

# " THE WARM OUTLET "

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## MONTHLY BREAKFASTS: 9:30 a.m. 'w'ARM up to us on Wednesday

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> . Domenic's' Hwy.20, Fonthill

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Maria's 301 Ridge Rd. N., Ridgeway

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Cora's, Pendale Plaza, St. Catharines

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Luncheon, 12 noon, Doc Magilligans, 6400 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls

RSVP Ray Marshall by December 4<sup>th</sup>; tentatively, can't reserve until October.

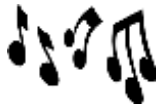
## OTHER EVENTS

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Garden clean up. 10:00 Let's put our Memory Garden to rest for 2021.

## CH'ARM'ING BITS ... more from the 'Pundamentalists'

- A silly lady is a dumb bell.
- When the salesman left, he said, Buy, Buy!
- I thought the Dracula movie was a pain in the neck.
- The horn isn't broken – it just doesn't give a hoot.
- A teacher without students has no class.
- When the nuclear scientist went on vacation, he left a note on his door, gone fission.
- Niagara Falls but never breaks.
- Did you hear about the wolf that got trapped in the laundry and became a wash and werewolf?

**Where would you like to breakfast in 2022? Your suggestions please!!**



## from your President

August, 2021

Dear ARMites of Chapter 22,

It does appear that the world is starting to return to what we thought was normal, pre-March 2020. Seventeen months (to the day) after we gathered at the Black Sheep Lounge in Welland, a dozen of us gathered for breakfast at the Triple Ds Diner in Niagara Falls. It was wonderful to be able to visit again with colleagues that we hadn't seen in person for all that time. As you can see, we were outside and under a red canopy. We even had a newly retired gentleman in attendance. It was sooo successful, that we are planning to attempt to resume our normal breakfasts/Christmas Lunch the fall. It does help the restaurants if I can give them a relatively firm number of attendees, so I am asking that you confirm your attendance by the weekend before our planned breakfast. That will give me a chance to contact them and all will be set when we arrive on the Wednesday morning for 9:30. If you aren't comfortable with in-person activities yet, not to worry; I'll keep the option of zoom alive for a few months; I'm going to move those "meetings" to the afternoon at 1:00. That way, you can sleep in and join me after lunch to do an ARM visit. I know of 2 members of D22 that retired this past June. They have been invited. If you know of someone who would like to become a member of ARM Ch22, please have them email or phone me. I can help!



Since our last newsletter, ARM Council has hosted a postponed 2020 Biennial meeting, at which our ver own



Tom Parkins was presented with the Betty Ann Bushel ARM Award for his outstanding (and continuing) work on behalf of ARM. As the rules of the day dictated, the meeting was held via Zoom and Tom informed the members present that it was his first electronic meeting of the pandemic. We are very fortunate to have a member of Tom's caliber in our midst. Tom has done so much for the profession both when he was an active member and now that he is retired. I had the pleasure of delivering the certificate to Tom's house in the spring.

At the biennial, we received greetings from Earl Burt, retiring Provincial Treasurer and Paul Caccamo, Provincial Vice-President. Paul was assigned as liaison to District 22 the past year and will be liaising with ARM Council this coming year. The balance of the morning was filled with a business meeting. Peter Beens & Carol Farrar joined me in competing our delegation. See if you can find the three of us in the screen capture that Peter had the foresight to share with me. The chair of the meeting was ARM Council



Chair, Dina Van den Hanenberg, of Chapter 25. She is in the top row, 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left. In the afternoon, our guest speaker was Randy Robinson, Ontario Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. He said that he went over his allotted time, but I didn't notice; his message was captivating. His working title was "Making Sense of the Chaos: COVID-19 & Ontario Government Policy". I can provide you with his slide presentation if you wish; just ask.

I have been attending to our Memory Garden; June & July rains were kind and with the mulch doing much of the weed prevention, I have only needed to clear the flower heads as they finish blooming. This spring, I saw our mini-iris blooming for the first time. I was thinking we should cull those plants, as they never seemed to amount to much of a show. How wrong I was – they are May bloomers and I guess I hadn't been there in May before. They are staying. There should be some gourds and pumpkins for a Thanksgiving decoration.



See the difference from May to August. When I was there a couple of weeks ago, I found a hosta at the west end blooming - another flower that I hadn't seen before. Perhaps there are some good things coming from self-isolation; you just have to look for them.

ARM Council next meets on October 1 (it was planned for September 30, but the Federal Gov't designated that date as a federal statutory holiday, the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**; so we moved.) At least this meeting will be virtual, and I am hoping the last virtual. D22 is planning its District Council on September 20 to be an in-person affair and I am hoping to convince my provincial colleagues that we can meet safely as well. I would like to see how the de/con-struction of 60 Mobile is progressing. I suspect we will have to meet in a hotel conference room, as there is not enough space in 49 Mobile. I will keep you informed.

I have included a recent OTIP article on the next page for your enjoyment. Contact me anytime, but especially before a breakfast 😊

*Ray*





## Home delivery risks and how you can prevent them

Taking more of your shopping online? You're not alone. E-commerce sales in Canada hit an all-time high in 2020 as many Canadians turned to online shopping and home delivery services during the pandemic.<sup>1</sup> While home delivery offers a safe and convenient way to receive your goods, it's important to think about the associated risks and what you can do to prevent them.



### Stolen packages

You've likely heard of "porch pirates" – thieves who steal unattended packages left by couriers at customers' homes. According to a recent survey by delivery service company FedEx, one out of three online shoppers in Canada has had a package stolen off their doorstep.

To prevent package theft, consider investing in outdoor security cameras or a video doorbell. The visible presence of these systems acts as a deterrent for would-be thieves and can help to capture their identity. You can also invest in a package lockbox, which conceals your deliveries from street view and requires a key for package retrieval. Include any special instructions for the courier, including how to access the lockbox, when placing your order. Most major carriers will also allow you to request a signature for delivery. If you're not home to sign for your package, it will be dropped off at the nearest post office or depot rather than left unattended on your porch.

### Liability

If a courier or postal worker is hurt when making a delivery to your property, you could be held responsible. One of the most common liabilities when it comes to home deliveries is a slip and fall claim. Slip and falls involve a person tripping and falling due to a hazard created by the negligence of the homeowner or tenant. As a homeowner or tenant, it is your responsibility to keep your property and entranceways – such as stairs, walkways and driveways – safe for people to use them. Ensure there is a clear, even path to your home that is well-lit, regularly maintained and free of obstructions or debris. Consider installing a video system with a clear view of the pathway to your home, which can be used to protect yourself against fraudulent slip and fall claims.



### Property damage

If a courier or postal worker causes damage to your property or something on your property during delivery, contact the courier company or postal service directly. If the property damage is significant, contact your insurance provider right away. Your insurer will advocate on your behalf and work with the post office or mail supplier to solve the property damage issue. Gather any evidence you have, such as surveillance camera footage and photos of the damage to support your claim.