



**Senior Liberals' Commission
Ontario**
Liberal Party of Canada

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The Senior's Liberal Newsletter

ON behalf of the SLC's Ontario Section board, I am pleased to share our first newsletter containing news and updates on what our Section and Commission have been up to over the past year, introduce a few new faces on our Section Board, and touch on what we would like to accomplish in 2018. You will also find a list of Seniors Clubs in Ontario; if one of them is close to you or in your federal electoral district you can connect with them.

This newsletter also marks the end of our first full year of active operation and the beginning of the second year of our two year term. I hope you find it informative and we look forward to your comments.

Doug Brydges
Chair

“Real confidence in yourself is always demonstrated by action.”
- Paul J. Meyer

In my role as Communications Chair, Senior Liberals Commission (Ontario) it gives me great pride to publish our special 2018 convention newsletter.

We aim at providing content of interest to our senior Liberals. They will also find information about policies affecting seniors.

You can help us by suggesting topics of interest for future issues, and I invite you to contribute if you feel like doing so.

I hope to meet several of you in Halifax.

Gerry Stickland
Communications Chair

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Why this title?

In Latin, *vivus* means “to be alive”, “to be active” as are Liberal seniors who wish to support the truly democratic movement in which they believe. Of course, Lib means Liberal. These two adjoining words can also be interpreted as *vivus liber* or “free living”, which is another conviction of those who are shunned by dogmas. Tell us what you think of it.



A Publication Worth Exploring

TIME and time again, we hear from seniors that they just do not know where to find programs and services that they desperately need to support them in their day-to-day needs. From time to time someone tells them about a provincial or federal government program, but even then, they have no idea how to access them. The same holds true for service providers, but in that situation, safety and reliability considerations come into play.

In September 2017, the Liberal Government of Ontario published *A Guide to Programs and Services for Seniors in Ontario*. The publication provides key information on Federal and Provincial governments' programs and services as well as from some service providers.

It covers information on Active Living,

Caregiving, Finances, Health and Wellness, Housing, Long-Term Care Homes, Safety and Security, Transportation, as well as Key Contacts for the Ontario and Federal governments and how to learn more about community and social services in one's area.

No publications can include everything for everyone, but the contact list helps to investigate additional info that one may require. We will keep looking for information and keep you abreast of any additional resources available to you.

The publication is available in English, in printed format, and as a PDF download from the internet.

Camylle Tremblay

*Chair, Regional Directors Committee
Senior Liberals' Commission - Ontario*

Improvements to Tax Filing Services

To improve the tax-filing experience for Canadians, the Canada Revenue Agency is introducing two important changes for 2018. First, income tax and benefit packages will now be mailed directly to paper filers. Second, with the launch of File my Return, eligible individuals with low or fixed income can do their taxes by answering a few simple questions over the phone.

Find more information on the CRA Website.

“We have to be bold in our national ambitions. First, we must win the fight against poverty within the next decade. Second, we must improve moral standards in government and society to provide a strong foundation for good governance. Third, we must change the character of our politics to promote fertile ground for reforms”

- Gloria Macapagal Arroyo

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

- **Anne Robertson**
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- **Bhagavat Pandya**
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- **Camylle Tremblay**
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- **John Stopper**
Regional Director, Northern Ontario
- **Nicky Rauzon-Wright**
Regional Director, Central region.

ONTARIO CLUBS

While it has been a challenging journey at times to ensure the creation of Clubs in the province, we are happy to announce that the Senior Liberals' Commission has officially approved the following Ontario Clubs:

- **Brantford-Brant**
founded April 2016
Chair: Laura-Jane Charlton
- **Ottawa West-Nepean**
founded May 2017
Chair: Gerri Schultz
- **Kanata-Carleton**
founded August 2017
Chair: Terry Sheldon (resigned, Oct. 31/17)
New contacts: David Gladders or Gilles Lamarre
- **Thunder Bay-Rainy River**
founded Nov. 25/17
Chair: Joleene Kemp
- **Whitby**
founded Nov. 12/17
Chair: Peter McLarnon
- **Nepean**
founded April 3/18 *Chair: Brian McCoy*



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There are six regions in Ontario

Each region of Ontario has a Regional Director (RD) representing them on the Ontario Section of the Senior Liberals Commission. (We will provide information on each region in our next issue.)

Regional Directors ensure that all Ontario Electoral District Association (EDA) (previously known as Ridings) elect a senior representative as a voting member of their Board. Additionally, RDs assist in the establishment of Seniors' Clubs throughout the province. The goal is to gain a better perspective and understanding of the issues facing seniors in their respective regions, starting at the grassroots level.

There are 121 ridings in Ontario

The Regional Directors have been encouraging EDAs to elect a Seniors' Representative on their Boards across the province and have, to date, seen the appointment of thirty-five (35) Seniors' Representatives in Ontario, corresponding to 24.8% of EDA Boards, as of March 1, 2018.

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*Chair, Regional Directors Committee
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What we stand for

Who We Are

The Senior Liberals' Commission (SLC) is dedicated to making Canada more senior-friendly by providing a forum for policy discussion and development. We are men and women, 65 years of age and over, members of the Liberal Party of Canada.

Why You Should be Involved!

The Liberal Party is the only federal political party with an established Commission for seniors to give us a direct voice in the development of important policies that affect our lives on a daily basis.

Notice of General Meeting

The General Meeting of the Senior Liberals' Commission will be held during the LPC Convention in Halifax (April 19-21, 2018), between 12:00 noon and 2:30 pm on Thursday, April 19, in the Convention Centre. All senior Registered Liberals who will be attending the LPC Convention are encouraged to attend this General Meeting. Location details will be available in the Convention Program.

Presentations during the General Meeting will include Reports from SLC Executive Officers. There will also be a presentation on establishing Clubs.