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MONTHLY BREAKFASTS, 9:30 a.m. 'w'ARM up to us on Wednesdays

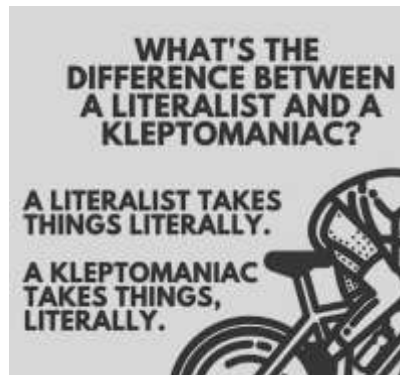
MONTHLY BREAKFASTS **CONTINUE TO BE CANCELLED** UNTIL IT IS DEEMED SAFE TO MEET AGAIN

OTHER EVENTS:

April 22 GARDEN ParTAY Come & help our Memory Garden wake up from its winter nap!!
As always, we will aim for 10:00ish – **Call/Email Ray** if you plan on coming; he may go another day if you don't tell him you are coming.

CH'ARM'ING BITS ... You may have seen some of these, but they bear repeating. Text codes for people with our experiences:

- ATD – At The Doctor's
- BFF—Best Friend's Funeral
- BTW—Bring The Wheelchair
- BYOT—Bring Your Own Teeth
- FWIW—Forgot Where I Was
- GGPBL—Gotta Go; Pacemaker Battery Low
- GHA—Got Heartburn Again
- TFT—Texting From Toilet

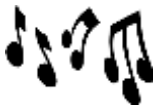


OTIP Article Links you may have missed:

- www.otipinsurance.com/article93
- www.otipinsurance.com/article95
- www.otipinsurance.com/article97
- www.otipinsurance.com/article98
- www.otipinsurance.com/article102
- www.otipinsurance.com/article103

Garry suggests we take some time and (re)read novels we may have at home:
James Heriot -- All Creatures Great and Small
Bill Bryson -- A Walk in the Woods
Louise Penny -- A Great Reckoning
John Buchan -- Thirty Nine Steps
Patrick Taylor -- An Irish Doctor in Love and at Sea
I've read all of these authors but one. Any Guesses?

ALSO, there are museum collections from both the City of Niagara Falls Museum 905 358 5082 and the NOTL Historical Society 905 468 3912 have lecture series online. Give them a call.



from your President

March, 2021

Dear ARMMites of Chapter 22,

Same old...same old... This has been a year to forget; too bad we cannot. We will be telling stories of how hard it was to stay on the couch for many years to come. However, Spring is springing and the birds are singing. Some of you will have had your shot, perhaps even your second jab and are awaiting that important day when you can say you are vaccinated and have acquired immunity. The younger ones wait and wait, growing green with envy. Speaking of growing green, Chris Reid tells me that there is evidence of growth in our garden. I plan on completing my winter cleanup later this week by removing the last of the ornamental grasses left for the birds' protection during the winter (perhaps) now passed. I am also planning our usual Garden Party for Earth Day; I am not sure whether to invite you or not; essentially the offices are closed and while Bonnie would love to see us, I'm sure, I feel quite uncomfortable asking anyone to show. If you do plan to come, please call/email me and I will be there on the 22nd of April. Sometimes it is easier for me to go when I have a moment or three, so unless we connect, don't just show up expecting me to be there.

As some of you know (those who I have email addresses for), I continue to email our group and provide a link to a virtual meeting. Usually 5 or so turn up and we chat and compare hair lengths. If you haven't received any updates from me, I don't have an electronic method of contacting you. You can change that – **email me and include your name**. I will be very happy to include you in my group. More and more, we live in an electronic world. There are significant losses in electronic meetings – only one can really speak at a time, body language is severely limited, motion is limited, etc., etc., etc.,...but it is better than not meeting at all.

All meetings of ARM Council this year are scheduled to be online. The ARM Biennial is also planned to be virtual with most of the business planned for the morning of May 7. Carol Farrar and Peter Beens have agreed to be Chapter 22 delegates to that meeting. ARM Council next meets on April 8 (It was planned for April 15, but that week has become "March Break" in 2021). I hope both of these meetings proceed more amicably than AMPA2021. I attended as an observer and it is not over yet. There is considerable angst and some delegates rose on RED cards objecting to the proceedings for a variety of reasons. AMPA will be re-convening sometime in late April or May to continue the agenda. I believe the rules of order were finally approved on Sunday and the agenda much later that day. At adjournment, they were in the middle of an Equity report & motions that, on the agenda was to be completed near noon Saturday. Speakers were challenged on rulings; delegates were posting inappropriate messages as part of backgrounds in their zoom camera. I was told that the Continued AMPA is being given the acronym CRAMPA (Continued Remote Annual Meeting of Provincial Assembly); I suggest they drop the 'M'.

I sincerely hope that the ARM Biennial does not follow our active members' example in decorum. I understand that grievances exist, but hijacking 580 delegates is not an acceptable approach to take. OSSTF/FEESO does have a new executive: President: Karen Littlewood; Vice-presidents: Paul Caccamo & Martha Hradowy; Treasurer: Jeff Denys; Executive Officers: Hayssam Hulays, Malini Leahy, & Colin Matthew. You can see some brief bios by visiting the Update website: <http://osstfupdate.ca/>

60 Mobile is undergoing a major renovation to the property; actually, it is no more. I captured the picture to the right from the video camera posted on 49 Mobile: There is a feed with some videos of the demolition (and will show the construction) at: <https://app.truelook.com/?u=ao1611750883#> I believe the new offices will be opened in 2023.



I will continue to invite you to our virtual meetings. Look for an email before the 2nd Wednesday with a link. I also plan to take time and look after our Memory Garden this year – I visit, weed, and dead-head about every other week.

When it is safe to do so, I will book a restaurant and we can meet and remember the good old days.

Until then, Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe!

wARMly, *Ray*