

Grace Armour

Grace grew up in London, and taught for two years in Middlesex County before she came to St. Thomas. She taught at Scott Street, Edward Street, Elmdale and Sparta-Union schools, before retiring in 1981 after thirty-five years.

She was introduced to STO with a Marion Orchard request to become Secretary - Treasurer . Working with Marion was a reunion for them as they had taught together at Scott Street thirty years earlier and had become good friends. STO was new to her and at the end of the first year she decided she was just beginning to understand the job so stayed on for two more years. In 1984, she also became Travel Convenor. This was a new endeavour struggling to get started. The committee did not realize that Lewis Bus Tours would make the arrangements but proceeded to make arrangements to attend a performance at Stratford. These arrangements involved a loan from the President, Marion Penhale, to purchase tickets. All went well however and the trip was a success.

When Grace became Vice-President she continued as Travel Convenor. She remembers a trip to the Kortright Conservation area where Russ Foster's son was in charge. Ethel Hagen (the first Elgin President) fell and was taken to hospital but fortunately her injuries were not serious.

By 1986, she had made the transition from Secretary - Treasurer to President and would be involved in the reorganization of District 8 and the formation of District 37. In 1989 - 1990, she was Vice-President of District 37 as preparations were made to make another split and establish District 41.

In addition to her other roles, she also served as Membership Convenor for three years.