



RTOERO District 11 Waterloo Region APRIL ENEWS

April has arrived! Spring is in the air and that is a welcome sign of things to come after the winter. Have you noticed the robins and the early plants popping up in the gardens? I even saw a ladybug the other day! Spring is a welcome sign of new opportunities. Your District 11 team has been busy meeting and planning activities for you!

In March, we held our first in-person Retirement Planning Workshop (RPW) for approximately 60 potential new members, at the Crowne Plaza hotel. It is interesting to note that our last in person RPW here in Waterloo Region was held on Thursday, March 20, 2020. That date is significant because it was also the day that the Minister of Education announced that schools would remain closed following the March Break, due to covid.

The return to in-person events is a welcome change for all of us! Our Coffee and Conversation group now meets at a local coffee shop. Our first ever After School Get-Together for Active Working and New members is set for this month.

On September 12th, we'll host our 25th Annual RTOERO Golf Tournament! This golf tournament provides members with a chance to enjoy a game of golf and connect with former colleagues. The golf tournament also supports local hospitals and has donated \$250,000 over our 25 years. A key to the golf tournament's success is the amazing people who have worked hard over the years to make this event happen for our members! If you are interested in participating in this year's 25th Golf tournament, please don't hesitate to reach out! Be part of the 25th Anniversary of our RTOERO District 11 Golf tournament.

RTOERO is so much more than just a benefit plan! Participate in activities and events... you'll be glad you did!

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CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING APRIL 2023 EVENTS! Registration Links included:		
Event	Date	Registration
District 11 Board Meeting	Monday, April 3- 9:30 a.m.	
Coffee and Conversation	Tuesday April 11- 9:30a.m.	Click Here
Social Art Afternoon	Thursday, April 13- 2 - 4 p.m.	Click Here to register
Book Club	Thursday, April 20 a.m.	Click Here to join
After-School Get Together for Active Working & New Members	Thursday, April 20 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Click Here to register. <i>Active/New members only</i>
Fresh Air Friday with "Peter Rasberry"	Friday April 21 10:30 a.m.	Click Here
Stitching with Friends	Monday, April 24 2:00 p.m.	Click Here
District 11 Spring Luncheon	Thursday, May 25 11:30a.m.	Click Here to register

Fresh Air Friday - We hope that the "3rd time is the charm" for our long-awaited walk with Peter Rasberry. Our February and our March walks were cancelled and postponed to April due to bad weather! We are hoping for better 'walking weather' this month! Peter will be highlighting birds, and signs of spring as we explore the Huron Natural Area (801 Trillium Dr, Kitchener, ON N2R 1K4) <https://www.kitchener.ca/en/parks-and-trails/huron-natural-area.aspx>
[Click Here](#) to register for April's walk.

Special Thanks to those who attended our ANTI-FRAUD Seminar with Stephanie Senecal of the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre on March 29th. Cyber breaches, frauds and scams are becoming part of the news every day!

Did you know that as of January 31, 2023:

- there have been 6,610 reports of fraud in Canada
- there have been 3,923 Canadian victims of fraud
- \$43.6 million has been lost to fraud in Canada

We don't want to add to these statistics and the best way to protect ourselves is to educate ourselves about frauds and scams. The criminals always seem to be one-step ahead all the time. It is important that we **"Recognize, Reject and Report Fraud"** when we see it.

1-888-495-8501, or email antifraudcentre.ca

SPRING LUNCHEON - Mark your Calendars - Thursday, May 25 at Golf's Steakhouse

RTOERO District 11 is moving to an online electronic payment system for our events.

For the luncheon, members are asked to complete an online registration provided in our monthly eNEWS for April and May. As part of the registration process, members will click on a link that takes them directly to a secure payment site of RTOERO. Once payment has been made, the member receives an automatic message confirming payment. Returning to the registration page, the member clicks submit and both registration and payment is complete. We know that this is a change in procedure, but it is secure and efficient.

Our Spring Luncheon includes choice of chicken parmesan or vegetable stir fry, along with salad and seasonal dessert.

In addition, we're excited that Cindy Matthews, author of **"Took You So Long"**, will join us and share thoughts on her newly published book and life! Wordsworth Books will be present with copies of Cindy's book available for purchase.

[Click Here](#) to Register for **District 11's Spring Luncheon!**

RTOERO is for anyone who has worked for at least five years in the education community in Canada: Staff of public and Catholic schools and school boards; Staff from First Nations schools and education organizations; Staff from daycare and early years centres; Staff from private schools; Staff and faculty of colleges and universities, including contract staff; Staff from education associations; Trustees; Crossing guards, and School transportation staff, including bus drivers

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