

MEMBERSHIP

District 34 welcomes retired teachers and administrators who have worked in York Region, or who taught elsewhere but make their home in York Region.



The District 34 membership of over 1800 is made up of retired elementary and secondary teachers, principals and vice-principals, and supervisory officers from the Public, Catholic, and French systems. There are also a number of Associate Members, most of whom receive spousal pensions as widows or widowers of retired Ontario teachers.

An External Affiliate program allows RTO members who are affiliated with other districts to receive the District 34 newsletter and participate in local activities.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A major goal of District 34 is to provide opportunities for members to socialize, enjoy one another's company, renew old acquaintances and make new friends. A number of social events are presented each year.

Luncheons:

Each year there are 2 luncheons, one in October and one in May which also serves as the Annual Meeting of the District. These are held in the lovely settings of Golf and Country Clubs in the Region. The food is delicious, the company is lively, and the entertainment is delightful.

Hava Java:

District 34 provides free coffee and a treat at these informal gatherings held a number of times throughout the year at 3 different locations in the Region on the same day. There is laughter and lively conversation on these occasions.

Theatre Trips:

Each year a number of trips to theatres at Stratford and the Shaw Festival are offered. These are very popular events for members who enjoy the convenience of transportation on a coach and a chance to socialize as well as attending a popular choice of play.

Open House and Retirement Celebration:

Each September, District 34 hosts an Open House for all its members as well as potential members. Wine and cheese and

other goodies are served to those who attend. Everyone present celebrates another September to 'forget the bell'.

Sports and Leisure Events:

A number of events are planned each year for the members' enjoyment. Members can participate in such activities as bridge, golf, curling, and bowling. From time to time other kinds of events are presented as well.

NEWSLETTER

Three times a year, District 34 publishes its newsletter, The 34th Story. This newsletter keeps the membership informed of all the upcoming events in the District. Pictures of past activities document the fun those have provided. Also included in the newsletter pages are bits of pertinent information as well as joke or two and articles on varying topics submitted by District members.



SERVICE TO OTHERS

District 34 has a program called 'Project Service to Others'. It is an outgrowth of the similar RTO/ERO program. This is a grant program for Districts to participate in worthwhile community projects. To date, District 34 has received two grants from the Province. Since only one grant per District is awarded annually, District 34's project is a corresponding program that supports other worthy recipients. To date these grants have provided a Books for Schools program, support for Rose of Sharon and for Markham Little Theatre.

GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIP

The Goodwill and Friendship Convener of District 34 sends remembrances to those

members who are ill or bereaved. A telephone and e-mail network is used to remind members of events and to keep in touch with those who may be shut-ins or require transportation to events.



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The details of the many benefits that come with membership in RTO/ERO are listed in the various publications of the organization. To obtain any of these directly from the provincial office, please call **1-800-361-9888**. Membership application forms are also available.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

District 34 has an active Executive that is committed to providing interesting programs for members and to keep members informed. The Executive helps provide information about RTO/ERO to teachers who are about to retire by working with local OTF affiliates and Boards of Education. The District also reaches out to retired teachers who are still non-members to ensure they are aware of the benefits of membership in RTO/ERO.

District 34 also has active committees on the subjects of Health Insurance, Pensions, and Political Action. These committees deal with matters that are of great interest and concern to many members. The contact person listed below will be happy to direct any inquiries regarding these committees and their work to the appropriate Chairperson.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about RTO/ERO and District 34, please contact Membership Secretary, Evelyn Lawrence, at 905-473-9490 or ep Lawrence@sympatico.ca.

WEBSITES

Provincial RTO/ERO
www.rto-ero.org/index-en.htm
OTPP - Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan
www.otpp.com/web/website.nsf/web/home

ERO DISTRICT 34 YORK REGION

The Retired Teachers of Ontario
Les enseignantes et enseignants
retraités de l'Ontario



District 34 is one of 43 branches of the Retired Teachers of Ontario. Since 1968, RTO/ERO has been the official voice and only organization dedicated to promoting and protecting the interests of retired members of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan.