

...Join Our Organization

RTO/ERO is the official voice for all retired educators and educational support staff. Our organization is the only one dedicated to promoting and protecting the interests of retired educators in the areas of pension, health-care and insurance. It also supports issues affecting all retirees, seniors, active teachers and the children in Ontario.

District 33 Chatham-Kent has almost 900 members. Our provincial organization has more than 61,000 members ranging in age from 51 to over 100.



How to Join...

Membership

is not automatic upon retirement.

To join RTO/ERO, you must apply!

Fees are calculated on your pension at the rate of \$1.20 per \$1000 of gross annual income. Fees are collected either as a deduction from your January pension cheque or by invoice from the provincial office.

District Membership is included in your RTO/ERO Provincial Membership.

Why Join?

- Be a part of a vibrant and active organization
- Keep in touch with colleagues and friends
- Participate in District activities
- Access Health Care Coverage and a Long Term Care Plan

Health and Insurance Benefits

RTO/ERO offers members competitive health and dental insurance plans which cover standard benefits and also include travel insurance with \$6,000 trip cancellation coverage at no extra cost.

Specific benefits include

- extended health care
- prescription drugs
- semi-private hospital plan
- dental care
- vision care
- access to health professionals such as chiropractors and therapists
- home and auto insurance

Travel

District 33 offers affordable day trips to such places as Stratford. As well, one overnight trip to the Shaw Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake is planned each year. These trips are very popular and sell out in days. In addition, other trips (e.g. Chicago, New York) have been planned periodically. There is also our annual trip to a Blue Jay game in August.

Longer trips are available through Provincial travel agencies that offer RTO/ERO members excellent discounts.

Communications

Our communications include:

- District newsletters
- District website
- Provincial quarterly magazine
- Provincial website
- Liaison with active teacher organizations and other RTO/ERO Districts
- Professional organizations such as CARP and RWTO

District 33 Meetings

SEPTEMBER: "To H*** With the Bell" Breakfast is a casual breakfast held on the first day of school to celebrate freedom from bells

OCTOBER: Annual Meeting and Luncheon is a short business meeting followed by entertainment and a guest speaker addressing topics pertinent to retirees

MAY: Semi-Annual Meeting & Breakfast follows the same format as the annual meeting featuring the presentation of the Volunteer Appreciation Awards, and lots of time built in for socializing

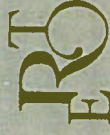
Goodwill

The Goodwill Committee looks after the special needs of our members. Cards and notes are sent to shut-ins and those celebrating special events. Memorial donations are made in remembrance of deceased members.

Recreational Activities

Golf - an annual Golf Fun Day held at various local golf courses followed by lunch and prizes

Curling - an annual January Curling Fun Day held at the Chatham Granite Club



Service to Others

RTO/ERO members are very active in the community and volunteer for many different organizations. District 33 supported and provided funding for the following organizations through an RTO/ERO "Service to Others" grant.

1. The W.I.S.H. Centre
2. The Children's Safety Village
3. Buxton National Historic Site & Museum
4. Acceptional Riders
5. Fatima House - Pakistan

Political Action

Our focus continues to be support for retirees (pension and healthcare), seniors (affordable drugs and housing), active teachers and the children of this province (quality and funding of public education).

Provincial Support

Our District is supported through the following Provincial Committees:

- Communications
- Health Services and Insurance
- Member Services
- Pension and Retirement Concerns
- Political Action
- Project: Service to Others

Our strength is in our numbers

Join and encourage other retired colleagues to become members of District 33 Chatham-Kent



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