



# Retirement Rag September 2014

Oakville Retirees Club  
Including Mississauga, Milton and Burlington  
P.O. Box 52047 Oakville, Ontario L6J 7N5

## 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

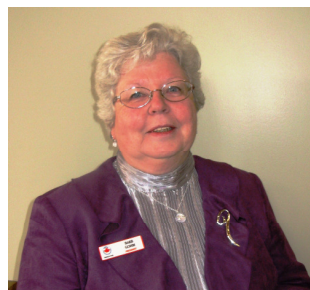
To provide meeting facilities for the accommodation of members and their guests

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.

## President's Message



Greetings,

The days are becoming shorter and there's a nip in the air. That can only mean that fall is upon us. Your programme committee is busy lining up activities that will take us into the

New Year. The Euchre Club has started up again and you are warmly welcomed to join in.

Just know, that whatever you chose to do with your time, whether volunteering, community service, or general interest groups, I encourage you to stay as active as you are able. The activity you select will definitely help keep you young! I look forward to seeing you out at one of our general meetings, upcoming outings, and of course the annual Christmas luncheon. Please join us; your club needs your support.

Best Regards,  
Barb Gohm

## MEETING REMINDER

General Meeting Oakville Retirees Club

Tuesday, October 07, 2014

**Location:** - Maple Grove United Church  
Doors open at 11 AM

**Lunch** 12 Noon

**Meeting** 1 PM

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## Executive

<b>President:</b>	Barbara Gohm
<b>Past President:</b>	Eileen Chewter
<b>Vice President:</b>	Debbie Gill
<b>Secretary:</b>	Syd McKay
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Brenda Hicks
<b>AVP Club Room:</b>	Claude Therrien
<b>AVP Community Service:</b>	Gerry Keay
<b>AVP Fellowship:</b>	Rose Kurak
<b>AVP Fund Raising:</b>	Venetia Binns
<b>AVP Historical:</b>	Doug Kirkwood
<b>AVP Participation:</b>	Dave Warren
<b>AVP P.B. Moore Fund:</b>	Barbara Gohm
<b>AVP Programmes:</b>	Marie Walker
<b>AVP Records:</b>	Pat Herron
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Rose Kurak (Editor) Pat Herron (Assoc. Editor) Ed Kurak (Graphics)
<b>Crafters Who Care:</b>	Bea Medland Gisele Dunn
<b>Social Committee:</b>	Eileen Chewter
<b>Oakville TCV Rep:</b>	Barbara Gohm

## CLUB EVENTS

### *Legally Blonde - The Musical Thursday, April 24, 2014*

April 24th, the day of the outing, was sunny and fairly warm. Our first stop was Crossroads Restaurant, where we enjoyed another great lunch, from the abundant buffet at the restaurant. We arrived a little earlier than 12:00 noon, so to pass time until the buffet was open; we perused the gift shop with some of us coming to lunch carrying purchases we had made.

After lunch it was on to St. Jacobs Country Playhouse and the performance of Legally Blonde. It was a lively and loud musical first act! The story line came to fruition in act 2 and all our favorite characters had a happy outcome. The two **true stars** of the play were Twilight the Chihuahua, who played Bruiser and Bebe who played Rufus. Elle Woods (the play's lead) performed her role as the blonde admirably. It was a successful outing with many positive comments from those attending.

Submitted by Rose Kurak

### *Mystery Tour - Friday, May 23, 2014*

Our day started early, with 44 of us boarding a coach for parts unknown. Under much speculation, it soon became evident that we were headed to the Niagara region. Our first stop was the Floral Showcase, where the hydrangea was in splendid array.

The next stop was for a leisurely lunch at a favourite spot in the area, Betty's Restaurant.

This was followed by a pleasant drive along the river, through Niagara on the Lake and on to St. David's for a stop at Chocolate F/X. Here we watched as chocolate confections were being created. Even though we were still full from lunch, we sampled some product and did a bit of shopping.

Our final stop for the day was at Hernder Estate Winery out of St. Catharines. Some of us attended a very informative and interesting tour, while others were keen to get on with the tasting part. Eventually, all of us sampled some unique wines and purchased bottles to enjoy at home.

The general consensus on the return ride home was that we had spent a full and enjoyable day! The "Mystery Tour" concept, no doubt, will be one that we try again!!

Submitted by Barb Gohm

### *Annual BBQ - Thursday, June 19, 2014*



There wasn't a cloud in the sky and it was a comfortably warm day. Actually, sitting in the covered patio area of the Port Credit Yacht Club, with the cool breeze coming off the lake, led a few club members to move their chairs into the sunshine.

Camaraderie was lively, as was the activity, around the attendance draw ticket, 50/50 draw, activities sign up and membership dues table!! However, once the food was set out, it didn't take long for club members to claim their fare and sit with friends to enjoy lunch.

Once the meal was finished, Marie Walker addressed club members, and then started drawing the attendance ticket numbers. Those lucky ones, whose ticket number was drawn, went home with a restaurant gift card. Then, Venetia Binns had Syd McKay, draw the winning ticket number for the 50/50 draw. The \$68.00 cash sum was won by Ed Maj. The BBQ ended our year of social activities and began our long awaited summer season.

Submitted by Rose Kurak

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
Tuesday, October 07, 2014	The General Meeting of our club at Maple Grove United Church. Lunch at 12:00 Noon, Meeting to follow at 1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 2014 	We'll be heading to Niagara Falls for "Oh Canada, EH?" to enjoy lunch and a performance. A stop at the Floral Showcase is planned, and we will do a tour of The Festival of Lights before returning home in the early evening. A coach leaves Maple Grove Church at 10:30 am, returning at approximately 6:30 pm. Members and partners cost is \$50.00, non members or guests \$100.00. Call Danielle Young for reservations. <b>Refund deadline is October 16.</b>
Tuesday, December 2nd 2014 	Let's kick off the Festive Season with our Annual Christmas Luncheon to be held at Le Dome Banquet Hall. The doors will open at 11:00 am. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 pm. Please help by donating non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau. Members and partners cost is \$15.00 and for non members or guests is \$30.00. Call Marie Walker for reservations. <b>No refunds will be offered after November 21.</b>

**Your Events Programme Committee are: Marie Walker (Chairman), Fred Bucknam, Danielle Young, Lorna Maj, Brenda Hicks, Barb Gohm, Debbie Gill, Shirley Gill.**

**EXCURSION REFUNDS No refunds can be given if cancelled within 2 weeks of the event**

**IMPORTANT!!** When you make a reservation for an event, please send a cheque to:

TCV-OAKVILLE  
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.**

Members who require **transportation** to any event are asked to call the event coordinator, or any member of the Programme Committee. 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 (905) 849-9867.

## Membership

### New Members

Mrs Olga Brotto ( Oakville )	Mrs Julie Hobeck ( Mississauga ) ( Julie is the daughter of Harold Faulkner )
Mr Gerry Keay ( Oakville )	Miss Marg Marrison ( Toronto )

### In Memoriam

Mr Gerald Atyeo ( Burlington )	Apr, 2014	Mr Al Auld ( Mississauga )	Sep, 2014
Mr Duncan Lyall ( Mississauga )	July, 2014	Mrs Dorothy Malcolm ( Burlington )	Mar, 2014
Miss Yvonne Mann ( Burlington )	Jun, 2014	Mr Garnett McDaniel ( Toronto )	July, 2014
Mr Don Meaker ( Mississauga )	Jun, 2014	Mrs Carol Mimee ( Burlington )	Apr, 2014
Mr Don Stacy ( Mississauga )	Apr, 2014		

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our club is now required by law, to charge a membership fee. If you have not sent in your cheque as yet, please do so **A.S.A.P.** If your fee is not received **before** Dec. 31, 2014, your membership will be suspended. Paid members will continue to benefit from our many club events, **as well as receive future Newsletters.** The fee is \$5.00 per person, for 5 years, \$10.00 if you include your spouse or partner. The cheque should be made out to 'TCV Oakville' and mailed to:

TCV Oakville,  
P.O. Box 52047,  
Oakville, ON L6J 7N5

If you have any questions, call Pat Herron .

**Note:** In future to reinstate a membership, you will need to apply and pay the membership fee.

Keeping in Touch

We do not always hear when one of our Members change their address or, pass away. Please help by letting us know if you hear of a death or someone moving.

NEW MEMBERS are always welcome ! Do you know anyone that is eligible to join ?

Please call or e-mail Pat Herron

Do you know of a member who is ill or sick in hospital? Please call or email Rose Kurak

**Are you a Volunteer?**



Members of the club, who do volunteer activity, are important. The Pauline Baxter Moore fund that supports our club, recognizes the contribution volunteers make, and in turn contribute to the support of our membership.

We need to hear from you, about your hours of volunteering. Please call Dave Warren to advise him of your activity and hours.

**A Classic Brain Teaser**



Q. A store has an amazing computing and word processing device. It can add, subtract, multiply, divide, and write in all languages. A delete device will correct any error. This requires no electricity, and is sold for no more than a few cents. How is it, the store makes a profit on such an item, by selling it so cheaply? Answer is below.

Answer The device is a pencil with an eraser. This fits all categories, but is described in such a way as to throw you off.

Submitted by Eileen Chewter

## Crafters Who Care Celebrate 20 Years



“Crafters Who Care” celebrated their 20 year anniversary, this past March. We were originally called Hats for Kids, and had donated fashion hats & cuddle quilts, for children with cancer to both Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto and McMaster Hospital in Hamilton. The Crafters Who Care has created neonatal hats for McMaster Hospital and newborn hats for Oakville & Milton hospitals. As well, we have knitted vests for Dr. Simone’s third world country charities.

In 2013, a total of 316 hats & 11 quilts were provided to hospitals, 59 vests to Dr. Simone’s charity, and 40 bags & pillows to Breast Cancer patients in Hamilton.

Over our 20 year history, Crafters Who Care has donated 900 fashion hats, and 213 cuddle quilts, to Sick Kids & McMaster Hospitals. For women with breast cancer, 170 hats, 1748 bags & pillows have been made and 53 money bags for Daffodil day. For Dr. Simone’s charity, Crafters Who Care has made 1,717 vests, 173 grocery bags, 137 back packs and 38 knitted dolls. A total of 2,465 preemie hats, 226 sweater sets and a monetary donation of \$12,319.75, was given to McMaster Children’s Hospital Darling House (Rose Cherry) and War Amps.



For 2013, \$500.00 was given to War Amps Champs and \$1,000.00 to Darling House. Darling House had a holiday wish list, and with the Crafters Who Care monetary donation, purchased 16 bed comforters, snozelen equipment and a one day respite care for a child. Crafters truly do care, as seen in all they have created and donated.

Submitted by Bea Medland  
Crafters Who Care

Photo -Clockwise from top left  
Bea Medland, Rosie Hayward  
Norma Beynon, Velma Morris

## Volunteer Profile— Aletha Kirkwood



As a child, I was involved in programmes that encouraged giving and sharing. I believe that is where volunteerism began for me.

My involvement with Telco Community Volunteers began in 2001. Earlier that year at a meeting in Alberta I suggested that we make an historic quilt as a memoir for the 100th anniversary of my grandfather and his family moving to Alberta from Ontario. Although I was interested, but did not have the experience of quilting, my husband, Doug; a Bell retiree, suggested that I meet with Bea Medland to learn about quilting. Thus I began to quilt with the 'Crafters Who Care,' and continue my involvement with them to this day. The lessons from Bea were a total success. I developed a pattern for the anniversary quilt and had the descendants' children make a special quilt patch to commemorate each of our grandfathers' children. Since I am the only Lawrence from that genealogical line who lives in this area I did all the quilting. The Lawrence family quilt, now resides, in the Fort

Saskatchewan museum in Alberta.

Since 2006, I have been a volunteer with Post Inn Village, a Halton Region seniors' residence in Oakville. I assist with feeding residents as necessary; assist with 'Life Enrichment' programmes on a one-on one basis for special individuals who reside there. I may take someone for a walk, visit with another; help set up games, or even involve them in gardening. Monthly I offer a Christian devotion message; and as necessary I may provide one of the Sunday services. I coordinate two special meals that are held at the church where I am a member; a hot turkey Thanksgiving Dinner celebration; and then in May of each year we offer a cold turkey and ham Spring Picnic after a short church service. And prior to the Christmas season we have a special Christmas celebration when even Santa hands out small goody packages for each senior.

Also, through my church, I have volunteered on mission trips to Belize, Nicaragua and Mexico. On these trips I have been involved in various projects in schools, churches, assisting in building & renovations of houses, warehouses and feeding programs. One of the objectives of these mission trips is to assist the locals to be self sufficient and create small employment opportunities. As we travel to various places Doug and I have enjoyed so many opportunities to help others through many organizations, such as the Canadian Red Cross Disaster Management Team, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Canadian Executive Service Organization, Samaritan's Purse International Relief to name some of them.

Some people dread the thought of retiring. For me, when I came to Oakville I had planned to continue in my nursing profession. However, I became so involved in volunteer work that I didn't have time to work at a paid job! I never seem to have enough time to do all the things I enjoy, like gardening, touring with my husband, as well as ministering to others. There are so many opportunities where we can share with others.

## OLD PEOPLE PRIDE

Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old people remove their caps, cover their hearts, stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbour, Guadalcanal, Normandy, and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Cuban Crisis, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into an Old People on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old People on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women and treat them with great respect.

Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.

Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children, grandchildren or their animals.

It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

Article Submitted by Pat Herron

## Photo Gallery



A Perfect Day for  
our Annual BBQ

