

Cyril Wilkinson

Cyril was raised, the youngest of eight, on a dairy farm South of Courtland. His education took him through the three room Courtland Public School, the old Tillsonburg High School and the brand new Annandale High then two tours of duty at McMaster University covering the years from 1953 - 66.

A teacher shortage in 1956 allowed him to go directly from McMaster to Ridgeway High School for eight years. The next seventeen years were spent as Head of Boys Physical Education at East Elgin followed by seven years of variety at Central Elgin. Nearly all of these years involved coaching at least Basketball and Track and Field.

Retirement was really only a change in direction since Marion Orchard was recruiting a second Vice-President for the Elgin Unit the next spring. So 1989 brought STO initiation under the leadership of Bill Haight. It was an important year as the transition time from District 37 to 41. It also provided the opportunity to attend the Provincial Senate as an Elgin Unit observer. This was the first of eight Senate meetings, which would lead to becoming a member of the Provincial Membership Committee.

1991 and '92 were busy years as President as District 41 continued to work to establish its identity. The major accomplishment was the organization of our District Newsletter. Committee structure was also expanded to lighten the workload and increase involvement.

Retirement also meant more time to devote to gardening and to take music lessons and to do a little vocalizing. In addition he serves as church treasurer and has begun the process of becoming at least minimally computer literate.

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