



RTOERO DISTRICT 28 - REGION OF DURHAM NOVEMBER E-BLAST

What a wonderful fall we have had! The weather has been fine, the colours spectacular, and our RTOERO D-28 events have been most enjoyable. As winter approaches, please take extra care to prevent a return to the bad Covid times! We look forward to seeing many of you on November 30, at the Luncheon.

OTPP estimated (Not formally announced yet) cost of living increase in January 2023 to be 6.3%!

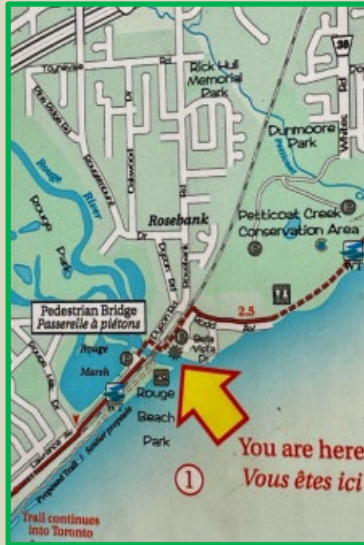
RTOERO statement about Ontario CUPE education workers.

In response to the situation between the government of Ontario and CUPE education workers, RTOERO OFFICE is providing the following statement:

CUPE education workers provide vital services that support the most vulnerable children and, in fact, every aspect of the public education system in Ontario. As a member organization of 82,000+ education workers and retirees, RTOERO supports the collective bargaining rights of our @CUPEOntario education colleagues. We urge the Ontario government to continue to bargain in good faith, rather than imposing a contract settlement. #onpoli

Ontario districts are encouraged to share [RTOERO's message](#) directly from our Facebook page.

Rouge River and Waterfront Trail Hike



On Thursday November 17th, at 10:00 am, we are going to explore the Southwestern corner of Durham Region, even wandering into Toronto! We will meet at the parking lot at Bella vista Drive (see map).

To access the trail, travel westbound on Kingston Road (also called Highway #2) in Pickering until you reach Rougemount Drive. (If using the 401, exit at Whites or Brock Road.) Turn south at the lights. You will immediately cross a bridge that passes over the 401. Continue south on Rougemount until you reach the corner of Rougemount and Rosebank Road. Turn right. Continue south on Rosebank until you reach the corner of Rosebank and Rodd Avenue. Turn left.

Right away, you will encounter the CPR railway tracks. Carefully cross the tracks as both VIA and GO trains constantly travel along this busy rail corridor. After crossing the tracks, make a quick right onto Bella Vista. You will notice the parking lot with about eight spaces. There are other parking spaces available close by. I hope to see you there!



Coffee On Us This Month

Wednesday/Thursday, Nov 23, 24 in your area at 10 a.m.

- ✚ Ajax: WEDNESDAY 245 Salem Road South
- ✚ Bowmanville: WEDNESDAY 350 Bowmanville Avenue
- ✚ Oshawa: WEDNESDAY 1361 Harmony Road North
- ✚ Port Perry: WEDNESDAY 15930 Old Simcoe Road
- ✚ Uxbridge/Beaverton - WEDNESDAY 325 Toronto Street South
- ✚ Pickering: THURSDAY 742 Kingston Road
- ✚ Whitby: THURSDAY Brock Street/401

GIVING
TUESDAY Nov
29

Giving Tuesday is coming!

<https://www.givingtuesday.ca/>

What is Giving Tuesday?

Giving Tuesday is the world's largest generosity movement. It was created in 2012 as a simple

idea: a day that encourages people to do good by making someone smile, helping a neighbour or stranger, showing up for an issue you care about, or giving some of what you have to those in need.

Over the past nine years it has grown into a global movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Giving Tuesday is a time when Canadians, charities, and businesses come together to celebrate giving and participate in activities that support charities and non-profits; to thank, help, give, show kindness, and share what they have with those in need. Every act of generosity counts. Everybody has something to give.

Our members are very generous with both time and money.

We are grateful for all our volunteers and have more opportunities for others to become involved. We are always looking for people to help with events, provide cheer to members who are in need, or participate in meetings to give direction to our local district. This year we also donated to the Ontario Tech RTOERO District 28 endowment fund and raised money through 50/50 draws for other local charities.

Looking for Charities, large or small that are involved in a cause close to your heart? Feel free to check out [Canada Helps](#).

Lastly, are you looking to help enhance the quality of life for older adults? When you give to our own RTOERO foundation, you help to foster respect, self-determination, better health care, and social connection for older adults in Canada. Even in retirement the education community makes a difference. Check out the foundation at <https://rtoero.ca/rtoero-foundation/>



SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOLS (S.I.S.) is a national organization with the capacity to propel young people to bright futures from Canada's east to west to north coasts!

The donation from RTOERO District 28 has helped to support the important work of S.I.S. towards youth outcomes of enhanced interest and confidence in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); heightened understanding of the relevance of STEM in the world around them; the ability to question intelligently, respect facts, data, and evidence; think critically; and use all the above to act responsibly.

Their [Virtual Workshop Program](#) has allowed S.I.S. to open the wonders of STEM to students in communities right across every province from west to Vancouver (BC), north to Slave Lake (AB), south to Sault Ste. Marie and Windsor (ON), and further east to St. John's (NFLD).

The launch of their on-site programming is under way. Over time, the suite of topics offered will continue to grow along with locations for on-site delivery. The support of donors like District 28 RTOERO has been vital to the success of their work.

To find out more about this worthy organization, please go to <https://scientistsinschool.ca/>

[Wine and Cheese Social](#)

More than 150 District 28 members and guests joined us for this very successful and fun event on October 19th. Special Years of Service pins and certificates were presented to members who had reached a milestone anniversary as members of RTOERO.



(For more photos of the event and a full list of Service Award recipients,) [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)