



# The Slate



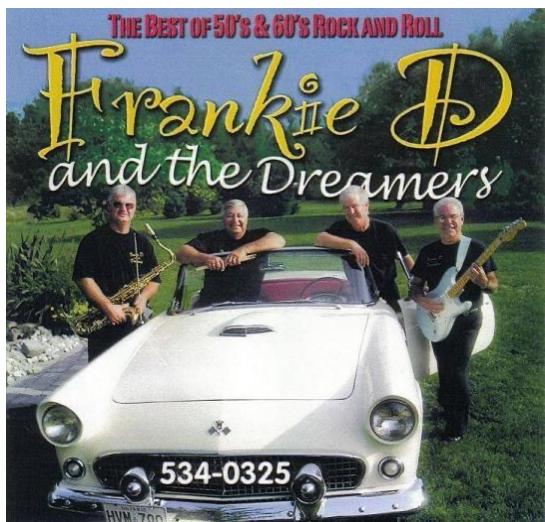
**Come Celebrate With Us!  
Welcome to Freedom Luncheon &  
50th Anniversary of District 10 RTOERO  
Wednesday, October 12, 2022 12:00pm  
@ Owen Sound Legion**

1450 2nd Ave W, Owen Sound

**Cost: \$20.00 subsidized by RTOERO**

**RSVP: [manners1556@gmail.com](mailto:manners1556@gmail.com) or 519-371-1556**

**If planning to attend, please send your cheque to Marg Manners  
by October 4, 540 11th St. West, Owen Sound, N4K 3T7**



At the October 12 luncheon, in addition to a wonderful buffet lunch, we relish being entertained by "Frankie D and the Dreamers", a high energy, entertaining rock and roll band playing familiar songs. Stemming from Wiarton, this group consists of musicians adept at vocals, sax, guitars, keyboards, and bass. Some songs in their repertoire are "High Heeled Sneakers," "Blue Suede Shoes," and "Fun, Fun, Fun." Bring your smile, dancing shoes, and love of music from the 50's and 60's.

# Let's Celebrate!

I hope this issue of The Slate finds you well and you have enjoyed the pleasant summer temperatures over the past few months.

**District 10 Executive** is excited to be planning 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations for Bruce, Grey & Dufferin who joined RTOERO in 1972. As the event details are outlined on Facebook and here in The Slate, you will see that the Bruce-Grey Unit is combining our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon with our traditional (although sadly, not possible during the pandemic) Welcome to Freedom, for new and prospective members to RTOERO. Dufferin Unit also will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an outing to Orangeville. Along with good food and entertainment, memories and laughter are to be the highlights of the day!

To help us collectively look back at our days in the classroom, as well our participation in RTOERO events over the years, you are encouraged to bring with you that day, articles, photos, etc. for display on the memorabilia table.

**Lynda Monck, District 10 President**

## Single-use plastic ban begins staggered rollout

For several years, we've heard about the single-use plastic ban in Canada. Consultations have been ongoing and in June 2022 the government published the *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations*. The manufacture, import, export and sale of the following six categories of single-use plastics will be banned by the end of 2025:

- checkout bags
- cutlery
- food service ware made from or containing "problematic plastics"
- ring carriers (for 6-packs of cans for example)
- stir sticks
- straws



The sale of checkout bags, cutlery, straws, food service ware and stir sticks is prohibited in Canada as of December 20, 2023. We can expect to see some changes in packaging over the next year and maybe you've already noticed it, as other local jurisdictions and companies implement their own bans. It's important to know that plastic straws for accessibility needs are excluded from the ban.



## District 10 has a new website!

Our new URL is: <https://district10.rtoero.ca/> Alternatively, you may type *District 10 RTOERO* into Google and you'll arrive at the new page. Across all districts of RTOERO there is a consistent look and feel to the webpages, part of RTOERO's image branding initiative.

What does that mean for you as a viewer of the website? Using the site is as seamless as ever. Access to information is consistent within our site and across all other sites. That means you spend less time hunting for information and more time using the information you were looking for.

Let us know how you like the new site by commenting on the District 10 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RTOERODistrict10/> You can make a comment there or message us through Facebook Messenger. We'd love to hear from you.

**Note:** you do not need to be a Facebook user to read our Facebook page. Did you know, some of our most popular and liked pages on Facebook were of the recent Unit 1 luncheon that occurred in June? Nothing better than viewing photos of members having a good time at a local social event. Thanks to Unit 1 member Don Sankey for the majority of the great photographs showcased on our District 10 Facebook page.

**Cindy Matthews**  
**District Social Media and Website Rep**

## Congratulations Sharron!



The Senior of the Year award theme is based on "stay active, connected and safe". The Northern Bruce Peninsula Council acknowledged the work and dedication that Sharron Colter has provided to the Grey Bruce Seniors Without Walls program. This program was a great benefit to seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic and it is sponsored by RTOERO.

On June 27, Branch Secretary Sharron Colter received the Senior of the Year Award presented by Mayor Milt McIvor in the Council Chamber of Northern Bruce Peninsula. Then on July 24, MP Alex Ruff presented Sharron with the "2022 Senior of the Year" award recognized by the Federal Government for the Senior Centre Without Walls program, and the Platinum Jubilee coin and certificate for her volunteer work at the Lion's Head Legion, Branch 202.

**Nadia Comeau** is a retired elementary school teacher with over thirty years of teaching experience. She lives in Owen Sound, Ontario and is a member of District 10 RTOERO. **"Lights! Action! You're On!"** is Nadia's first book. She hopes young readers and parents alike will treat this book with laughter and conversations.

A birthday cake awaits candles one to ten, each different from the other. One by one, the candles make their entrances. With individual shapes and personalities, each candle must cooperate to make the cake the best that it can be. Getting along with each other can be difficult to do, but the candles all have it in them to see through their differences and respect each other. Will they cooperate and make peace in time to celebrate the child on their birthday?

"**Lights! Action! You're On!**" is a fun and colourful picture book that shows early readers that learning to cooperate with others, instead of thinking only about oneself, leads to respect and happiness for everyone – the greatest gift of all.

**Nadia's book** is available at:

<https://books.friesenpress.com/store/title/119734000214233111>  
in eBook, paperback and hard copy versions.

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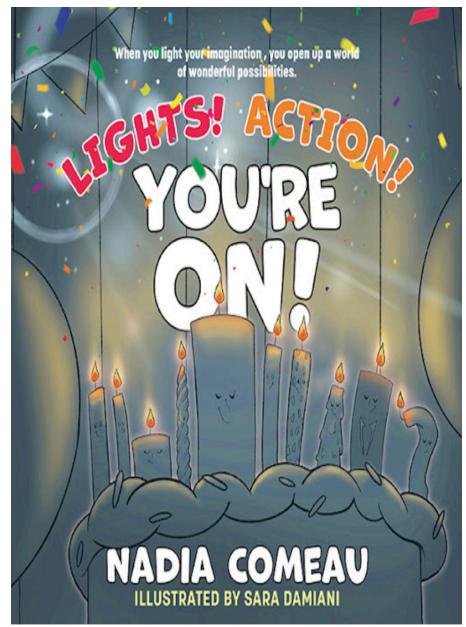
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## Do you want change?

As I was preparing this update I was listening to the Address from the Throne which outlined the government of Ontario's plans for the next year. There was no mention of an increase to ease the healthcare crisis. Of course they have a new budget line for "tutoring" students to get them caught up with curriculum because of the last two years effect on education. What about the in-class teachers and what they might need? If you have concerns call your local MPP.

Our Canadian government is a three tier system. There is the Federal, for which we had an election in September 2021. Two areas that this Federal government handles are the soaring gas prices at the pumps with some provincial taxation and the long lines for passports.

In October we have a Municipal election. In my town of Orangeville there definitely is interest in change. There are candidates who have indicated their interest in running for Councillor, Mayor or Deputy Mayor. I hope these people want to see changes for the better not just to fix what they consider problems. In your municipality there are always the issues of taxes but the social problems must also be addressed. Here are some questions to present at a candidates' meeting: *What about affordable housing for all, including the homeless and low income families? There needs to be accessible recreation areas for all ages. Where do families, men, women and children, go for access to safe shelters? How can we help those with mental health problems or addictions or needing palliative care?*

Did you know that in July 2022, the OAS pension increased by 10% for those whose age is 75 or older? This permanent increase will apply regardless if you receive partial or the full OAS payment. It will begin the month after you turn 75.

**Always** remember RTOERO and you can be a strong voice for change, especially change that affects those seniors we know and care about. One way to have your voice heard is to communicate with family and friends the principles that make our province great. If you want change you have to be part of the change.

**Donna Henderson**

Political Advocacy Rep

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is Sept. 30

**Sept. 30,** marks Canada's second National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, formerly known as Orange Shirt Day. It is a national day of remembrance for the lost children and survivors of residential schools and a time to make progress on the reconciliation process.



For RTOERO, the day will launch a year-long focus on truth and reconciliation, including learning and relationship building, in collaboration with the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto.

Here are ways to take personal action – on Sept. 30 and beyond:

- Join the [APTN sunrise ceremony](#) at 6:30 am ET on Sept. 30.
- [Wear orange](#) on Sept. 30. Purchase an official shirt from a local Indigenous vendor.
- Show your support online by using the hashtag #NDTR. [Download the official graphic](#) to use on your social posts and learn more about what the image means.
- Read the [94 calls to action](#) of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.
- Learn more. Sign up for the free University of Alberta online course, [Indigenous Canada](#) - or register for a class in your community.



## Happy Trails, or not?



**Restrictions** have been lifted for the most part. However, travel has its own restrictions: long lineups in airports, airlines or your out-of-country destination requiring a Covid-19 test, returning to Canada requiring a test, luggage lost or delayed. The list is not getting shorter!

### How do we deal with all these challenges?

**Research** the requirements and timeframes for testing. Know that if you received the Covid-19 vaccine prior to departure and you develop symptoms or complications of an adverse reaction to the vaccine during your trip, you are covered. But be sensible - if you have symptoms or complications prior to the departure date, don't travel, as medical conditions that existed before your trip may not be covered under your policy.

**Keep** in mind that Covid-19 tests are not covered by your travel insurance policy, as well as travel visas or travel vaccinations.

**Trip** cancellations and trip interruptions due to Covid-19 are not covered by your RTOERO travel insurance. However, there is a complete list of eligible covered reasons to claim for expenses in your RTOERO Travel Plan.

**Were** you refused boarding for your flight home? Oh-oh! More \$\$\$ for lodging and meals! Maybe even the cost of your flight plus cost for a new flight! Check with the airline (ahead of time, if possible) on their policy on refusal of boarding and what options they have available.

**Are** you traveling overland by bus, train or car? Check with a travel agent for information on border crossing requirements.

**Staycationing?** In Ontario, keep your travel and accommodation receipts, as you may be eligible for a tax rebate for a percentage of your expenses.

**It's** also worth checking out national or provincial parks for free camping if your family doctor prescribes the need for you to do some "forest bathing".

**Have** your RTOERO insurance card with you when you travel. Valuable contact info is on the back of the card. Like they say, "If you have it, you won't need it!"

**Bon Voyage!**

**Brigita Jogi**  
**Health & Insurance Rep**

## Community Service Awards

**This** year a number of our local secondary schools held their graduations in June. We are pleased to announce the winners from six schools.

- a) Bruce Peninsula - Laura Naves
- b) Peninsula Shores - Erik Norton
- c) St. Mary's High School - Sydney Wade
- d) Georgian Bay Community School - Autumn O'Donnell
- e) Grey Highlands Secondary School - Benjamin Freeland
- f) Sacred Heart High School - Alyssa Trepanier



Photo by Don Sankey

Having fun at the  
Unit 1 Spring Luncheon  
"Together Again at Last"  
at Inn on the Bay on June 15

## Grey Roots Museum Moreston Village

This summer has been busy in Moreston Village. Our schoolhouse is a popular building that visitors love to visit. It is a good feeling to meet visitors from all over the world.

**Visitors** enjoy the experience of the one room school and love to view the exhibits. We thank the RTO members who volunteer in the Village. They and the university students who are graduates of our local secondary schools, bring the village to life!



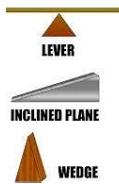
Our support of the Friends of Moreston has assisted in the construction of the general store. The exterior has been completed. The plan is to have the building opened to the public next spring.

## Coming This Fall! **Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion**

**Leonardo da Vinci** was a painter, sculptor, musician, architect, engineer and anatomist. Most enduring to his legacy are his inventions and designs, which include the helicopter and glider, the armoured tank, the drive transmission and the printing press. *Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion* presents a collection of replica full-scale da Vinci machines, built by a group of scientists and skilled craftsmen in Florence, Italy. Many of the mechanisms are life-sized and fully operational, and visitors can touch and set them in motion. It's a fascinating hands-on experience that explores science and art. Don't miss the complementary in-house exhibit:

### More Power to You: Simple Machines in Everyday Life.

From opening a door to building skyscrapers, we use simple machines in just about everything we do. In *More Power to You*, explore the ways simple machines use the power of physics to make our lives better! Use the logic of levers to make the see-saw balance. Visit the Construction Centre to build your own simple machine using pulleys, wedges, screws, and more! Our world is full of machines, but when push comes to shove, simple machines get things done! Thank you to our community partners who made this exhibit possible!



## We'll Meet Again

Music, Mirth, and Memories  
of the War Years

St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre  
**November 16, 2022**

Join us at the charming St. Jacob's Schoolhouse Theatre for a nostalgic musical celebration featuring unforgettable songs of the war years, spanning World War 1 to World War 2.

With an entertaining mix of memorable music, clever comedy, and stirring drama, *We'll Meet Again* serenades audiences with everything from morale-boosting melodies and lovelorn ballads, to jukebox jives and high energy swing tunes.

Don't miss this "sentimental journey" through a hit parade of wartime classics including "Oh What a Lovely War", "Keep the Home Fires Burning", "The White Cliffs of Dover", "Pack Up Your Old Kit Bag (And Smile, Smile, Smile)", "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree", "You Made Me Love You", "In the Mood", the famous title song, and many, many more.

Enjoy lunch on your own in St. Jacob's with time for browsing the many shops. A hearty homestyle all-you-care-to-eat buffet supper at Pebbles Family Restaurant awaits you on the way home featuring broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, salads, burgers from the grill and dessert.

Theatre ticket and coach transportation  
-- \$100.35 payable to **Kunkel Bus Lines Ltd**

Buffet, tax, tip and bus driver tip  
-- \$42.90 payable to **RTO District 10 Travel**

Contact Carol Fraser to reserve your seat today.  
Bring your friends; membership in RTO is not a requirement for the trip. **519-376-5370**  
**canuckteacher@hotmail.com**



# We're Celebrating!

**This** summer is flying but RTO Dufferin Unit is well and getting back into connecting with members. In June we had our “Hello Again” lunch at “Mrs. Mitchell’s Restaurant” in Violet Hill. There were returning members from as far away as Collingwood and Brampton there to reconnect. At times, throughout the meal, the chatter and laughter were so loud that conversation was limited to those right next to you.

We are going to try another gathering. This time the gathering will be a **TEA TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF RTOERO**. The gathering will be in Westminster Church auditorium, on Broadway, in Orangeville, from 2-4 on October 13. There will be a presentation of stories about teaching and then a special show that will leave you wondering. I am asking any of our members who might have a brief (ONE Minute) story to share about life in the classroom to let me know. There is no cost to you.

I need to know if you are coming and if you have a short story, by **NO later than October 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Donna Henderson, President Dufferin RTOERO UNIT**

# **Speak Out Against Health Care Privatization**

**There** is a large for-profit health care industry banging at our door. If we don't provide the staffing and provide the funding in our public system, there is no choice but to privatize, because people still need care. Cuts are not in the public interest. We must tell Ford and the for-profit health care industry that our public health care is NOT open for business.

- Doug Ford's government ( Feb 2022 ) announced their intent to privatize our hospital services.
  - Ford's government is privatizing 18,000 beds for the next 30 years.
  - They passed bill 174 to privatize the last remaining public parts of home care.
  - They have privatized vaccines and COVID19 testing.

The 1984 Canada Health Act is like a bill of rights for patients. It requires needed health care to be provided without user fees and extra-billing of patients – needed hospital & physician care must be covered by OHIP. Our hospitals are public and non-profit. They are run in the public interest. The 1973 Ontario Private Hospitals Act banned private hospitals. Governments have been handing over more services to private for-profit clinics in recent years. Now, the Ford government has announced their intent to bring in new private hospitals.

**We** must become a chorus of Vibrant Voices advocating for more funding and increased staffing of our public health care system.

Sources: Ontario Health Care [Coalition.ca](#) Cupe - SCFP



Contact Sharron Colter at contact\_nbpcsaac@eastlink.ca on 519-793-3473 for information.

## We have something to celebrate!



### Were you retired in 1972?

District 10 RTOERO is celebrating our 50th anniversary this fall. What do you remember from 1972 when District 10 started? What memories could you share from the past 50 years with our members? Bring your memorabilia and share your stories with us at the luncheon on October 12 at the Owen Sound Legion.



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OR click the 'f' in the top right corner of the  
District 10 website: <https://district10.rtoero.ca/>

## Congratulations to Bruce Grey & Dufferin as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a district of RTOERO.

**There** were events which occurred in 1972 other than the founding of our district. Some of those which you may recall are:

1. The Canada-Russia hockey series was won by Canada
2. Manufacture of the first digital watches
3. The massacre of 11 Israel athletes at the Munich Olympics
4. Atari released "Pong"
5. The Watergate Scandal
6. The PM was Pierre Trudeau and the Premier of Ontario was Bill Davis
7. Gasoline was approximately 13 cents per litre
8. Britain took direct control over Northern Ireland
9. Top of the charts was "American Pie" ... Don McLean
10. Most popular movie was "The Godfather"
11. The number 1 book was "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" ... Richard Bach. Macmillan
12. The most popular TV show was "All in the Family"

### Changed your address or your email?

ALWAYS inform head office of RTO/ERO if you have changed your address or email.



Please contact [membership@rto-ero.org](mailto:membership@rto-ero.org)

or [rtoero.ca](http://rtoero.ca) or 1-800-361-9888



Please include your RTO/ERO membership number when requesting a change.

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