

STONY BRIDGES

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President's Message

by David Fleming

An Exciting Spring Program

MANY exciting events are currently taking place this Spring and we are looking forward to all of them. These include: the Speaker / Luncheon, April 20, "Pygmalion" at the Shaw - April 27, the annual Spring Luncheon - May 7 at the Thornhill Golf and Country Club, our first Golf Tournament - May 28th at Kettle Creek Golf Club, and "42nd Street" at the Drayton Festival Theatre on June 1st. We will have an opportunity to describe each of these events in the September edition of the newsletter.



Bev Suzuki at the "Jewish Heritage Tour" Travelogue.

Reinstating the Benefits Program for Retirees

ON February 10th, Bill Menagh, Chair, RTO/ERO Toronto Districts wrote a letter to Peter Young, Executive Superintendent, Employee Services, Toronto District School Board, thanking the TDSB for the decision to reinstate the Benefits Program for those currently retired and those retiring up to May 15, 2004. Since that letter was written the date has been changed to August 31, 2004.

The details of The Toronto District School Board Group

~See PRESIDENT/page 12

Coming Events

Annual General Meeting and Lunch

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

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Guys and Dolls in Stratford

September 24, 2004

Some spaces may still be available. Call Doug Tallon at 416-441-4096

Champagne Breakfast

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

~see page 5

Bridge

Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, September 7, 21, 28

NOTICE TO SCHOOL STAFF

STONY Bridges is a publication of RTO/ERO (Retired Teachers of Ontario) District 23 North York. We have nearly 2000 members who receive this newsletter four times a year. We are mailing this issue to them and to each public, Catholic and private school in the former city of North York to introduce our organization to active but soon - to - retire teachers.

Please place in the staff room

To obtain more information or enquire about membership in RTO/ERO please call 416-962-9463.

Visit us at www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org

STONY Bridges welcomes submissions from members. Please include name, address and telephone number (for identification only) and some past and present biographical information (for publication). Pictures are also welcome. We reserve the right to edit, condense or reject letters or submissions. Send them to:

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No Newsletter?

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- 2) If you are not a member of RTO/ERO District 23 North York, then you will need to join to receive a newsletter. Call RTO/ERO provincial office at 416-962-9463, then call George Meek.

Change of Address

Please use the form found on the back page of this newsletter to notify us of your new information.

Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is June 2, 2004

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Calendar of Events

June

1	Bridge	1:00 p.m.
1	42nd. Street in Drayton	8:45 a.m.
2	Executive Meeting	9:15 a.m.
8	Bridge	1:00 p.m.
9	ACC/Hockey Hall of Fame	10:45 a.m.
15	Bridge	1:00 p.m.
22	Bridge	1:00 p.m.
29	Bridge	1:00 p.m.

September

7	Bridge	1:00 p.m.
8	Executive Meeting	9:15 a.m.
14	Annual General Meeting	10:30 a.m.
21	Bridge	1:00 p.m.
24	Stratford	8:45 a.m.
28	Champagne Breakfast	9:30 a.m.
28	Bridge	1:00 p.m.

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Correction

IN the last edition of STONY Bridges, an article appeared about the Don Valley Glee Club. It was written by Dean Short. I identified Dean as a current member of the teaching staff at Don Valley Junior High. That was incorrect. Dean transferred from Don Valley to Joseph Howe Senior Public School in 2002.

Editor's Letter

by Rob Fraser

THIS is the first time that STONY Bridges has published a June issue. There are two reasons for adding it. The first is to give longer notice to two events in September that are important to the growth and administration of the organization – The Champagne Breakfast and The Annual General Meeting. The sign-up sheets for both events appear in this issue and will appear (as they always do) in the September issue too. We count on both events to help us with one of our most important jobs – growing the organization. Please sign up now!

The second reason is to mail this June issue to every public, Catholic and private school in the former City of North York. We hope it lands in every staffroom for soon-to-rotate teachers to see. We want them to sign up for the Champagne Breakfast held in their honour. And then we want them to join

RTO/ERO. You can help by inviting your soon-to-rotate friends to attend the breakfast with you.

All of our regular features are in this issue. Additionally, there's a feature by Elka Enola about the application of Shari'a law in Ontario. Concerns about it have appeared for several months in the popular media. Elka provides our readers with her own unique perspective on it.

Although the sign-up for Guys and Dolls at the Stratford Festival appeared in the last issue, there may still be a few seats available. Call Doug Tallon at 416 – 441-4096 if you would like to go.

It may be that by the time this issue is in your hands, we will be in the middle of a Federal Election Campaign. RTO/ERO District 23 North York vigorously promotes the importance of voting. VOTE!

Letters to STONY Bridges

Hi Rob,

Herewith are some musings on the writing business as I know it. It was such a pleasure to find Tess Kalinowski's excellent article from the Toronto Star reprinted in the new STONY BRIDGES. With great pride, I want to tell your readers that *Archers, Alchemists and Ninety-Eight Other Medieval Jobs You Might Have Loved or Loathed* has been nominated for the Silver Birch Award. This is especially exciting for me, since school and student participation determine the winner.

While my books have often been runners-up, I have never won a Canadian award. The award I did win, the Bologna Ragazzi Award for Young Adult Nonfiction, for *Too Young to Fight: Memories from our Youth During World War II*, is internationally prestigious, but little known in Canada; mine was the first Canadian book to win it. *Archers, Alchemists* is an engaging book, and one that youngsters and adults can enjoy at different levels of understanding. Winning a Canadian award means a substantial increase in sales and visibility as an author, both of which are important for future publication. I appreciate positive thoughts!

It's an interesting business, writing and publishing in Canada. I work hard at it. On the financial front, I did well to take Dennis Lee's advice many years ago and keep my day job until retirement.

Luckily, as you and many former colleagues know, I liked my work in schools and felt I had a contribution to make. In terms of my writing career, there's been a price to pay, since I did not focus on my writing during my most energetic years. I do my own research and write fairly slowly, with much revision. Although three new books have been published in Canada in 2003, one of them, *The Courtesan's Daughter*, was published in the USA in 2002, and my previous book, *Too Young to Fight*, was published in 1999. The shelf life of books is often shorter than that of groceries. Publish or perish applies to trade authors as much as it does to academics. I remember fondly the celebrations arranged by my North York colleagues when my first trade books were published more than twenty years ago. I cherish the support I received at that time, and its continuance now with your reprint of Tess's article.

Best wishes,
Priscilla Galloway

The Annual General Meeting and Lunch



Tuesday
September 14, 2004
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$10.00

Moonlight Ballroom
3125 Bayview Ave.,

(north of Sheppard, east side)

- | Menu |
|---|
| ~house greens with goat cheese and spiced walnuts with a balsamic dressing. |
| ~penne with a tomato basil sauce and grilled chicken. |
| ~fruit crisp with ice cream |
| ~coffee, tea |
| ~cash bar |

Come and participate in the business of RTO/ERO District 23, North York, meet the executive, and enjoy a catered lunch.

The Annual General Meeting and Lunch

Tuesday, September 14, 2004
(Cut-off Date: Friday, September 10, 2004)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Cheque enclosed for \$ _____

Make cheque payable to **RTO/ERO District 23, North York** and send to:

Mildred Frank,
705-505 Cummer Ave.,
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Champagne Breakfast

Moonlight Ballroom
3125 Bayview Avenue
(north of Sheppard, east side)

Tuesday, September 28, 2004
9:30 a.m.

Cut-Off Date: Thursday September 23, 2004



Who? Everybody - New retirees *and* STONY members.

Cost? Free for any teacher retired since September 2003, \$7.00 for STONY members.

What? Champagne/Continental Breakfast

Contact: Mildred Frank (416) 221 - 5328



Champagne Breakfast

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Cut-Off Date: Thursday, September, 23, 2004

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Cheque enclosed for \$ _____ STONY Members only.
(New retirees attend free!)

Member

New Retiree

Please make cheque payable to **RTO/ERO District 23 North York**
and mail to:

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CHALK DUST MEMORIES

Farcical and humorous tales submitted by our readers

Practical Jokes

by Allen Strike

LOOKING back across the sunlit meadows of my teaching career in Ontario, which is all of it, I can remember so few practical jokes. It seems to me that, in England, when I was of school age there were many practical jokes. Maybe a more rigid system produces more. A practical joke does nobody any real harm. Slashing tires, scratching cars, wrecking classrooms, turning over outhouses, and bullying do not count as jokes because they do harm and they do not involve cleverness. A good practical joke should cleverly capitalise on a foible or a quirk in the victim.

I heard of one teacher who, rightly in my view, was meticulous about maintaining a litter-free classroom. According to his timetable he had to take over a class immediately after a lax teacher had left the room. There was always paper and jetsam left on the floors. He would march into the room and order that all the litter be picked up before anything else was done. Then he would stride over to the waste can and stamp down firmly on its contents so that there was room for the harvest of refuse. All went well until April Fool's Day.

On that day the students filled the can with water, made sure that there was plenty of litter on the floor and then floated crumpled paper on top of the water in the can. True to form, at period change, the teacher marched into the room, ordered the paper to be picked up and then stamped down firmly on the paper in the waste can.

In a York Mills area school I heard of a gentle joke played by some of the male staff on one of their number. This man was a rather prissy fellow, a punctilious older bachelor who lived with his mother. This was a time when men were still wearing hats and the victim had bought a new fedora which his mother kept

brushed for him. Let us call this the basic hat. The plotters went out and bought two hats of the same design; one was a full size larger and the other one a full size smaller than the basic hat.

First the jokers removed the basic hat from the staff cloak closet and replaced it with the big hat. The next day they checked the hat and found that the victim had stuffed the crown with paper to prevent it falling over his ears. They replaced this hat with the basic hat but transferred the paper into it. The next day the basic hat was back without the paper. This was then replaced with the small hat. This was presumably worn with some discomfort but reappeared the next day on the shelf where it was replaced with the basic hat. How long this went on I have no idea but it was a good wease while it lasted.

The most extensive practical joke that I heard of occurred at Don Mills Collegiate around 1963. There a group of senior students got into the school over the weekend and gained access to the records of the combinations of all the locks on the student lockers. This was before there were the ubiquitous burglar alarms in the schools. It must have taken many hours to do but the gang managed to exchange a sizeable portion of all the locks in the school. There was a lot of confusion that next Monday. The perpetrators were uncovered but I don't think that they were severely punished. The principal was an Englishman.



Al Strike is also an Englishman, and a regular contributor to STONY Bridges. In addition to writing farcical tales, he designs, paints and sculpts from his home in Toronto. During these next summer months, Al might be found floating on the St. Lawrence River in the houseboat that he designed and built in his backyard. I am told by reliable sources that the day he removed it from the yard was a day of some hilarity.

RTO/ERO MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Political Action Committee

Below is a list of issues that may be of importance to you.
 We would like to know how important, or unimportant, these issues are to you.
 Please take a moment and put an "X" in the appropriate box and return to:

Andree Nottage,
 45 Drakefield Rd.,
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Issue	Strongly Concerned	Fairly Important	Somewhat Interested	Least Important
<u>Affordable housing</u>				
<u>Border crossing and security</u>				
<u>Coping with epidemics</u>				
<u>Cost of prescription drugs</u>				
<u>Credit Card Interest Rates</u>				
<u>Criminal Justice System</u>				
<u>Defence Spending</u>				
<u>Elder Abuse</u>				
<u>Employment Insurance</u>				
<u>Energy Supplies</u>				
<u>Environment</u>				
<u>Ethics in Politics</u>				
<u>Expansion of Roads, Rail</u>				
<u>Federal/Provincial Relations</u>				
<u>Foreign Aid and Relations</u>				
<u>Fresh Water Supply</u>				
<u>Genetically Modified Foods</u>				
<u>Long Term Care</u>				
<u>Municipal/Provincial Infrastructure</u>				
<u>Public Transportation</u>				
<u>Privatization of Gov't Services</u>				
<u>Reduction/Removal of GST</u>				
<u>State of Canadian Cities</u>				
<u>University Tuition</u>				
<u>Universal Health Care</u>				
Issues not listed but important to you				

Bridge Report

by Alan Ward

THE Bridge Club comprises about 60 individuals and on any given Tuesday afternoon, around 35 - 40 enthusiastic players gather at Willowdale United Church for a pleasant social afternoon. New members are always welcome to join us, whether rookies or seasoned players.

In February we were saddened to learn of the passing of our oldest member, Murray McIntyre, at the age of 94. Murray will be remembered with respect and affection for his wisdom and kindness.

For more information please contact Alan Ward through email at alanward@interlog.com or by telephone at 905-889-3687.

Challenge Hand Winners: Duplicate style competition

Date	North-South Pair(s)	East-West Pair(s)
February 10th	Frank Salianni & Helen Wiber	Gwen & Rene Gagnon
February 17th	Ruth Jacobs & Lee White	5 pairs tied
February 24th	Bev & Vic Suzuki	Jack Foote & Val MacDougall
March 9th	Mary Lutes & Barbara Woodrow	Carson Klinck & Hazel Perkin
March 16th	Hue Campbell & Darlene McCowan	Eileen & Wayne Justeson
		Carson Klinck & Marilyn Storton-Butcher
March 23rd	7 pairs tied	Johanna Burt & Lois Lewis
March 30th	Inge & Bob Radko	George Vanderwerf & Hardie McNeil

The Table Champions

Congratulations to the following who were undefeated in the first five rounds during February and March: Darlene McCowan, Nada Dimitrievich, David Fleming, Bette McKeon, Nancy Walsh, Lee White, Bev Henricks, Joyce Arnsby.

The Slam Bidders

		<u>Contract Bid (made)</u>
February 10th	Bev Suzuki & Mel York	6 Diamonds (+1)
February 17th	Clarice Giffen & Marsh Morris	6 No Trump
	Jack Klempner & Jean Cameron	6 No Trump (+1)
	Jack Klempner & Bev Suzuki	6 No Trump
	Lila Belbin & Marilyn Johnson	6 Diamonds (+1)
	Lila Belbin & George Vanderwerf	6 No Trump (+1)
February 17th (contd)	Donna Mighton & Hazel Perkin	6 Diamonds
	Hardie McNeil & Lee White	6 Hearts
February 24th	Hue Campbell & Ruth Jacobs	6 No Trump (+1)
	David Fleming & Darlene McCowan	6 Spades
	Hazel Perkin & Marilyn Storton-Butcher	6 Spades (+1)

	Donna Mighton & Marilyn Storton-Butcher	6 No Trump (+1)
	Frank Saliani & Nancy Walsh	6 Spades
March 9th	Donna Mighton & Marsh Morris	6 Spades
March 16th	Joyce Arnsby & Polly Clarke	6 Diamonds (+1)
	Joyce Arnsby & George Vanderwerf	6 Hearts
	Hazel Perkin & Lee White	6 Spades
	Jack Klempner & Barbara Woodrow	6 No Trump
	Eileen Justeson & Frank Saliani	6 Clubs
March 23rd	Eileen Justeson & Jean Cameron	6 Spades (+1)
March 30th	Bev Henricks & Lois Lewis	6 No Trump
	Lila Belbin & Lee White	6 Spades (+1)

Challenge Hand (March 23rd)

How can South as declarer find a 12th trick in the 6 Spades contract shown below? The table on the right shows how a computer played the East/West hands.

	North:	Trick	S	W	N	E
	S: KJT	1	7C	4C	2C	AC
	H: KJ	2	7S	TC	5C	3C*
	D: Q743	3	5H*	3H	KH	2H
	C: 9852	4	8S	QC	8C*	6C
West:	East:	5	9H*	7H	JH	4H
S: 652	S: 43	6	9S	KC	9C*	JC
H: 873	H: 642	7	AS*	2S	TS	3S
D: K96	D: JT52	8	QS*	5S	KS	4S
C: KQT4	C: AJ63	9	8D	6S	JS*	2D
	South:	10	AD	6D	3D*	5D
	S: AQ987	11	AH*	8H	4D	6H
	H: AQT95	12	QH*	9D	7D	TD
	D: A8	13	TH*	KD	QD	JD
	C:7					

* ~ opening lead

This is an example of Reverse Dummy play. Declarer has 11 top tricks and must create an extra trump trick. This is usually done by ruffing in the hand with fewer trumps (North in this case). However, North is short in the wrong suits. Declarer must hope for a 3:2 trump division and ruff 3 clubs in hand after East wins the first club lead, returning to the North hand with the King and Jack of Hearts. This is an unusual play but the only one that offers any chance of bringing home the contract. Even if the clubs do not divide 4:4, declarer's trumps cannot be overruffed.

Make a Difference

Volunteer with RTO/ERO

by Helen Wiber

DOCTOR Elaine Demble in her book, *Passionate Longevity*, 2003, writes inspiring words for those of us who may have a few extra hours in our days. According to her, offering our time, energy and skills in a volunteer capacity adds years to lives, making us feel like we're on this earth for a worthwhile purpose. She further states that this extra longevity is from the sense of well being and fulfillment that comes from returning something of real value, like our time, to society free of charge. "There is a life enhancing dimension to volunteerism. People who take an active role in their communities tend to be healthier than those who live in social isolation."

Dr. Demble relates the story of the late Audrey Hepburn who helped children in underprivileged countries for many years. Her words are an encouragement to us. "If you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm. As you get older, remember you have a second hand. The first is to help yourself; the second is to help others!"

Volunteer Opportunities

OLDER less fortunate pensioners appreciate the cards, call and visits paid to them and to the shut-ins in our midst. More volunteers are required to keep up these contacts that mean so much. To keep our organization strong, more retirees are needed to assist with the support and planning of the activities in our district.

RTO/ERO District 23's

past president, Andrée Nottage (905 472-3784) is willing to talk with you, to find out your interests and see how you could volunteer in our district to be of service to other retirees.

Toronto Botanical Garden

FOR the Toronto Botanical Garden's program Helping People Grow, volunteers with previous experience with children are needed to contribute their enthusiasm, creativity and knowledge to their team. You would work with the Teaching Garden Staff as they provide programming to school groups from K-6 at their outdoor site now until June, and from September and October - one-half day per week. If interested, contact Christine at 416-397-4145.

Recognizing Peter Lynch

PETER, on behalf of the executive and membership of District 23, we wish to extend our appreciation for



your devotion and dedication throughout the years. Since 1986 when Peter retired as principal of Calico Elementary School, he has been involved in our executive committee in some capacity. He answered the call of a then recently

retired colleague who invited him to work with RTO/ERO and has been with us ever since.

During his time in the group, he has been able to advise on pension issues and acts as assistant treasurer. Working with Don Lowery and Kathleen Elliot, Peter collects funds from our trips and other events. He receives your reservations for trips and deposits your checks in the bank. He cheerfully takes calls from those who are on waiting lists for oversubscribed trips. Without his organizational skills in maintaining numbers and balances, our many events would not run as smoothly.

Peter not only agreed to serve with the committee to please his friend, Jeff Arnold, one of our past presidents, but to maintain personal contacts that he had built up during his teaching career. Sitting down with Peter over a cup of coffee is the best way to get to know him. He has many engaging stories of his time with the post-war British Army of the Rhine, his association with the Guards Armoured Division as he served after the Second World War. Thank you, Peter.

After so many years on the executive, Peter has decided to hand over his books and records to his successor. If you are interested in taking over this position as one of two assistant treasurers, please call Andrée Nottage 905 472-3784.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

“There is a life enhancing dimension to volunteerism. People who take an active role in their communities tend to be healthier than those who live in social isolation”

Dr Elaine Demble, in her book, *Passionate Longevity, 2003.*

Dear Readers:

I know most of you don't give a second look at ads for volunteers. I don't either. We've all had a life-time of putting up our hands to say, "Yes, I'll do it!" That's what teachers are like. So now you say, "I'm sick of it. Let someone else do it!"

But here I am, six years later, still on the Executive, helping out here and there. I could quit anytime I wanted to. But I haven't yet. And there are others who have been serving on this Executive for more years than you want to know about.

They must enjoy something about it!

But some of them are leaving this year. Different reasons but they're moving on. And that is the main thing I want to say to you.

If you don't like it or you don't want to do it anymore, you don't have to. It's like a 30 day money back guarantee. Try it, if you don't like it, you can quit, no questions asked, with our thanks for giving it a shot! Come to one meeting and check us out. Honestly, you've nothing to lose, and maybe, just maybe - something to gain.

Sincerely,

Rob Fraser, Editor

(With files from Helen Wiber)

YOUR RTO ERO EXECUTIVE NEEDS YOU!

The executive committee is always looking for people to assist as a convener or as a member of one of our standing committees. The jobs are never onerous and always offer more in return than one gives.

The nominations committee is currently looking for people to serve as:

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: leads to position of President.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: assist the Treasurer by collecting monies for the various trips offered.

GOODWILL CONVENER: contact and/or send cards to members who are ill, or bereaved.

RECRUITMENT: plan recruitment programs under the leadership of the Membership Convener.

NAME TAG : assist by preparing name tags, when required, for various functions.

These positions will officially commence at the *Annual General Meeting to be held on September 14, '04.*

Call Andree Nottage at 905-472-3784 or fill out and mail the form below to:

Andree Nottage
45 Drakefield Road,
Markham, ON, L3P 1G8

<p>YES I wish to assist :</p> <p>NAME: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>E-mail address: _____</p> <p>Here is how I would like to help: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

~PRESIDENT, continued from page 1

Benefits Program and premiums, effective January 1, 2005, along with comparisons with the RTO/ERO PLANS are available on our website: www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org.

The Toronto Districts Website

A reminder to all our members to check the website: www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org for information on activities, updated material from the provincial executive, benefits, and other items of interest. For specific items related to North York, go to District 23, North York.

Profiles of Executive Members

In the March issue of this newsletter, we recognized the contributions of several members of the Executive with brief profiles showing their contributions to District 23 and to the provincial RTO/ERO, as well as the highlights from their career and their interests outside RTO/ERO activities. In the current issue we are recognizing Mildred Frank, Kerry Peters, Andree Nottage, Sam Habib and Peter Lynch.

**Recognizing Mildred Frank,
Social Convenor**



MILDRED has made an outstanding contribution to the Executive and the District social activities during the past ten years. She was first Vice President in 1994-95 and President in 1995-96. She was a Senator in her year as immediate Past President, 1996-97.

Since 1997, Mildred has been the Social Convenor. Many of us have benefited from her organizational skills in planning the AGM and Luncheon, the Christmas Luncheon and Spring Luncheon. She initiated the very popular Champagne Breakfasts held each September to welcome new retirees. The people who come to these events always have a good time and appreciate Mildred's talents as M.C.

Mildred also attends other functions such as the Speaker Luncheons and is a solid supporter of District 23.

Mildred had a fascinating career in education. She spent most of her career in high schools in Kitchener, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and North York. She taught English, History and Music.

The highlights of Mildred's career included: a) developing a unique program for teaching Shakespeare to Grade 12 students in Saskatchewan secondary schools; b) co-founding the Saskatchewan English Teachers Association; c) directing three operettas at St. Mary's S.S. in Kitchener and d) organizing an annual conference on self-development for learning-challenged adolescents

Mildred has many interests outside of her involvement with District 23 social activities. She has travelled extensively in Canada and the United States, giving speeches

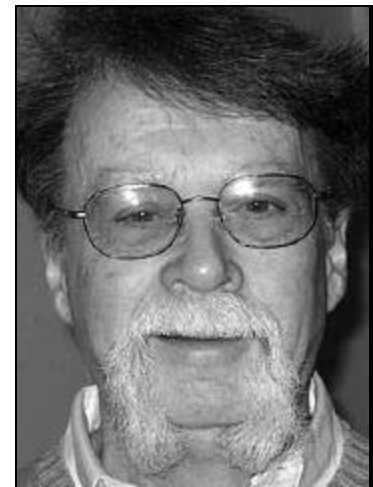
and facilitating retreats. She is chair of the Board for a facility that assists women recovering from addiction to alcohol and drugs.

Mildred is an enthusiastic supporter of the Arts - the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the Mendelssohn Choir and The Royal Alexander Theatre.

Mildred has many hobbies. She has travelled extensively and enjoys cooking, entertaining and reading.

**Recognizing Kerry Peters,
Travelogue Convenor**

KERRY was persuaded to take on the role of travelogue convenor by his former principal, our newsletter



editor, Rob Fraser. In this capacity Kerry has made arrangements for the monthly travelogue presentations that so many of us enjoy watching. We have taken delight in travelling all over the world, visiting places that many of us would not reach in person.

Kerry always has a good sense of humour which helps to keep us smiling when the Executive meetings tend to become too serious. At a recent meeting, on a cold

~See KERRY/page 14

GOODWILL REPORT

By Nina Hillier

CHEERY HELLOS

HAVE you ever received a cheery "Get Well" card in the mail when you were feeling under the weather? If you have, you will remember how it brightened your day.

This is one of the things that the Goodwill Committee does for members of District 23, North York.

BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR THE OVER 80'S

If you know someone who is about to celebrate an 80th birthday, call Nancy Walsh at 416 - 968 - 2067 and she will be sure to send a card.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

We depend on our members to keep us informed about members who are ill, hospitalized, shut-in or bereaved. Please call a committee member with this information.

We also have a policy of donating money to worthy causes beyond the membership and have a budget of \$3000 per year for this purpose. Deliberations carry on throughout the year as we receive requests. Decisions are made by October.

If you would like to recommend a recipient person or organization, please supply the name(s) and relevant particulars, and call a committee member with your idea.

Convenor

Nina Hillier: 416-221-4257

Assistant Convenor

Ruth Bradshaw: 905-472-4142

Cards

Ruth Bradshaw: 905-472-4142

Clara Strozyk: 416-445-6434

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winter's day, the temperature inside Willowdale United Church was quite cool. To keep warm, Kerry donned toque, scarf and gloves.

In addition to convening the travelogue programs and attending Executive meetings, Kerry attends the occasional speaker presentation and luncheons.

Kerry began his teaching career in a one-room school house in Victoria County, teaching grades 1 - 6. However, most of his career was spent teaching in a variety of elementary schools in North York. He was proud to be a North York teacher and felt fortunate to be working with so many caring, professional educators.

Travelling is a very important part of Kerry's life. He has travelled to the far reaches of the world: "Down Under" (Australia and New Zealand), Norway for nine weeks, Switzerland, Hawaii and Vegas, and to the Arctic and Antarctic. We are looking forward to Kerry's own travelogue on one of his trips.

Now that he is retired, Kerry has more time for playing the piano and attending ragtime music festivals. He also participates in a variety of sports, including baseball, curling and snooker.

**Recognizing Andree Nottage,
Past President**

ANDREE joined the RTO/ERO executive in 1999, when she became the 2nd Vice -President. In the year 2002-03 she served as President. This year she is the Past President as well as chair of the Political Action Committee. As the Past President, she is the chair of the Nominations committee as well as a

member of the Speakers Bureau's committee and the photographer for District 23.

Since last spring, Andree has attended many of the District 23 events and activities in order to photograph the participants. These photos are published in *Stony* and/or are posted on the RTO/ERO Toronto Districts' web site. This



has meant that in the last little while, Andree has had to learn all about digital cameras and sending photos on to web sites etc. etc. She claims that this was a bit of a challenge but she met it with a positive outlook and success. Robert, our Editor, has also been working hard at improving the quality of the photos in *Stony* and so, together, they are achieving this goal!

As President of District 23 Andree attended several sessions of the RTO/ERO Provincial Senate. She found the Senate sessions to be most informative and an impressive gathering of RTO/ERO members whose willingness to participate in the decision making process is to be commended.

Andree has had an interesting and varied career in Education at the elementary & secondary levels. She was in turn a classroom teacher, a librarian, a program

leader, a Vice Principal and a Principal. She was deeply involved in the formation of the French Immersion programs in North York, and served as one of the first teachers in the program. For the last six years of her career she served as the Co-ordinator of Modern Languages for North York/Toronto District School Board, overseeing all language programs. This included the programs of Core French, French Immersion, International Languages, and Classics, at both the elementary and secondary level.

Having a large family keeps her busy. She has three daughters, two sons in law, and five grandchildren. Her family's very extensive involvement in Equestrian competitions, and horse training, ensures that beside cheering everybody on, she spends a considerable amount of time involved in discussions that are all about horses.

Travelling is a passion for Andree. In recent years she has travelled to Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Mexico. She has visited many of the Inca sites including Machu Pichu. She has a keen interest in the culture, the language and the music of the Natives of South America. She enjoyed hiking in the high altitude sites and hopes to return soon to do more trekking and to continue her study of Spanish. She also enjoyed presenting these trips as Travelogues.

To complete the picture - Andree enjoys her home and her garden, and loves to entertain her many friends, and her family. She finds time to read,and oh yes.... she moves often as she enjoys the design process of renovations.

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Recognizing Sam Habib, Chair,
 Group Benefits and Health
 Services

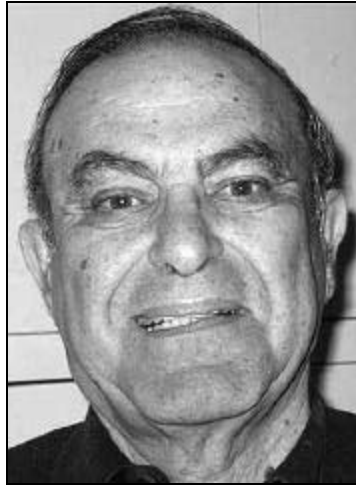
SAM has taken a keen interest in RTO/ERO District 23 activities since retiring in 1986. For the past fifteen years he has served on the executive as Chair, Group Benefits and Health Services. His record of service is the second longest of current executive members.

Sam always comes to the meetings well-prepared and keeps the executive completely up to date on any changes in our benefits and health services packages and premiums. He takes his position very seriously and constantly reminds all retirees that "for a long and enjoyable retirement - take care of your finances and take care of your health".

Sam came to North York in 1956. He taught for two years in the elementary panel, followed by 28 years in Junior High Schools. During this time in his career, he served as core teacher, Chair of Geography and Program Leader.

Sam and his wife Imgard have been married forty-five years and have three daughters and three grandchildren.

Both Sam and his wife live



active lives, exemplifying the RTO/ERO motto, "Service to Others". They are involved in a variety of projects in their church and community. Imgard is Chair of Chancel Guild and is a guiding light in her two church seniors' clubs. Sam enjoys specialty cooking for his church groups.

Sam and Imgard share interests in a variety of hobbies, such as gardening and flower

arrangement, both at their home in Toronto and their summer cottage, which they enjoy from spring until fall. Sam is an avid reader of mysteries, especially those of famous mystery authors, Agatha Christie and Arthur Conan Doyle.

Why We Love Children

A kindergarten pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat. She asked him if it was dead or alive.

"Dead." She was informed.

"How do you know?" she asked her pupil.

"Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move," answered the child innocently.

"You did WHAT?!?" the teacher exclaimed in surprise.

"You know," explained the boy, "I leaned over and went 'Psst!' and it didn't move."

A Tribute to Jim O'Neill

by Dwight Munger

JIM was principal of Melody Road Public School, and it was my great pleasure to teach there for eight years until his retirement in 1958. I chaired the committee for the retirement party, which was held at the Skyline Hotel. It was a great evening. As a parting gift, we presented Jim and his wife, Marjorie with a set of travelling luggage.

Readers of STONY Bridges will recall that his poems appeared here from time to time. His book of poems, *Furrows of Fancy* was published several years ago and his memoirs, *Of Other Days Around Us*, is soon to be published.

Jim's funeral was a special occasion. As well as an extensive display of photos, his daughter Patti delivered a loving tribute and showed the video of his speech delivered at the Metro Convention Centre in 2002 when he was selected Citizen of the Year by the Ontario Retirement Homes Association. Neither his appearance nor the content of his speech would indicate he was 94 years old. Frequent laughter and applause testified he'd lost none of the unique personality gifts that marked his years as teacher, principal, husband, parent and grandparent.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

February 1, 2004-March 31, 2004

By Penny McLeod Smith, Membership Convenor, 905 888 1341

WHO IS NEW IN DISTRICT 23 ?

AS of the end of March, as RTO/ERO tries to recruit possible new members, we are pleased to report that District 23 North York has 1922 Regular and Associate members.

Your Executive welcomes you to our great events this year. Please send your forms in and come so that we can get to know you.

Please keep up the good work finding potential RTO/ERO members, especially during the May-June retirements, as the Boards will no longer give us names of retiring staff during the school year. A particularly hard group to locate and contact is the teachers who retire from September to May. We will want to invite them all to our September 28 "Welcome" Champagne breakfast.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE JOINED US AT DISTRICT 23 AS REGULAR OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, AND WE HOPE TO WELCOME THEM SOON TO OUR NORTH YORK EVENTS:

February, 2004: Julie-Anne Brace, Helen Dimitroff, Josephine Field, Bill Glenn, Maire Lainevoal, Thomas McCormick, Lydia Noble, Kenneth Preece, Robert Richardson, Blema Steinman, Albert Tatem, David Wright.

March, 2004: Jeff Bloom, Celine Fulford, Carol Gillanders, Eileen Hersey, Elaine Lester, John Mac Gregor, Donald McKillop, Marywinn Milne, Bernadine Nelligan, Sandra Neugebauer, Genevieve Robertson, James Ross, Sandra Shennan, Michael Spiegel.

IN MEMORIAM

With great sadness we inform you of the passing of the following members of North York District 23. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to their family and share fond remembrances of their contribution to the teaching profession.

Note: Month shown is the date we received notification

February, 2004: Gerald Bryars, Gladys Conroy, Florence Donohue, Beryl Anne Lake, Marion MacLeod, Edna Ross, Arminta Thomas, Dorothy Tuddenham .

March, 2004: John Grant Bridgman, Ruth Cowan, Aileen Edwards, Murray McIntyre, James O'Neill, Mary Scanlan, Elizabeth Tomalik

Health Report

by Sam Habib

ON February 3, 2002, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) approved the following motion regarding Insured Employee Benefits.

“Those retirees who retire after August 31, 2004 be required to pay the full premiums of insured employee benefits based on the estimated experience of retirees and that the implications of this motion be fully explained to all staff.”

Therefore, all employees whose retirement is effective September 1, 2004 and beyond that date will, if they elect to continue to be enrolled in the TDSB's insured employee benefit programs, be charged premium rates that are intended to reflect the recovery of the program's experience cost for this new group of retirees.

Those retirees who retired last year and opted out of the TDSB employee benefits program to escape the increased premium rates will be permitted to return to the program. Contact the employee benefit department at the TDSB.

Insurance - Who Needs It?

In the December 2000 issue of STONY Bridges, a timely article on this topic was presented to you. Since that time, some have asked that same question again!

Insurance is bought as protection against a catastrophe that one hopes will not happen. The choice of insurance and the decision to buy it is a personal one.

With health insurance, once purchased, a healthy person will pay more into the plans than he/she will receive; while a person who experiences health problems, will receive more than they contribute.

Once again, I end with a rhetorical question:

“How come so many people want to collect on their health insurance but no one wants to collect on their life insurance?”

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Madge Parker and Betty Mollett at a recent travelogue.





The Kit Kats

To soothe and to amuse are my little kit-kats' jobs,
 And I must say that they do it very well:
 They are comforting and cute,
 And amazingly astute,
 At figuring out my many different moods.

Boots twists his head around
 Like a Jersey milking cow,
 And seems to me to say,
 "Hey, I'm feeling friendly now."

Little Puss has soulful eyes,
 And a long protracted cry,
 That means "I'm feeling needy -
 I want a sit-up or I'll die!"

They enjoy a thorough grooming,
 And expect it every day.
 Sometimes they have a boxing match,
 But it's just a form of play.

They are my little darlings,
 How I'll miss them when they're gone!
 And every day I'm with them,
 Is a day the sun has shone.

Carole Martyn

For Women Only

THE Retired Women Teachers of Ontario - RWTO York North invite all retired women teachers to join our organization.

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Call our President, Linda Seath at 416-446-1605 for more information.

RTO/ERO District 16 Toronto

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30 Displays with opportunity to buy

Understanding the Threat of Shari'a to Canada

by Elka Enola

THERE are two main strands to this issue: Political Islam and The Ontario Arbitration Act (1991).

The Arbitration Act was set up to deal with minor civil cases that were clogging up the court system. Essentially it says that any one can be an arbitrator. If two neighbours have a dispute over a fence payment, they can ask a third neighbour (or you or me) to arbitrate the dispute. They would have to sign documents indicating that they are participating willingly and are not coerced. If, at any time, they felt that there was something amiss in the procedures being followed, they could withdraw and file a complaint. Otherwise, whatever decision is reached is binding and the issue never reaches the courts. If however, one of the participants does not meet the obligations as arbitrated, then the courts become involved in enforcing the arbitrated decision providing the decision does not contravene existing Ontario laws.

Islam, like all religions, has adherents ranging from fundamentalists who take every written word of their ancient religious texts as the literal contemporary truth, to people who are almost secular and who are fully integrated into the wider society of their nation state.

Shari'a is the set of Islamic laws and regulations, written 1400 years ago, that governs all aspects of human behavior, including those which we, in Canada, consider to be under the Criminal Code.

It should also be noted that, in arbitrating, churches and synagogues apply the definitions, terms

and conditions of Ontario law. Muslims apply the terms, definitions and conditions of Shari'a.

For example, a woman might claim that her husband raped and beat her. The priest or rabbi would not attempt to figure out the retribution for rape since that is under the Criminal Code and the Arbitration Act deals only with civil law. They would both become deeply involved in helping the woman deal with the situation and in trying, also, to help the husband. Both clerics would see the situation as one, which while not healthy for either partner, is one in which the woman was wronged.

But under Shari'a, the woman must produce three or four witnesses to the rape. As she could not do so, she might be punished by being ordered to stay in a small locked room with visits only from her closest relatives. And her husband might be authorized to marry again. He, of course, would have custody of the children. This decision would never reach the courts.

Shari'a applies to anyone who was born to Muslim parents, even if they no longer follow the religion. In fact, under Shari'a, death is the penalty for leaving Islam.

The laws of Shari'a supercede the laws of the nation state. Muslims, no matter where in the world they live, must follow the laws of Shari'a unless to do so would be breaking the nation's law. However, in such instances, Muslims must, under Shari'a, do whatever they can to have the nation's laws changed so that they

conform with Shari'a.

What makes understanding Shari'a suddenly so significant is the fact that the Islamic Institute of Civil Justice (Canada) was founded last year to provide decisions under Shari'a which could then be brought before the Ontario court for legal sanction.

Since most mosques, like most churches and synagogues, already participate in the Arbitration Act, the glaring question was: "What is the purpose of the Institute?"

The most obvious purpose is to give Shari'a's decisions a greater impact within the Muslim community, where members would be led to believe that Shari'a decisions really had the force of law behind them. This is important. If family law decisions agreed to under Shari'a reached the civil court, most of those decisions would be thrown out. The intent, it seems, is to keep decisions detrimental to women, children, apostates and homosexuals, tightly within the Muslim community, and unchallenged.

Muslims are being asked to register with the Institute in order to benefit from Muslim law. One of the clauses states that they may not, for any reason, withdraw from the Institute. Under the Arbitration Act, after agreeing to an arbitration process, one may withdraw for a number of reasons. Furthermore, under the Arbitration Act, one only agrees for a particular

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case. Under the Institute, a life-long registration with absolutely no way to withdraw is demanded. That makes it virtually impossible for a registeree to *ever* bring a matter before the civil courts.

To really understand the broader purpose of establishing the Shari'a Court (which is the term used by the leaders for the Institute), it is useful to learn what the leaders say and believe.

Syed Mumtaz Ali, a lawyer who is President of the Canadian Society of Muslims, is the main driving force behind the Islamic Institute/Court. At <http://muslim-canada.org>, we learn that Syed Mumtaz Ali sees the Institute as "a private Islamic Court of Justice" to "apply our own Muslim Personal law, including family law (e.g. marriage, khula, divorce, custody, guardianship, mehr division of property, wills and inheritance, gifts waqf etc)".

There are many more areas where Shari'a extends, but let's just look at the ones mentioned above to see how they relate to the laws of Ontario,

Shari'a accepts forced and arranged marriages; even those between female children of nine and men of 40. This is not as far fetched as one might think. These situations are kept within the walls of the Muslim community, yet every once in a while in Canada and in England, examples of that are revealed.

Wills are superceded by preset Shari'a rules. If a will left by a father divides his estate equally between his son and daughter, the son will appeal for a Shari'a ruling since under Shari'a, the male must

get at least two thirds of the estate. That is the starting point. He cannot get less.

While Muslims, under the cloak of multiculturalism, make demands of our society, they, on the other hand, do not recognize the ethnic and other differences that exist among non-Muslims. Instead, they declare that "All non-Muslims are treated collectively as one people, one community, one nation."

Not only is blasphemy which "includes the denial of any essential principle of Islam" punishable by death, but just as countries have assumed the right to apply capital punishment, so Mr Ali claims, "one cannot deny that right to Islam".

He further states that "Islam does not believe in the principle of separation of the spiritual and the temporal, the sacred and the profane, nor the church and the state."

While living in Canada and using Canadian democracy to achieve his ends, he says. "Islam repudiates entirely the latest version of the philosophy of western democracy in which the west accepts the absolute sovereignty of the people".

And finally, how does Syed Mumtaz Ali view his adopted country of Canada?

"In practice, the alleged liberal-mindedness of Canadians and their claim to world leadership as international brokers of peace and peace-keeping or as champions of fairness and equality etc, etc., amounts to mere platitudes meant only for foreign consumption and packaged to please the ears of the international community."

I do not believe that the laws and regulations of Canada can

deal with what I see as a worst case (but very possible) scenario, which I base on what the proponents of the Islamic Institute of Civil Justice (Canada) say publicly.

In fact, I believe that our laws are such that they can and will be twisted and turned upon us so that the outcome will be one that damages Canadian values.

Stage One

This is the first stage in the consolidation of power. Using the Arbitration Act, the Shari'a courts *appear* to get legal sanction and many women and homosexuals feel socially, economically and psychologically pressured to participate in and accept the decisions of the Shari'a court.

Stage Two

In this stage, multiculturalism is used as a vehicle for demands such as state financed Muslim schools where girls and boys are kept totally separate from each other from kindergarten on and are given different curricula. This will guarantee that they will *not* grow up into the Canadian expectation of adults able to exist in egalitarian relationships whether in marriage, friendship or at work.

Stage Three

In this stage, Muslims outnumber non Muslims and the majority rule of democracy is turned on its head as the majority Muslims make Shari'a the law of the land.

We must protect Canada from such a scenario.

I see the needed action as

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three pronged: The Muslim community, the governments and non-Muslim society.

1) The Muslim community should be responsible for educating Muslims about Canadian Human Rights, especially through radio and TV advertisements.

2) Governments should provide funds for Muslim women's groups. Governments should undertake a re-evaluation of

Canadian and provincial laws to ensure that our civil laws are outside the reach of Shari'a.

3) The non-Muslim sector of society must make sure that those Muslims and apostates who *do* reach out, get the appropriate support that they need, such as physical shelter, ESL classes, help in acculturation and job training.

We must all work together to ensure a strong integrated Canadian society.

Elka Enola has written articles on this topic for the Humanist Association of Toronto, The Humanist Association of Canada, Humanist in Canada magazine, and MC2, the magazine of Mensa Canada. She has also presented a brief to the Crown Counsel (Office of the Attorney General of Ontario).

Appearing below this article is her poem Bird Island, the "B" poem in our series following the alphabet around her world.

Elka's Poetic Ear

by Elka Enola

Bird Island, NS, Canada

A monochrome Pollock painting
the cylinder
white with bird droppings
rises from the centre
of the solid rock island
welcoming thousands
of curious birds
gathered here
to view
tourists circling in boats



Patients need to move into long-term care beds more quickly: Smitherman

by James McCarten

TORONTO (CP) _ The practice of letting hospital patients wait for a bed at the long-term care facility of their choice may soon be coming to an end, Health Minister George Smitherman suggested Tuesday.

It's simply not an efficient use of resources to allow patients waiting for their preferred choice of nursing home or other facility to bide their time in a hospital bed, Smitherman said.

"We have to take a look at spiriting people into a long-term care setting as quickly as we can," Smitherman said. "The proper function of our surgical suites and our emergency rooms depends upon it."

One option would be to temporarily send patients to other facilities that have beds that are readily available, then relocate them to their preferred facility once a spot opens up," he said.

Smitherman acknowledged that choosing a long-term care

facility is a highly personal matter and that being forced into a different facility would inconvenience both patients and their family.

"We've been loath to do it, of course, because it might mean a little more travel for families, and it isn't people's preferred option," he said.

"But I do think it's one of the things we have to take a look at to make the health-care system function more appropriately."

Donna Rubin, the chief executive of the Ontario Association of Long-Term Homes and Services for Seniors, said forcing residents to relocate is more than a mere inconvenience.

"This flies in the face of resident choice, and we don't agree with it," Rubin said.

The average long-term care patient in Ontario is more than 85 years old; all are frail and more than half of them suffer some form of dementia," she added.

"Every time you transfer somebody, you run the risk of deteriorating their health."

Rubin also noted that family members often provide an elderly patient's only means of emotional and moral support.

"This is an issue because we know that people can die when they're transferred too many times, or they're going to go to a place they don't want to go."

"Hospitals have the power to charge fees to patients who aren't in need of medical care but continue to occupy a bed, but the policy isn't widely implemented," Rubin said.

"As a result, many patients who can't immediately move to the facility of their choice don't have any incentive to leave," she added.

Smitherman said whatever the government decides to do, it will have the best interests of long-term care patients at heart.

RTO/ERO Position Paper: Federal Health Concerns

The following is an excerpt from RTO/ERO's Position Paper on Federal Health Concerns. It states RTO/ERO's position on Long Term Care.

RTO/ERO supports the Ontario Government's recent commitment to improve conditions in Long-term facilities by conducting unannounced inspections, establishing a toll free support hotline to handle nursing home complaints and by establishing a zero-tolerance level for abuse and neglect in the health care system.

These are essential first steps In raising stan-

dards and improving accountability within the system. However, the Health Council of Canada must assume a leadership role to assist the provinces and territories in dealing with issues of access, regulatory powers, personnel training and compensation, and client protection. There must be mechanisms to ensure compliance in meeting mutually developed standards.

Travelogues

by Kerry Peters

(with files from Andree Nottage and David Fleming)

TRAVELOGUES occur on the first Tuesday of the month (except in June and September) at Willowdale United Church on Kenneth Avenue in the gymnasium. Admission is \$2.00, which includes refreshments after the show, and a chance at the famous lucky draw. The programme begins at 1:30 p.m.

Our next Travelogue will be in October. Look for the advertisement in the September issue of STONY Bridges.

IN March, we visited the Palaces of St. Petersburg with presenter, Gloria Broks.

It was a facinating travelogue using the multi-media projector. Gloria was assisted by her husband, Uldis, who did most of the technical work, preparing the visual part of the presentation with the projector. Both the photography and the commentary were excellent.

We visited seven palaces of St. Petersburg, on the 300th anniversary of the founding of the great city by Peter the Great in 1703. In addition to absorbing the beauty of the palaces, both externally and internally, we learned much about the important history of the Romanov Family and other families of the Russian Aristocracy in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

In April, we had a Jewish Heritage Tour presentation by Steve Fuller that was most interesting, and gave us an opportunity to learn much about Jewish heritage. Steve had us visit five cities of Europe, including Vienna, Prague, & Budapest, where we viewed and learned about the beautiful historical synagogues.

We continued our historical tour through the concentration camps of Auschwitz. The photos revealed the horror faced by the people who were in the camps.

The presentation was most informative and appreciated during the week of Passover.



Lilthe and Robert Young with presenter Steve Fuller



Steve Fuller presented a Jewish Heritage Tour of the cities of Eastern Europe.

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1. All trips and events advertised in STONY BRIDGES and requiring a cheque and order form, will show a cut-off date. The date is set to enable us to comply with our commitment to pay for the event. No cheque should be post dated beyond this date.

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