

ARM Chapter 29
September Report
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September 20- The Breakfast club meeting took place at the Northway this month. We had 11 members present.

1. Doug has been in contact with Scott Marshall (D.29) about municipal candidates who are being recommended by the District and the Labour Council. Scott said the information is being gathered and he will share it with me so that the information can be shared with the Chapter.
2. Doug has been in contact with Dave Warda (President of Chapter 14). Dave is reviewing the Chapter 14 membership list and will highlight past active Federation members who we can contact about attending a meeting to help Chapter 14 organize.
3. Robin MacDonald from OTIP was our guest speaker this month. He spoke about changes to the Ontario Drug Plan and also expressed concerns at OTIP about the change in the provincial government. He reminded us that individuals can change coverage every January. Anyone wanting to switch over to ARM health benefits should do it then. He spoke about the levels of coverage ARM has compared to RTIP.
4. Our next ARM meeting will be on October 18. We will be meeting at Federation House (114 Victoria Ave.) at 11 am for a short meeting followed by a screening of the film "A Better Man". OSSTF was a partner in the making of the film and Rosemary Judd-Archer from provincial OSSTF will be our guest and will present the 90 minute film for us. If you wish to learn more about the film visit www.abettermanfilm.com. We will provide a catered lunch so please let me know if you are attending.

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October 18 - This month we met at Federation House starting at 11am and had lunch provided by Rosemary and Thyme.

Presentation: Vice Chair Barbara Lea of Adopt-a-Child spoke to members present about the 2018 campaign. At the meeting we presented Barbara with a \$500 donation. This information was forwarded to the Intel. for some positive press about our work. Adopt-a-Child in partnership with the Belleville Police Service provides warm outer clothing for approximately 1000 children each winter season. Visit www.keepkidswarm.ca for more information.

1. Secretary/Treasurer's Report - Sharon reported that the funding from Mobile Drive for the Chapter has not arrived yet. This is a bit unusual because we are now submitting our financial report a month earlier. This issue was not isolated to our Chapter and the issue was raised at ARM Council.
2. ARM Council Report. John Z gave his report from the Oct. 12 ARM Council in Toronto. John reported that RTO has been comparing its plan to the ARM OTIP plan but only using the most expensive of our plans as a comparison. OSSTF is celebrating its 100 year anniversary. Members are encouraged any pictures and/or stories about OSSTF history to John. By 2024, the OSSTF offices at 60 Mobile will be replaced by a new multi-use office complex. John reported that Council discussed the possibility of the Ford government using Pension funds for infrastructure projects. OSSTF and affiliates are watching this situation closely. The government has been using the phrase "efficiencies and consumer choice" when they talk about education. There is speculation that this is code for charter schools in Ontario.
3. Student Bursary Review - It has been decided to review the criteria of our Student Bursary for a student pursuing post-secondary training in education. The review will update the application forms and look to expanding the criteria for student eligibility. OSSTF currently represents a large swath of the education sector beyond secondary teaching. The sub-committee will include: Doug Ferguson, Sharon Ostman, Mike McMahon and Evelyn Neumann.
4. Municipal Election - The Labour Council and OSSTF recommendations for municipal candidates and was emailed to members. Also, the Q and A for Trustee candidates organized by OSSTF and ETFO was shared.
5. OTIP /RTO Comparison - Recently, some RTO members have inquired about the ARM OTIP benefit plans. If members have similar queries from friends, contact Doug and he can share the comparison charts. Currently, ARM OTIP offers a plan a three different levels compared to only one plan by RTO.
6. Support for Chapter 14 - Our Chapter has contacted member of ARM Chapter 14 by email and regular mail to offer assistance in organizing their Chapter. If there is enough interest members of our executive will provide and information meeting for them in Peterborough

Presentation: Rosemary Judd-Archer from the Educational Services of OSSTF was our guest speaker. She screened the film, "A Better Man" which was a partnership with OSSTF, TVO and the NFB. It is the story of Attiya Khan and the abuse she suffered in a relationship in her late teens. It follows her story and her journey to find justice from her abuser. The film is being used with senior students in our schools and OSSTF has also created a kit for teachers to use in their classrooms. It is a very thought provoking film and we engaged in a very interesting conversation following the film.

7. Next meeting is November 15 for 9am at the Northway. Ed Gougeon from Educators Financial is our guest speaker. Breakfast will be complimentary thanks to Educators.



Barb Lea receiving a donation from Doug and Sharon on behalf of ARM.