

Issue 01 Chapter 9 News

OSSTF – Active Retired Members

President's Message from Bruce Awad

Dear ARM Chapter 9 members,
I hope you all have had an enjoyable and restful summer. I have a few important topics to share with you.
At our AGM (Annual General Meeting) on JUNE 20 TH 2024, the following were elected as your 2024-2025 Executive:

President – Bruce Awad
Vice President – Jacques Aharonian
Member Services Officer – Rosanne Herold
Recording Secretary – Annette Nelson
Treasurer – Dan Eberwein
Communications Officer – Suzette Clark
Political Action Officer – John Tomlinson
Program Co-Ordinator – Jacques Aharonian
Community Advocacy Officer – Sandra Sahli
Membership Officer – Brian Robinson
Member At Large (1) – Patricia Morneau
Member At Large (2) – Margaret Villamizar
Member At Large (3) – David Pellizzari
Member At Large (4) - Vacant
Member At Large (5) – Vacant.

Please note the 2 vacancies for Member At Large on our executive. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Jacques Aharonian at 519-567-8671 or j29aharon@gmail.com before our September 13th meeting of the Executive.

Since 2019, we have provided 8 free First Friday Breakfasts and 2 free Luncheons (December and April) each year. By subsidizing these events 100%, we have spent much of our surplus funds that were built up over the years prior to 2019. Starting this year (2024-2025), we will be subsidizing the 2 events by 50%.

This means members will pay \$10.00 for each breakfast and guests will pay \$20.00 for each breakfast. As for the luncheons, members will pay \$15.00 each luncheon and guests will pay \$30.00 for each luncheon. This will allow us to spend the remaining surplus money for several more years.

Our costs for breakfasts and luncheons have risen significantly over the past two years. By doing this, we believe this still represents good value for our members and we hope you will agree and continue to support these events. As usual, members will need to register for the events and pay cash at the door.

Save the Date

Monday September 2nd
Labour Day Parade

Friday September 6th
First Friday Breakfast
\$10 for Members
\$20 for Guests
RSVP via email

Brick Memorial Service -noon
follows breakfast

Rain or Shine

Plan to attend breakfasts:
Friday October 4th
Friday November 1st



This is the first of five newsletters for 2024-2025. Future editions will include Fall 2024, Winter & Spring 2025 and a final AGM edition before our June 6th meeting to be held immediately following our First Friday Breakfast.

President's Message – Continued

Our educational workshops that we offer (usually 2 per year), will continue to be free with a light meal provided.

Please look for our registration email for our First Friday breakfast on September 6th in your Inbox. This will be followed by our Brick Memorial Service beginning at noon at the Udine fountain at the foot of Ouellette and Riverside. This year we have 11 honorees who have passed away. Look for further details of this special event elsewhere in this newsletter.

I hope to see you all at our next breakfast. Your suggestions are always appreciated.

Yours in Federation,
Bruce Awad, President

Important Information from our Friends at OTIP

What you need to know if your vehicle is stolen

Auto theft is a crisis affecting Canadians nationwide, but it's felt the most in Ontario. In this article, we'll explore the importance of insuring your vehicle against theft and the steps you can take to help keep your vehicle safe.

In a reassuring move, the Ontario government is taking significant steps to combat and prevent auto theft. They're investing \$18 million over three years, a sign of their commitment, as auto theft has increased by 72% from 2014 to 2021. Every 14 minutes, a vehicle is stolen in Ontario. Auto theft isn't just a personal loss; it hurts everyone – when thieves steal, we all pay. In this article, we'll explore the importance of insuring your vehicle against theft and the steps you can take to help keep your vehicle safe.

What does insurance cover if my vehicle is stolen?

If you have the proper insurance, it will cover a stolen vehicle. Protection against auto theft isn't typically included in a basic auto insurance policy. However, with [additional optional coverage](#), you'll be covered if your vehicle is stolen.

You can enhance your protection by adding any of these endorsements:

1. Comprehensive
2. All-risk (All-perils)
3. Specified Perils

These types of endorsements can help:

- Replace a stolen vehicle
- Replace parts that are stolen or damaged
- Repair damages to your vehicle from a theft or break-in

What do I do if my vehicle is stolen?

1. **Be sure your vehicle is stolen.** Before assuming the worst, confirm that your vehicle has indeed been stolen. Consider alternative scenarios: could it have been towed or lent to someone?

2. **Contact the police.** Call your local police to begin the investigation process. You'll be expected to describe your vehicle, including the make, model, licence plate, and VIN, and provide a detailed account of the incident. Remember to notify the police of technology that may help them track your vehicle, such as a [telematics device](#) or a [Tag Tracking and Recovery System](#).
3. **Contact your insurance company.** Once you've submitted a police report, call your insurance representative. This will protect you if your vehicle is used to cause harm or commit a crime. Provide them with as much information as possible, including items inside the vehicle during the incident.

How does auto theft impact my auto insurance?

Auto theft can impact how much you pay for auto insurance. It costs drivers, insurance companies, and the government millions annually. Many factors are considered, such as:

- Where you live: Larger cities such as Toronto, Mississauga, and Ottawa are known to be costly for auto theft claims. You can expect a higher premium if you live in a city with a higher number of auto thefts.
- The vehicle you drive: Vehicles that are common targets for theft cost more to insure. Équité Association releases a list of Canada's top 10 most stolen vehicles each year.

How do I keep my vehicle safe?

The best offence is a good defence. The Insurance Bureau of Canada encourages a layered approach to protection⁴:

Layer 1: The simple, common-sense steps

- Keep doors locked at all times
- Never leave keys in the ignition or start your vehicle remotely
- Ensure windows are closed
- Park in a well-lit area
- Park in a secure garage if possible

Layer 2: Install visible or audible anti-theft devices

Layer 3: Install a vehicle immobilizer

Layer 4: Invest in a tracking system

Remember to speak with your insurance broker before installing aftermarket technologies and check with your dealership before installing a tracking system (to ensure it doesn't affect your vehicle's warranty).



CHAPTER 9 NEWS HAS A NEW LOOK!

Our commitment to keeping you informed on upcoming events and matters important to retired educational workers continues in this new format.

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The Gary L. Parent Activist Awards Dinner

On June 20th, Windsor District Labour Council and the United Way honoured the work of Sandra Sahli for her dedication to community service through her roles at United Way, most recently as the OSSTF Chapter 9 ARM representative. Sandi proudly received the **John Toth Community Champion Legacy Award** in the company of representatives from WDLC, United Way and OSSTF including President, Karen Littlewood, Vice-President Martha Hradowy and Erin Roy, President District 9.



Chapter 9 ARM Executive members Rosanne Herold, Suzette Clark, Jacques Aharonian, Annette Nelson, Margaret Villamizar and Bruce Awad celebrated not only Sandi's recognition but also Margaret's, whose work with the Windsor Peace Coalition was acknowledged. Both of these Chapter 9 members are to be celebrated!

BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO UHC



10am
Parade

11am
Speakers

Booths



11am
FREE Food
& Activities

Outdoor Pool
Play Inflatables

Face Painting

Refreshments

Hot Dogs

Ice Cream

and

more...

*while
supplies
last

Celebrate

LABOUR

DAY

MON SEPT 2⁰24
11am to 3pm⁴

LANSPEARY PARK

1250 Langlois Ave, Windsor, ON

Parade Info

8am Staging begins at
Unifor 200/444 Union
Hall (1855 Turner Rd).

10am Parade route
starts from Unifor
200/444 to Seneca St
Kildare Rd to Ottawa St
to Lanspeary Park
(Langlois Ave).



W D L C

windsorlabour.ca

12pm
Live Music

Local
Artists

For inquiries, contact the WDLC at office@wdlc.ca

IN MEMORIAM

ARM CHAPTER 9 ACKNOWLEDGES THE LOSS OF THE FOLLOWING FORMER EDUCATORS:

- Neil MacEwan
Former math teacher with the Windsor Board of Education passed away on May 25, 2024.
- Mike Vorkapich
On June 4, 2024, Mike Vorkapich died. Remembered for a 39-year teaching career that included Leamington District High School, his contributions to students and colleagues are acknowledged.
- Jerald Ogle
Former librarian from Kingsville District High School passed away on July 7, 2024.
- Robert Taylor
Remembered for a 30-year career with the Windsor Board of Education, Robert Taylor died on July 24, 2024.
- Donald Allsop
Having taught at W.D. Lowe, Commerce High School, Centennial, and Vincent Massey Secondary School over 32 years, Donald Allsop died on July 27, 2024. He was an honorary life member of OSSTF.
- Sheila Ross
Former librarian for the Windsor Board of Education, Sheils Ross passed away on July 29, 2024.
- Sandra Angelini
Long time English teacher, Sandra Angelini passed away on August 26, 2024. She taught at Essex District High School for several years.

Ontario Health Care UPDATE, HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFING & STRATEGY MEETING

Next phase of the fightback to stop Ford's health care privatization

Wednesday, September 11th, 7 p.m. via Zoom online

We welcome all of our members and supporters, leaders and members of partner organizations, and anyone who supports the fightback to stop the privatization of Ontario's public health care system.

Please register to join the online Zoom meeting by clicking on the link below. After registering, Zoom will email you the meeting link that you can click on to join the online meeting on Wednesday, September 11th at 7 p.m.

[Click here to register](#)

After more than 10,000 people across the province protested against Ford's health care privatization in May, we kicked off the lawn sign campaign by sending out 6,000 signs to local coalitions to continue making the opposition to privatization impossible to ignore (find out how to get a sign below).

Now, we are moving into the next phase of the fightback to save our public hospital services as the Ford government plans to award new licenses to private MRI and CT clinics. Polling shows that Ontarians strongly support public health care, oppose privatization and the majority believe the Ford government is running the public system into failure in order to push privatization. They certainly could hardly do more damage if they tried.

We can win this fightback. Indeed, we must. The future of our public health care hangs in the balance.

Information from CARP

The Canadian Association of Retired Persons has long advocated for seniors in Canada. This summer, they provided an update on the new Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP).

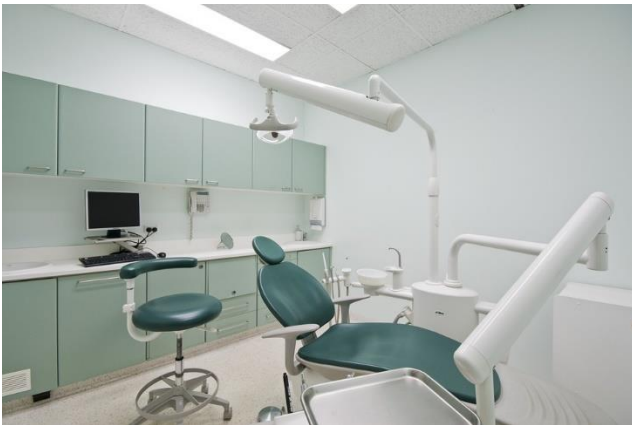
Here are the key elements CARP has identified:

Not all patients will have the full cost of their appointments covered. If your adjusted family net income is between \$70,000 and \$89,999 you may need to pay a portion of your dental costs. In order to be eligible for coverage, you must have no access to a dental plan and your annual family income must be less than \$90,000.

The CDCP is not intended to replace existing dental coverage. Do not drop your current coverage, as you may not be eligible for CDCP if you do.

You are encouraged to keep getting regular dental checkups now to catch problems before they become painful and expensive to treat.

For more information visit www.Canada.ca/dental



Covid – 19 Information from CARP

Covid-19 may seem very long ago, but the evidence is clear that a significant number of seniors face difficulties if they are impacted by the infection. Covid-19 infections are increasing in both Canada and the USA so you are encouraged to stay up to date with Covid vaccines and boosters.

If you do plan on travel, pack a First Aid kit that includes medications you typically use when ill – painkillers, cold & flu medicines and fever reducers.

Wear a mask on planes and in crowded areas. If you get sick, wear a mask and take over-the-counter medications.

Stay informed about the evolving guidelines and take necessary precautions to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

DID YOU KNOW?

September 30th is Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

It is a day to recognize the impact of the Canadian Indian residential school system.

It is also called Orange Shirt Day to remember that 6 year old Phyllis Webstad had all of her belongings taken including the beautiful orange shirt her grandmother had bought her for her first day of school.

This day is meant to raise awareness of the horrific experiences many Indigenous people had in the system led by government and churches.

Like the Orange Shirt, the phrase Every Child Matters has become central as a message of solidarity with survivors.

On September 30th

- Wear orange
- Donate to the Indian Residential Survivor Society
- Educate yourself by reading the recommendations of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission

Recommended Books:

- *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good
- *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese
- *From the Ashes* by Jesse Thistle
- *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act* by Bob Joseph

OSSTF ARM Chapter 9 Windsor Essex

ACTIVE RETIRED MEMBERS

Cordially invites you to attend the

Brick Memorial Service

in memory of our late colleagues

Louis Pocock

Robert Houston

Mary Piccinin

Irene Taylor

Betty Learmouth

Doreen O'Brien

Linda Daniels

Irene Andriash

William Clinansmith

Janet Pundyk

Michael Thomson



who have given a lifetime of dedication to education.

Date: Friday, September 6, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm

Place: Udine Fountain

(Corner of Ouellette Avenue and Riverside Drive, Windsor)



The Brick Memorial Service will be held Rain or Shine beginning at noon on Friday, September 6th.

Family and colleagues of those being recognized will be in attendance along with ARM Chapter 9 Executive members.

Plan to bring an umbrella and a lawn chair as shade and seating are limited during the service.

Parking is available at your own expense.

Contact: Rosanne Herold (519-969-9129) heroldrosanne@gmail.com

Chapter 9 News – Future Editions

Four editions are planned for 2024-2025 that will hopefully provide information for our members about local events in our area. You can contact us at armchapter9@outlook.com

The Fall Edition will highlight information relating to Intimate Partner Violence as we approach the December 6th anniversary of what has come to be known as the Montreal Massacre.

Our Winter Edition will celebrate our Holiday Luncheon and prepare us for the Spring to come.

Each edition is intended to provide you with information relevant to retired educators and keep you up to date with important issues and announcements that may impact our members. Past editions can be found on our website www.armchapter9.ca

Your Chapter 9 newsletter will be emailed to you directly. A limited number of print copies will be available at our First Friday Breakfasts.

The final edition will include information regarding our Annual General Meeting scheduled for Friday, June 6th following our final breakfast for the 2024-2025 year.

On behalf of the Executive, we hope to see you at many of the events planned for the next 10 months.



2024-2025 ARM CHAPTER 9 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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MEMBERS AT LARGE

PATRICIAL MORNEAU

DAVID PELLIZZARI

MARGARET VILLIMIZAR