



# NEWS AT 8

## FALL EDITION

## SEPTEMBER 2019



As we are winding down the glorious days of summer, we turn our attention to the days of leaves turning colour and the lowering of temperatures. This is the time when RTO/ERO becomes more active and you have the opportunity to become more

involved with our clubs and committees.

We welcome all of you who are reading **News at 8** for the first time. As of August, our membership for the first time is now more than 3,000. I hope you all enjoy the best job you will ever have. I encourage all members to become involved with RTO/ERO at whatever level feels comfortable. In this issue, you will see the variety of clubs and activities that RTO/ERO provides. As with any organization, RTO/ERO continues to grow and change. One change has been approved and will take place in 2020 while another is in the discussion and input stage.

Your membership fee has always been a percentage of your Teachers' Pension. Over the years as people retire with larger pensions and people join RTO/ERO from the educational field but are not part of the Teachers Pension, there has developed a wide range of membership fees.

As of January 1, 2020, the membership fee for all members paying \$70 or less will remain the same. The membership fee for all members paying more than \$70 and for all new members will be \$70. All fees will be subject to annual inflationary adjustment.

RTO/ERO now has two Districts of members living in British Columbia and 1500 members living in other provinces outside of Ontario and B.C. We also have members who were part of the educational system but not as teachers. The Provincial RTO/ERO is studying whether Retired Teachers of Ontario is an inclusive name for all our members. There will be discussions at the May and October Forums (previously called Senate) that may result in a name change. Members of your Executive will attend these meetings. If you have any input or suggestions about this issue, please contact any of the Executive and share your views.

In October there will be a Federal Election. While RTO/ERO does not support any one Party, we have issues for which we will advocate. See the report titled Federal Election and please remember to **VOTE**. (See page 10)

We are very distressed with the cuts the Provincial Government has made to public education. We have reached out to all the Union groups in Education and are meeting with the Presidents to offer our support. More details will follow as events unfold.

Please join us on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> for our Fall Lunch as we *meet and greet* old and new friends. Keep November 28<sup>th</sup> open for the Poinsettia Lunch when you and friends will have the opportunity to bring a smile and a poinsettia plant to one of our elderly members.

I know that 2019/2020 will continue to be a great year.

Enjoying the best job I ever had.

**Ian Hardie**, President

### DATES TO REMEMBER

To Hell with the Bell Lunch  
Columbia Sportswear Invitations

Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>

Mandarin Restaurant– Hyde Park  
1425 Max Brose Drive  
1425 Max Brose Drive  
Best Western Lamplighter Inn  
Hellenic Centre

RTO/ERO Fall Luncheon  
Poinsettia Luncheon

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

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The Retired Teachers of Ontario - District 8: London Middlesex

## Fall Lunch

**Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.**

The Best Western Lamplighter Inn  
591 Wellington Rd. South  
London, Ontario N6C 4R3

**11:00 a.m. Meet & Greet Cash Bar**

*Piano music by Janice Sinker*

**Welcome New Members!**

Travel Displays & Door Prizes by *Ellison Travel, Merit Travel, Robin Hood Travel, Journeys by Van Dyke, & Expedia Cruise Ship Centres*

**12:00 Noon: Welcome & Lunch**

**Guest Speaker:**

*Dr. Colin King*

Director, Child & Youth Development Clinic, UWO



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**October 24 Lunch Registration Form**

**\$25. per person (subsidized)**

Name of Member (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Make cheque payable to District 8 RTO OR**

**Send an E-Transfer from your bank account to RTO District 8 [rtodistrict8@gmail.com](mailto:rtodistrict8@gmail.com)**

**Send registration information (and cheque if that is your method of payment) to:**

**Pat Leeson, 33 – 1443 Commissioners Rd. W. London, ON N6K 1E2**



### THE SCOOP ON SWOOP

Good news for District 8 is our proximity to Canada's new low-cost airline, SWOOP. SWOOP offers direct flights from London to several destinations in Canada and a few international sunspots. They also fly out of Hamilton, another nearby destination, with all the conveniences of a small airport – close and reasonable parking, less confusion in the terminal, less traffic and less travel time. Swoop is an affiliate of West Jet but doesn't yet have a large fleet of planes available; and early in the summer some flights were delayed or cancelled due to maintenance issues and no extra planes to cover the route. Now I am always glad that planes are being maintained; but if you have tight travel connections (with other flights, cruises, tours, etc.), it might not hurt to have an extra travel day or use a larger airline.

### DESTINATIONS

Direct flights from London to Halifax, Edmonton and Abbotsford start at \$79 one way. There are some international routes as well to Cancun, Las Vegas and Orlando.

Direct flights from Hamilton also fly to Edmonton, Halifax and Abbotsford and international destinations like Cancun, Fort Lauderdale, Las Vegas, Montego Bay, Orland, Puerto Vallarta and Tampa.

### EXTRA COSTS

Canadians not familiar with low-cost airlines may be surprised by extra costs. Granted, many airlines now charge for food and seat selection; but in addition, SWOOP customers must pay for luggage. Both carry-on and checked luggage cost the same with prices varying if booked ahead (\$35 to \$40.25 per carry-on or first piece of checked luggage), at check-in (\$50 to \$57 pp) or at the gate (\$70 to \$80); so plan ahead when you are booking. You are allowed a purse or small backpack, but they must fit under the seat in front of you. Only booked, carry-on luggage can go in the overhead bins. I can't attest to this being strictly enforced, but tagging the carry-on means it is easy to identify what should be in the smallish overhead bins.

Seat selection (at time of booking) can cost from \$15 per seat to \$30 plus for extra leg room (price increases if booked at a later date). Some families were not seated together on a full plane as they did not book seats.

There are snacks available and drinks available for a cost. I did not see any free water being distributed. The website has a menu of limited items available on board, mostly items like soup cups and packaged snacks. People did bring their own food and water purchased from the airport. There are no entertainment sets. Go old school, bring a book.

### CONVENIENCE

It depends on the airport you fly to. It is great to fly from London. Flying into Halifax and Edmonton, you land at the main airport. Abbotsford is quite a hike from Vancouver, and connections are not good. If you plan to rent a car, it is no problem and most passengers did. There are some e-bus connectors that run a couple of times a day, and you buy a ticket online or on the bus and hope they are not full. They go to Vancouver or Kelowna for about \$40 one way and take 1 ½ to 2 hours depending on traffic. The flight from Abbotsford to London leaves at 6:30 AM, so plan on a night in Abbotsford and a taxi ride to the airport (No UBER service in BC yet).

### IN CONCLUSION

Would I fly SWOOP again? It was inexpensive, convenient and direct as promised. I have flown SWOOP only in Canada and haven't tried this airline to an international destination. I felt it was a good attempt at low-cost, low-frills flying in Canada. Flights were popular (almost full); and like many things in life, you get what you pay for.

***The Travel Committee is interested in hearing from members regarding their travel experiences. Have you visited a location you would like to share? We welcome travel hints or any information you think would be useful to District 8 members.***

***We will again have travel representatives at the October luncheon. Get together with your friends and colleagues for a great lunch and preview your next trip.***



# RTO/ERO Poinsettia Lunch



District 8 London Middlesex

Thursday, November 28, 2019 11:30 a.m.

HELLENIC CENTRE

133 Southdale Rd. W., London ON N6J 2J2

Meet & Greet 11:30 a.m. Cash Bar

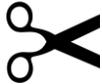
Welcome 12:00 Noon

Lunch - Hot & Cold Buffet

\$10.00 PER PERSON (SUBSIDIZED)

Christmas Sing-along with Gloria Whitlaw

Poinsettias will be delivered by Santa's Elves!!!



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November 28 Lunch Registration Form

\$10. per person (subsidized)

Name of Member (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheque payable to *District 8 RTO* OR

Send an E-Transfer from your bank account to RTO District 8 [rtodistrict8@gmail.com](mailto:rtodistrict8@gmail.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to deliver poinsettia plants to RTO members.

I would like to deliver to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not able to deliver poinsettia plants this year.

Send registration information (and cheque if that is your method of payment) to:

**Lorna Wilson, #9-500 Cranbrook Rd., London, ON N6K 4T3**

## RTO District 8 Committees

September 2019

**Membership Committee: Rosemarie Szalich & Lorna Wilson, Co-chairs**

The Membership Committee has seven members, three of whom are bilingual. This committee recruits new members by hosting a Retirement Planning Workshop each year in April. Educators planning to retire attend a four-hour workshop, which gives them detailed information about pension and benefits.

The Membership Committee has created a **“Retirement Planning”** brochure which is given to each person attending these workshops.

When educators retire and join District 8 RTO, the Membership Committee invites them to be our guests (along with a partner or friend) at the Spring or Fall Lunch meeting. Besides sending out invitations by mail to these people, our committee members send emails and make phone calls to ensure that we have not missed anybody. New members also receive a brochure entitled **“Welcome New Members!”** which describes the activities, health benefits program, fees, committees, scholarships, social events, and travel. Every new member receives the District 8 newsletter twice a year along with all the regular email notices.

## RTO District 8 Committees

September 2019

**Goodwill Committee: Bonnie Griffiths & Ingrid Clark, Co-chairs**

The Goodwill Committee has 13 very active members who serve District 8 in many ways. They meet once a year as a full committee to plan their activities for the coming year. Three committee members send out bereavement cards to the families of deceased RTO members.

Other committee members keep in contact with our over 400 elderly members, 85 years and older, by mailing greeting cards to them in the spring and planning delivery of poinsettia plants to them (Christmas cards for out-of-town people) each November. Again this year, on November 28, the Goodwill Committee will host another well-attended and enjoyable Poinsettia Lunch at the Hellenic Centre, followed by over 60 RTO volunteers delivering poinsettias to our elderly retired members.

Not only do committee members spend many hours addressing and signing sympathy and spring cards, but they also design these cards creating a beautiful product and printing them at a fraction of the cost of store-bought cards.

One person sends out birthday cards to members celebrating milestone birthdays. These cards are purchased in bulk from a Canadian company, which, again, saves District 8 money.

The Goodwill Committee continues to find new ways to serve the members of District 8.

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## *Getting to Know Your New Executive*

**President, Ian Hardie**, attended the University of Western Ontario and Althouse College. He worked in the elementary panel of the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) as a teacher and later as a Principal. When Ian retired, he was the Principal at Chippewa Public School in London. Ian had been on the District 8 Executive for 4 years before becoming President.

**Past-President, Joe Murray**, worked for the London District Catholic School Board (LDCSB) as a secondary school teacher and vice-principal until he retired in 2009. That same year, Joe also retired from the military as a Lieutenant- Colonel in the reserve army. He and his wife Nancy then lived in Italy for four years, where they both worked as teachers for Canadian College Italy. Joe has been on our executive for 5 years.

**1st Vice-President, Rosemarie Szalich**, worked as an elementary teacher for the TVDSB. She was the Chief Negotiator and Grievance Officer for The Thames Valley Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (TVETFO) for many years. In this capacity, her bilingual language skills were an asset. Rosemarie has been on this executive for the past year as a Vice-President and Co-chair of the Membership Committee.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Stephen Harvey**, worked as a teacher and administrator in London and Middlesex, as well as in Lambton Kent. He retired as Principal at Brooke Central Public School in Alvinston. Stephen served as a counsellor for 5 years in Middlesex Central, serving the community of Ilderton. Stephen was Treasurer of District 8 before becoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.

**Executive-at-Large, Annette Marentette**, worked as a teacher and principal for the LDCSB, retiring in 2017 as the Principal of St Anthony French Immersion School in London. Annette served several years on the local executive of the Catholic Principal's Council of Ontario as treasurer, secretary and president. She will assume the responsibilities of **Coordinator of the Book Clubs** in London and Middlesex. Welcome Annette!

**Recording Secretary, Debra Scott**, has worked for 35 years as secretary in TVDSB. In that capacity, she worked in elementary schools such as Nicholas Wilson and Northridge, and in Secondary Schools such as Sir Wilfred Laurier and Clarke Rd. Debra also worked at the Thames Valley District Board office in the Executive Secretary and Finance Departments. Debra is our new recording secretary. Welcome Debra!

**Corresponding Secretary, Pat Groumpos**, was an elementary teacher in TVDSB. Pat has also worked for 18 years for the LDCSB teaching Greek school on Saturday mornings, making use of her ability to speak Greek fluently. Pat has been on the District 8 Core Executive for 12 years and continues to serve as Corresponding Secretary.

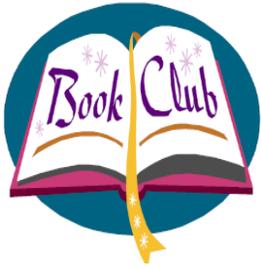
**Treasurer, Alan Marentette**, has recently retired as an elementary teacher working at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School, in Delaware. During his career, he also worked at St. Michael Catholic Elementary School in London. Al will be the new treasurer for District 8. Welcome Al!

**Membership Co-chairs, Rosemarie Szalich and Lorna Wilson**, continue to serve District 8 hosting a Retirement Planning Workshop each year for educators planning to retire, and welcoming new members at our Spring and Fall lunch meetings. All of these events are successful in attracting and serving new members.

**Social Committee Co-chairs, Charlene Kivell and Linda Longstaffe**, have worked for many years planning events in their former jobs as teachers and now as Social Committee Co-chairs for RTO. Their skills in organizing events and dealing with large numbers of people make our District events more successful each year.

**This is your new District 8 Core Executive for 2019 – 2020!**

## District 8 Activities



### Calling All Book Lovers!

If you love to read, discuss the classics or today's bestsellers, and you enjoy meeting new people, why not join a book club? There are currently 4 book clubs in District 8, and we

are looking to expand! If you would like to become a leader, please let us know. Meetings can take place at members' homes or in any public place (coffee shops, local pubs) . We are especially looking to expand our book clubs in communities outside of London, such as Strathroy, Ilderton, Dorchester, Grand Bend, etc. No experience in running a book club? No problem. Once we have a number of new leaders, we will organize a luncheon to discuss best practices for leaders. If you would like to be a Book Club Leader, please contact Annette at [amaren623@rogers.com](mailto:amaren623@rogers.com).

"Lifelong reading, especially in older age, may be one of the secrets to preserving mental ability."

(Castel, Alan D., 2018)

### Bowling Club

This is a mixed group that meets every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. at Fleetway, 720 Proudfoot Lane, London from October 4 until early May. We play 2 games at a cost of \$3.95 each. Each week we contribute a loonie and roll the dice to determine the category of the day: high score, low score, most consistent bowler, most improved bowler, etc. If you match the day's category, you win the pot full of loonies! We have a lot of fun! All skill levels welcome! For further details email **Jean Willadsen** [willadsen@rogers.com](mailto:willadsen@rogers.com) or call her at 519-657-0255.



### Hiking

Check The Thames Valley Trail Association website for a complete list of activities. [www.tvta.ca](http://www.tvta.ca)



### Bridge Club

The Bridge Club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month (October to May) at Amica Retirement Home at 517 Fanshawe Park Rd W., London. Email Doug Scott [djatwork@rogers.com](mailto:djatwork@rogers.com) to reserve a spot for you and your bridge partner. Beginners welcome!



### Huff N Puff Hockey

[www.hnphockeylondon.ca](http://www.hnphockeylondon.ca) Check the website for their schedule.



### Huff N Puff Activities for Seniors

[www.huffnpuffsf.com](http://www.huffnpuffsf.com)

**Aerobics**

**Badminton**

**Basketball**

**Squash**

Call Jack Cook to book a tour of the facilities and sign up activities. 519 681-2382



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*Mission: Connecting Solo travellers with travel options containing low or no single supplement*

Third Wednesday of the month from 12:00 Noon until 1:30 p.m.

**September to November, and January to June**

**LOCATION: Crossings Pub & Eatery**

**1269 Hyde Park Rd, London**

Please note this venue is not suitable for those with mobility issues as our meeting room is upstairs.

**Open to everyone, bring a friend!** (Lunch at your expense)

**RSVP is REQUIRED** [london@merittravel.com](mailto:london@merittravel.com) 519-472-2700

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Please be sure to include your phone number in case inclement weather determines that we need to reschedule



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You are invited to attend the Annual  
"The Kell with the Bell" Lunch at the

**Mandarin Restaurant**

1790 Hyde Park Rd.,  
London, Ontario

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

**11:30 a.m. – Meet & greet your friends!**

**Hot & Cold Buffet Lunch**

**See you there!**



## Welcome New Members!

Anna Aldred, Brenda Askew, Keith Baia, Mary Barton, Sylvie Boucher, Heather Brooks, Helen Brown, Nancy Brown, Beth Burgess, Rosanna Califano-Wodrich, Diane Campbell, Jean-Pierre Cantin, JoAnne Carabott, Susan Cassidy, Hilary Charles, Cathy Chester, Dan Clarke, Edward Condon, Joan Cooper, Connie Cordes, Susan Cousins, Sharon Culliton, Anne Darby, Tyrrill Darby, Antonietta Davies, Barbara Delorey, Timothy Deslippe, Daniel Doyle, Barbara Dupuis, Carol Edy, Joanne Farrar, Sharon Ferrara, Donna Forster, Anita Gazdig, Shirley Giancarlo, Mary Jane Gutoski, James Habicht, Mary Hall, Mary Lynn Hamzo, Annie Harrison, Janice Harvey, Bruce Hoadley, Ruth Inglis, Penny Jones, Don Kelly, Kimberley Knowles, Maria Langhans-Wilkie, Marlene Lee, Janet Lunn, Robert Malpass, Alan Marentette, Kathy McArthur, Tracy McIntyre, Pamela Mills, Darlene Montgomery, Teresa Moran, Bonnie Morgan, Theresa Mitchell-Sabourin, John Morris, John Mombourquette, Leonard Noens, Lisa Noens, Michael O'Brien, Anne Marie O'Neil, Leanna Pacini, Maya Paulaharju, Mary-Jo Pereira, Karen Pincombe, Joanne Poel, Kim Poser, Allan Pratt, Wilma Reath, Barbara Richardson, Colleen Rundle, D. Salazar, Dann Sawa, Joanne Schleen, John Shea, Moira Skikavich, Jane Smith, Sandra Smith, Gloria Smithers, Phyllis Stapleford, Douglas Sutherland, Denise Taylor-Edwards, Henricus Terpstra, John Teskey, Linda Thomas, Davis Tuckey, Wendy Tye, Marie von Wahl, David Wainwright, Mary Walsh, Anne Watson, Francine Yolkowskie, Deena Young, and Mary-Catherine Zaleski.

## WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

Many of our RTO/ERO members are also members of the Women's Canadian Club. Others may be considering joining or at least attending some of their presentations. Incidentally, men are also now welcome.

We have included the program agenda for this Fall. The full-year agenda and other information can be found on our District 8 website. *Thank-you Dale McEwen for this information.*

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Sherry Pringle** – author, artist

Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>

**Lillian Kluka** – marine pilot

Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>

**Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon**

– professor, author

Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>

**Canadian Celtic Choir**

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### IT'S ELECTION TIME

On Oct. 21, 2019 Canadians will vote for the government that will govern the country for the next four years. As the number of retired Canadians continues to grow, it is important that our issues are brought to the candidates.

RTO/ERO, along with 8 other retirement organizations, have come together under the banner of Vibrant Voices to champion our issues.

Three messages are being supported by this group:

1. All Canadians should have access to the medications they need. A universal, public, comprehensive, accessible, and portable Pharmacare program would cut costs and lead to a healthier population.
2. Canada needs a National Seniors Strategy that optimizes health, financial security, affordable housing and social inclusion so that all Canadians can age with dignity.
3. Canadians deserve a secure and dignified retirement with a guaranteed and sufficient source of income.

***When talking to the political candidates, ask them questions based upon these important issues. Make up your mind as to whom you choose to support, then Vote.***

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# YOU'RE IN!

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### VALID DATES

**SEPT. 20-OCT. 13, 2019**  
**DEC. 6 - 29, 2019**

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- THIS INVITATION
- PHOTO I.D.
- PROOF OF AFFILIATION

*business card | membership card or badge  
company email signature | pay stub  
uniform piece | other form of affiliation*

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## CHILDCAN VTP

Looking for a rewarding volunteer experience? The Childcan Volunteer Tutoring Program helps childhood cancer survivors preparing for school or who have returned to school, after treatment. These children often experience learning gaps due to extended absences and/or treatment-related issues. Childcan serves the families of children who have been diagnosed and treated at the Children's Hospital in London. The volunteer educator usually works with the child once a week after school, in the family home and on a flexible schedule which accommodates both tutor and family.

*Contact Jackie Kinder, program coordinator, for more details and an application form.*

[jackie@childcan.com](mailto:jackie@childcan.com)

[www.childcan.com](http://www.childcan.com)

### In Memoriam

*RTO/ERO DISTRICT 8 is sad to learn of the passing of these friends and colleagues:*

Evelyn Atwell, James Blair, Elizabeth Blair-Smith, Mary Boyer, Mary Campbell, William Davies, Walter Dubinski, Evelyn Gaskell, Helen Hawke, George Holland, Elaine Hunter, Ruth Knapp, Beatrice Kolbaska, Sandra Langman, Lucille Leyland, Robert MacArthur, Eileen Malpass, William Mathers, Claire O'Brien, Marguerite McRoberts, Leroy Parsons, William Proconier, William Savage, Karen Smith, Carol Sumerville, Peter Tilburg, and Madelon West.

### [Teacher Appreciation Day - Faculty of Education - Western University](#)

Join Western Education alumnus, Coach Greg Marshall and your fellow Western alumni and colleagues from Southwestern Ontario as we face the Waterloo Warriors.

Here is the electronic link for the upcoming Teacher's Appreciation Football Game on October 5th. For any tickets purchased by September 5th, it will be buy one get one free on the already discounted price. Looking forward to it!

<https://www.edu.uwo.ca/news-events/2019/teacher-appreciation-day.html>