucknam for reservations.

Tuesday December 6, 2005

The Annual Christmas Luncheon is again at Le Dome on the North Service Road in Oakville. Doors will be open at 11:00 a.m. We will have a Craft Table, a 50/50 Draw and collect Donations of Food for the less fortunate. Don't miss this event - great turnout last year and good fellowship! Low cost - only \$10.00 for members and partners and \$20.00 for guests. Call any member of the Program Committee for reservations by December 1.

Thursday January 19, 2006

We visit Famous Players in Toronto for lunch and show. The bus will leave Maple Grove United Church at 10:30 a.m. and return about 5:00 p.m. Total cost of \$30.00 for members and partners and \$50.00 for guests. Call Dorothy Wright for reservations.

Wednesday February 7, 2006

The General Meeting of your club will be held at Maple Grove United Church. Lunch will be at 12 noon followed by the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Doors open at 11:00 for socializing. Guest speaker to be announced later.

Wednesday February 8, 2006

We are off to the Sanderson Centre in Brantford for lunch, a tour and the show "Stardust Follies". Cost is \$30.00 for members and partners, \$60.00 for guests. For reservations call Yvonne Seaton.

Coming Events Continued....

April 2006

We are planning a trip to the Sandy Flats Sugarbush near Coburg for a Pancake Brunch and a tour of the sugarbush. This will be followed by "Olde Tyme" music. A previous favourite! Departure time and costs not finalized, but last time costs were \$25 for members and partners, and \$50 for guests.

September 6 - 9, 2006

COME TO MEMPHREMAGOG, QUEBEC IN SEPTEMBER 6 - 9, 2006

A 4 day, 3 night trip is planned to Magog in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. An excellent trip in 2004. Transportation, accommodations, delicious meals, 1/2 hour "Happy Hour," pool, two side trips all included. Sign up now and come to an afternoon meeting in January to get tags, pay deposit, and pick rooms and side trips. Cost: \$403.00 each double. Taxes & Gratuities included. Contact Yvonne Seaton for more information or; e-mail oakville@telcocommunityvolunteers.com

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 1:00 - 3:00 pm. If cards is more your style, 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.

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.

Salvation Army — Mississauga Once again we will be assisting the Army, interviewing needy families for the Christmas Bureau. Our club has assisted the army for the past 12 years. Usually we interview approximately 1200 families. If you would like to help, please give Bill Hughes or Bill Boyer a call. We start about the middle of November.

Membership

Lost Trails! Can anyone help me locate the following members?

Mr. Donald Wetmore

Mrs. Pauline Miller

Mrs. Beverly O'Sullivan

Ms. Kelly Ward

Mr. G. Bussey

Mr. Gerard Harte

Mr. Norman Kennedy

Any information on their whereabouts now would be greatly appreciated.
Please call Pat Herron at (905) 450-1139 or e-mail herronbird@sympatico.ca.

New Members

Mrs. Lois-Anne Brebner - Oakville

Mrs. Marino Casciani - Burlington

Mrs. Rosy Hayward - Mississauga

Mr. John Johnston - Oakville

Ms. Paula Laing - Oakville

Mr. Marvin Larsen - Burlington

Mr. Wally J. Pollack - Oakville

Mrs. Wanda Sudeyko - Mississauga

Mrs. Anne Swainson - Oakville

Mrs. Jane Zeman - Oakville

In Memoriam

Mr. Murray Smith - March 2005 - Etobicoke

Mr. Jim Curr - April 2005 - Oakville

Mr. Louis Laferriere - May 2005 - Mississauga

Mr. Wally Anderson - June 2005 - Oakville

Mrs. Barbara Bell - Sept. 2005 - Mississauga

Mrs. Barbara Burrell - Oct. 2005 - Oakville

Bell Pensioner's Group

What is the Bell Pensioner's Group?



Ten years ago BPG was incorporated to represent Bell Employees and pensioners to recover their investments in the Bell Supplementary Pension Plan. BSPP was a group RRSP/RRIF invested by Bell under the trusteeship of Confederation Life Insurance Company. (Confed.) Plan members were devastated when the federal government regulator, OSFI, ordered the liquidation of Confed. on Aug.11, 1994.

Initially Bell maintained it had no responsibility and that Pensioners and employees were on their own. However, BPG proved Bell wrong and everyone's money was recovered.

BPG is made up of "Bell Pensioners working for Bell Pensioners". Everyone of us has benefited in many ways from the work of BPG. BPG represents us in dealing with Bell Canada, as well as Government agencies. It is in your best interest to be a member of BPG.

The Toronto Chapter of BPG has over 2500 members, however many pensioners in the Toronto area have not yet joined. Membership is \$20.00 annually. If you wish to join , send a note with your name and address, along with a cheque for \$20.00 to:

BPG Inc.
P.O. Box #5, Station "D"
Etobicoke , Ontario
M9A 4X1

Are you Aware...

Are you aware that a pachymetry eye exam is covered by CME at a rate of 100% which is \$25.00. Pachymetry is a test that measures the thickness of the cornea. It is useful in monitoring the progression of certain eye disorders that cause the cornea to become thickened (or filled with water), resulting in a loss of vision.

Are you aware that your will, power of attorney, and living will should be updated every 5 years? Laws occasionally change affecting these documents. Be sure your documents are current and properly reflect your wishes.

Are you aware that Bell's Vision and Dental Plans are in affect until you die? There is no lifetime maximum. This item is intended for the who retired pre July 1st, 2000.

Are you aware that when making any kind of Bell Benefits claim, only original receipts are accepted? Copies, credit care receipts, and photocopies are not valid for claims. Each receipt should indicate as applicable:

- the attending physician's name
- the name of the person being treated
- the prescription number
- the drug name and identification number.... referred to as the DIN
- the date of purchase
- the nature of treatment
- the price of each product

Receipts will not be returned unless specifically requested at the time of filing a claim; so you may wish to retain copies for your files. Failure to comply with the above could result in delays with the processing of your claim

Are you aware that CME will reimburse (90%) emergency expenses incurred while traveling outside your province of residence or outside Canada? However, if you decide to rely on CME while traveling, you could wipe out your entire applicable lifetime maximum with just one claim. Don't be penny wise and dollar foolish, purchase Out of Country Travel Insurance.

Are you aware of the signs of a stroke? Doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking 3 simple questions:

- * ask the individual to SMILE.
- * Ask him/her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
- * Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE coherently. (ie. It is sunny out today.)

If he/she had trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Are you aware that pensioners who retired after July 2000 are not covered by CME? Instead their coverage is called **The Health Care Program**. To reflect cost increases, their premium was recently increased to \$17.50 a month for those who participate in Plan "B".

Are you aware that your Bell Mobility cell phone service plan will eventually enjoy the 35% discount of The Employee Discount Plan (EPT)? The best date available for implementation from Bell is 2006. Please note... it is our understanding that the 35% discount will NOT apply to those subscribing to prepaid cards.