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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Black History Month
February

RPW
April 10

Annual Meeting
May 22

Stratford
May 30

Golf Date
September TBD

Fall Meeting
October

Curling
January 10, 2025

OUR WEBSITE

<https://district33.rtoero.ca>

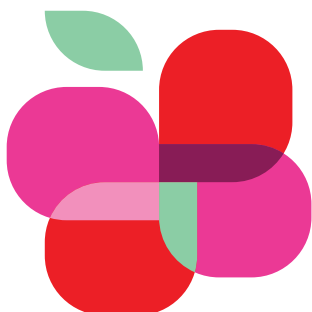
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PHOTOGRAPHS

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IN MEMORIAM

We offer our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

Patricia Profota	Irma Lobbestael
Fred Humphrey	Robert Bye
John Wilkie	Judith Tricker
Douglas Stokes	Laurie Lefebvre
Gary Johnson	Jeanie Havens
Elizabeth Boyd	Patricia McLean
John Rountree	Norma Johnston
Dorothy Heersma	Marion Farquhar
Jean Dusten	Mary Burke

In the words of Maya Angelou

*"No matter what happens, or
how bad it seems, life goes on,
and it will be better tomorrow."*

GUIDANCE FROM TREES

More evidence that preparing for retirement emotionally is as important as finances

Think of financial preparedness for retirement as a downpayment for happiness. That was the guidance from Rob Carrick, personal finance columnist with the Globe and Mail, in an October 2023 column sharing results from a survey in his newsletter.

Among respondents, there was a split between financial factors and non-financial factors when asked about their biggest success in retirement. But when asked about regrets, money faded into the background. What surfaced were factors like not working enough on connections with friends, family and community, focusing on work over personal health, and not doing enough for themselves.

It's never too late to work on the non-financial aspects of retirement. Focusing on your health, social connections and emotional well-being can have an impact now. And remember, you're not alone. Check out the article Lessons learned from life after work in the fall 2021 issue of Renaissance for inspiration: renaissance.rtoero.ca/lessons-learned-from-life-after-work/



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

It is almost impossible to believe that we are in the month of February already.

For some people these past months have been difficult ones. I am certain that you understand this after reading the names of the many members we have lost. It is my hope that you have reached out to the family of those you know. A kind word at a sad time of loss in our lives is always appreciated.

Change is inevitable. There are changes coming to our organization and to our District. First, RTOERO has undertaken a project to change the name of RTOERO to one that is more representative of our members. These members live in provinces across the country.

In our District 33 the change has to do with the newsletter. The cost is increasing considerably. So the Executive has decided that with the next newsletter only those without email will receive a printed copy. Everyone with email will receive an **eblast** indicating that the newsletter is online. When you go to district33@rtoero.ca there will be a link that takes you directly to the newsletter.

I would like to thank the members of the Executive who are always willing to help with any event or make suggestions. Your assistance is invaluable.

Thank you.

There are other members who offer a helping hand as well. **Gale Lovell** has been our photographer for many events. **Martin Forster** organizes the Curling Fun Day and has made the day enjoyable for all participants. **Keith Chandler** (friend) who, this year, went home for his camera and helped take pictures on the Curling Day.

Joanne



Thinking about retirement?

Retirement planning workshop



For anyone who

- Works in schools and school boards, early years, post-secondary
- Wishes to learn about retirement planning
- Wants a workshop tailored to the education community

Learn about

- Financial planning
- Health benefits in retirement
- Retirement and lifestyle planning

Attendees receive

- Retirement planning booklet
- Chance to win exciting prizes
- Free RTOERO membership until retirement

REGISTER

rtoero.ca/events

QUESTIONS

1-800-361-9888

PRESENTED BY



WHEN

Wednesday April 10, 2024
Snacks & Refreshments:
4:00pm
Workshop: 4:30- 6:30pm

WHERE

Aristo's Banquet Hall
307 Grand Ave W,
Chatham, ON N7L 1C3

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome many new members to our group. Some joined while they were still active, but now have decided that they want to enjoy a new and different style of life. We hope to meet each of you at our next meeting.

Denise Wilkie

Thomas Lefebvre

Angela Hough

Colleen Anderson

Patricia Fraser

Joanne Cincurak

Karen Elliott

Jacqueline O'Bright Schondorf

Welcome!

Curling





JOIN US IN STRATFORD ON MAY 30, 2024 FOR 2:00 MATINEE

“WELCOME TO THE RENAISSANCE WITH POETS, PAINTERS AND BON VIVANTS...”

The Bottom brothers, two struggling playwrights in Renaissance London, need a hit. That's easier said than done when your chief competition is William Shakespeare. The Bottom brothers' plan: write the world's first musical! This is a rollicking song-and-dance extravaganza that sends up the Bard and Broadway and everything in between.

BOOK BY KAREY KIRKPATRICK AND JOHN O'FARRELL

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY WAYNE KIRKPATRICK AND KAREY KIRKPATRICK

CONCEIVED BY KAREY KIRKPATRICK AND WAYNE KIRKPATRICK

DIRECTED AND CHOREOGRAPHED BY DONNA FEORE

Cost \$195.

Itinerary

DEPARTURES

8:45 a.m. Chatham Memorial Arena 9:30 a.m. Ridgetown Inn (formerly Howard Johnson)

1:15 a.m. Festival Theatre 2:00 p.m. Reserved Premium seating for “Something Rotten”

5:30 p.m. Elm Hurst Inn Dinner Buffet – deluxe salad bar, 2 hot entrees and sweets table

9:00 p.m. Approximate arrival into the Chatham area

PAYMENT DUE: APRIL 1 (may be postdated to this date)

Call or email your registration to Joan (519.436.1179) jdurdan1@cogeco.ca

Cheque payable to: RTOERO District 33

Send cheque immediately to: Joan Fitzpatrick

152 Tecumseh Road

Chatham ON N7M 5Y8

NUMBER ATTENDING: Include email

NAME(S): 1.

TELEPHONE:

2.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

PICK UP LOCATION:

HONOUR BLACK HISTORY IN FEBRUARY & BEYOND

February isn't the only time we should learn about and celebrate Black history and excellence, but the opportunities this month are abundant. Look for virtual and in-person events and workshops to participate in.

Here are some other suggestions:

- Visit local events and heritage sites
- Explore Black heritage sites near you to learn about local Black history. Use Google to search for options for Black cultural centres, museums and heritage sites. Your visit doesn't have to happen in February but get to know what's around you. When travelling in Canada, consider making it a point to stop at Black historic sites.
- Watch films curated by the National Film Board

The National Film Board offers a playlist called **Black Communities in Canada: A Rich History**. "This playlist is intended to

provide a glimpse of the multi-layered lives of Canada's diverse Black communities."

Find the English films at nfb.ca/playlist/nfb_celebrates_black_history_month/

Find the French films at: <https://www.onf.ca/selection/mois-de-lhistoire-des-noirs>

- Diversify your reading list

Reading offers a unique opportunity to understand experiences and narratives that are different from ours. It can broaden our worldviews, and, like through other forms of art, the lessons and stories can leave us changed. Here are some books by Black Canadians to consider – perhaps choose one to start this month:

The Day-Breakers by Michael Fraser

Invisible Boy by Harrison Mooney

Finding Edward by Sheila Murray

In the Upper Country by Kai Thomas



ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Aristo's Banquet Hall

(separate entrance behind Smitty's Restaurant)

9:45 Registration and Coffee

10:00 Welcome and Business

Speakers 1. Tara Seney "Memory Tips"

2. Steve Pinsonneault

12:00 Buffet Lunch

Cost: \$20.00 - No Coin Please

Note: You are welcome to bring a guest for the same price as your ticket.

REGISTER NO LATER THAN MAY 8, 2024

Please note:

Those **without** email addresses will be **called**.

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