

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### What is RTO/ERO?

The Retired Teachers of Ontario / Les enseignantes et enseignants retraités de l'Ontario commonly referred to as **RTO/ERO**, is a provincial organization of retired Ontario teachers, administrators and others receiving pensions and allowances under the Teacher's Pension Act, which is administered by the Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan Board. Other retired educational personnel may join as 'associate' members.

Formed in 1968, under the name of Superannuated Teachers of Ontario (STO/ERO), **RTO/ERO** is the official voice of retired teachers, promoting and protecting their interests particularly in the area of pensions, health care and insurance.

### How many members in RTO/ERO?

There are about 64,000 members and 4,000 'associate' members ranging from 51 to 100+ years of age. Most **RTO/ERO** members are affiliated with one of the 45 provincial districts in Ontario. Approximately 750 members live in other parts of Canada or outside Canada and maintain an association with the Ontario district in which they taught. Over half of these members are affiliated with the two **RTO/ERO** districts in British Columbia.

### What services are provided to RTO/ERO members?

RTO/ERO:

- advocates on important issues for retired teachers such as Teachers' Pension Plan, Health Services, CPP and government legislation.
- monitors pension legislation, providing input on proposed changes and recommending improvements.
- participates in regular discussions with the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF/FEO) and is a voting member of the OTF/FEO Pension Committee and Pension Negotiations Committee.
- owns and manages its own Health Plan and other Insurance plans such as: non-deductible Extended Health Care, travel insurance outside Ontario, vision, dental, auto, life insurance, and long-term care insurance.
- takes political action on matters of concern to our members, including support for active teachers and public education.
- provides support and financial assistance to members in need.
- provides a quarterly magazine for all members and monthly updates for provincial and district leaders.
- provides over 45 'Fact Sheets' containing helpful information specifically for retired teachers.
- maintains and provides access to the Provincial and District Websites.
- offers a travel program for members and friends.