



District 5 Cochrane / Temiskaming  
**Contact** Newsletter / Infolettre  
Spring / Printemps 2024

Cochrane, Englehart, Hearst, Kapuskasing, Smooth Rock Falls, Iroquois Falls & Val Gagné,  
Matheson, Kirkland Lake, Earlton, Temiskaming Shores, Cobalt, Temagami, Moosonee, and Timmins.

**The President's Note / Note de la présidente.**

*Hello! Bonjour!*

What a busy year we've been having! As the president, I have attended the Fall Forum, the President's meeting, and other virtual meetings whenever possible. I am pleased to attend the Spring Forum in Toronto on May 14th and 15th. We are thrilled about the new businesses joining Vengo and the Telus cell plan we are being offered. Visit [rto-erovenngo.com](http://rto-erovenngo.com) for more information.

RTOERO recently designated two additional districts as bilingual, and we are delighted to announce that District 5 is one of them. We are grateful for the designation and are pleased to communicate in English and French. We are considering the option of applying for grants to support bilingualism.

One of my objectives, which is important to me, is to organize gatherings for members from different regions in our extensive district to convene and exchange ideas. I am delighted to inform you that we will be hosting our first breakfast in Cochrane on April 3rd, 2024. We hope some of you can join us. The location will be determined based on the number of participants, and we will inform you accordingly.

Our Annual District Spring Forum / Meeting is scheduled for May 29th at the New Liskeard Golf Club. Please join us for a great lunch and an update on our district.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [president05@districts.rtoero.ca](mailto:president05@districts.rtoero.ca).

Thank you for allowing me to represent you as your president.  
Sharon Bowes  
RTOERO District 05 President



The Goodwill team would also like to thank the following members for their time and effort in writing the cards: Roberta Torlone, Kathy Bond-Johnson, Marjo Leclair, Sharon Bowes, Angela Parker, Judy and Terry Turner, Connie Bougie, Barb Hosken and Barb Makarchuk. We mailed out 824 cards to our District members, and only 4 cards were returned to us.

Just a quick reminder to all our members that if you move, please provide your most **up-to-date contact information**. This will allow you to receive timely and important information from RTOERO Toronto and your local District. **To provide or update your CONTACT INFORMATION, please email [membership@rtoero.ca](mailto:membership@rtoero.ca) or call 1-800-361-9888.**

We also continue to recognize members in our District who celebrate birthdays of 80 years and over. During the previous twelve months of 2023, we mailed 261 birthday cards to our members. In the first three months of 2024, we mailed 64 cards. We hope that all our members had a special day, and we will continue to acknowledge these wonderful milestones!

Chers collègues du district 5 :

J'ai commencé à écrire mon article le 2 février, le jour de la marmotte. En préparant mon article, je me suis demandé ce que sera la prédiction de Wiarton- Willie ? Aurons-nous un printemps hâtif ou un printemps tardif ? Nous pouvons dire que nous sommes choyés par un temps exceptionnel pour le temps de l'année. À moins que vous soyez un fervent adepte de motoneige ou de la pêche sur la glace, nous profitons et apprécions le temps doux que nous avons actuellement.

Les membres du comité de bienfaisance ont réitéré l'envoi de cartes de vœux pour le temps des fêtes. Nous avons expédié par la poste 824 cartes aux membres de notre district et seulement quatre cartes nous ont été retournées. Le succès de ce projet est surtout attribuable au travail d'équipe du comité. Nous remercions Kathy-Bond Johnson, Marjo Leclair, Sharon Bowes, Angela Parker, Roberta Torlone, Terry et Judy Turner, Connie Bougie, Barb Hosken et Barb Makarchuk. Des membres nous ont fait parvenir d'excellents commentaires et des notes de remerciements.

Vous avez changé d'adresse, de numéro de téléphone, d'adresse courriel ? Si ce n'est pas déjà fait nous vous rappelons de le faire dès que possible afin de nous aider à rester en contact et d'être en mesure de recevoir toute information provenant de RTOERO / Toronto et du district 5. Vous pouvez communiquer tout changement à l'adresse suivante : [membership@rtoero.ca](mailto:membership@rtoero.ca) ou composer le 1-800-361-9888

C'est toujours avec bonheur que nous soulignons et accordons toute notre reconnaissance aux membres du district 5 qui atteignent 80 ans et plus. En 2023, **deux cents soixante et un** membres ont franchi ce nombre d'années. Félicitations ! Depuis le début de l'année 2024 jusqu'en mars 64 cartes ont été ajoutées à notre liste d'envoi. Nous espérons que cet évènement a été célébré en grand et avec joie pour vous tous.



*Wake up with a smile on your face  
Walk in the rain with a loved one  
Get your seeds and come outdoors  
Listen to the wind whispering, "Spring is almost here."*



*" En cette saison printanière de l'année quand l'air est doux et plaisant, ce serait une injure à la nature et vraiment dommage de ne pas aller dehors voir la magnificence et partager sa façon de relier le ciel et la terre. »  
John Milton.*

*Forever in our hearts / Pour toujours dans nos coeur*

*Robert Ross Kirkland Lake*

*Mel Jibb Engleheart*

*Andrée Pajunen Ottawa*

*Évelyne Laforest North-Bay*

*Terry Armstrong Kirkland Lake*

*Anne Campbell Timmins*

*Wayne Minnette Engleheart*

*Alec Akulick Kirkland Lake*

*Margaret Spencer Timmins*

*Bonnie Williams Kirkland Lake*

*Victor M. Power Timmins*



It is with sympathy that District 5 wishes to extend our sincere condolences to the families of the following members:

Robert Ross- Kirkland Lake, Wayne Minnette-Engleheart, Mel Jibb-Engleheart, Alec Akulick-Kirkland Lake, Andrée Pajunen-Ottawa, Margaret Spencer-Timmins, Evelyne Laforest-NorthBay, Bonnie Williams-Kirkland Lake, Terry Armstrong-Kirkland Lake, Victor M. Power-Timmins, and Ann Campbell-Timmins. Donations were made in their memory to organizations set out by the family. If their family did not choose an organization, a donation was made to the RTOERO research foundation in Geriatrics or Gerontology Research. Our hearts go out to their loved ones, and may their memories be a blessing!

Nous offrons nos plus sincères condoléances aux familles et aux proches des membres suivants :

Robert Ross- Kirkland Lake, Wayne Minnette-Engleheart, Mel Jibb-Engleheart, Alec Akulick-Kirkland Lake, Andrée Pajunen-Ottawa, Margaret Spencer-Timmins, Evelyne Laforest-NorthBay, Bonnie Williams-Kirkland Lake, Terry Armstrong-Kirkland Lake, Victor M. Power-Timmins et Ann Campbell-Timmins. Nos condoléances ont été offerts à la famille éprouvée et un don remis à l'organisme désigné par la famille. Si aucun organisme n'est précisé le don est remis à la fondation de RTOERO pour la recherche en gérontologie.

## **Bienvenue / Welcome**



We would also like to welcome the following new members to our RTOERO District 5 family!

Sylvie Petroski-Timmins, Melba Richard-Cochrane, Carole Larose-Timmins, Diane Kydd-Cochrane, Chantal Côté-Hearst, Carole Duguay-Timmins, Nathalie Ethier-Moonbeam, Francine Quesnel-Briand -Timmins, Lori Hurtubise-Temiskaming Shores, Valerie Demers-Romaniuk -Timmins, Yvan Génier-Timmins, Chantal Mac Ivor-Timmins, Kelly Ann Marks-Timmins, Natalie Poitras-Timmins, Amanda St-Jean-Haileybury.

We look forward to meeting you at our next social event within the district.



**Nous souhaitons la bienvenue aux nouveaux membres qui se sont joints au district 5 de RTOERO ! Au plaisir de vous rencontrer à la prochaine activité sociale.**

Sylvie Petroski (Timmins)  
Diane Kydd (Cochrane)  
Nathalie Éthier (Moonbeam)  
Chantal Mac Ivor (Timmins)  
Natalie Poitras (Timmins)

Melba Rickard (Cochrane)  
Chantal Côté (Hearst)  
Yvan Génier (Timmins)  
Kelly Ann Marks (Timmins)

Carole Larose (Timmins)  
Carole Duguay (Timmins)  
Natalie Poitras (Timmins)  
Amanda St-Jean (Haileybury)

Lori Hurtubise (Temiskaming Shores)  
Valérie Demers Romaniuk (Timmins)  
Francine Quesnel Briand 9Timmins.



Thank you to the Goodwill Reps in our district for continuing to be the eyes and ears in sending out get-well and sympathy cards/donations. Your work and volunteer efforts are highly valued and appreciated.

Merci aux responsables du comité de bienfaisance du district pour votre générosité et le travail exceptionnel auprès de nos membres. Le bénévolat et le dévouement démontrés ne sont pas inaperçus.

**District 5 Reps to contact / Représentants (es) du comité de bienfaisance du district 5 :**

Carla Comand-Desmarais Timmins, Hearst, Kapuskasing 365-7533

Judy Misener- Iroquois Falls 258-3743

Kathy Johnson-Cochrane 271-5918

Connie Bougie-Kirkland Lake 567-9457

Angela Parker-New Liskeard 961-6733

If the groundhog emerges from its burrow and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den, and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not, spring will arrive early.

I heard the local news broadcast, and it seems that Warton-Willie has not seen his shadow, which predicts an early spring. I am not sure about the accuracy of this prediction, but I am certainly looking forward to longer daylight and an earlier spring.

Selon le folklore, l'observation d'une marmotte hors de son terrier permet d'établir une prévision météorologique pour les semaines à venir. Ainsi, si la journée est ensoleillée et que la marmotte voit son ombre, elle retourne dormir et l'hiver se poursuit encore six semaines.

On annonce sur les réseaux que Warton-Willie prédit un printemps hâtif. Nous saurons bien assez tôt si sa prédiction s'avère juste. En attendant je souhaite que le printemps et le temps chaud arrivent au plus vite.

Happy Spring! 🎵 Heureux le printemps qui m'chauffe la couenne... (chanson de Paul Piché)

Carla Comand-Desmarais  
Goodwill Committee Convenor / Représentante du comité de bienfaisance

Membership Milestone Recognition / Reconnaissance pour les années d'adhésion.

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Years / Années

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William McKelvey Swastika  
Lucy Aitchison Lake Shore Etobicoke  
Joan Barclay Matheson  
Micheline Belley Schumacher  
Mario Bertotti Timmins  
Judith Brownlee Englehart  
Lorraine Cantin Timmins  
Lorraine Caron Timmins  
Thérèse Després Rutherglen  
Dennis Draves Cochrane  
Guylaine Généreux Casselman  
Bonnie Harwood Timmins  
Charlotte Lavictoire New Liskeard  
Patricia Licop New Liskeard  
Romuald Lyrette Timmins  
Allan MacDonald Schumacher  
Margery Markle Timmins  
Margaret McCrank Kirkland Lake  
Patricia O'Brien Timmins  
Dianne Papineau Smooth Rock Falls  
André Paradis Timmins  
Silvana Rizzo Burlington

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Donald Berlingeri Peterborough  
Jeannine Berthiaume Cochrane  
Marcel Bougie Timmins  
Colette Dagenais Timmins  
Elizabeth Ewart Guelph  
Réjeanne Gaulin Nepean  
Gérald Hurtubise Kapuskasing  
Pierrette Laflamme Orlean  
Cécile Landry Timmins  
Reina Maguire Cochrane  
Diane Mayer Amherstburg  
J Brian Richards Englehart  
Rita Ringrose Timmins  
Liliane Robin Cochrane  
Ruth Shepherdson New Liskeard

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Eva Cashmore Iroquois Falls  
Thérèse Guillemette Timmins  
Shirley Kirchmayer King Kirkland  
Elia Laiho South Porcupine  
Margaret Mitchell Englehart  
Claire Vincent Timmins

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Royal Ménard Québec  
Évelyne Laforest North Bay



## Community Grants / Subventions communautaires

RTOERO offers community grants of up to \$4000 per district to not-for-profit groups that aim to enhance the lives of their residents. The Golden Manor in Timmins was awarded a grant of \$4000 in the last round. This year, the members target the Temiskaming area to receive an RTOERO grant. To apply, interested groups must complete an application form and submit it by May 24th, 2024. The result of the grant application will be announced in the fall newsletter, so stay tuned.

Dennis Draves Chairperson

Les subventions communautaires accordées aux districts de RTOERO appuient les projets retenus qui ont pour but d'améliorer la qualité de vie des membres. La dernière subvention pour la soumission d'un projet a été accordée au Golden Manor de Timmins. Une demande de subvention pour un projet similaire dans la région du Temiskaming sera soumise au RTOERO. Nous vous communiquerons l'accord ou le refus de la subvention dans la prochaine infolettre prévue à l'automne.

Denis Draves président du comité des subventions communautaires



## Group Benefits / Régimes d'assurance

Happy Tax Time! By now, you should have received your Annual Statement of Medical Expenses (formerly "Income Tax Letter") by mail. It was sent out near the end of February. This summary Statement of Medical Expenses was mailed along with your Benefit Statement.

If you would like a detailed Statement of Medical Expenses, you can access it digitally from My Insurance, Johnson's online portal. Log in with your email and password, then click "Group Benefits – Policy Details." Finally, click on the "Communication Centre," and you will find your detailed Statement of Medical Expenses outlining all claims possessed in 2023.

You can claim your Health Benefit premiums and any portion of the medical expenses you had to pay out of pocket in twelve months ending in 2023 as Medical Expenses on your tax return.

The Supplemental Travel Health Insurance application form for travel over 93 days can also be found on Johnson's online portal. Simply click on "Available Forms" instead of "Communication Centre". We encourage you to visit the Johnson Inc. website regularly and review the FAQ section, which includes answers to frequently asked questions and much more.

As you gear up for summer travel, please remember that you have up to \$6,000 in trip cancellation/interruption coverage under the Health Benefit Plan per insured on your Health Benefit plan. If you require an additional \$6,000 to bump your coverage to \$12,000 per insured, you can access the application form at <https://rtoero.ca/insurance/supplemental-travel/>. Scroll down to "Supplemental Trip Cancellation and Trip

Interruption Plan for extra coverage,” you will see the details, premium and a link to “Apply” to access the application form. You can also call Johnson Insurance at 1-877-406-9007 to speak to a representative

to apply. Please note that this is coverage for a specific trip, and an application must be made for each trip for which increased coverage is required. You can still purchase Trip Cancellation & Interruption Travel Insurance if you do not have a Health Benefits Plan. This is new, and details can be found at <https://rtoero.ca/insurance/trip-cancellation-interruption/>.

Veillez noter qu’un état sommaire de déclarations de prestations et des frais médicaux de 2023 qui auparavant était appelé **lettre d’impôt sur le revenu**, de Johnson / RTOERO a été envoyé par la poste à la fin de février 2024.

Vous pouvez obtenir cet état des déclarations de prestations, de frais médicaux et d’autres informations en français en cliquant sur le site Web **Mon assurance de Johnson Inc.** Vous y trouverez votre relevé détaillé comprenant toutes les réclamations traitées en 2023. Vous pouvez accéder au sommaire de vos protections actuelles en cliquant sur le lien « Sommaire de mes protections » au menu principal.

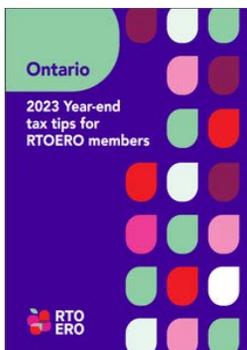
## Régime supplémentaire d’annulation et d’interruption de voyage pour une couverture additionnelle

Vous bénéficiez d’une couverture d’assurance voyage allant jusqu’à 93 jours par assuré, par voyage, grâce au Régime d’assurance voyage de RTOERO disponible avec le régime Frais médicaux complémentaires.

Si vous voyagez plus de 93 jours en dehors de votre province ou territoire de résidence, vous pouvez facilement ajouter une couverture pour des jours supplémentaires en souscrivant à ce Régime supplémentaire d’assurance voyage facultatif. Il suffit de remplir le formulaire ou de contacter l’un des représentants autorisés de Johnson Insurance <https://rtoero.ca/insurance/trip-cancellation-interruption/> téléphone : 1 877 406 9007

Nous vous encourageons à visiter régulièrement le site et d’aller lire la section « Foire aux questions ».

Happy Travels! Bon voyage!



## Tax Time

Tax Tips, prepared by Grant Thornton LLP, is a comprehensive document providing tax information and useful tips relevant to members to assist them in preparing their tax returns.

Le document annuel Renseignements fiscaux rédigé par les auditeurs de RTOERO, fournit des renseignements et des conseils fiscaux qui peuvent aider les membres à remplir leur déclaration de revenus.

Pearl Fong West Benefit Chairperson / Représentante du comité des régimes d’assurance

## Did you co-sign your kid’s mortgage? There are new tax reporting rules to know.

If you’re part of a joint bank account or have co-signed a mortgage, you might be part of something called a “bare trust” agreement that many Canadians will have to file a tax return for in the coming weeks.

Bare trusts aren't new, but this year is the first time the arrangements must be filed and reported to the [Canada Revenue Agency](#) (CRA) for the 2023 tax year. If the April 2 deadline isn't met, some hefty penalties could apply.

"It's very important that all Canadians really take a good stock of whatever bare trust they may have in their world and get compliant as soon as possible," says Ameer Abdulla, a tax expert at Ernst & Young (EY). Since the rule is new this year, many Canadians may be unaware that they must file a bare trust return within the next few weeks.

### **Here's everything you need to know:**

Bare trusts happen when someone legally owns an asset, but it technically belongs to someone else. The arrangement is essentially a separation of legal and beneficial ownership of a property.

"For bare trust, I think a lot of them are typically innocent, like having an account for your minor child to hold birthday money or partnering with your elderly parent who may or not be losing some of their memory. It's a very practical way to deal with those sorts of things," Abdulla says

The CRA defines bare trusts as "a trust arrangement under which the trustee can reasonably be considered to act as agent for all the beneficiaries under the trust with respect to all dealings with all of the trust's property."

Examples of a bare trust arrangement, according to the CRA, would be

- A financial account made by a parent or grandparent for a minor
- Any joint bank account: For example, between an adult child and their elderly parent
- A parent co-signing a mortgage for them

For a co-signed mortgage to count as a bare trust agreement, Abdulla says financial institutions require the parent also to be included on the title.

"It's the being on title that could create the bare trust arrangement because then you have a number of people on the legal title for a home or a condo, and the beneficial ownership might not be all the people listed," he explains.

A growing portion of Canadians likely fall into this category of mortgage co-signers for their child or grandchild, as young people's wages continuously struggle to keep up with the rising cost of living and homeownership.

For the first time, bare trusts are required to file T3 Trust Income Tax and Information Returns for the 2023 year. If Canadians don't file their bare trust returns by the deadline, they could face multiple fees or penalties. Typically, the fee is \$25 per day for late filing, with a minimum penalty of \$100 and a maximum of \$2,500.

However, if you miss the deadline this year, you might be in the clear. The CRA announced this week that because the new bare trust rules may be unfamiliar to Canadians, the agency will offer relief from the penalty and only pursue blatant cases of gross negligence.

Even if the trust has no income to report, the new Schedule 15 forms are part of the T3 Return and therefore can't be filed on their own.

Certainly, for the change for 2023, you must file (T3), and you must file Schedule 15,

Roger Toffolo Treasurer / Trésorier

## Bill 124 Remedy: Decision and Q&A

On Friday, February 9, ETFO members were advised that the Bill 124 remedy award for Year 3 of 2019-2022 collective agreements had been issued by Arbitrator William Kaplan. Arbitrator Kaplan determined the Year 3 remedy to be 2.75%.

ETFO has prepared a document with questions and answers about implementing the Bill 124 remedy.

Please note that your collective agreement's most recent salary grid, wage scale, or daily occasional rate is dated September 1, 2021. Within 120 days of Arbitrator Kaplan's Bill 124 award date, you can expect the amounts in that salary grid, wage scale, or daily occasional rate to increase to reflect the Bill 124 remedy. This means that you will receive a 4.25% increase, compounded.

If you are a member and have any questions regarding the retroactive pay you receive due to the Bill 124 payment adjustment, it is recommended that you contact your payroll department as soon as possible after the school board has issued the payment.

Ensure you provide your questions to your payroll department in writing, such as through an email, and receive a written response from them.

If you have any concerns about the response you receive from your payroll department regarding your Bill 124 payment adjustment, please do not hesitate to contact your ETFO local. Ensure you provide your local with a copy of your written communication to payroll and payroll's written response.

### Social Media / Réseaux sociaux



#### RTOERO District 5 ARCHIVES

Kathy Johnson and Don Polesky have undertaken the task of preserving district photos. Their objective is to digitize the images for broader accessibility. Don spent several hours digitizing four albums containing hundreds of pictures taken between 1973 and 2014. Any contributions to the photo collection project are welcome and appreciated.

Cette année, Kathy Johnson et Don Polesky ont entrepris de numériser et sauvegarder des photos qui ont été prises au cours des années. Les membres pourront les voir sur notre site web. Ce projet ambitieux exige plusieurs heures de travail. Des photos de quatre albums datant de 1973 à 2014 ont été affichées.

Toute contribution de photos à ce projet serait très appréciée.

Don Polesky Social Media Rep / Représentant des réseaux sociaux

Will you be coming to the Spring Forum?

Date: Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Where: New Liskeard Golf Club  
804027 Golf Course Rd.  
New Liskeard, On.

Time : 10 am

Door Prize  
Come enjoy lunch with us!

**RSVP.**

Contact : any member of the Executive or

Sharon Bowes

Phone/Text: 705 948 0383

[president05@district.rtoero.ca](mailto:president05@district.rtoero.ca)

\*Include your name and phone number.

\*Please let us know if you have any  
**food intolerances.**



District 5 Cochrane/Temiskaming

Vous allez vous joindre à nous ?

Date: Le mercredi 29 mai 2024

Endroit: Club de golf de New Liskeard  
804027 Golf Course Rd.  
New Liskeard, ON

Heure : 10h

Prix de présence.  
Joignez-vous à nous!

**RSVP**

Contacteur : un des membres de l'exécutif ou

Sharon Bowes

Phone/Text: 705 948 0383

[president05@district.rtoero.ca](mailto:president05@district.rtoero.ca)

\*Inclure votre nom et numéro de téléphone.

\*S'il vous plait nous informer si vous souffrez  
**d'intolérance alimentaire.**



District 5 Cochrane/Temiskaming

Thinking about retirement? Come to the **RTOERO RPW Workshop.**  
Vous pensez à prendre votre retraite ? Venez à **l'atelier de planification de la retraite** de RTOERO.

If you know someone planning to retire this year or in the near future and has worked in any educational sector, such as school boards, colleges, or daycares, please inform them about the upcoming RTOERO workshop. They are eligible to join, so we highly encourage them to register soon.

Si vous connaissez des personnes qui vont prendre leur retraite cette année ou sous peu, nous vous demandons de les informer et de les encourager à s'inscrire à l'atelier « Préparation à la retraite »



RTOERO District 5 is pleased to host an In-Person Retirement Planning Workshop.

Le district 5 de RTOERO a le plaisir d'offrir un atelier en présentiel sur la préparation à la retraite.

When? **Wed. April 24, 2024,**

Quand? **Mercredi 24 avril, 2024**

Where? Timiskaming District  
Secondary School  
90 Niven Street,  
New Liskeard, ON

Endroit: Timiskaming District  
Secondary School  
90 Niven Street  
New Liskeard, ON

Check-in: Time: 4:00 pm

Heure d'inscription: 4h

Start Time: 4:30 pm

Début à: 4 h 30

Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Un goûter et des breuvages seront mis à votre disposition.

## Book Corner / Le coin du livre



Our Fall 2023 newsletter introduced a new segment called "Book Corner." The goal was to share what our members were reading and recommend books they enjoyed. We asked members to send us the names of the books and authors they wanted to recommend. We also announced that a prize would be awarded to the draw winner. We would be thrilled to include more books in our upcoming newsletter. Please submit your favourite ones and be a part of our exciting journey.

We are excited to share the book recommendations that our members have submitted with you.

Dans la dernière infolettre nous vous avons fait part qu'une rubrique « Le coin du livre » serait ajoutée à l'infolettre. Nous avons invité les membres à partager le nom de livres et des auteurs qu'ils ont aimé lire afin de les faire connaître aux autres membres. Nous avons aussi fait mention d'un tirage parmi les participants. Le

gagnant de ce tirage recevra un prix de participation. Continuez à nous faire parvenir vos recommandations. Nous serons fiers d'ajouter d'autres livres à notre rubrique.

Nous sommes ravis de vous présenter les livres qui ont été suggérés :

<b>The Title of the book Titre du livre</b>	<b>Author'Name Nom de l'auteur</b>	<b>Name of the RTOERO Member Nom du membre de RTOERO</b>
Rush Home Road	Lory Lansen Louise Penny Series	Roberta Torlone (should be read in order)
Before the Coffee Gets Cold	Toshikazu Kawaguchi	Kathy- Bond-Johnson
All The Light We Cannot See Between Two Kingdoms	Anthony Doerr Suleika Jaouad	Cindy Meaden
The Winemaker's Wife The Book of Lost Names The Rose Code	Kristen Harmel Kristen Harmel Kate Quinn	Estelle Sylvestre
Aimer, Perdre et grandir The Thursday Murder Club	Jean Monbourquette Richard Osman	Denise Lalonde-Farquhar
Souvenirs d'autrefois (3 tomes) Souvenirs de la banlieue (6 tomes) Un voisinage comme les autres (4 tomes) La nouvelle vie de Mado Côté (la retraitée)	Rosette Laberge Rosette Laberge Rosette Laberge Rosette Laberge	Rose Hélène Génier



Denise Lalonde-Farquhar Congratulations!  
Félicitations à notre gagnante, Denise Lalonde-Farquhar !



Photo: Alina McCullen / Getty Images

Many Canadians will have the chance to observe a total solar eclipse, a rare astronomical event, on April 8, 2024. A total solar eclipse occurs when the sun, moon, and Earth are perfectly aligned. The moon, illuminated by the sun, casts a shadow into space that temporarily hides the sun.

"If you have never observed a total solar eclipse before, you will have the opportunity to experience this unique event next April. It is a remarkable experience to witness the visibility of this rare phenomenon, and it may take several years before it happens again," says Ilana MacDonald, Outreach Coordinator at the Dunlap Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of Toronto. Robert Knobel, associate professor and head of the Department of Physics, Engineering Physics, and Astronomy at Queen's University, highlights that the last total solar eclipse to cross Canada was 45 years ago, in 1979.

The southern and eastern Ontario communities bordering Lake Erie and Lake Ontario are in the solar eclipse path. To experience this event to the fullest, the City of Hamilton and the Regional Municipality of Niagara will be good places to meet as they are in the total eclipse zone. The precise timing and duration of the eclipse will vary greatly depending on the observation point.

Plusieurs canadiens auront la chance d'observer une éclipse solaire totale, un événement astronomique rarissime qui aura lieu le 8 avril 2024 prochain. L'éclipse solaire totale se produit lorsque le soleil, la lune et la Terre sont alignés. Éclairée par le soleil, la lune projette dans l'espace un ombre qui cache temporairement le soleil.

Pour tous les gens qui n'ont jamais eu la chance d'observer une éclipse solaire totale, l'occasion de vivre cette expérience se présente au mois d'avril prochain. Pouvoir observer et profiter de la visibilité de ce phénomène unique est extraordinaire. « Plusieurs années peuvent s'écouler avant d'avoir la possibilité d'observer ce phénomène à nouveau » affirme Ilana MacDonald, coordonnatrice de la sensibilisation à l'Institut Dunlap d'astronomie et d'astrophysique de l'Université de Toronto. Robert Knobel, professeur agrégé et chef du Département de génie physique et d'astronomie de l'Université Queen's rappelle que la dernière éclipse solaire totale qui a traversé le Canada est arrivé il y a 45 ans, en 1979.

Les localités dans le sud et l'est de l'Ontario en bordure des lacs Érié et Ontario sont dans la trajectoire de l'éclipse solaire. Pour vivre à plein cet événement la ville de Hamilton et la municipalité régionale de Niagara seront de bons endroits à se retrouver car ils se trouvent dans la zone d'éclipse totale. Le moment précis de l'éclipse et la durée va grandement varier et dépendre du point d'observation.

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