



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.

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.

Presidents Message

Another great year was had. Our 5 club Annual Meeting was well attended with 280 members and guests. The PBM fund is in fine shape, we have money again.

Our Xmas dinner will be December 1st hope to see you all there.

I would like to say a special thank-you to Bill Hughes our awesome president for the last two years.

Welcome to the newest member of your Executive, Barbara Gohm. Barbara is our new Vice President. She is active with the Crafters Who Care and is also on the Program Committee.

Here's to another two years of seniors fun and get togethers. Stay healthy and enjoy the holidays.

Eileen Chewter

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

Q: In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

A. When Mary, later known as Queen of Scots, went to France as a young girl (for education & survival), Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scot game 'golf.' So he had the first golf course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.'

Club Events News

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

The **Club's Annual Meeting** was held with the election of officers. The position of Vice President remains vacant. As usual a free lunch was provided before the meeting.

Saturday May 2, 2009

Our **Annual Pancake Day** was held at the Balsam Club Room with a good turnout; and a \$5.00 per, why not! The secret recipe for pancakes was provided by Tom Brown, but I did see Aunt Jemima lurking in the background. Same time, same place next year.

Monday May 11, 2009

We visited the **Sanderson Centre in Brantford** for a "Musical World Cruise" The refurbished theatre is something to see. The lunch was great, but unfortunately the musical was disappointing.

Thursday June 4, 2009

For the second year we held our **BBQ at the Port Credit Yacht Club**. 89 members and 2 guests attended. Lucky again, we had a beautiful day with lots of sunshine and really great food. This is a bargain at \$15.00. Great food, great setting, great weather; can it get better. See you next year!

Monday September 14, 2009

The **19th Annual Golf Tournament** was held Sept. 14 at the Deerfield Golf Club in Oakville. All attendees were winners as the weather was great and the camaraderie super. In addition, everyone received a bottle of wine and a golf prize.

Golf winners were:

Chris Harvey: Low gross men
Marv Larsen: Low net men
Mary Larson: Low gross women
Bonnie Parsons: Low net women
Don Hadall: Closest to pin – men

The numbers were down a bit this year so all are invited to talk it up among friends and bring along a Bell retiree next year.

Ron Naccarato and Chris Harvey head the Organizing Committee and are assisted by Jim Nolan, Mary Kozak and Bob Stevenson – let us know if you would like to help.

It is hoped that again next year we will have great weather (virtually guaranteed) and more fantastic food from Jack Astor's at lunch and Deerfield for dinner. Plan to join us Sept. 13, 2010 – mark your calendar now!

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Club Events News (continued....)

Wednesday September 16, 2009

The **Annual TCV Meeting** of the five clubs was held aboard the "Northern Spirit". A good turnout of our club was in attendance. The cruise toured Toronto Harbour, out the western gap and as far as the Humber River. A nice lunch was included and all for free.

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Regular **General Meeting** with free lunch. It was well attended with three guest speakers from TD Waterhouse.

Friday October 9, 2009

51 members and guests took the big yellow school bus to **Niagara-On-The-Lake** and the **Shaw Festival Theatre** for a fine box lunch and to see "*The Devil's Disciple*". The show was a little slow starting, but finished strong. A good outing.

Wednesday October 21, 2009

48 members and guests took a luxury coach ride to **St. Jacob's** to see "*The Heiress*" at the **St. Jacob's Playhouse Theatre**. This theatre is the newest member of the Drayton Entertainment Group of six theatres in Ontario. Before the show we had lunch at the Crossroads. This was a buffet fit for a king or queen. The show was excellent and the star, Catherine, didn't get mad; she got even. A great day! This outing should be repeated.

Membership

New Members

Mr. Danny Moniz (Maria) Oakville
Mr. Dave Patterson (Lorraine) Toronto
Mrs. Brenda Wulleme (Allan) BURLINGTON

In Memoriam

Mr. James A. Dunn (Oakville) April 2009
Mr. George A. Hiscott (Milton) June 2009

KEEPING IN TOUCH

We do not always hear when one of our members pass away. Please help by letting us know if you hear of a death, or someone moving into a nursing home.

Please call or e-mail Pat Herron.

NEW MEMBERS are always welcome !! Do you know anyone that is eligible to join ?
Please pass along any names to Pat Herron

E-mail oakville@telcocommunityvolunteers.com

Coming Events

Tuesday 01 December, 2009

Our Christmas Lunch will be held at the St.Volodymyr Cultural Centre, 1280 Dundas St. West, Oakville. Setback South side, East of Third Line. Doors open 11 A.M. The Great Craft Table will be loaded with lots of goodies. We will have a 50/50 draw as usual and collect food donations for the less fortunate. This event is not to be missed and only \$20.00 for members and partners and \$35.00 for guests. Call Rosy Hayward 905 823 2546 for reservations Before November 20.

Tuesday 02 February, 2010

A **General Meeting** of your Club at Maple Grove United Church. Lunch at 12 noon. Meeting to follow at 1 p.m. Speaker to be announced.

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

"Anything Goes" - musical song & dance at the Sheridan Theatre.

Wednesday March 17, 2010

What else, but a **St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Carmen's**. Always a good meal and entertainment, plus green beer. Who could ask for more.

Tuesday April 20, 2010

A day trip to the **Sugar Bush in Warkworth** to see the making of maple syrup; Lunch and entertainment.

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Our **Annual Pancake Breakfast** at the Balsam Clubhouse in Oakville. 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!

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

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Coming Events (continued....)

Your Events Programme Committee:

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

We have something for all seasons:

Spring— Pancake Breakfast at the Balsam Club room

Summer—BBQ at the Port Credit Yacht Club

Fall—St. Jakob's - Lunch at the Crossroads & Afternoon Theatre

Winter—Christmas Lunch

Canadian Wives

Three men married wives from different countries . The first man married a woman from China . He told her that she was to do their dishes and house cleaning . It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and dishes washed and put away. The second man married a woman from Italy . He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking . The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done and there was a huge dinner on the table. The third man married a girl from Canada . He ordered her to keep the house clean, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal . He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, and his arm was healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher.

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. Fro more information contact Kel 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 and 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.

**The Canadian Red Cross asks:
Are you Ready for an Emergency?
Suggestions for your Home survival Kit.**

- Flashlight & Batteries
- Radios & Batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Medications
- Important Papers such as ID, personal Documents
- Canned food, dry goods, bottled water, manual can opener
- One change of clothing and shoes
- Blankets/Sleeping bags
- Toilet paper & personal supplies
- A whistle to attract someone's attention
- Replace canned food/dry goods once a year.

Why do croutons come in
airtight packages?
Aren't they just stale
bread to begin with?

Grandparents are a lady and
a man who have no little
children of their own.
They like other people's.

We'll be FRIENDS until we
are old and senile.
Then we'll be
NEW FRIEND'S!

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 at (905) 845-3379 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.

BLONDE COFFEE

A blonde, recently hired, began her first day at the office this morning.
Hoping to integrate well into the office environment
and eager to prove her worth to her new bosses,
she offered to go out and buy coffee for everyone.

She grabbed a large thermos and hurried to the nearby Tim Hortons.
She held up the thermos so that the server behind the counter could view it
and she asked,

"Is this thermos big enough to hold six cups of coffee?"

The server looked at the container and said,

"Yes. It looks like about six cups to me."

"Oh good!", the blonde sighed in relief,

"Give me three regular, one black, and two decaf."

To keep up to date with Club News and outings, don't forget you can find us at
www.oakville.telccommunityvolunteers.com. Or call the Event Line 905 849 9867