

# RTO/ERO

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It is indeed a pleasure to be your new District President. It is hard to believe that I have been retired for 17 years and a member of the District 7 Executive since 2000, first serving as Treasurer. Some may find it strange that I served on your Provincial Executive as President before I served locally as President. Call it fate or luck, but my service Provincially, in several capacities, has ended and I return to serve locally. I was District President-Elect and Treasurer when I took a leave of absence from the local in 2011 to serve provincially. I thank District 7 for the support during my Provincial tenure, especially to Judy Bowden and Marg Clarke who stepped into my position as President-Elect during those years. Judy,

has trained me well for my new role these past few months.

Be assured you have a strong Executive looking out for your interests and providing the services our Constitution calls for. We have lost two outstanding members of our Executive, Ann Cotter, Web-Master, and Adrienne Fasullo, Co-Chair of our Social Committee. They have served us well. We welcome Eleanor Douglas and Freddie Beekhuis, respectively, in their places. Thank you, ladies, for taking on your new roles.

On October 19, we go to the polls for the Federal election. Seniors have the highest voting percentage of all age groups. Norm Renaud, Chair of PAC and I have prepared radio ads aimed at getting out the vote, particularly the younger voters ( ages 18-25) who have the poorest percentage ( 2/3 of this group did not vote in the 2011 election). Encourage your grandchildren, nieces and nephews to “ get out and vote”. They could be “ game changers”, in who leads our country forward.

As you read further, make note of the dates on your calendar of our upcoming events: the annual H\*\*\* With the Bell Breakfast, our November 19 Fall Luncheon, our monthly Breakfasts, organized so well by Bill Bowden ( he has never picked a bad spot since I have been attending ), and our September 28 golf tournament ( duffers especially welcome so I

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## FACT SHEETS

don't feel alone ). We will be holding a Retirement Planning Workshop ( dual French and English sessions), so encourage anyone in education in any position who may retire in the next five years to attend.

Finally, I encourage everyone who has not done so to consider subscribing to our e-mail list to receive your newsletter. This saves trees and saves your District money that can be used for other activities and grants etc. Check our website. It's easy to do.

Enjoy the rest of summer !!!

*Jim Sparrow*  
*President*

## E-COMMUNICATIONS

The purpose of the e-communication is to keep members up to date on events and changes in the district. The e-communications which are sent monthly to those who've provided their email addresses now has 761 subscribers. However, only a little over half of those actually open the communication. Last month it was 54.1%. The number of people who have clicked on a link in those mailings is also low with an understandably higher level just prior to the Fall Dinner and Spring AGM and luncheon. If you have any suggestions on how to improve both the percentage being opened and the number of subscribers, we'd appreciate hearing from you.

We are working to maintain the District 7 website so that all news and events can also be found there. Our objectives are to keep you, the members, informed and involved. Please help us do that with your questions, comments and suggestions.

Visit our website at <http://district7.rto-ero.org>.  
Contact Eleanor Douglas to receive the newsletter by email at [eleanor.doug@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.doug@gmail.com).

Visit the RTO Provincial website and sign up to join. You will need your RTO member number as your login and provide a password of your choice. One area of the member centre found under publications that is very informative is FACT SHEETS. The login for RTO/ERO provincial site is <https://www.rto-ero.org>.

Fact Sheets cover a wide area of information and can be very useful in many situations. The main headings cover Financial, Government Matters, Health, Insurance, Legal , Marital Matters, Surviving Spouse and Retirement Issues.

Below is an excerpt from Old Age Security written in 2009.

### OVERVIEW: OLD AGE SECURITY

#### Basic Pension

Covers Canadian citizens and residents

Maximum yearly pension (approx.) \$ 6200 (2008)

Taxable YES

Inflation – Indexed Fully adjusted every 3 months (quarterly)

Earliest eligibility age 65 (*now 67*)

Claw back YES (where income exceeds \$66,335 for 2009)

Payable outside Canada under certain conditions.

The amount of OAS depends on the number of years lived in Canada after your 18th birthday. To receive a full pension you must have lived in Canada for at least 40 years. With fewer years, you may qualify for a partial pension calculated as 1/40th of the full pension for each complete year you lived in Canada after you turned 18.

#### C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

• *Must you be retired to receive Old Age Security?*

No, you do not. In order to receive OAS, you must apply. It is best to do so at least six months before your 65<sup>th</sup> (*now 67<sup>th</sup>*) birthday, to allow some time for processing.

There is much more information on this topic so you are advised to visit Fact Sheets for more. Fact sheets may also be reviewed from time to time. Many members find topics found under Fact Sheets to be appropriate and informative.

# RETIRED TEACHERS OF ONTARIO

(RTO/ERO)

## DISTRICT 7 WINDSOR-ESSEX

Invites you to join us for  
our annual

# "H\*\*\* With the Bell" Breakfast Buffet

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Dominion Golf Course

6125 Howard Avenue

Registration: 8:30 A.M.

Breakfast: 9:00 A.M.

Cost: \$10.00



BELL



STAFF MEETINGS



DAYBOOK



YARD DUTY



REPORT CARDS

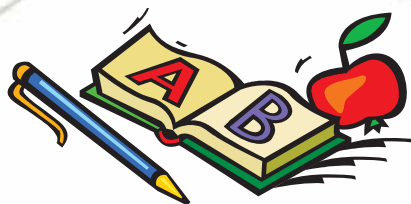


PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS



*Open to all  
RTO/ERO  
Members  
and newly  
retired  
Teachers  
and  
Educational  
Workers*

*No need to  
pre-register*



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Goodwill Committee  
invites all RTO/ERO members  
to an afternoon



of

## FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

### Thursday, October 8th, 2015

from

**2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

at

**Amica Mature Lifestyles**  
4909 Riverside Drive East  
(Windsor)



Light refreshments, games and it's ALL FREE.

To help us out with numbers, please RSVP to:

Mary Mason  
519-735-1766

Glenna Hemphill  
519-735-7022  
[rhemphill@sympatico.ca](mailto:rhemphill@sympatico.ca)

Val Luscott  
519-839-5128  
[luscotts@gosfieldtel.com](mailto:luscotts@gosfieldtel.com)

If you can offer someone a ride, please give him/her a call.

***SEE YOU THERE!***

October 8th, 2015  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.





# RTO/ERO

## Breakfast Club



### SEPTEMBER - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, September 17, 2015

**Johnson's Restaurant**

2414 County Road 42

Windsor

(just west of the airport)



*FOR THE LATEST  
BREAKFAST CLUB  
AND TRAVEL  
NEWS BE SURE  
TO CHECK OUR  
DISTRICT  
WEBSITE*

### OCTOBER - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, October 8, 2015

**Baker's Restaurant**

5570 Wyandotte East

Windsor

### NOVEMBER - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, November 12, 2015

**LA Town Grill**

5975 (Unit #5) Malden Road

LaSalle

(located in a Plaza)

*COME OUT AND  
JOIN OUR  
GROWING CROWD  
FOR GOOD FOOD  
AND GREAT  
CONVERSATION  
AND FELLOWSHIP*



**For information contact Bill**

**@519-948-5214 or @**

**billben9999@yahoo.ca**





RTO/ERO District 7  
Golf Tournament

Date: **TUESDAY** October 6, 2015  
Rochester Golf Course @ 9:30 AM  
9 Holes - Best Ball

Make a foursome...threesome....twosome ....and submit the names of your group.....

To  
Gord Miall

Email [gmiall@cogeco.ca](mailto:gmiall@cogeco.ca)  
Or telephone 519 944-1961  
\$10.00 cost for prizes  
A great lunch is available!!!

Everyone is a winner....

## **CHILDCAN**

Supporting Children and Families through Childhood Cancer

**CHILDCAN** serves families whose children have been diagnosed with cancer at the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, located in London. Childcan's mission is to raise funds to provide responsive and compassionate support services to families facing the journey through childhood cancer - from diagnosis, treatment, recovery, or bereavement. CHILDCAN serves families in a wide area of south western Ontario, from Windsor to Kitchener to Owen Sound.

### ***THEY ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO TUTOR CHILDREN THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME***

#### **CHILDCAN VOLUNTEER TUTORING PROGRAMME**

##### **WHAT?**

The VTP is a no-cost tutoring programme for elementary school aged children who are cancer survivors, off-treatment and back in school. The tutoring will target mathematics and/or English.

##### **WHY?**

Children who have undergone treatment for cancer may have learning gaps due to prolonged absences and/or treatment related causes. Families who have to undergo the cancer journey with a child often face many economic hardships and may not be able to afford expensive tutoring programmes. Tutoring may assist the child to be more successful and more self-confident in school and may help to close or lessen the gap between the student's level and his/her grade level.

##### **WHO?**

The tutors are retired teachers, occasional teachers and teacher candidates. All tutors are registered CHILDCAN volunteers and will have had a recent police check.

##### **WHEN?**

The tutor and the family will set up an after-school schedule of approximately one hour, once or twice a week, for the school year. Some extra help may be available over the summer months.

##### **WHERE?**

Tutoring may take place in a library, the CHILDCAN office, or the child's home. The ideal location will be distraction-free and comfortable.

##### **HOW?**

The success of the VTP depends upon close cooperation between the school, the family, and the tutor. The tutor will need a parent's permission to meet with the classroom teacher and/or resource teacher to determine the student's needs.

For more information contact:

Jackie Kinder  
Childcan VTP Coordinator  
[jackie@childcan.com](mailto:jackie@childcan.com)  
519-680-7182

AND

cc Judy Bowden  
[judithcbowden@hotmail.com](mailto:judithcbowden@hotmail.com)



# Retired Teachers' Breakfast Buffet.

Tuesday,  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Colasanti's  
Restaurant.

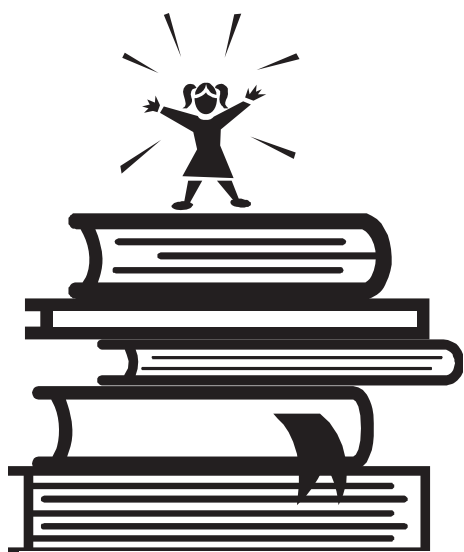


Time: 8:30 a.m.

Cost: \$10:00 (does not include gratuity)

Contact : Val Luscott 519-839-5128  
or  
luscotts@gosfieldtel.com.

Looking forward to seeing you all.





# JUST TO LET YOU KNOW



OUR ANNUAL "GET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE EARLY" TRIP IS ON THE BOOKS AND READY TO GO FOR YOUR SHOPPING PLEASURE!!!



## SHOP! SHOP! SHOP!

Great Lakes Crossing, Target, Kohl's  
and Meijer's

**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

(BLACK FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 28th)

Departs from:

Essex at 8:00 A.M. & Windsor's Devonshire Mall at 8:30 A.M

Returns:

7:30 P.M. (approx.)

**\$40.00** (or less - depends on number of participants)

**BOOK EARLY AS THIS TRIP FILLS UP QUICKLY**

For more information

Contact Bill @

519-948-5214 or

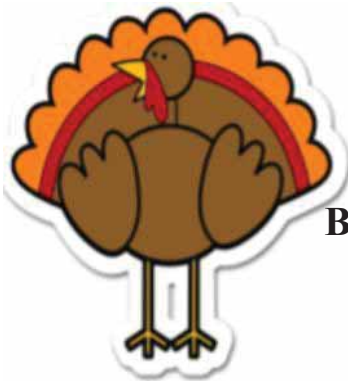
[billben9999@yahoo.ca](mailto:billben9999@yahoo.ca)

OR to reserve your spot on the bus - send your cheque made payable to RTO/ERO District 7  
To: Bill Bowden, 1104-8325 Riverside Drive East, Windsor, ON N8S 1E8

TRIPS ARE SPONSORED BY



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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## **DATES:** *for your calendar*

*'H\*\*\* WITH THE BELL' BREAKFAST*  
September 8, 2015

*RTO/ERO GOLF TOURNAMENT*  
September 28, 2015

*GOODWILL SOCIAL FUN&FELLOWSHIP*  
October 15, 2015

*SHOPPING GREAT LAKES CROSSING &  
ETC. - November 24, 2015*

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**RTO/ERO FALL LUNCHEON**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

*Please save the date and plan to attend  
the Annual RTO/ERO Fall Luncheon.*

*Location and Menu to be decided*

*Look for more information in the Fall  
Newsletter.*

**COST: \$20.00**

**LOCATION/MENU: TBA**

*...and don't forget:*

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

#### **DATES**

*August 6, 2015 -  
September 17, 2015 -  
October 8, 2015  
November 12, 2015  
December 10, 2015  
January 14, 2016  
February 11, 2016  
March 10, 2016  
April 14, 2016*

*...and then there's*

#### **DEADLINES:**

*PROJECT - SERVICE TO OTHERS GRANTS - Applications  
into the Executive by - March 7, 2016*

*PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS - Application into the  
Provincial Office by --Thursday, February 11, 2016*

*DISTRICT GRANTS - Applications into the Executive by -  
January 4, 2016*

*Details about these dates can be found elsewhere in this  
and/or future Newsletters and also on our Website!  
Members of the Executive would also be happy to answer  
any questions you might have regarding these dates.....*



# RTO/ERO DISTRICT 7 CALENDAR 2015-2016

## MEETINGS/EVENTS FOR THE 2015-2016 YEAR

*July 24, 2015 – Deadline for Submissions for August Newsletter*

*August 10, 2015 – Address and Mail August Newsletter*

**AUGUST 31, 2015 - EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**September 8, 2015 –Hell with the Bell Breakfast – Dominion Golf Club**

**September 28, 2015 - Golf Tournament**

**OCTOBER 5, 2015– EXECUTIVE MEETING**

*October 7, 2015 – Deadline for Submissions for October Newsletter*

**October 8, 2015 Goodwill Fun and Fellowship**

**FALL - RPW ????**

*October 22, 2015– Address and Mail October Newsletter*

**NOVEMBER 2, 2015 -EXECUTIVE MEETING**

(Deadline for Budget Submissions)

**November 19, 2015 – Fall Luncheon**

**DECEMBER 7, 2015 – EXECUTIVE MEETING (BUDGET)**

**JANUARY 11, 2016 – EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**MARCH 7, 2016 – EXECUTIVE MEETING**

*March 14, 2016 – Deadline for Submissions for April Newsletter*

*April 7, 2016 –Address and Mail April Newsletter*

**April 28, 2016 – Annual General Meeting and Spring Luncheon**

**MAY 23, 2016 – EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**AUGUST 29, 2016 EXECUTIVE MEETING**

## ADVENTURES

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 - OCTOBER 2, 2015 -LAS VEGAS**

**NOVEMBER 24, 2015 - GREAT LAKES CROSSING & ETC.**

## SENATE DATES

### PRE-SENATE

October 15, 2015 - London

May 12, 2016 (Tentative)

### SENATE

October 19, 20, 21, 2015

May 16, 17, 18, 2016

## PROVINCIAL WORKSHOP DATES

### PRCC

-September 20, 21, 2015

### PRESIDENTS' WORKSHOP

-April 17, 18, 2016

### HSIC

-June 5, 6, 2016

## DEADLINES

### PSTO

**2015 Report to Provincial**  
-N.A.

**Deadline to Executive**  
-March 7, 2016

**Presentation to Executive**  
-May 23, 2016

**Submission to Provincial**  
- Monday, June 20, 2016

**Deadline for Application to PSTO Scholarships**  
-Thursday, February 11, 2016

### DISTRICT GRANTS

-January 4, 2016

### PROV. EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

-June 24, 2016

### PROV. COMMITTEES NOMINATIONS

-May?, 2016

### FOUNDING MEMBER

-May 29, 2016

### DISTINGUISHED MEMBER

-May 29, 2016

**RPW APPLICATION - TBA**

**DISTRICT BURSARIES - TBA**

### BREAKFAST CLUB DATES

June 11, 2015 - Back Road Cafe

July 9, 2015 - Jerry and Jenny's

August 6, 2015 -Sherman's Station

September 17, 2015 - Johnson's  
Restaurant

### Locations to be Announced:

October 8, 2015

November 12, 2015

December 10, 2015

January 14, 2016

February 11, 2016

March 10, 2016

April 14, 2016

### GOLF TOURNAMENTS

September 28, 2015

June - TBA

**REVISED MAY 28, 2015 - JS**

**RTO/ERO SERVICES**  
**"HERE FOR YOU NOW .....HERE FOR YOUR FUTURE"**  
**IS NOT JUST A SLOGAN**

*In addition to providing us with comprehensive health plans at a competitive price, and keeping an eye on our pensions, RTO/ERO supports community projects and post-secondary education for relatives of RTO/ERO members*

**PROVINCIALY**

**PROJECT SERVICE TO OTHERS**

**(PSTO)** Project – Service to Others is a Provincial RTO/ERO program that provides grants to Districts for initiatives that support the concept of “Service to Others”. The intent is to contribute to a variety of community projects and thereby raise the profile of the RTO/ERO by demonstrating to active teachers and to the public that retired teachers care about their communities and about public education, and are willing to help others who need assistance. These assistance projects could be in any form that supports the goals of Project – Service to Others.

**PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year RTO/ERO Provincial sets aside \$2500.00 to be awarded as 25 - \$1000.00 scholarships to students who are related to an RTO/ERO member and who are pursuing post secondary education. Students must also qualify according to specific academic programme criteria.

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**LOCALLY**

**DISTRICT GRANTS** District 7 of the Retired Teachers of Ontario sets aside approximately \$1500.00 yearly in order to provide special grants to local groups and organizations. These grants are awarded to non-profit groups/ organizations. The intended project must benefit children, seniors or the community in general. The project must take place during the year in which the grant is awarded. Involvement of local RTO/ERO members is required.

**DISTRICT BURSARIES** District 7 makes available 3 - \$500.00 Bursaries annually to students who are related to a RTO District 7 member and who are enrolled in their final year at the Faculty of Education.

**DISTRICT AWARDS** In addition to awards recognizing members who serve on District 7 Committees/Executive, the District also presents a Community Service Award to a member at large who has gone above and beyond in voluntary service to their communities - especially, but not limited to, service to children and/or seniors. This award includes a \$250.00 cheque to the recipient’s charity of choice. **If you know of a District 7 member who deserves to be recognized, please get in touch with your executive.**

**LOCAL CHARITY** Each year the District chooses a local charity. All funds raised through 50/50 draws etc. from January through December of each year are donated to that Charity. Last year the money went to the Windsor - Essex school breakfast programmes. This year it will be donated to the local G.O.A.L.S. Programme. This programme promotes leadership development in teenage girls through organized sports.

*Information on PSTO and District Grants can be found in the current issue of this Newsletter. Additional Information on these and the other community endeavours will appear in future issues of the Newsletter as well as on our District 7 Website or by contacting your District Executive.*

# DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

As approved by the District Executive - March, 2015

## GRANT REQUEST TO DISTRICT 7 – WINDSOR ESSEX RTO/ERO

District 7 of the Retired Teachers of Ontario sets aside approximately \$1500.00 yearly in order to provide special grants to local groups and organizations. These grants are awarded based on the following criteria:

- Groups/ organizations must be non-profit
- Intended project must benefit children, seniors or the community in general
- Project must take place during the year in which the grant is awarded
- Involvement of local RTO/ERO members is required. NOTE: When considering the request, some weight is placed on the number of RTO/ERO members participating in the project.
- Application must be received by January 4<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year in which the event is to take place
- Application must be completed in full and be accompanied by:
  - a) a detailed financial statement for the previous 2 years (2014, 2015)
  - b) a budget forecasting the projected revenues and expenditures for the current year (2016)

Applications are due by January. 4, 2016 for events scheduled to take place during 2016. The applications will be reviewed by the Committee at the January, 2016 Executive Meeting and applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision shortly thereafter.

### WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED GRANTS?

- Local Heritage and culture projects
  - Maidstone Historical Society
  - Queen Elizabeth School (Symphony)
- Special arts and education programs for children
  - Book Fest Windsor
  - Special Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Association
  - Queen Elizabeth School (Symphony)
  - Silver Ambassadors
- Medical and social programs
  - Centres For Seniors – Step Training Programme
  - Sports Fest Windsor
  - Parents Time Out
  - Barbara Parry Pediatric Oncology Association
  - Ready-Set-Go Parental Support Coalition
  - Wonder Broads
- ESL, literacy and numeracy programs
  - Windsor Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Learning Centre

**DISTRICT 7 WINDSOR -ESSEX**

SERVICE TO OTHERS ~ AU SERVICE D'AUTRUI

<http://district7.rto-ero.org>



# DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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## RTO/ERO DISTRICT 7 GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the form below, preferably via e-mail, and return to Margaret Clarke Chair, RTO/ ERO District 7, Grant Committee, at [mtclarke@mnsi.net](mailto:mtclarke@mnsi.net) or 558 Dorset Park, Tecumseh, ON, N8N 3N4, by January 4, 2016 for events scheduled to take place during 2016. Grant requests will be considered at the January Executive Meeting and your Organization will be notified shortly thereafter.

Name of Group or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact address, e-mail, fax and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_

Is this for an ongoing project \_\_\_\_ or a special event \_\_\_\_? Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the grant would be used. Be specific. Use an attachment, if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What other groups are contributing, or will be asked to contribute to the project?

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

How much will your organization be contributing to the project?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT 7 WINDSOR -ESSEX**

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Name the RTO/ERO members involved in this project (at least two, preferably 3 depending on the group or activity) and include their RTO/ERO Membership number.

Member ..... Membership Number

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What is the nature of each Member's involvement?

Member ..... Nature of Involvement in the project

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How will RTO/ERO District 7 be recognized or what publicity will RTO/ERO receive?

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Please attach:

- a) a detailed financial statement for the previous 2 years (2014, 2015)
- b) a budget forecasting the projected revenues and expenditures for the current year (2016)

A follow-up report would also be appreciated

\*\*additional application forms are available on our District Website

## R.T.O. Members Promote New Team



**The group performing at the Canadian Historical Aircraft Museum**

A new team of retired members has hit the scene and it arrives with strong R.T.O. connections.

The UNI~COM Drum Ensemble has just finished its first performance and is already looking forward to bigger and better things.

The group began as a class in a program organized by UNI~COM: Retirement Learning Centre and its coordinator Bill McRae (retired educator and Director, WECCSB). The 2013 course was called “Hand Drumming for Good Health” and was taught by retired educator and past president of RTO District 7, Al Linnell, retired educator of GECDSB

. The third member of this planning group was George Plantus who is president of UNI~COM. UNI~COM: Retirement Learning Centre is a voluntary organization committed to providing programs to meet the needs of individuals who are 50+ and/or retired and wish to continue their learning. It is assisted by the University of Windsor in providing opportunities to participants to be involved with Study Groups, attend Speaker Luncheons, take trips and attend special events. UNI~COM also contributes to scholarships and to special programs at the university and in the community.

After teaching the initial Drumming Course, Al presented Part 2 which attracted a good number of participants with lots of enthusiasm. Several of the “drummers” expressed a desire to continue as a group. This was the birth of the UNI~COM Drum Ensemble. UNI~COM provided a facility for practice and RTO Windsor/Essex District 7 approved a grant of \$500 to help with other costs including the purchase of Latin Percussion instruments.



**George Plantus, Al Linnell, Bill McRae**

The ensemble has performed at the Canadian Historical Aircraft Museum and will soon be featured at a local Rotary luncheon and a Retired Supervisory Officers’ Conference. A very sincere gratitude is extended to the members of RTO and friends who have helped make this special community project so successful.

Information about UNI~COM upcoming fall semester courses can be found by going to the website:

**[uwindsor.ca/Unicom](http://uwindsor.ca/Unicom)**

or by calling: **519 253 3000 ext. 3430.**

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS INFORMATION MUST BE SENT TO RTO/ERO PROVINCIAL.**

**Phone: 1-800-361-9888 Website: [www.rto-ero.org](http://www.rto-ero.org)**

# Media Release

May 12, 2015

## **JIM GRIEVE APPOINTED AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Toronto – The Retired Teachers of Ontario/les enseignantes et enseignants retraités de l'Ontario (RTO/ERO) is pleased to announce that Jim Grieve has been appointed as its new Executive Director. He succeeds Harold Brathwaite who is retiring after 11 years leading this vibrant organization of over 72,000 members.

Following the appointment, RTO/ERO President June Szeman commented, "RTO/ERO is indeed pleased to have a person with Jim Grieve's experiences and qualifications accept the position of Executive Director of this organization. He will succeed a strong leader in Harold Brathwaite but Jim's many positive attributes will allow for a seamless transition."

Jim Grieve brings a wealth of experience within the education sector to his new position with RTO/ERO. Appointed in November, 2009 as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Early Learning Division for the Ontario Ministry of Education, Jim is responsible for the provincial implementation of full-day kindergarten for four and five year olds, leading the work of creating a seamless early learning experience for children in Ontario from birth onward.

Following an exemplary career as a teacher, school administrator and superintendent in the North York Board of Education, Jim served as Director of Education in Ottawa-Carleton for four years before moving to the Director of Education role for seven years with the Peel District School Board, Canada's second largest school board. He holds a Master's Degree from OISE/University of Toronto, as well as undergraduate degrees from York University and Victoria College of the University of Toronto.

Known as a highly visible and approachable leader, Jim was selected as Communicator of the Year by the International Association of Business Communicators in 2013. Last year, he was honoured to receive the Ministry of Education Lifetime Achievement Award.

Looking forward to his new role, Jim Grieve commented, "Throughout my career as a proud teacher and educational leader I have worked with many thousands of dedicated and talented teachers and educational professionals to help children learn, grow and feel valued. I am delighted to be given this remarkable opportunity to work with members and staff to lead, to be a strong advocate and a visible regional presence for my membership colleagues in RTO/ERO."

For more information about RTO/ERO visit: [www.rto-ero.org](http://www.rto-ero.org)

For further information, contact Simon Leibovitz, Director of Member and Administrative Services at [sleibovitz@rto-ero.org](mailto:sleibovitz@rto-ero.org) or 1.800.361.9888, ext. 241.

## RTO/ERO DISTRICT 7 TABLE EXECUTIVE 2015 - 2016

POSITION	NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL
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