

Chapter 9 News

Save the Date

Friday Sept 8th

ARM Breakfast

Reply via email to be sent soon to order your regular, vegetarian, or gluten-free meal

Free for members

\$15 for social members or partners

September 8th ARM Brick Ceremony following our First Friday breakfast

A list of this year's honourees can be found on page 5

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ARM Breakfasts

October 6th

November 3rd

Information Event

October 18th

Anti-Fraud Workshop

District 9 Office
547 Victoria Avenue,
Windsor

Further details for this event will be provided by email.

Four future ARM Chapter 9 Newsletters will be issued as Fall, Winter, Spring, and the Annual General Meeting Edition

This newsletter was awarded the Provincial OSSTF

Ian Cameron Active Retired Members Award

May 2023

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Your ARM Executive in Action!

Greetings ARM Chapter 9 members. I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and enjoying life to the fullest. Chapter 9 ARM has been busy over the summer.

During the month of July, in support of United Way projects that benefit Windsor-Essex, Executive members sold 50/50 raffle tickets at the weekly Car Expo held at Branch 594. In August, we helped distribute food and books to families through the Summer Eats program. Thanks to those of you who donated books this past spring; we can assure you there were many grateful smiles from children and their parents who sorted through to find a favourite new book to bring home!

Chapter 9 ARM members were also regular visitors to the Windsor Salt workers picket line throughout the summer until a 5-year collective agreement was finally ratified by Unifor members on August 27th. The support of local retired educators was greatly appreciated and warmly received.

Our monthly First Friday Breakfasts will continue to be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594 – 5030 Howard Avenue in Oldcastle. If you have not joined former friends & colleagues at this location, consider doing so. A hot buffet breakfast is served to all in a roomy dining space reserved for our group. The relaxed setting allows for all of us to remain and visit with one another – something everyone seems to enjoy!

Our 2023-2024 Executive is listed on final page of this newsletter. We have four positions as Members At Large that remain vacant. If you are interested in joining the Executive, please speak with Vice-President Jacques Aharonian or email j29aharon@gmail.com before our first meeting scheduled September 20th. Future dates are November 29th, February 7th, April 10th, and May 22nd. Our AGM is scheduled for June 21, 2024.

We pride ourselves as being an active ARM Chapter with luncheons and events scheduled in the coming months. Your involvement as a member of the Executive would be most welcomed!

All the best for good health and happiness. Your suggestions and comments are always welcomed.

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The Ontario Health Coalition Action Assembly

A Submission by Sandra Sahli – Community Advocacy Officer

We need to take action as though our public health care is in grave danger

BECAUSE IT IS!

**MAJOR PROTEST
OPENING DAY OF THE
ONTARIO LEGISLATURE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
At 12 Noon**

Arrangements are being made for transportation to be made available to ARM members to travel to Toronto. If you are interested in registering for the bus from Windsor, email Sandra Sahli at srsahli@hotmail.com. Also, watch for information to be sent by email.

- **The Ford government is privatizing our public hospitals model to for-profit hospitals & clinics**
- **They are letting the for-profit clinics charge patients thousands of dollars.**
- **They are closing small & local hospital emergency departments & urgent care.**
- **They have underspent the health budget by \$1.7 billion even while thousands of nurses, doctors & health professionals have left & our public operating rooms sit idle much of the time.**
- **They are giving new 30 – year contracts & major expansions to the very worst for-profit long-term care corporations.**

OUR PUBLIC HOSPITALS ARE OURS!

IT TOOK OUR COMMUNITIES MORE THAN 100 YEARS TO BUILD OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HOSPITALS & PUBLIC HEALTH CARE!

IT IS A CHOICE OF THE FORD GOVERNMENT NOT TO FUND & OPEN THE UNDER-USED OPERATING ROOMS WE ALREADY HAVE IN OUR HOSPITALS!

THE FORD GOVERNMENT’S HOSPITAL PRIVATIZATION PLAN IS A “TAKE AWAY” FROM OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HOSPITALS!

HEALTH CARE SHOULDN’T DEPEND ON HOW RICH YOU ARE!

ONTARIO FUNDS OUR PUBLIC HOSPITALS AT THE LOWEST RATE IN CANADA!

UPDATE: United Way – August 2023

Submitted by: Sandra Sahli, Community Advocacy Officer

Chapter 9 ARM will continue to be represented on the United Way Cabinet by Sandra Sahli. As approved at our June 2023 Annual General Meeting, we hope that the members of ARM Chapter 9 will support the United Way throughout the remainder of 2023-2024 in the following ways:

- United Way Campaign (October 2023)
- *iMove* for United Way (February-March 2024)
- Tampon Tuesday (March 2024)
- Book Drive for United Way (June 2024)

A Picture is Worth 1000 Words



Executive members Sandra Sahli and Suzette Clark help distribute books donated by Chapter 9 ARM members as part of the Summer Eats program in August 2023. We will continue to volunteer for United Way activities in support of the Windsor-Essex community. Watch for additional highlights in future newsletters.



Political Action Officer Margaret Villamizar and ARM member Sandra Marwood Pattman on the picket line with Windsor Salt workers after they had rejected the first contract offered. Support from retired educational workers was always welcomed!



10am Parade
11am Speakers
Booths

Classic Car Show
Play Inflatables
Live Music
Free Hot Dogs, Pop and Water
*while supplies last

Celebrate

LABOUR DAY

MON SEPT 4th
10am to 2pm
LANSPEARY PARK
1250 Langlois Ave, Windsor, ON

Parade Info
8:30am Staging begins at Unifor 200/444 Union Hall (1855 Turner Rd).
10am Parade route starts from Unifor 200/444 to Tecumseh Rd to Parent Ave to Ottawa St to Lanspeary Park (Langlois Ave).



W D L C
windsorlabour.ca

Music by Hayley Doucet
Local Country Artist

BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO UHC 

As new members of the Windsor District Labour Council (as approved at the June 2023 Annual General Meeting), ARM Chapter 9 members are invited to take part in the 2023 Labour Day Parade.

Please note the *new Parade route* which begins at the Unifor Union Hall on Turner Road but ends at Lanspeary Park (rather than Fogolar Furlan)

We will be marching with OSSTF members as we celebrate the contributions of organized labour!

We hope to see some of you there!



IMPORTANT REMINDER

SEPTEMBER 8TH BRICK MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Executive of ARM Chapter 9 invites you to attend to celebrate the memory of our late colleagues.

Joseph Pastovich

Herman Bruckman

Gerald Schen

Theodore Symonds

Joseph Tomc

Gregory Sovan

William G. Van Wyck

Their lifetime dedication to education will be honoured at the Udine Fountain – located at Ouellette Avenue and Riverside Drive at 12 Noon.

Chapter 9 ARM endeavors to acknowledge the loss of all former OSSTF colleagues but, has on occasion, been unaware of the passing of some individuals.

If we miss information about the loss of someone who deserves recognition, we will do our best to do so as soon as possible.

Did you know...?

The CALDWELL FIRST NATION have formed a group helping to protect the environment known as POINT PELEE GUARDIANS?

A charitable donation was made on behalf of ARM Chapter 9 following the June 2023 Annual General Meeting.

This donation is made as part of our commitment “to take responsibility and make things better with our shared past” as stated in our Indigenous Acknowledgement as an organization within OSSTF.

Watch for more information about collaboration, acknowledgement, and celebration with the original caretakers of this land in future newsletters.

You can do your part by taking part in any events scheduled for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Saturday, September 30th.

To learn more about this local Indigenous organization, visit their website <https://www.caldwellfirstnation.ca>

STAYING CURRENT



ARM Chapter 9 has an electronic resource so that you can stay informed about things that matter to our membership.

ARM Chapter 9 Website

www.armchapter9.ca

The Chapter 9 website contains

information for Retired members of OSSTF.

Current and previous newsletters can be found along with details about the work of your Executive.

The website has been created in an easy-to-navigate format offering our membership uncomplicated access to its content.

If you have suggestions about what you might like included in the website please email

armchapter9@outlook.com

Due to limited usage, ARM Chapter 9 will no longer be maintaining Facebook or Twitter accounts.

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Together as a community we are on this journey of reconciliation. The truths of families and survivors of Canadian residential schools have left permanent scars on communities and on our nation. In the spirit of healing and reconciliation, we will gather.

Downtown Amherstburg is hosting an event called “Walking Together” with Indigenous People presented by Ska:na Family Learning Centre.

On Saturday, September 30th, we are invited to learn more about Indigenous culture. Watch demonstrations of dancing, drumming and storytelling. Learn and listen from Elders and motivational speakers from the community. Shop at the Indigenous vendors selling unique art, crafts and gifts.

Source: Events to Experience

www.visitamherstburg.ca



Important Information From our friends at OTIP

Does home insurance cover dog bites?

If you have a dog, you've likely wondered at one point or another, "what will happen if my dog bites someone, hurts another dog or damages someone's property? Will my insurance cover the damage?" After all, dogs are animals, and it's impossible to predict or control their actions all the time—even when they've had the best training. We've got the answers to your questions.

If my dog bites someone or damages their property, will my insurance cover it?

Yes—your home, tenant or condo insurance policy will likely cover you if your dog bites someone, hurts another dog or damages someone else's property. These policies generally include third-party liability coverage, which protects you if you're held legally responsible for an injury or damage to someone else's property. This coverage extends to your dog, too—whether you're at home or on the go. In the event that your dog bites someone or damages their property, your insurer will cover injuries or damages if you're liable for the incident or pay to defend you if you're not, no matter where you are when the incident occurs.

Note: Depending on where you live, there are three basic ways responsibility for a dog bite is determined. Liability will either rest on the dog's owner (no matter whose care the dog was in at the time), on the person who was caring for the dog at the time (like a dog walker, for example) or on both.

Exceptions for high-risk dogs

Depending on your insurer and your policy, there may be some cases where dog bites aren't covered — if your dog has a history of biting or is categorized as a "high-risk" breed, for example. Every insurer has its own rules (and some don't list exceptions at all), so you should always contact your insurance broker if your dog bites someone.

What should I do if my dog bites someone or damages their property?

If your dog bites someone or damages their property, you should report it to your home insurance company right away—even if you're not sure whether or not you'll need to make a claim. Sometimes with a dog bite, you may not know until a little while later that you're going to need help from your insurer. For example, if the person who your dog bites says not to worry about it but ends up needing treatment later, you may end up having to submit a claim. It's a good idea to make sure your insurance company knows about a potential claim as soon as the related incident happens.

Getting a dog can be one of the most exciting times in your life, but it also comes with a lot of responsibility. While you can't always prevent your pup from acting out, proper socialization and training can help make sure they're comfortable interacting with other dogs and people.



Noteworthy Dates

Monday September 4th
Labour Day

September 30th National
Day for Truth &
Reconciliation

Monday October 9th
Thanksgiving

Wednesday October
18th Anti-Fraud
Workshop



Sunday November 5,
2023 Daylight Saving
Time ends

In Memoriam

- **Betty Maddocks**
On May 8, 2023, Elizabeth Maddocks, a former vocational teacher, guidance counselor and principal who focused on adult education and literacy, passed away.
- **Lou Pocock**
Lou Pocock passed away on May 29, 2023. He was a teacher at Vincent Massey Secondary School for 33 years. The community recognized him for his OFSAA championships as a swimming coach in 2012.
- **Robert Houston**
Chapter 9 ARM was saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Houston on July 14, 2023. Robert was a teacher at Leamington District Secondary School and Riverside Secondary School. He will be missed by family and friends.
- **Donald Parsons**
Don Parsons died on August 10, 2023. A teacher for 36 years, he spent most of his career at Shawnee Secondary. Our sympathy to his brother Tom, an ARM member.
- **Janet Pundyk**
On August 13, 2023, Janet Pundyk passed away. She was a former Continuing Education Instructor at Mason Educational Centre and was the president of the OSSTF bargaining unit representing those members prior to her retirement.

As ARM members, the memories of Lou Pocock and Robert Houston will be celebrated by Chapter 9 ARM at the September 2024 ceremony where a memorial brick will be unveiled in their honour.

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2023-2024 ARM Chapter 9 Executive Members

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Members At Large – four vacancies at present

Patricia Morneau

MEMBERSHIP VOICE MATTERS!

This END OF SUMMER edition of Chapter 9 News is the first of five planned for this year.

The Newsletter Editorial Team welcomes submissions for the FALL 2023, SPRING & WINTER 2024 editions.

Contributions for the FALL edition can be forwarded to armchapter9@outlook.com by October 20, 2023.

We look forward to hearing from you!