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DISTRICT 18

NEWSLETTER

APRIL MAY 2010

### President's Message

Hi Everyone,

What a great spring we're having. I can't believe it and I'm sure you're loving it too.

I attended a District Presidents' Workshop last week. We received many ideas to bring back to our Districts. The topics were: Building an Effective Leadership Team, Recruitment/Marketing at the District Level, Motivating New Members to Join Executives, Good Governance at the District Level plus Best Practices at the District Level. It was very stimulating indeed.

RTO~ERO has created a draft proposal called *Charitable Foundation: Creating a Legacy*. The plan is to raise funds to establish and support research endeavors in geriatrics and/or gerontology at Ontario post secondary institutions. The approval of this foundation will be made at the Spring Senate in May. There will be more information to come in the Fall.

I look forward to seeing you at the Dunsford A.G.M. in early June.

Bye for now.

*Mary Dickson*

*President, District 18*

### Call for Unit Executive and Social Activity Members

At a recent meeting of the Kawartha Lakes Unit Executive a discussion ensued about the function of the executive committee. After much discussion, a con-

sensus was reached that our primary function is '*to provide to the membership a communication conduit on issues of importance such as Health Services and Pension Concerns*'. We will be working on your behalf to ensure important information is made available to you.

A secondary function is to provide opportunities for members to offer to other members a chance to socialize in different venues be they at the curling rink, the lawn bowling green, saying "to Hell with the Bell", golfing or just chatting over a meal. The executive does not have the time nor the expertise to operate all desired activities and therefore cannot be the driving force to organize such events but we are more than willing to work with and provide support to organizers of any new or old activity.

With this new direction in mind, the executive is seeking volunteers who would like to be part of the executive in any of the vacant positions OR any person(s) who would be willing to be the primary organizer of a social event.

If you are interested in either a social coordinating role or being part of the executive, please contact Ward Levine at [camward@cogeco.ca](mailto:camward@cogeco.ca).

Remember the age old adage – **Many hands make light work!**

### RTO District Nominations

Plans for the District 18 AGM during the last week of September are under way. As

the Chair of the Nominating Committee, it is my responsibility to work with the other member of the Committee, Nicholas Pawluch, the President of the Haliburton Unit, to provide a slate of nominees for each of the annually elected positions on the 2010 –2011 District 18 Executive. The District Constitution states that the positions of **President, Secretary, and Treasurer along with the following Officers: Communications, Health Services and Insurance, Members' Services, Pension Concerns, and Political Action** are to be elected annually. The two district vice-presidents are the unit presidents and the Units elect the two district senators. The two units are reminded that the Senator's terms are for two years and the unit executives are required to ensure that new Senators are elected – if terms are up - at their up-coming AGMs.

I am hoping that you, as District 18 members of RTO~ERO, will make the job of the Nominating Committee really easy by volunteering to run for one of the elected positions. It is a policy of this District that the presidency alternate between the two units and since the current President is from Kawartha Lakes we need nominees from the Haliburton Unit for this position. Otherwise, the various positions are wide-open! If you are not sure what is involved in any particular position send me an email at [maxradiff@hotmail.com](mailto:maxradiff@hotmail.com) or give me a call at (705) 324-4602 and I will get you the relevant information from the Constitution.

I know that some of you are already saying: "What's Radiff smoking?" I would, however, just like to point out that in order for the District Executive to be a strong voice at the provincial level as well

as providing the services to which RTO~ERO members in this area are entitled, people have to volunteer to carry some of the load – too often it's the same old people out there and they get tired! **HOWEVER**, if some of the "old-timers" want to take another term I'll be glad to hear from you too!!!!

*Max Radiff*

*Past President, District 18*

### **Kawartha Unit AGM June 2, 2010**

Speaker: Carolyn Smith

Topic: Climate Change and Agriculture

The Local Context

Climate change threatens the productivity and sustainability of agricultural systems throughout the world. This presentation focuses on the steps needed to ensure that agriculture in the City of Kawartha Lakes is able to adapt to climate change effectively. Carolyn will include in her talk information about her studies in both Costa Rica and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Come and share in the discussion. Carolyn Smith attended Mariposa School and LCVI before studying at the University of Waterloo where she earned a Bachelor of Environmental Studies and Master of Environmental Studies, as well as a Diploma in Environmental Assessment. Currently, she is a PhD candidate:geography at Carleton University. *Lenore Davidson*  
*Treasurer, Kawartha Lakes Unit*

### **In Memoriam**

*George S. Hedge*

*John E. Corbett*

*Heather A. Atkins*

*Rosemary Lutz*

*Bernice Herlihey*

*M. Helen Alkerton*

*Gertrude Lillico*

*Donald A. MacGillivray*

*Anne Kelly*

*Julie Byrne*

*Robert Barclay*

# RTO 2009 Curling Bonspiel



**RTO Bonspiel 2009 Curling Champs**  
 L to R:  
 Katrin Galea Terry Lenhardt Dianne Tremeer Dennis Paull



Wednesday, November 25th, saw 40 retired teachers and friends arrive at the Lindsay Curling Club for curling and socializing fun. The 10 teams played two 6 end games. A good lunch was enjoyed by all. Everyone had a great time and the teams played well. Following the last game, scores were tallied and all teams were awarded prizes. The top team was Dianne Tremeer, Terry Lenhardt, Katrin Galea, and Dennis Paull. They were awarded the trophy to enjoy and share until the fall of 2010. I wish to thank Jerry Ford for helping me with the scoring and Lenore Davidson for assisting with the registration as curlers arrived. Please mark Wednesday, November 10th, 2010 on your calendars for the next RTO Bonspiel.  
 Karen Brentnell – RTO Curling Convenor. Photos courtesy of Karen Brentnell and Lenore Davidson



## The Annual General Meeting and Dinner

The Executive of RTO~ERO Kawartha Lakes Unit, wishes to extend a warm invitation to all its members and their guests to attend the Spring Dinner.

**Wednesday June 2, 2010  
Dunsford Community Centre**

3:45 p.m. Registration (bar open)

4:30 p.m. Business Meeting

5:30 p.m. Social - Music will be provided by Jack Nevins

5:45 p.m. Dinner

6:45 p.m. Speaker: Carolyn Smith. Doctoral Candidate and former Mariposa and LCVI student

Subject: Climate Change and our Environment – The Local Context

Dinner, at \$20.00 per person, is by reservation only.

Please mark the above date on your calendar now and return your attendance commitment along with your cheque for \$20.00 made out to RTO Kawartha Lakes Unit by May 18th to:

Ward Levine

8 Purdy Court

Lindsay, Ontario K9V 6E4

Telephone: (705) 328-9889 e-mail: camward@cogeco.ca

MENU: Juice, salad, ¼ barbeque chicken, potatoes and vegetables (green beans and corn), lemon, apple or strawberry rhubarb pie, tea or coffee.

We look forward to seeing all of you there. Remember, there will be a 50/50 draw and lots of prizes are up for grabs. It will be a fun and educational evening.

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I PLAN TO ATTEND THE SPRING DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010.  
ENCLOSED IS A CHEQUE PAYABLE TO RTO ~ KAWARTHA LAKES UNIT.

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (non-refundable) for \_\_\_\_\_ dinners

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN BY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2010 to:**  
Ward Levine, 8 Purdy Ct. Lindsay, ON., K9V 6E4

## RTO~ERO ANNUAL GOLF MIXED SCRAMBLE

**DATE:** Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

**TEE OFF TIME:** 9:30 a.m. Arrive at 9:00 a.m. please.

**PLACE:** Sturgeon Point Golf Course.

**FORMAT:** 9 holes of golf (best ball scramble) Singles welcome. We build the foursomes.

**COST:** \$34.00 per person (\$15.00 for Sturgeon Point Golf Club members)

### BUFFET LUNCH AND PRIZES FOR ALL

Please fill in the information and return this lower portion, with your cheque, by **June 20th** to:

Rich Brien 51 Victoria Ave. N. Lindsay ON K9V 4G1 (705) 324-6034

Please make your cheque payable to **RTO Kawartha Lakes Unit**

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Rich Brien 51 Victoria Ave. N. Lindsay ON K9V 4G1 (705) 324-6034

Number of Golfers: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ (or experience) **Beginner Duffer, Regular player, etc.**

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please come and enjoy the golf, the fellowship, the little prizes and a great lunch.

Hope to see you there.

Rich and Bob