



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.

Executive

President: Bill Hughes

Past President: Tom Brown

Vice President: Eileen Chewter

Secretary: Syd McKay

Treasurer: Jean Cook

AVP Club Room: Elmer Throop

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

We are back in print after missing the spring issue due to a financial problem.

As you are aware our operations are subsidized by the Pauline Baxter Moore fund (P.B.M.). This year the amount of money from the fund was reduced by \$1,000.00 per quarter.

This reduction in funding will affect outings as well. Increased costs in transportation etc... means some outing may be to places where we can drive to on our own or car pool. If a bus is required chances are it will be a school bus which is considerably cheaper than a coach. Some places we may attend could be Stage West, Sheridan college, Oakville Theatre etc....

Telco Community Volunteers Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Telco Community Volunteers will be held on October 10, 2007 at the North York Novotel Hotel.

See details in The Coming Events portion of the Newsletter
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Club General Meetings

Our club holds 2 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 and 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.

Additional details on page 2 & 3 in Upcoming Events.

Club Events News

On **November 8, 2006** our club visited the "**Olde Scott House**" by the Scarborough Town Centre, but before this and on the way we dropped into Dad's Cookie Factory for some bargain goodies. The meal at the House was great and a very good choice was offered. The entertainment after the meal was also very good. A funny Irish comedian and his Aussie wife as well as a couple of dancers. Benny Hill and Johnny Cash entertained as well. This outing was great and warrants a return visit.

On **December 5, 2006** we had our annual **Christmas lunch at Le Dome Banquet Hall**. As usual we had a good turnout of 186 members and guests. This event is a great opportunity to socialize and visit with old friends. Unfortunately the service provided by Le Dome was not up to the standard we have received in the past. Because of that the Program Committee has arranged for dinner this year to be held at the Holiday Inn in Oakville. There may be a change in the Annual B.B.Q. in June as well.

On **January 31, 2007** 56 members and guests visited the **Old Mill for lunch and a Murder Mystery**. The buffet lunch was the best with a great selection of everything. After lunch we took part in a murder mystery on an island similar to reality T.V's Survivor. While the mystery was provided by actors, some of our members participated as well. Four of our members won fabulous prizes for solving the crime. Bill Bowyer, Pat Doskotch, Eileen Chewter and Lorna May. Does anyone know the Macarena dance? This outing was planned, organized and supervised by Rosy Hayward, the newest member of our program committee. Good job Rosy!

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

Coming Events

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

By popular demand, we are off once again to **Carmen's**. Book Quickly. Members and partners \$45.00 and \$50.00 for guests. Call Rosy Hayward or Fred Bucknam for reservations and send your cheque in to the T.C.V. Oakville Club. Bus leaves the Maple Grove United Church at 10:15 am.

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

A **General Meeting** of your club at Maple Grove United Church. Lunch at 12:00 noon, meeting to follow. Our speakers will talk on "**Don't be caught Unprepared**".

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

The 5 Club **T.C.V. Annual Meeting** will be held at the **Novatel Hotel**, 3 Parkhome Ave., North York. Bus leaves Maple Grove United Church @ 11:00 am. Call Jean Cook or any member of the Program Committee to reserve.

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mark your calendar now! Our **Annual Christmas Luncheon** will be held at the **Holiday Inn Oakville Centre**, 590 Argus Road, just South of the QEW and West of Trafalgar Road. Doors open at 11:00 am. The Great Craft Table will be loaded with items. We will have a 50/50 draw and collect donations for the less fortunate. Don't miss this event—Great Food, Good Fellowship and a Great Cost! \$25.00 per person for members and partners and \$30.00 for guests! Call any member of your Program Committee for reservations before November 22, 2007.

Coming Events (cont...)

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

A **General Meeting** of your club at Maple Grove United Church. Lunch at 12:00 noon, meeting to follow. Speaker to be announced.

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:

Fred Bucknam
Bob Stevenson

Jean Cook
Milt Sweeney

Bob Grinton
Joan Wilush

Rosy Hayward

Crafters Who Care

“Hats for Kids” was formed in 1994, with 20 members. We sewed hats of several styles, for children undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Over the years we donated hundreds of hats to McMaster and sick Kids Hospitals. Money was donated for purchasing fabrics, from 50/50 draws and from a few members, totaling approximately \$500.00, for which we are most thankful. We are now self-supporting through money received from craft and bake sales, and also draws. A few ladies work on quilting at our meetings, also sewing pillows and carry bags for breast cancer survivors. Knitters are bust making vests for children in third world countries and preemie sets for local hospitals. We donate money yearly to Rose Cherry House and McMaster Children’s Telethon. In 2004 our name was changed to Crafter’s Who Care, as we broadened our efforts. We would be happy to have ladies join us on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm at the Balsam clubhouse. Contact Bea Medland or Norma McIntyre.

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.

For more information contact Elmer Throop.

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 sold to a recycler. The money we receive will go to a new project, "The Lions Camp Dorset". This is a family summer camp for families that require Kidney Dialysis Treatment. The Medical Centre is equipped with modern equipment and can accommodate up to 32 clients per day. They Dialyze on Monday, Wednesday and Friday through out the summer. We are happy to support this exciting new project. 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.

Just for Fun!

Finally, the blonde joke to end all blonde jokes! A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?" "HELLLLOOOOOO.....," answered the blonde. "They're watch dogs!"

Redneck Vasectomy! A Kentucky couple, both bonified rednecks, had 9 children. They went to the doctor to see about the husband getting "fixed". The doctor gladly started the required procedure and asked them what finally made them make this decision—why after 9 children, would they choose to do this. The husband replied that they had read in a recent article that one out of every ten children being born in the United States was Mexican, and they didn't want to take a chance on having a Mexican baby because neither of them could speak Spanish.

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading!

Tours R Us A group of Canadians was traveling by bus tour through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through a process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. These, she explained, were the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produced. She then asked, "What do you do in Canada with your old goats that aren't producing?" A spry old gentleman answered— "They send us on bus tours!"

Membership

New Members

Mr. Roy Cunningham—Barrie, Ontario Mr. Gil Duncan—Rideau Ferry, Ontario
Mrs. Grace Richardson—Oakville Mrs. Sheila Vasey-Thomas—Oakville

In Memoriam

Mrs. Kay Cook—Mississauga—November 2006
Mr. Keith Sabine—Burlington—December 2006
Mrs. Betty Mae Tierney—Oakville—December 2006
Mr. Wm. (Bill) Carson—Sydney N.S.—February 2007
Mr. Edmund Browne—Burlington—March 2007
Mrs. Dorothy Denham—Oakville— March 2007
Mr. Ken Atkinson—Port Carling—April 2007
Mr. George Roberts—Cambridge—June 2007
Mr. Ken McPhail—Westmeath, Ontario—July 2007
Miss Isabelle McGregor—August 2007

Keeping In Touch

Please call or e-mail Pat Herron if you hear of anyone moving so that the Oakville Club can continue with our tradition of keeping in touch. Also, anyone that is eligible and would like to join our club is always welcome.

Contact Pat Herron

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

Are You Active!

Are you an active member, the kind that's liked so well.
Or are you just contented with the pin on your lapel?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock.
Or do you stay at home, and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?
Do you push the cause along and make things really tick.
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
Come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart.
Don't be just another member, but take an active part.
Think this over Brother; you know right from wrong.
Are YOU an active member, or do YOU just belong?

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 of your hours on a monthly basis.

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

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.

Common Front for Retirement Security—(CFRS)

Information from a July 9, 2007 communiqué CARP

Thirteen organizations from across Canada announced that they have officially formed the Common Front for Retirement Security (CFRS). The organizations are

CARP—Canada's Association for the Fifty Plus
SenTax
Small Investor Protection Association (SIPA)
The Royal Canadian Legion
Air Canada Pionairs
Response: A Thousand Voices (RTV)
Allstream Retirees
Bell Pensioners' Group (BPG)
United Senior Citizens of Ontario (USCO)
Alliance of Seniors—the Older Canadians Network—Toronto
Canadian Activists for Pension Splitting
Retired Airline Pilots of Canada (RAPCAN)
Older Women's Network

The CFRS succeeds the Common Front for Pension Splitting and will continue to safeguard the hard-won legislation that allows married and equivalent spouses to split pension income starting in the 2007 taxation year. This legislation received royal assent on June 22, 2007, bringing 6 years of advocacy to a successful conclusion.

The CFRS will advocate for better governance of pensions, investments and retirement savings. It supports the initiatives outlined in Finance Minister Flaherty's June 27 speech on Securities Law Enforcement. His speech embraces concepts for a single national securities commission, but we believe he should engage representatives of ordinary Canadians in these discussions.

Informing Bell of the Death of a Pensioner or Spouse (reprint from BPG Newsletter)

The loss of a loved one is a difficult moment. This is why it is important to know in advance what is expected of you.

The pensioner or a member of the family should call the Benefits administrator at 1-888-391-0005, to advise of the death of the pensioner or of the spouse. When the call is made, the following information must be provided:

Death of a Pensioner/Spouse:

- Pensioner's name
- Pensioner's employee number
- Pensioner's date of Birth
- Pensioner's social insurance number—Spouse's name
- Surviving spouse's social insurance number—Spouse's date of birth
- Cause of Death
- Date of death
- Address to which the deceased's information package should be sent —(Pensioner's address, spouse's address, executors or third party address) Following this you will receive an information package giving you precise instructions and the necessary forms in order to receive either a life insurance payment, transition benefit or survivor pension, etc... if applicable,

The Transition Benefit—What is it? Who can receive it?

This is a death benefit payable upon your death. The beneficiary for the transition benefit is automatically your spouse, with the priority given to your common-law spouse/same sex partner. If you don't have a spouse, the benefit is paid to your dependent children. Otherwise, no benefit is paid. Please note that the transition benefit is not payable to beneficiaries of pensioners who retired on or after July 2000. The first \$10,000 is tax free, but anything over this amount is taxable in the hands of the beneficiary, if applicable.

Refer to your latest Benefits at Retirement Statement for the amount your beneficiary is entitled to receive in your particular case. For further information call the Bell Benefits administrator at 1-888-391-0005.