



**Fall Luncheon and Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday November 6, 2019  
Scugog Community Recreation Center, Port Perry**

Registration and Social	11:00 to 11:30 am
Business Meeting	11:30 to 12:30 pm
Lunch	12:30 pm

**MINUTES**

- O Canada** Margaret Geer
- Welcome** Maria Provencher welcomed everyone, giving details of the meeting and the information that was placed upon the table. Final attendance was approximately 122.
- In Memoriam** Connie White read a very inspirational poem in memory of all our members who passed away this past year.
- Minutes of November 6, 2018 AGM** As Suzanne was absent, Don Farquharson presented the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes: moved by Frank Baxter, seconded by Jean Jackson. No discussion. Carried
- Treasurer's Report** Marvin Belfour, noted that he is back temporarily as Treasurer, and will fulfill the role until a replacement can be found. The report was tabled, and "Marvin indicated that keeping the Financial Books will be changing to the use of QuickBooks, an accounting program, on a Chrome computer that connects to RTO/ERO Provincial Office. The Provincial Office will be able to assist and audit the books online." He mentioned that with this new system, we will not be using an Account Reviewer, as that will be done centrally now. Motion to accept Treasurer's report. Moved by Peter Snaith, and seconded by Cheryl Merek, that the report be accepted. Carried.
- Project Service to Others** Jim Craigen described the process to apply for both provincial and local grants, and the opportunity they offer to our members. Attached below is a list of the donations made this past year presented by Marvin Belfour.

O'Neill C.V.I.	\$500.00
Friends of Nonquon	\$500.00
Humane Society of Durham	\$500.00
Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre	\$500.00
UOIT Scholarship Fund (OTU)	\$606.50
Canadian Red Cross	\$1000.00
RTO/ERO Foundation	\$1000.00
Alzheimer Durham	\$500.00

Salvation Army	\$500.00
Oshawa-Whitby Kiwanis Music	\$500.00
Feed the Need in Durham	\$500.00
Simcoe Hall Settlement House	\$500.00
Community Care Durham	\$500.00
Oak Ridge's Hospice of Durham	\$500.00
Durham Region Hospice	\$1000.00
TOTAL	\$9,106.50

7. **Communications** Connie White outlined the number of ways that we try to communicate to our members:

- 1). E-Mail blast each month
- 2). New, Provincially created and approved Facebook: "RTO/ERO District 28 – Region of Durham"
- 3). New website (under construction)
- 4). Dustoff Magazine – (we are looking for a volunteer to be our new editor for this highly informative and valuable magazine – let Connie White know if you are interested in this volunteer position.)

8. **Trips/Travel** Connie White mentioned a number of trips that we have planned for 2020 - 1). Trans Atlantic cruise; 2). Greek Island – Mediterranean cruise; 3). Tour of Ireland, England and Scotland; 4). Tour of Rome, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, Capri and Sicily! These tips are open to all families and friends! Deadline to register is in a few weeks!!! Do not miss out!

9. **Pensions:** Don Farquharson outlined the success that "Teachers" have had this past year. All Cost-of-Living payouts to teachers are totally up to date at 100% The Consumer Price Index gives us a 2% increase starting in January. Omers has not released their inflation protection % yet

10. **Social Committee** Don Farquharson mentioned that Durham 28 offers a large number of activities throughout the year. However without a Social Committee Chair these will be in jeopardy. Thank you to the two people who have volunteered to be on the Social Committee. Please consider helping us provide a dynamic, enjoyable and highly valued social service to our members. If you are interested, please contact Connie

11. **Forum** Don Farquharson explained the purpose of the Forum, formerly known as the Senate. After a question Don gave a brief summary of the structural change to the new Governance structure, and the new "rules" that govern it (federal not-for-profit rules) making it much more like a corporation. The 9-member Board can make decisions themselves. However the Board has gone out of their way to begin more consultation and discussion with the Districts. The board will consider the Forum suggestions and report on which ones will be adopted This was a major focus of the Forum. This is to continue with all Districts input starting again next June. It was also officially announced that there are 3 new districts in RTO: Maritimes, Quebec, and Prairies. At this time they are made up of Retired Ontario Teachers and Educational workers who have moved there but are open to local Educational workers, Community College and University retirees as well.

**Other Forum Discussions:** New RTO/ERO Logo unveiled. There will be all sorts of new items and gear soon.

Vibrant Voices: RTO spearheaded a group of about 15 Seniors groups across Canada to advocate to the Government on various issues. This past election they concentrated on: A National Seniors Strategy, Retirement Income Security, and Pharmacare

Dr. Paula Rochon RTO/ERO Geriatric Chair at U of T gave a very interesting presentation on The Ripple Effect of her work. She has presented all over the world,

and her research and students are really making a difference to geriatric medicine. She and her students thanked RTO most sincerely.

**12. Slate of Officers for 2019-2020  
Election of 2019-20 Executive**

Margaret Geer presented the slate of Officers for the 2019-2020 year as follows:

**RTO/ERO Region of Durham – District 28**

**Slate of Officers for the Executive Committee 2020**

District President	Connie White
Past President	Maria Provencher
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Don Farquharson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Margaret Geer
Secretary	Suzanne Farquharson
Treasurer	Marvin Belfour

**Standing Committee Appointments**

Archivist Committee	Karen Shepherd
Benefits Committee	John Logue
Bursary/Scholarship Committee	Karen Parker
Communication Committee	Connie White, Lorraine DePaulo, Paul Hebert
Goodwill Committee	Janet Beaton
Membership/Recruitment Committee	Maria Provencher and Margaret Geer
Gifting and Project Service to Others	Jim Craigen
Travel and Entertainment Committee	Connie White
RTO/ERO Foundation Committee	Penny Kutlik and Maria Provencher
Social Committee	Penny Kutlik, Edith Hoestra and Margaret Geer
Political Advocacy Committee	Don Farquharson, Janet Beaton, John Logue, Maria Provencher

As there were no nominations from the floor, this slate of officers were acclaimed.

13. **Special Presentations** Margaret Geer remarked upon the wonderful service, dedication and support that our retiring members have given District 28, but most of all their friendship; they will be missed. Thank you to:

Doug Brown	Foundation
Lee Stone	Advisor to the social committee
John Fowler	Treasurer
Maureen Moloney	Dustoff Magazine and Established our initial Facebook project
Nancy McDowell	President, Past President, Scholarship and Bursary and so much more
Glenda Leedle	Local Trips

14. **Presentation to Incoming President** Maria Provencher presented the Presidents pin to Connie White and thanked her for her leadership. With her skills great things are expected.

15. **Message from Incoming President** Connie White thanked Maria for her dedication and hard work as president. She asked for input from all members for ideas and new projects. She made a commitment to do her best to follow up on all issues and invited all to consider joining as active volunteers.

16. **New Business** As there was no new business, Connie White called for a vote to adjourn the meeting at 12:25. Motion passed