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DISTRICT 18

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2009

Kawartha Lakes Unit News

Once again, our summer has passed by quickly and I hope you have been able to take advantage of the nicer weather to do all those summertime things with family and friends. With September approaching at least most of us do not need to be thinking of preparing a classroom for a new school year. Instead we can see our grandchildren off on their first day back or prepare ourselves for a trip away. The units and the District have done their best to carry on with the business of the District, however it is getting to be more challenging with fewer people willing to step forward to help out with what needs to be done. We are asking any of you with some time to spare to offer what assistance you can. The District will suffer another loss to the organization when Louise Cooper from Haliburton moves to Ottawa to be closer to her family. Her service to RTO has been invaluable. I hope to see many of you at the District AGM at Eganridge on Sept. 29th, 2009. The location is beautiful and the lunch should be delightful. We will be presenting Awards of Merit to two very deserving people from our unit. Please come to find out who these recipients will be. Karen Brentnell – *President Kawartha Lakes RTO Unit.*

RTO/ERO Haliburton Unit 2009/10

Past President	Marg Valentine	705-454-3451
President	Nicholaus Pawluch	705-286-1562
Vice-President	position available	
Secretary	Betty Mark	705-286-4754
Treasurer	Jim Milne	705-754-1294
Senator	Nicholaus Pawluch	705-286-1562
Goodwill	Marj Baldry	705-286-4722
Membership	Marg Valentine	705-454-3451

RTO/ERO District 18 Executive 2009/10

Past President	position available	
President	Mary Dickson	705-328-3361
1st Vice President	Nicholaus Pawluch	705-286-1562
2nd Vice President	Karen Brentnell	705-878-1075
Secretary	Ward Levine	705-328-9889
Treasurer	position available	
Senator 1	Nicholaus Pawluch	705-286-1562
Senator 2	Mary Dickson	705-328-3361
Communications	Mike Catling	705-887-3005
HSI Rep	position available	
Member Services	Pauline Johnson	705-489-3878
Pension Concerns	Nicholaus Pawluch	705-286-1562
Political Action	Ward Levine	705-328-9889

RTO/ERO Kawartha Lakes 2009/10

Past President	Joe Lovsin	705-324-6000
President:	Karen Brentnell	705-878-1075
1st Vice President	Ward Levine	705-328-9889
2nd Vice President	position available	
Secretary	Bob May	705-328-9391
Treasurer	Lenore Davidson	705-786-2401
Senator	Mary Dickson	705-328-3361
Goodwill	Evelyn Mighton	705-374-5513
Health/Ins	position available	
Membership	position available	
Newsletter	Mike Catling	705-887-3005
Social	position available	
Telephone	Bruce & Debbie Peck	705-324-3417
Magazines	Jane Ellis	705-454-1745

Upcoming Events

- 1) Haliburton's "Hell with the Bell"
Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 12:00 pm at the *Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House* on Highway 35 south of Carnarvon.
Cost: \$20.00 Contact: Louise Cooper at 705-754-9129
- 2) Kawartha Lakes "Hell with the Bell"
Friday, September 11th, 2009 10:30 am with lunch at 12:15 pm. Location: Karen Brentnell's home 20 Olympia Court, Lindsay Cost: \$15.00
- 3) District AGM (Kawartha Lakes hosting)
Tuesday, September 29th, 2009
Eganridge Inn (East Beehive Rd.) off County Road 8 between Fenelon and Bobcaygeon 9:30 am.
Registration and social
Cost: \$25.00
- 4) Curling Bonspiel (Lindsay Curling Club)
Wednesday, November 25th, 2009
9:00 am Registration 9:30 am start.
Cost: \$20.00 per person includes curling, lunch and prizes.
Contact: Karen Brentnell 878-1075

 R.D. Lawrence Place

R.D. Lawrence Place is located at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. They were a recipient of a grant from RTO's "Service to Others". This year they have organized two fund-raising events.

"Summertime Silent Auction"

August 12th until September 12th at 1 p.m.
Many treasures to be seen in foyer waiting for your bid.

"The Great Green Garage Sale"

September 12, 2009 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

www.mindenhillsculturalcentre.com

Volunteers Needed

"Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival"
Kinark Outdoor Centre Minden September 28th & 29th, 2009. Grades 4&6 (40+ hands-on learning stations). Retired teachers are needed to help out at the stations. Interested?
Contact: Irene Heaven 705-286-6582 There are many schools from the Kawartha Lakes unit area who participate in this event.
www.hmwaterfestival.ca for more info.

 "Historica Fair" Judges Needed

This event is held in the schools every spring. Because every school holds a fair, a good number of retired teachers are needed to act as judges. Please contact the board office to add your name to the list of volunteers for this event.

 "Hell with the Bell" 2009
(Kawartha Lakes Unit)

The "Hell with the Bell" annual champagne brunch will be held on Friday, September 11th, 2009 beginning at 10:30 a.m. It will be hosted by Karen Brentnell at 20 Olympia Crt. Lindsay (off William St.N., 1 block south of Eglinton Ave.) All retired teachers, secretaries, educational assistants are welcome to attend. Recent or newly retired teachers, secretaries, and educational assistants are invited to attend as our guests. Please let anyone who fits this category know, as we have difficulty getting everyone's names to invite them to this event. This is a fun, social event to welcome new retirees to their new life and to share this with those already experienced with this life.
Please reply to Karen as soon as possible by calling 705-878-1075 or leaving a message or email dmacduff@cogeco.ca
The cost of this event will be \$15.00. We hope to see many of you there for this event.

September AGM Presentation

In November of 2008, Dave Auger and Derek Warren, both local retired teachers, with Pam Burt and Brenda Rhodes, ventured off to Nuevo Paraiso, Honduras to build a home for 12 orphans. They have a remarkable story to share with you at this year's Fall AGM. As well, Karin Robinson, also a local retired teacher, was set to leave for Honduras but unfortunately had to cancel at the last moment, has another unique opportunity to share with any adventure seeking retired teachers with a heart. Don't miss being among the first to hear all about it, so be sure to come!

Note: *The Building Brigade* is affiliated with the *Friends of Honduran Children*, an honourable grassroots organization in Peterborough, at www.honduranchildren.com

RTO Annual Educational Awards

The Kawartha Lakes Unit presented their annual awards to graduating students entering E.C.E. courses or Educational Assistant courses at all our local district high schools, including the Adult Education Centre. RTO executive members Bob May, Karen Brentnell, Lenore Davidson and Mary Dickson made the presentations at the various high schools.

Kawartha Lakes Unit June 3rd AGM

Kawartha Lakes Unit Annual General Meeting was held June 3rd at Dunsford District Community Centre. Guest speaker Inspector Rob Shaw, Commander, Kawartha Lakes OPP detachment, gave a very informative multimedia presentation describing his experiences with police training in Afghanistan. Q&A followed this very interesting talk. A sincere thanks to Jack Nevins for providing the evening's enjoyable musical entertainment.

RTO Golf Scramble

The annual RTO Golf scramble was held on June 25 At Sturgeon Point Golf Club. Approximately 40 people participated and despite the humidity, had a wonderful outing. Everyone enjoyed a well-deserved lunch, with participation with prize selection and social interaction. A sincere thanks to organizers Bob Ellis and Rich Brien for a superb job in this annual event.

Karen Brentnell

Bank and Travel Tips

Most banks waive some user fees after you turn 59 or 60. Ask your bank what free seniors' services are available. These services do not start automatically; you must inform the bank of your new status.

If you have the travel bug, the *Bank of Nova Scotia* waives the transaction fees charged for ATM withdrawals at certain foreign banks, provided a *Scotiabank Visa* or *Scotiabank* debit card is used. ATM fees can range from \$3.00 or higher per transaction, depending on the financial institution. This does not include currency exchange rate charges.

The banks listed in the ATM Alliance are *Bank of America* (US), *BNP Paribas* (France), *Barclays Woolwich* (UK), *Deutsche Bank* (Germany), and *Westpac* (Australia).

The Bank of Nova Scotia has branches in many Latin American countries. More information is available on *Scotia's* website.

www.scotiabank.ca The *HSBC* bank offers foreign currency accounts in US dollars, British Pounds and Euros without a minimum balance. They also allow ATM withdrawals at all *HSBC* banks worldwide without fees.

Email Addresses

Please inform me if you plan to change your email address. A number of newsletters are bounced back every time due to invalid addresses. I try to maintain the membership list as up-to-date as possible so no newsletters are missed. Thanks. Mike Catling
mcat0@nexicom.net

Kawartha Lakes June AGM



Bob May introduces Rob Shaw, Commander OPP Kawartha Lakes.



OPP Commander, Rob Shaw

RTO Golf Scramble at Sturgeon Point Golf Club



RTO Golf Convenors Bob Ellis and Rich Brien



Tournament Champs

L to R: Bob Ellis Jane Stewart Joe Lovsin Peggy Moore



Retired Teachers of Ontario - District 18
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Eganridge Inn and Country Club

Country Club Drive.

(off County Road 8 – East Beehive Rd. between Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls)

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Refreshments
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting
11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Presentation: "The Building Brigade to Honduras"
12:00 pm Eganridge's "Hearty Lunch" – Ragoût of beef, salads,
baguette, bread and butter pudding with crème anglais.
1:00 p.m. Entertainment: Jack Nevins

Please return the registration form below by **Thursday, September 17, 2009.**
Make your cheque payable to **RTO District 18**, and mail to:

The total cost for refreshments, lunch, taxes, gratuity, and the use of the facility is \$25 per person.

Louise Cooper, Treasurer
RTO/ERO District 18
1010 Shamba Trail,
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0

If you think your reply will not reach Louise in time, call Karen Brentnell at (705) 878-1075 to confirm your place at lunch.

I /We plan to attend the RTO/ERO District 18 Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at Eganridge Inn.

REGISTRATION FORM:

NAME(S)	PHONE NUMBER	DIABETIC ?

Enclosed please find a cheque for \$25 x ____ = \$ _____



RTO/ERO Curling Bonspiel

The curling bonspiel will be held on Wednesday, November 25th at the Lindsay Curling Club on Peel Street in Lindsay ON. This fun event is open to all RTO members, their family and friends. All curlers are welcome to participate, including ones new to the game.

Entries can be made as individuals, or as a team.

The day will be organized as follows:

Two 8 – end games

9:00 am Social and practice – 9:30 am Start

\$80.00 per team

(\$20.00 singles) We will put you on a team

Lunch and Prizes

Cost will be \$20.00 per person or \$80.00 per team

Please complete the form and return with cheque payable to:

“RTO Kawartha Lakes Unit” asap to Karen Brentnell 20 Olympia Crt., Lindsay On K9V 6C8 or contact by e-mail: dmacduff@cogeco.ca or telephone 705-878-1075.

Mark this great fall event on your calendars and come out for a fun-filled day!!!

Please return to Karen Brentnell 20 Olympia Crt., Lindsay ON K9V 6C8 by November 13th.

Make cheque payable to "Kawartha Lakes Unit-RTO"

Name(s) _____

I/we are able to play skip vice second lead new curler.

Contact info/additional information _____