



Brant Forty

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maureen Pyett

Usually, I begin with a "Shout Out" to members who have gone above and beyond to make District 40 the best it can be. In this my final message, I choose to do a "Toss Out" which is a challenge to all members to hear and respond to a "Call for Action".

Some are presently answering the call by serving on Executive or Committees. Others help out at our various events throughout the year. Many respond by supporting and participating in these events i.e. luncheons or golf tournaments. This keeps our district strong and helps us to grow. As of July 31st, 2010 Brant District 40 is more than 900 members strong and still growing. One of the simplest ways members can help is by encouraging friends and colleagues to join RTO as either full-time or associate members. It is important to remember that what we do at the District level enhances and compliments what Provincial can do for us. This being said, I invite you to join us as we continue our tradition of excellence.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not extend my heartfelt thanks to my Executive (you're the best!) for your guidance and support these past two years. Special thanks to my 1st Vice-President Gord Osmond, for all his extra work while I was still trying to get up to par. Hopefully, I'll be my energetic self and be able to return the favour as your Past-President.

As always, I am looking forward to seeing you at future events.

Maureen

QUESTIONS re. HEALTH AND BENEFITS

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RTO/ERO Here now and for the future of retired members of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and other education retirees VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.brant40rto.ca

GOODWILL



Congratulations!

June 26th 45th Anniversary Dick and Joan Archer
Aug. 15th 45th Anniversary Bert and Nancy Howard
Dec.31st 50th Anniversary Mike and Elaine Syvkw
July 10 45th anniversary Brian and Bev Osborn
Aug 5 60th anniversary Orville and Muriel Parsons
August 70th birthday Ray Cooper

Rick Denton for great service to Nipissing University

In Memoriam



Lee Brooks Patrick McKenna
Margaret Chandler Marjorie Mailing
Pat Harrison Beatrice Robson
Marguerite Charter

Their contributions to education are appreciated.
Our thoughts are with their loved ones.

The Goodwill committee works hard, on your behalf, to keep us all updated on special celebrations and memorials regarding our members and families. We need your help to ensure that we have that information. Please remember to keep us posted. We are seeking Group Leaders to help with our telephone fan out; please contact Gail or Donna to volunteer! It requires at most 1 hour of your time twice a year.



Membership Update ~ Mary Hrynkiw

We welcome the following to
District 40 Brantford/Brant RTO/ERO.

James Carroll
Bryan Knoll
Marilyn J R Wilson
Janet Kilgannon
Gary Aslin
Julie Horvath
Hilda E Telfer
Everill A Muir
Shirley Albano
Melvin Andree
Roberta Barrett
Cathy Canton
Jim Harder
Susan Howe
Rose Huysentruyt-Closs
Trula James

Karen Jarvis
James N R Johnson
Cyndy L Kirk
Andy O'Brien
Carol Reansbury
Janet Riley
Janice L Schweder
Robin Slack
George Szabo
Maureen Wills
Garry Lambert
Edna L Phillips
David Roswell
Judith Shrubsole
Carol Sillars

Since March 2010 we have 31 new members which brings our total to 911 members. We wish them much happiness and good health in their retirement. Invite a new member to join you at our next event.

Christmas Social

Please remember our Christmas Social which will be held on Nov. 24 2010 from 3:30—5:30 at Sonnenhof, German Canadian Club, 194 Henry St. Brantford.

There is no charge--but we do ask that people bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to the food bank. Please register with Mary by November 19th if possible at 519.759.0467 or mhrynkiw@cruiseshipcenters.com



Mark your calendar!

Retirement Planning Workshop

Please tell your friends who are thinking of retiring or changing benefit carriers about our upcoming retirement planning workshop on October 29, 2011. We are inviting our Norfolk neighbours to join us. Anyone in the province who works within an provincially funded education institution is eligible to join RTO.



TO HELL WITH THE BELL

Sieg and Susan Baldauf

Good fun was had at this year's **To Hell with the Bell Golf Tournament**. A beautiful day, with a bit of wind to add some challenge, saw 32 golfers at the Burford Golf Links Golf course on Sept 7.

To enhance the concept that *'Enjoyment is the Key'* to a successful golf outing, there was wine tasting at the 7th hole provided by vintner Dave Sheppard of Coyote Run Estate Winery. After the 18 hole Scramble round and a putting contest, everyone socialized in the clubhouse with another interlude of tasting - this time with Steve Murzda and his new food product Ice Syrup from Sweet and Sticky. The awards presentation had everyone a winner:

Gross Score Winning Team Charles Irvine, Gerry Jackson, Gord Osmond, Doug Richardson

Net Score Winning Team based on Average Age Handicap Les Carr, Ted Donald, Victor Gossman, Bob Peever.

Putting Contest winner George Szabo.

Closest to the Pin #2

Women - Susan Hillhorst, Men - Les Carr.

Closest to the Pin #11 Women - Donna Lord, Men - Charles Irvine.

Closest to the Bucket (NOT AGE RELATED)

Women - Sandra St. Louis, Men - Garry Burns

The next golf event will be **Swing Into Spring at Fescue's Edge** on Wed. May 18, 2011. Golfers or duffers are all encouraged to make plans to attend.

Many thanks on behalf of Brant District 40 RTO **go to Sieg and Susan for their hard work and creativity ! What a team!!!**

Toronto Maple Leafs/Toronto Marlies Promotions

The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan is the majority owner in these teams and thus offers its members exclusive discount tickets such as:

- 50% off tickets to 2 Marlies games—October 17 and November 21
- Leafs and Marlies ticket packages in October and November.

See promotions@otppmembers.com for details and check often for other offers.

Call 416-597-PUCK (7825) Speak to a member of the service team and tell them you are calling about the Teachers' ticket offers.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Review your Pension profile:

Update your Pension profile online to win
Go online to review your personal information on iAccess Web, the secure members-only website. If you update your profile online between now and the end of the year, you'll be entered to win one of five Cadillac Fairview shopping cards.

www.otpp.com/pensionnews/myprofile

Review your RTO/ERO profile:

Update your personal information at the new and improved RTO/ERO website. www.ero-rto.org or by calling 1-800-361-9888.

Help us all to provide the service you deserve!

Brantford LALL Course

Global Sustainability: Separating Fact from Fiction with Walter Soroka. Laurier Brantford, Carnegie Building October 12—November 15th—1:30 pm.

Today, the issue of global sustainability and environmental issues is at the forefront of public consciousness. This course will examine our toxic environment, the consumer society, alternative energy sources, our collective responsibility as well as the global response to this time-sensitive crisis. To register for this course or explore those offered in Waterloo area, go to lall@wlu.ca or call 519.884.0710 x 6036.

Minister Responsible for Seniors

Ontario's new Minister Responsible for Seniors is also the new Minister of Revenue. She has been the representative from Hamilton Mountain since 2007 and recently served as Minister of Consumer Services. The Ontario Seniors' Secretariat will continue to work with organizations on a number of initiatives including elder abuse prevention, health and wellness and creating more age-friendly communities. One of the new challenges will be to outline and develop care and safety standards to support the Retirement Homes Act, 2010. It is our in our own best interest to stay actively involved and provide input into such issues as they will have a significant impact on our future wellbeing.

Brant Taletellers' Guild Presents 'Catch a Tiger by the Tale'

Brantford 9th Annual
Storytelling Festival

October 15—17

Friday, Oct. 15 Sherwood Restaurant

6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Storytelling

Saturday Oct. 16 Laurier Odeon

Storytelling Workshop for Adults

Children's Storytelling Festival

Sunday Oct. 17 The Station Coffee House

For more information to make a reservation

visit tales.bizbrant.com or email

taletellers@bizbrant.com

Travel Services

Mondial Assistance offers advice to RTO members before and during a trip. Pre-travel advice may save a lot of headaches later on.

For Pre – Travel Assistance call 1800-249-6556.

While travelling call:

Toll-free from	
Canada / USA	1.800.249.6556
Mexico	00.1800.514.3702
Dominican Republic	1.888.151.4403
Other countries that participate in Universal International Toll Free	1.800.9221.9221
Collect from other countries	1.519.742.6683

There are also good ideas on the RTO website, the government of Canada website as well as most travel agencies and the embassy of the country you plan to visit. It is well worth the effort to take a look.



Member Advertising

FOR ALL YOUR TRAVEL NEEDS

CONTACT

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Master Cruise Counsellor and Travel Consultant

*Presidents Circle
Silver*

Expedia CruiseShipCenters, Brantford
265 King George Rd. Northridge Plaza ,
Brantford , On, N3R 6Y1

(next to Gus and Guidos)

519-756-9711 or 1-800-742-4054

mhrynkiw@cruiseshipcenters.com

Attention Former Staff of BCI

The current and former staff of BCI are invited to a cocktail party on August 4, 2011 as the first event of the 100th Anniversary Bash. Other events are planned for the weekend from Friday—Sunday. For more information and to register to attend, watch for the registration form on the BCI Website and/or the 100th Anniversary official website www.bcialumni.on.ca/100threunion.php.

Travel Brochure Language

English may be your mother tongue and you may have a command of it, but try deciphering the travel lingo utilized in brochures that are always phrased in superlatives and surrounded by picture perfect sunny views of destinations.

The travel business has a language of its own: its own singular set of functional jargon.

Imagine a trip to Switzerland; the brochure states that you would see Byron's Castle of Chillon. There is a beautiful picture insert of the castle on the page and you are really looking forward to visiting this wonderful attraction. Woops, did I say visit? In your eagerness to want to visit the castle, enhanced by the picture perfect insert depicting it, you assumed you would visit the castle.



Fast forward two weeks. It is a rainy day when the bus drives by Chillon and you get a quick shot of it out of the bus window just before you pass a tree that obscures its view.

So, here's some travel jargon and what it really means. (Oh, don't forget to read the fine print, especially with asterisks. Assume nothing, ask and be travel wise.)

1st Class Hotel: Medium-range hotel; at least some rooms with private bath; most of the usual public rooms and services are provided.

All Inclusive: a plan including all meals, drinks, tips, service charges, accommodations, some water sports (usually non-motorized), etc. NOT all plans are equal - be sure to ask just what is included and what is extra.

American Plan: breakfast, lunch and dinner, may include the price of the hotel room.

Modified American Plan: American style breakfast and lunch or dinner with the room.

Continental Breakfast: a beverage (coffee, tea, milk or juice) and rolls or toast.

Continental Plan: includes continental breakfast with the overnight room stay.

Deluxe Hotel: Top-grade hotel; all rooms have private

Guarantee: A "guarantee" is the cruise line's promise that the passenger will sail on a stated voyage in a specified price category or type of cabin, at an agreed rate no higher than would ordinarily apply for that voyage. Due to space and yield management requirements, a cruise line may "upgrade" guarantee passengers to a higher level of service.

Hub and Spoke tours: utilize a central destination with side trips to nearby destinations.

Partially Obstructed Balcony View: on a cruise, you can see daylight on either end of the life boat that's in front of your window.

Ocean front: room directly faces the ocean.

Ocean View: room from which it is possible to secure a view of the ocean perhaps by rubbernecking.

Open Jaw: route or fare, of round trip transportation from the point of origin to one destination, at which another form of transportation is used to reach a second destination, where you resume the initial form of transportation to return to the point of origin.

Open Seating: Access at any time to unoccupied tables in the ship's dining room, as opposed to specific table assignments.

Package Tour: A tour that includes pre-paid transportation, accommodations and/or some combination of other tour elements, such as meals, transfers, sightseeing or car rental.

See: you will "see" the attraction as you drive past.

Visit : is a stop of sufficient duration to get off the bus to explore a site.

View: a brief stop, long enough for a quick photo (may also just be a drive past).

Tourist (Economy or 2nd Class): Budget operations; few or no private baths; services may be very limited.

If you are booking with a travel agent, think about getting an extra brochure and use it as a working copy. Identify terms, descriptions etc. that need clarification and ask your travel agent to explain what they mean. If there is any hesitation or uncertainty ask the travel agent to check with the tour company and get back to you. It is also an option to call or email the tour company yourself. Contact information is usually on the last page and you guessed it, in small print.



Member Advertising

Japan

Contrasts and Continuity in the Venerable Land of the Rising Sun

March 24th to April the 9th 2011

This 17 day journey through Japan during the glorious 'Cherry Blossom Festival' takes you from the seaside to Mt.Fuji and beyond as you experience the bustling markets, serene gardens, the tea ceremony, Shogonate castles, Imperial palaces, Shinto shrines, Buddhist Temples, kimonos, kabuki,, sushi and more!



Tour Price: \$7250.00

Single Supplement: \$2000.00

Any application with deposit received up to and including Nov.1, 2010 will be credited with a discount of \$250.00CDN at time of final invoice.

Price Includes:

- Air Canada International Air ticket
- Hotel accommodation base on double occupancy as per stated with service taxes;
- Meals as per itinerary (Daily American breakfast, 14 lunches and 2 dinners)
- Local English speaking guided tours with admissions included as per itinerary
- Airport/Hotel Transfers and city tours are in private coach basis with English speaking assistant
- JR Limited train tickets Kanazawa-Kyoto
- JR Shinkansen Train Kyoto-Hiroshima-Okayama-Osaka
- Bunraku Opera in Osaka (date to be advised)
- Domestic Flight Osaka-Narita

Please note: Sequence of tours and itinerary are subject to change.

Not Included:

- Airport taxes, security fees, and fuel surcharges
- Personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, excess baggage fees, phone calls, etc
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters etc.
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Any other items not specified in the itinerary
- Travel insurance

A Brush with the Bard

...from the Canadian Stratford Festival to the Globe Theatre in London England & Stratford-Upon-Avon with Garry Burns

September 14th-21st 2011 17 days from March 24th to April the 9th 2011

Tour Price includes:

- Return airfare Toronto-London
- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- Breakfast daily + 4 Meals
- Admission for all tours
- all theatre performances incl.2 Stratford Festival, 1 Globe Theatre, 1London theatre, 2 Royal Shakespeare Theatre
- London Day Pass

Any application with deposit received up to and including April 1, 2011 will be credited with a discount of \$250.00CDN at time of final invoice.

Autumn in the Gardens of England

...Stroll through unforgettable English gardens with Garry Burns

September 21st – 28th 2011

Tour Price includes:

- Return airfare Toronto-London
- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- Breakfast / Dinner daily
- Admission for all gardens
- London Day Pass

Any application with deposit received up to and including April 1, 2011 will be credited with a discount of \$250.00CDN at time of final invoice.

For further information re. any of these trips contact:

Garry Burns

e-mail: geegbyte@gmail.com

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OR

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd.

95 Dalhousie Street, Brantford, Ontario N3T 2J1

Tel: (519)753-2695 Fax: (519)753-6376

E-mail: website: pauwelstravel.com

Ontario Registration # 1034992

Membership — Gatherings



Registration Form

General Membership Meetings and Luncheons 2010

Make cheque (not postdated, please!) payable to:

District 40 RTO and send to :

Anna Brady, 303 Wellington St., Brantford, ON, N3S 4A2

Fall Luncheon Wednesday, Nov 3, 2010 Brant Park Inn

Number attending _____ Total @ \$15.00 each _____

Luncheon Choices: Pork () Chicken () Vegetarian ()

Names _____

Subsidized by the Brant District 40 RTO

Note: Cancellations can be accepted up to the Friday before the event.

DONALD McGEOCH

Singer of traditional songs
of Ireland & Scotland and
original compositions
Longtime host and
entertainer of
the Brantford Folk Club



Laughs

Music

Great fun!

Need a Ride?

Please call one of the executive members. We will be glad to help you get to our events.

Parking at the Best Western

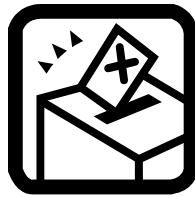
There is lots of parking at the rear of the building, or, we have permission to park in the church lot across the street.

Together we can make a difference!

Your feedback can help make the Brant District and the Newsletter continue to get better. Please give your feedback to the editor or any of the executive listed on page 1.

- How can we think outside the box to make District 40 the best in the province?
- How would you like to be involved?
- What activities would you like us undertake on your behalf?
- What would you like to read about in the newsletter?
- Any other comments or suggestions?

Grey Power!



Don't Forget to Vote



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