



Third Age Network (TAN)
an association of lifelong learning groups in Ontario
www.thirdagenetwork.ca

Newsletter

Fall 2015

Welcome New Members

Later Life Learning – Kingston, and Learning Unlimited (Oxford) based in Woodstock and serving the surrounding community.

Later Life Learning Kingston says on its website

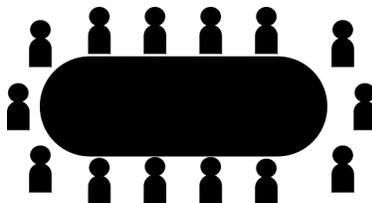
“Our goal is to bring learning opportunities to mature Canadians. It has been an integral part of our community for 27 years and offers the retiree and mature audience a public forum in which prominent speakers and experts discuss an enriched variety of interesting topics. The philosophy of Later Life Learning is that ‘learning never stops but continues throughout our lives’”.

Learning Unlimited (Oxford)’s website defines its

program as

“A lecture series for older adults designed to stimulate interest and increase knowledge on a wide variety of topics. An 8 week session in the spring and in the fall is held on consecutive Wednesdays 10 am-3 pm. A full lunch is available at nominal cost.”

With additional members, TAN extends the ability of Third Age learners across the province to learn from and contribute to other like-minded groups. We look for-



ward to your active participation in TAN.

As TAN expands (we are now 26), the infrastructure available to create and share the pleasure and benefits of intellectual stimulation on the health and well-being of older folk expands. Growth of TAN also gives credibility to the movement of lifelong learning, a movement that continues to require the formation of new local groups.

For more information on each of these organizations and their programs, check the TAN website, www.thirdagenetwork.ca on the members page and follow the links to their websites.

Your Planning and Board Meeting

Under the leadership of the TANPLAN Committee chaired by Nora McAuliffe, a planning session will be held on November 9th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. All member Presidents and representatives have been invited. The fall Board meeting will follow

from 3pm – 3:30, and those who are not Board members are welcome to stay if they wish. If you are one of these people and have not received or replied to your invitation, please get in touch at

info@thirdagenetwork.ca

As a reminder, the meeting will be held at the YMCA at Sheppard and Bayview – just off the 401 in Toronto. The location is readily accessible to the subway, and there is convenient parking at the Y.

Seniors Online Learning Project

A small group of Ontario third-agers is being formed to take a free online course (a "MOOC," or massive open online course) together in order to assess how MOOCs can be used to support TAN objectives. The group will meet regularly by videoconference (Skype) to discuss and enhance the learnings.

The initiative builds on a pilot carried out over the summer

by a group at Toronto's Academy for Lifelong Learning. The MOOC envisaged for the further pilot is Princeton University's Paradoxes of War (click [here](#) and [here](#) for details), through Coursera, the world's leading MOOC platform. Any Ontario third-age learner is welcome to participate. Contact Frank Nicholson (416.488.6131 / fnicholson@rogers.com)



Communications Committee

The newly formed communications committee under the leadership of Sheilagh Hickie involves members

from several of our organizations
Sheilagh (Academy),

Gina Barber (London), Margaret Robertson (Academy) and Paul Bassett (Barrie).

Education Committee

We are still seeking a Chair and members for the Education Committee

whose role will be to identify topics and leaders for future TAN workshops

and symposia. **Can you help?**

Insurance Survey

As part of the investigation of whether TAN could provide member organizations with insur-

ance at a preferred rate, a brief survey will be sent out shortly. Your speedy reply to this sur-

vey will facilitate Julian Sales' (Guelph) research on our member needs

Membership Fee

In November, the Treasurer, Carole Langford will send out invoices for membership renewal for 2016. A brief update of members' data is requested as well. No change in fees is anticipated.

Get in Touch!

Be sure to let us know about your activities and programs, community outreach and contacts. Send pictures and details to us at TAN. (info@thirdagenetwork.ca)