

What does it cost to belong to RTO/ERO?

Full membership fee is \$1.20 per \$1000 or major fraction thereof, of gross annual pension
Example: a \$40 000 pension = \$40 annually (for OTTP receivers only)

An associate member fee is:

- **\$0.96 per \$1000** or major fraction thereof, of gross annual pension for surviving spouses not eligible to receive an OTTP

-**\$30** for retired teachers who collect OTTP and belong to the RTO/ERO Group Benefit Plan

-**\$30** for persons holding a teaching certificate but who are not retired but contribute to the Ontario Public Service Pension Fund or the Ontario University or College Pension Fund (or Canadian equivalent)

-**\$47** for all other Associate membership categories
(Examples: OTTP educators not in the Group benefit plan, those who collected commuted value, non- educator employees of an Ontario school board or another educational institution such as educational assistants, support staff, custodians and secretaries, a divorced spouse of an RTO member, and retired educators from Canadian colleges and universities)

Top Reasons to Join RTO

- **Maintain contact with colleagues by attending local social functions**

-**Stay involved with an organized educator's group**

-**Have a say in how your pension is managed**

-**Have a united voice in issues which affect your retired lifestyle**

Take advantage of travel opportunities

- **Have access to advice on legal and family issues**

Receive provincial and local newsletters

Get involved with special projects at the local level

- **Be eligible to apply for scholarships for your near relatives**

-**have access to RTO/ERO Group benefits Program if desired**

-**access to emergency assistance**



The Retired Teachers of Ontario

les enseignantes et enseignants retraités
de l'Ontario

We invite you to join

District 6

Parry Sound!



District 6 AGM
(East and West Units)
is November 3rd at the Swiss
Country House Ahmic Lake
Resort 9:45-10:20 am. for Meet
and Greet
10:30 Business Meeting
Cost \$10.00

Notes about RTO Membership

RTO is a strong voice promoting and protecting the interests of retired teachers of the Ontario Pension Plan with over 61 000 members.

Membership is not automatic but one must apply for it. You can apply for membership without participating in the Health Insurance programs. There are 2 major categories-Full Member or one of the subcategories of Associate Membership, depending on your individual circumstances.

For further information or to apply for membership contact the Provincial RTO office at 1-800-361-9888, www.rto-ero.org or contact our Membership Chair

Our Committees

The **Membership Chair**: answers questions about membership, keeps accurate records and maintains contact with members. Unit 6-2 of District 6 currently has 160 members and combined with East Parry Sound over 390 members. Contact: John Hake 389-2748
The **Health Chair** assists members by providing up-to-date information about the various RTO/ERO Group Benefits Programs.
Contact: Pat Cassidy 746-8138

The Service to Others Chair

District 6 applies for Provincial funding to assist one community project each year. Our last two projects have been to offer a Bullying Awareness Program in our elementary Schools and to assist with the Meal Programs at Harvest Share. Contact: Mary vanDiepen 732-2031

The **Goodwill Convener**: provides cards to members who are hospitalized, those who are bereaved, and those who are in need of special reminders that we care about them. Memorial donations are made in remembrance of deceased members. This year Christmas cards will be send to members 85+ years old. Contact Kay Wilkinson 746-9511
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). Members are kept informed of important issues. Contact Joan Walton 746-9276

Communications Chair: provides 3 "Sound News" newsletters per year to inform members of upcoming events and pertinent District and Provincial matters. Members are encouraged to submit articles.

A focus on one of our members is a current goal. Members receive the Provincial magazine (*Renaissance*) and have access to the Provincial Website's "Members Only" site.

Contact: Debbie Stivrins 378-4962

Pension and Retirement Concerns

Chair: provides information and clarification on our Teachers' Pension Plan, the Canadian Pension Plan and Old Age Security. It also focuses on current retirement concerns affecting all Canadian retirees.

Contact Phil vanDiepen 732-2031

Luncheons & Guest Speakers

District 6's "**To Hell with the Bell**"

Luncheon is held in early September to celebrate that we no longer have to answer to the sound of the bell! **Sept.8th at 11:00**

The **Christmas Luncheon** held in late November or early December offers members an opportunity to sing a few Christmas tunes and enjoy the fellowship of members as we gear-up the Christmas season.

Nov. 25, 2009

Our **Spring Luncheon(AGM)** gives members an opportunities to hear interesting speakers, learn about the issues affecting retirees and keep current with the happenings in our District. **May 27th, 2010**