Double Celebrations

While RTO is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, our very own Irene Kirkham celebrated a much more impressive milestone. Irene turned 100 years of age this spring. She is seen receiving congratulations from Jacquie Mallory, outgoing Goodwill Chair. Irene is also our resident Bell Ringer, ringing us into another year of retirement at our annual To Hell With the Bell Brunch held at Timber Run Golf Course on the first day of school. Please join us on Sept 4th to welcome our new retirees and reconnect with our retired colleagues. Registration information can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Welcome to our newest members:

Jacquie Lord
Karen More
Kelly Belisle
Barb St. Arnaud
Alex Bujacz

Sandra Toms
Marilyn Maurehor
Karen Armstrong
Virginia Vibert
Gail Brant

Tony Quick
Julie Braiden
Lawrence Pearman
Heather Hughes
Eugene Guagneli
Sympathies and condolences are extended to our RTO members who have lost loved ones since our last newsletter.

**In Memoriam:**
- Evelyn Paul – Feb. 27th, 2018
- Jean Louis Beaulieu – Apr. 6th, 2018
- Marjorie Duncalfe - July 16th, 2018

**Condolences:**
- Dawn Palmer – her husband
- Annette Beaulieu – her husband
- Marlene Moir – her husband
- Anne Hamor – her aunt
- Merle Korry – her sister
- Kathy Porter – her mother
- Mildred Munro – two brothers
- Dave Scott – his father-in-law

**Good News:**
Belated congratulations go to Helen Hannah on the birth of her grandson, Felix, on Nov. 9th.

Congratulations to Shirley and Ron Lumsden who will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary August 9th.

**Correction / Apology / Welcome:**
During the creation of the previous issue of The Maple Leaf, I misread our Membership Change Form and mistakenly included Eugene Guagneli in the ‘In Memoriam’ list. **Mr. Guagneli is 91 and very much alive!** He transferred in from the Niagara Region and is at Orchard View in Almonte. Sorry for the mistake Mr. Guagneli. Welcome to District 29!

**Wellness Day 2018 Report:**
Gail McAdam - gmcadam3@cogeco.ca

Our annual Wellness Day was a success again this year. Stephen Lewis and Nick Telemaque (Investment Advisors) and Richard Elsmore (Estate Planning Specialist) held a panel presentation and discussion under the title **Your $ and You.**

Colleen Knox, from Johnson Insurance, spoke about the RTO Health and Travel Plan. Both presentations were well received and much appreciated.
In the afternoon we held presentations on i-Pads/tablets, prearranged funerals, gardening and yoga.
Door prizes were won by Marilyn Emery, Gloria Bothwell, David Guertin, Kerry Lamming, Cathy Empey, Jackie Lord and Susan VanAndel.

Several of our members expressed thanks for holding the Wellness day each year.
A Goodwill Message from Jacquie Mallory

It has been a pleasure for me to be able to be part of the District 29 Executive for the last year and a half. This group of people are dedicated to you, the members, and extremely hard-working. The local volunteers are second-to-none in their mission to ensure older members are connected to the group and to their community.

I leave my position as Goodwill Chair in the capable hands of Grace Armstrong and I hope to see many of you at the "To Hell with the Bell" in September.

Thank you
Jacquie Mallory

During the memorial service, Goodwill representatives Elizabeth McDiarmid, Grace Armstrong and Sylvia Bochart transferred memorial flowers in memory of RTO District 29 members who had passed away since last year’s AGM. Goodwill Chair Jacquie Mallory read each name aloud. Our “In Memoriam” service celebrated the lives of:

- Mildred Frances Baker - Perth
- Margaret Joyce Clemons - Perth
- Joyce Elaine Connerty - Smiths Falls
- Lornie Albert Jenkins - Perth
- Mary Celine Kelly - Smiths Falls
- Faith Marie Kidd - Smiths Falls
- Velva Barbara King - Smiths Falls
- John Douglas Marsh - Carleton Place
- Diane MacLachlan - Carleton Place
- Evelyn Beryl Paul - Perth
- Phyllis Jean Sonnenburg - Perth

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of these members.
Some notes from the RTO/ERO Benefits Workshop held in June/18 in Toronto.

According to Johnson Inc. all of the “bugs” are out of the new EXPRESS SCRIPTS system so they are back to a turn around time for all electronic claims of 5 days.

Prescription Marijuana – will it be covered under our Extended Health Care Plan? If this drug receives a DIN (Drug Identification Number) then it likely will be covered BUT under certain conditions. The downside—it could create a dramatic impact on claims cost, resulting in a potential increase in Premiums.

Make sure that your Pharmacy has updated their files with your “new” Benefits card. (This card was sent out to everyone in January)

This card should go with you whenever you travel. The new Travel Policy number (on the back of the card) is 7106. The new emergency contact phone numbers are also on the back of this card.

Remember, that IF you have the RTO/ERO Extended Health Care Plan, you DO NOT need to purchase trip cancellation and interruption/delay insurance unless your trip is more than $6000.00. Please consult your benefits booklet for complete information.

FYI – I have agreed to remain as Interim Benefits Chair until a replacement is found. While this position does have its serious side, it is gratifying to be able to offer help to our Members, even if it is only providing a contact telephone number. There are some perks too- such as a weekend conference in Toronto with all expenses paid! So please, give this important volunteer position your serious consideration. I would be happy to answer any of your questions if you are interested!

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**Newsletter Report**

The Maple Leaf Newsletter continues to be our primary method of communication in District 29 – Lanark; informing our members about past and upcoming social events, pension information, health benefit updates and other topics of interest. The newsletters have been supplemented by occasional email reminders of upcoming events and/or registration deadlines. The newsletter is also posted on our website, [http://district29.rto-ero.org](http://district29.rto-ero.org), which is updated regularly by our Webmaster, Kerry Lamming.

Please contact me if you have an idea or a submission you would like considered for publication, or if you would like to add your name to receive an electronic copy of our newsletter. I will do my best to include it in the upcoming issue (unless forgetfulness interferes). If you have suggestions for improvements to next year’s newsletters, please feel free to contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

Rob

[robumpherson@gmail.com](mailto:robumpherson@gmail.com)
During our 2018 Annual General Meeting and Luncheon, members were entertained by the talents of Sage Age Theatre. Irene Kirkham is seen sharing a laugh during one of the skits.

Our guest speaker this year was Martin Higgs, Provincial Executive Member. He is seen here visiting with members Eleanor Munro and Irene Kirkham.

During our Retirement Planning Workshop in April, President Anne Graham poses with some of our draw winners.

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<td>- $100.00 for the Perth Regional Heritage Fair.</td>
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<td>- $125.00 bursaries for each of the eight Lanark secondary schools (funds to supplement the budget for bursaries are raised at District 29 events such as To Hell with the Bell in September).</td>
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**Lanark District 29 Annual “Bell” Brunch**
**Tuesday, September 4, 2018**
Timber Run Golf Club, 154 Caldwell Road, Lanark

**Social Hour:** 9 – 10 am.  
**Buffet brunch:** 10 am.  
**Golfing available after**

Bring a friend and join us to celebrate the first day of NO school! Newly retired teachers and other former school board employees are offered a complimentary brunch.

Return this form with your cheque, payable to **RTO/ERO Lanark District 29**, no later than **Wed., August 29th** to: Mary Jane Willson, PO Box 121, Station Main, Perth, On. K7H 3E3

**For more information**, call Mary Jane at 613-267-1584 or email her at willsonmj@gmail.com

Member(s) ___________________________________________________________________

Newly retired school board employee? Yes ___ No ___

**New retirees are invited to enjoy a complimentary brunch**

Guest(s) ___________________________________________________________________

Amount enclosed at $15.00 (includes HST and gratuity) per person.

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**Celebrating Provincial RTO/ERO 50th Anniversary**
**District 29 Lanark RTO Luncheon**

**DATE:** Wed., October 3, 2018  
**TIME:** 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Brunton Hall  
Beckwith Township Office, 1702 9th Line, Black’s Corners

$10.00 per person paid by Monday, September 24, 2018

Luncheon and musical entertainment from the 60's and 70’s.  
**Fashions from that era optional.**

Make cheques payable to **RTO/ERO District 29**

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And oh “what a sunny day it was” on May 23rd at the Timber Run Golf Course. With 21 golfers in the group, they knew it was to be a success. Through a draw, Harry Baker and his team of Lynden Somerton, Gene Somerton and Ross Taggart took the grand first prize. Golf balls were driven ever so far down the first fairway. Ann McGahey won top prize for the ladies’ longest drive and Rob Umpherson won the top prize for the men’s longest drive on the very first hole. And of course the coveted “closest to the pin” award was scooped up by Robin Reil for the men and Gail McAdam for the women on the fifth hole. It turns out Bev Lee won the “most enthusiastic” player award. Her shouts and screams of enthusiasm could be heard all around the golf course. After a well played first 9 holes the group enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the club. A big “Thank You” goes out to Rob Umpherson, Ann McGahey and Kevin Hogan for all their effort in making the tournament such a success.

David Guertin, Kerry Lamming and Gail McAdam eagerly await their tee-time. Gail would later win the ladies’ ‘Closest to the Pin’ prize.

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**Highlights from the Social Committee:**

Mary Jane Willson
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At our annual “To Hell with the Bell” Brunch, Irene Kirkham happily rang us in to our new year of NO school. She reminded us of the importance of maintaining contact with our RTO friends and family after we enter retirement.

Members had the opportunity to attend two Fall Luncheons. One was in Perth at the Maximillian Dining Lounge, and the other was in Almonte at the Tea and Cake Tea House. In October, some members partook of an opportunity to participate in a bus trip to Quebec City. Great reports were received upon their return.

A Christmas gathering was held on December 6th at the Atrium in Code’s Mill, near Fiddleheads in Perth. Amidst the hustle and bustle of the season ahead, it was relaxing to enjoy friendship, food and the heritage charm of Code’s Mill. Seasonal door prizes were awarded to several lucky winners.

In May, our annual golf tournament was held once again at Timber Run Golf Course. As you can see, we strive to provide a variety of activities that enable members to socialize with friends and colleagues.

This year, an RTO 50TH Anniversary Luncheon is to be held on Oct. 3rd. It will replace our regular Fall Luncheons. Details are included on page 6.
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### Membership

As of June 30\textsuperscript{th}, we have 564 members, consisting of 65 associate members and 499 full members.