

Recreational Activities

- Bowling - weekly
- Bridge - monthly
- Hiking - monthly
- Book Discussion Groups - monthly
- Golf Tournament - yearly

Health and Insurance Benefits

RTO/ERO **owns** and offers its members superior, competitive group Semi-Private Hospital, Extended Health Care and Dental plans through Johnson Inc.

Extended Health Care - In-Province Benefits such as Prescription Drugs, Paramedical Practitioners, Vision, Aids and Appliances, Diagnostic and Other Procedures, Private Duty Nursing, Transportation/Ambulance, Accidental Dental, Educational Programs and Referral Treatment Outside Canada are reimbursed according to the various maximums and limits as outlined in the Health Insurance Plans Booklet.

Extended Health Care Out-of-Province /Canada Travel Benefit provides for *any number of trips of up to 62 days* in duration, eligible Travel Emergency Medical expenses incurred due to an accident or sudden and unforeseen illness while travelling outside your province of residence, including outside Canada, reimbursed at 100% to a **maximum of \$1,000,000 per trip per insured person with no deductible**. It also includes Trip Cancellation up to \$6,000 per insured person for the pre-paid, non-refundable portion of your travel arrangement costs for trips that were booked prior to departure from your province of residence.



The Retired Teachers of Ontario

Les enseignantes et enseignants retraités de l'Ontario

Join and encourage other retired colleagues to become members of

RTO/ERO

District 8 London/Middlesex

*Here for you Now...
Here for your Future.*

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Since 1971, RTO/ERO has been the official voice for retired teachers, administrators and support staff with representation from Public and Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools as well as French and Private Schools.

Be sure to visit the District 8 website
www.district8rto-ero.com

How to Join . . .

It's not automatic. You must apply!

Whether you are about to retire or have already retired, once you leave the school system we have no way of contacting you. To join our mailing list and receive further information, you must send a note, or email our Membership Chair, with your name, complete home address with postal code and phone number, and email address if you have one. Then, you will receive an information package to get you started.

But membership in RTO/ERO is not automatic. You will need to fill in and mail the forms. Be sure to indicate on the back of the Membership Application that you want to become a member of **District 8 London/Middlesex**. There is a separate form to apply for Group Health Benefits and Insurance.

Membership applications can be obtained from the membership chair or by contacting the provincial office.

Contact Our Membership Chair

Ellen Atkinson
519-472-9622

email: ellen.atkinson@sympatico.ca

As a "Full" member, the membership fee ranges from \$50 and is calculated based on your pension at the rate of \$1.25 per \$1000 of gross annual income. The fees are collected as a deduction from your January OTPP pension cheque. District Membership is included in your Provincial Membership.

"Associate" memberships are also available.

Services to Others

RTO/ERO members are very active and supportive of their communities and educational institutions. District 8 is proud to support and provide funding for community projects through the provincial "Project: Service-to-Others" program. We also provide two Faculty of Education awards for excellence in their teaching practicum to graduates of the faculty at Althouse College.

Scholarships

Provincial RTO/ERO offers 25 scholarships of \$1000 each, to RTO/ERO family members pursuing a career in education in Canada. Scholarship applications are available online at www.rto-ero.org.

Provincial Support

Our District is financed through a grant program of the provincial organization. They also provide support through the work of the various standing and executive committees such as:

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

Travel

The District Travel Committee organizes affordable day trips to places such as Theatre Aquarius in Hamilton, The Canon Theatre in Toronto, The Shaw Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake and hiking in the Hilton Falls Conservation Area. In addition, a travel agent offers longer trips to such destinations as the Finger Lakes Region of New York and the Mississippi River area.

We Keep In Touch

Our Goodwill Committee looks after the special needs of our members. Cards, notes and flowers are sent to shut-ins and those celebrating special events. Our members 85 years of age and older receive poinsettias and a visit from member volunteers in time for Christmas.

Communicating with Members

The membership is kept informed of programs and services through the District newsletter "News at 8" and our website. Communications are enhanced by Provincial publications available to members such as the magazine "Renaissance" and the publications "Health Matters", "Liaison", "Tax Tips" and a number of "Fact Sheets" found on the Provincial website.

District 8 Events

Members participate in a number of social events such as the:

- "To Hell With The Bell" social held on the first day of school
- Spring Luncheon - May 10 - 40th Anniversary
- Annual Meeting of the District - October
- Poinsettia Luncheon - November