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D3 Office Calendar

*Note: Until further notice, all
D3 Executive and Committee
meetings will be held via
Zoom.*



**Oct 6th: CPAC Committee
Meeting 4:30 pm**

**Oct 6th: OTPP Pension
Webinar - via Zoom 4:00 pm**

**Oct 7th: OMERS Pension
Webinar via Zoom 4:00 pm**

**Oct 7th: District Executive
Meeting 4:30 pm**

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President's Message:

There's one thing that is constant in this world and that's change. This has been amplified in our current COVID world with an upward trend in case numbers, changing responses from the government, new self-assessment tool, students shifting to and from remote learning/in-class learning, as well as how to respond to all of this. Navigating through these changes is a challenge when there is no frame of reference or a guidebook to consult; we are all learning as we go.

One constant we want to ensure is maintaining health and safety in the workplace. This starts with each of us in following the protocols that are in place, and ensuring that everyone around us does as well. We encourage all members in identifying workplace H&S issues and reporting them to your worksite administration and your H&S reps. Regardless of what our jobs are, and what that looks like in this COVID reality, doing it safely is the one thing that should never change.

Eric Laberge, President D3

Oct 20th: OMERS Pension
Webinar via Zoom 4:00 pm

Oct 21st: OTPP Pension
Webinar via Zoom 4:00 pm

Oct 21st: Human Rights
meeting 4:30 pm

Oct 31st: Halloween
Blue Moon Fever!



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When you're an
education member
working towards
retirement,
collecting your full
pension is
typically the ideal
plan for your
golden years.

Sue Melville, District Officer's Message:

Student Achievement Awards 2021 In Honour of Marion Drysdale

OSSTF/FEESO invites secondary student writers and artists to submit creative work exploring 2021's Student Achievement Awards theme: *Kindness is a Renewable Resource*. Kindness is a renewable resource. It is something that we all have endless supplies to give. The way we treat each other, animals and even our planet speaks to who we are as human beings. Kindness is caring about other people and things even when they might not care about you. This is kindness. Students may write a **poem, short story or essay**. Or create a **drawing or painting** that explores the theme. We even have a category for **digital productions such as videos and songs**. Invite your students to share their creative vision with the world!

The Student Achievement Awards celebrate the work of OSSTF/FEESO members (teachers and education workers) and their students. The nine provincial winners will receive a cash award of \$1,000.00 and will be invited to the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Annual General Meeting in Toronto to receive their award. Guidelines, applications, and more information are available at: <http://www.osstf.on.ca/studentachievementawards>.



But you know what they say about the best-laid plans. Life intervenes. Priorities shift. Plans change. Suddenly your 85 (for OTPP) or 90 (for OMERS) factor or age 65 might seem too far away.

You're ready for retirement, now.

Yet there is so much to consider before taking early retirement—like whether you can afford to.

Ultimately, your best course of action when it comes to early retirement is to reach out to Educators Financial Group, first.

We fully understand the different sources of income you will receive throughout retirement. This means our financial specialists can draw you an income map to give you a better idea on whether your reduced pension as well as any other sources of income will be enough. If not, we can work with you to create strategies to minimize any possible gap in income to ensure your cash flow continues to run smoothly, whenever you do officially decide to retire.

Can you afford to take early retirement? [Contact us to find out.](#)

Plus learn more about how to financially prepare for retirement by checking out [our upcoming webinars](#).

Read complete article here: educatorsfinancialgroup.ca/early-retirement



A "Blue Moon" is an infrequent phenomenon involving the appearance of a 2nd full moon within a given month. There are roughly 29.5 days between full moons. This year, the full moon occurs Oct 1st and again on Oct 31st, making this Halloween a once in a Blue Moon occasion!

The next Blue Moon will be August 31, 2023



We're here for you during COVID-19

While things change at a rapid pace, our commitment to serving you remains a top priority. Find answers to your questions and learn more about resources available to support you.

Learn more:

<https://www.otip.com/coronavirus>



Driving for a ride-share or food delivery app company on the side? Make sure you are covered!

If you're looking for a way to make extra cash, signing up to be a driver for a popular rideshare or food delivery app like Uber or Skip the Dishes as a part-time gig can be lucrative. However, it also increases your risk of getting into a car accident. When you spend hours of your day on the road, you're more likely to encounter an unsafe driver or make mistakes due to fatigue. If you do get into an accident, it's important to know if your personal car insurance will cover any damages, the app company provides coverage for its drivers or you need to purchase additional coverage.

Learn more at www.otipinsurance.com/article82



Don't make these 5 common renovation mistakes!

Renovating can make your home or office feel fresh, new and inviting. It's an exciting opportunity to dream about your ideal space and make it a reality. If you're going through the time, effort and expense to renovate, make sure you do it right the first time around by avoiding these five common mistakes.

Learn more at www.otipinsurance.com/article83



Ugh! Face masks!!

Yup, we hate them; we wear them because we want to protect ourselves and others during this pandemic, but they certainly don't have to be boring!

Add some Glam!!

Not sure which mask goes well with that fabulous new fascinator you plan to wear to the next Royal Ascot races?

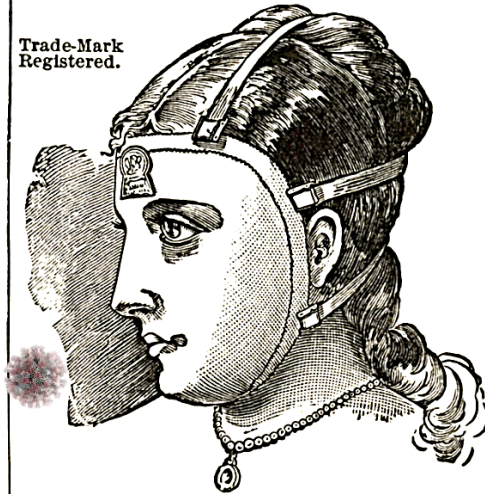


...or maybe looking for something that just screams:
"I am bejewelled!"



MADAM ROWLEY'S TOILET MASK

Trade-Mark Registered.



The Toilet Mask or (Face Glove) in position to the face.
To be Worn Three Times in the Week.

(OR FACE GLOVE)

Is used by ladies of refinement everywhere for *beautifying* and *preserving* the *skin* and *removing complexional imperfections*. It has been wonderfully successful for 21 years at home and abroad. Made of *pure* and *approved materials*, it is *recommended* by *well-known medical and scientific authorities*. The Toilet Mask is the only *time-tested*, *safe* and *natural beautifier*. It is *soft* and *pliable* and can be *easily*, *comfortably* and *privately* worn.

COMPLEXION BLEMISHES may be hidden imperfectly by cosmetics and powders, but can only be removed permanently by the Toilet Mask. By its use every kind of spots, impurities, roughness, wrinkles, etc., vanish from the skin, leaving it soft, clear, brilliant and beautiful. It is a Toilet *treasure*, costs little and saves its user money. Famous society ladies, actresses, belles, etc., use it.

VALUABLE ILLUSTRATED PAMPHLET, with proofs and full particulars, mailed free by

THE TOILET MASK CO.

1164 Broadway,

NEW YORK.

Helen Rowley from Van Wert, Ohio patented this bizarre piece of beauty history in 1875. She called it a "Mask for Medical Purposes" and claimed that it would "excite perspiration with a view to soften and clarify the skin."

It is supposed to be worn during the hours of sleep and may be used to bleach the skin "for freckles or fugitive discolorations."

Dangerous cosmetic inventions were commonly peddled to the Victorian upper classes. Arsenic soap claimed to cure pimples and "bad blood." Makeup foundation made with lead was particularly popular for covering smallpox scars and poisoning the body.

Some of the claims made by Madam Rowley include:

"The mask is Soft and Flexible in form and can be easily applied and worn without discomfort or inconvenience." (Yes, that head strap looks so comfy to sleep in...if you're Hannibal Lecter)

"It has been analysed by Eminent Scientists and Chemical Experts and pronounced perfectly pure and harmless." (Harmless until your husband sees you wearing it!)

"It is recommended by Eminent Physicians and Scientific Men as a substitute for injurious cosmetics." (Can't get less injurious than chlorine!)

"It is durable, and does not dissolve or come asunder, but holds its original mask shape." (Asunder your chin(s)? ☺)

"The mask is a natural Beautifier, for bleaching and preserving the skin and removing complexion imperfections." (Imperfections...like your nose?)

"With ordinary care, the mask will last for years." (What a relief, no need to order two!)



We all have to wear
THE MASK

So, why not make a statement!



Don't let your guard
down!
Covid is everywhere in
this issue!!

Don your mask and find all
the Covid blobs in this issue
of the LINK.

Send in your answer for a
chance to win good stuff.
Two winners will be drawn
from all entries received.

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