

President Synopsis for Archives of RTO

John was born in Crinan in Elgin County and attended SSNo. 9, a one room public school with 12 students at its maximum enrollment during his time.

He attended West Elgin Secondary School graduating in 1961 and went on to attend the University of Western Ontario where he obtained his degree in Physical and Health Education and history graduating in 1965.

His first teaching placement was at John McGregor S.S in Chatham followed by 3 years at Dundas District High School.

Home fields called and he returned to Elgin County in 1970 to his Alma Mater as head of the Physical Education Department and remained there until his retirement in 1997.

John had success as a coach winning OFSAA Volleyball gold medals 4 times as well as coaching many other sports. He taught at the Ontario Athletic Leadership Centre for 8 summers finishing up as program coordinator. He was awarded the Pete Beach award in 2002 for OFSAA contributions during his career.

John was heavily involved in his community through Church, Optimists, Masons, Royal Scots and the Legion Pipe bands and loved his baseball, golf, curling and his music.

John after his RTO presidency carried on running the annual RTO golf tournament and acted as travel coordinator for the RTO District 41 organizing trips abroad.