

**RETIRED TEACHERS KEEP ACTIVE AND CONNECTED**

You would be hard pressed to find a retired teacher who is not active and connected! The nature of teaching seems to be that, in retirement, individuals continue to contribute in significant ways to the community. Our Honorary President, Ken Johnson, was certainly a role model in his active teaching years, and he continues to be one of our best in his retirement years. Our May meeting's guest speaker, Patricia Klee, from the Office of the Ontario Ombudsman, praised us for our "connectedness" to the community. At the September 2005 "To-Hell-with-the-Bell" luncheon, incoming President of RTO District 6, Bob Harris's story of his overseas teaching experience will perhaps be the catalyst for a few others to exercise their vast expertise overseas. This year's Executive encourages all retired teachers in West Parry Sound to include RTO in their network of connections so they can both "serve others" and protect their hard-earned retirement resources.

Our Unit continues to connect with active teachers and their students. Again in 2005, we are serving others via the "skilled trades" project for all grade eight students in the area at the annual camping trip on the O.T.F. property near Dunchurch. RTO members are welcome to come and watch this year's cardboard boat races (Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> around 6:00 p.m.) to see the enthusiasm and applied skills of today's students.

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Don Cowan, West Parry Sound Unit  
 President

**In Memorium**

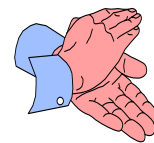
**Adrienne Edward died June 1, 2005** – wife of Allan; mother of David (and Joy in London), and Katie (and Mark Cleland in Ottawa); grandmother of Davis and Lauren; Gregory, Taylor and Scott. She was a terrific artist who designed logos for the West Parry Sound Teachers' Federation and Festival of the Sound.



*Bursary Winner*

We have received a thank you from Amy Allen, this years Bursary winner. She is working at two jobs this summer. She will send a picture so we can add her face to our display of winners which can be seen in a case across from the small gym in PSHS. When I spoke to her she told me she is planning to study at Athabaska University and she plans to be a teacher.

NEW RETIREES  
 Gary Horne, Ned Jones,  
 Beth Aselstyne  
**Way to Go!!!!**



DID YOU SEE?

*It was really interesting to see an article about Dave Marsh in the Lifestyles. If we can help him find articles to send to the Inuit people we can reach him at Crofters. I was interested to see the items he sends, skates, cross-country skis, baseball equipment, craft materials, shoes, boots, purses, belts, scarves, wheelchairs,*

walkers, crutches, knee and back braces to mention some.

## Important Dates:

<p>September 6, 2005.</p> 	<p>To Hell With the Bell Orville Community Hall 10:00 AM Bob Harris speaker 'Teaching out of the Country'</p>
<p>September 21, 2005.</p>	<p>Retirement Festival Optimist Hall 10:00 AM Meet our active community.</p>
<p>September 22, 2005.</p> 	<p><b>District Annual Meeting</b> Magnetawan Inn 9:30 Registration Lunch to follow meeting Brian Kenny Speaker</p>
<p>December ?, 2005.</p> 	<p>What do you want? Tea? Dinner? We would like input.</p>

### DISCOUNTS

As seniors we can receive discounts at different stores at different times. Example the Shoppers has 20% discounts (some restrictions) the last Thursday of each month. The Bargain Shop has a sign in their window that states discounts every Monday. Hairdressers should be asked as many have 10% on certain days. Hotels have discounts so ask before you reserve. These are just a few. Ask and save money. Tell me (Joan) if you find others.



### POLITICAL ACTION

Margaret Couture, our District PAC representative, is now on the provincial PAC committee with RTO/ERO. My experience with her makes me confident she will be an excellent active member. Already I am aware that they have lobbied to have PSA testing costs included in OHIP. I have been informed that the legislature has begun passing readings on a bill to do just that. They may not be the sole influence but together we are a BIG influence. Our unit representative Elizabeth Croft has been talking to the OPP learning about elder abuse. As seniors we should know that our district OPP has an abuse issues officer who attends to serious scams and telemarketing issues. They deal with physical, mental, and sex abuse as well as fraud issues. They have cases where power of attorney and/or personal family loans were misused.

A Symposium of Seniors Driving Issues will be presented at the Stockey Centre 9AM September 29th. The OPP, CAA and MTO combine forces to make this presentation. Later in the fall they would like to have a presentation on broader issues of interest to seniors.



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