

**This is a brief summary of what we do in Ottawa-Carleton.**

Beside RPW's, (French and English) we attended OCTEF day at le Palais de congrès.  
We hold welcome breakfasts, receptions for new retirees.

This year's we are giving an incentive to reduce cost to those current members who bring a new retiree to the welcome reception in September

We send letters/emails to about to retire teachers/principals to the degree that we can get relevant info from all the local boards. We placed ads and e-mails re our RPW's with all the local affiliates and at the Faculty of Education.

We put ads in Horizons (our newsletter) and on our web-site to encourage current members to promote all events and bring a guest, etc.

We try to get publicity for our activities, most recently our Celebrity Award made the Sports section of the Ottawa Citizen.

We take a role in many local fundraising activities, ex a member was part of a team climbing Mt Kilimanjaro for the Montfort Hospital and this made the local media which may demonstrate that we are an active group.

Our choir performs frequently in the area and always gets good reviews so indirectly this also might help to get a few more people involved with RTO/ERO.

We continually try to get good publicity for all events in the local media. Any strategies in this area would be most welcome as this is a continual challenge.

Trust this is helpful.

Best regards.

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