



Retirement Rag

Oakville Retirees Club
Including Mississauga, Milton and Burlington
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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: 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

Presidents Message

We were advised at the Annual Meeting that the funding we enjoyed in the past had been restored to its previous level. This is good news for the Program Committee and the club in general. We are in good shape financially.

This past year we made two major changes. The Christmas Lunch was held at the Holiday Inn in Oakville and our annual BBQ was held at the Port Credit Yacht Club. Both of these changes were considered great improvements.

Your Executive for this year remains the same with one exception. Elmer Throop is on leave from the position of AVP Club Room and his duties are now in the hands of Claude Therrien. One other note; the Euchre Club is headed by Kel and Shirley Kaye.

We look forward to an enjoyable year.

Bill Hughes

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors.

I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour.

But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

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.

Club Events News

April 1, 2008

We held our Annual Meeting at Maple Grove United Church. After lunch our speaker was our own past president, Ron McLean. Ron is also Chairman of T.C.V. and our representative on T.C.V. Ron explained that on April 30, the Pauline Baxter Moore fund will become the responsibility of T.C.V. and will no longer be held in trust. The good is that the funds from P.B.M. will return to the same level we previously received each quarter.

April 15, 2008

Once again forty-two members and partners enjoyed a great lunch and theatre performance by the Famous People Players in Toronto.

April 21, 2008

Something new—5 members of our club under the leadership of AVP Community Services Bill Check, spent the morning packing and loading surplus books from the Oakville Library to be sent to the Salvation Army. Helpers were Ray Burrell, Bill Hughes, Doug Kirkwood and Roy Warmington.

May 3, 2008

At the Clubhouse on Balsam we once again enjoyed a Pancake Breakfast. This is a bargain at \$5.00. In spite of the weather 50 members and guests attended.

June 6, 2008

Our annual BBQ has changed location from the church to the Port Credit Yacht Club. Everyone who attended will agree this change was a plus. The BBQ food was plentiful with a great variety, including salads and desserts. The weather was perfect and the scenery enjoyable. The white elephant sale was also a success. Next year the BBQ will be held at the same location, but possibly on Thursday so we don't conflict with the "Oakville Walk for Life".

September 8, 2008

Our 18th annual golf tournament took place on September the 8th at the Deerfield Golf and C.C. The weather, the course, the fellowship, the food, and the prizes all made for a terrific day. Thanks again to our hosts Ron Naccarato and Chris Harvey.

Low gross winner male — Wally Pollack

Low net winner male — Ron Bryant

Low gross winner ladies — Bonnie Parson

Low net winner ladies — Shirley Ross

If you are interested in playing next year give Ron or Chris a call and register.

We Are Survivors (For those born before 1940) Consider the changes we have witnessed!

We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos, and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball-point pens. Before dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes ... and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? Gay people were simply people that were happy and carefree. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. We were before day-care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings.

For us, time-sharing meant togetherness ... not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant nuts and bolts, and software wasn't even a word. Back then, "Made In Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffees were unheard of. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards.

In our day, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office. We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex change. We made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today.

But, WE SURVIVED!!!! What better reason to celebrate?

Coming Events

Thursday 25 September, 2008 - WOW! A 3 hour **Early Colour Tour** aboard the **Credit Valley Explorer** Train. Orangeville, headwaters of four river systems, Forks of the Credit River to Snelgrove. Sandwiches of Ham & cheese, roast chicken or vegetarian, carrot cake and coffee, tea or juice. Bus leaves Maple Grove United Church at 9:30 a.m. Only 48 people. Guests and Members \$50.00. Call Helen Mutch for reservations.

Tuesday 07 October, 2008 - A **General Meeting** of your club at Maple Grove United Church. Lunch at 12:00 noon, meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Rocco Rossi, CEO of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

Wednesday 08 October, 2008 - The five-club **Annual TCV Meeting** will be held at the Novotel Hotel, 3 Park-home Ave., North York. Bus leaving Maple Grove United Church at 11: a.m.

Wednesday 29 October, 2008 - "**Splendido Teatro**" at **Carmen's**. Charming and interactive new theatre experience with Cirque Acrobats, live music, comedy and drama! World-class gourmet food! We have previewed this show - Excellent! Don't miss it! Members and Partners \$50.00, guests \$59.00. Call Fred Bucknam for reservations. Bus leaves Maple Grove United Church at 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday 02 December, 2008 - 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 a.m. 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 at 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 20.

Tuesday 03 February, 2009 A **General Meeting** of your club at Maple Grove United Church. Lunch at 12:00 noon, meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m. 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 at 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 | Helen Mutch |
| Lorna Maj | | |

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 sold to a recycler. The money we receive to 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

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.

I'm not Retired! Not a chance! Now I work for a new, modern set of Bosses!

From the May 20, 2008 Kawartha Lakes This Week—By Martha Morgan.

The other day, after spending a good hour trying to get some information by phone, pushing buttons and listening to messages like "All our representatives are presently serving other customers; please call again" and "your call is important to us, please stay on the line", it suddenly hit me that I am not a retired person anymore.

I am back in the work force, working for a new set of bosses but without pay.

The days when friendly operators connected us to people we wanted to reach are history. Now we are expected to find our way through a maze of options and make the connection ourselves.

When flying, we tote our own luggage and on arrival at our destination we wait to pick it up at the carousel. If we're not agile enough to grab it before it spins past, it goes around again.

We are even encouraged to print out our own boarding passes. All this takes time and effort for which our only reward is another increase in surcharges.

The serve-yourself trend started with Loblaws in the 1930s. When it became evident that allowing customers behind the counter resulted in profitable impulse buying, wheeled carts were added to the original baskets. As other merchants went self-serve the carts got bigger and bigger.

Now, instead of handing a clerk a list and being waited on, we haul not only groceries but lumber, hardware, bedding and household needs off shelves ourselves and load them into our car.

The latest innovation is the option to be our own checkout clerks. What is happening here is that we are doing all the work except restocking the shelves, but with no salary or employee benefits. We already have on-the-job training to do our own banking, and who knows what other schemes are in the works?

The sad part of all this is that young people have no idea that once upon a time when you paid for service, that's what you got.

Membership

New Members

Mr. Ross Elliott - Oakville

Ms Uda Murphy - Mississauga

In Memoriam

Mrs. Eileen Rosenzweig - Toronto - May, 2007

Mr. Doug Eason - Etobicoke - Apr, 2008

Mr. William Moore - Burlington - Apr, 2008

Mr. Ronald Mullen - Oakville - Apr, 2008

Mr. Howard Smith - Mississauga - May, 2008

Mr. Hilton Caldwell - Oakville - July, 2008

Mr. Foster Byers - Toronto - Sept, 2008

Miss Shirley Shannon - Toronto - Sept, 2008

Keeping In Touch

We need your help! Unfortunately, we do not always hear when one of our members passes away.

If you hear of any changes (eg. a death or someone moving). Please call or e-mail **Pat Herron**. We want to continue our tradition of keeping in touch with our members.

New members are always welcome! If you hear of anyone that is eligible to join—please let us know.

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

George Carlin's View on Aging

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids?

If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions." How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16!

And then the greatest day of your life . . . you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony . . .
YOU BECOME 21! YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40.

Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 . . . and your dreams are gone.

But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60! You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime.

And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; "I was JUST 92."

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half!"

May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

The Man Rules

Finally , the guys' side of the story. We always hear "the rules" from the female side.

Now here are the rules from the male side.

Please note.. these are all numbered "1" ON PURPOSE!

. Men are NOT mind readers.

1. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down.

1. Sunday sports It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.

1. Crying is blackmail.

1. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work! Just say it!

1. Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.

1. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.

1. Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become Null and void after 7 Days.

1. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.

1. If something we said can be interpreted two ways and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one

1. You can either ask us to do something Or tell us how you want it done. Not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.

1. Whenever possible, Please say whatever you have to say during commercials..

1. Christopher Columbus did NOT need directions and neither do we.

1. ALL men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not A color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.

1. If it itches, it will be scratched. We do that.

1. If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," We will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle.

1. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, Expect an answer you don't want to hear.

1. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine... Really .

1. Don't ask us what we're thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as baseball, hockey, football or golf.

1. You have enough clothes.

1. You have too many shoes.

1. I am in shape. Round IS a shape!

1. Thank you for reading this.

2. Yes, I know, I have to sleep on the couch tonight; But did you know men really don't mind that?

It's like camping.

THE SENILITY PRAYER :

Grant me the senility to forget the people
I never liked anyway,
the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and
the eyesight to tell the difference.

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