

ERIN EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

45 YEARS OF EDUCATION, FRIENDSHIP AND BUILDING
COMMUNITY

1981-2026



OUR PURPOSE

As defined by the Constitution

Article 1 – Name Section 1

The name of this organization shall be Extended Learning Opportunities.

Article III – Objects Section 1

Extended Learning Opportunities shall seek to provide a continuing series of lectures for retired people and others who may be interested.

HOW IT BEGAN

May 1981: A steering committee met at Erin District High School to discuss how to set up a program for continuing education for seniors in Erin.

Jack Dyce of Ninth Line, Erin initiated this committee, having researched programs in Etobicoke and out of York University. It was determined that funds to start up the Erin program could be available through a one- time grant from the Ministry of Health and Welfare.

In October, 1981 the first lecture of the ELO was delivered at the Erin Legion.

Jack served as ELO President from 1981-1986.

FUN FACT – Jackie Turbitt has the distinction of being the longest serving ELO President (14 years).

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(first lecture)

- **OCTOBER 1981**
- **ERIN LEGION**
- **25 MEMBERS**

NOW

(last Board report)

- **MARCH 2026**
- **ERIN LEGION**
- **203 MEMBERS**

Membership climbed to a high of 270 in 2018.

PRESIDENTS

A HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

1981-1986	Jack Dyce
1987-1988	Mary Lou Goodwin
1989	Ed O'Neil
1990-1994	Gordon Batley
1995-1997	Clayton Leigh
1998-2001	Tom Lightfoot
2002-2007	Eileen Dykes
2008-2021	Jackie Turbitt
2022-2023	Wayne Lewis
2024-2025	Bill Taylor
2026 – TBD	Lloyd McIntyre

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

ELO 2026 Executive Committee

Lloyd McIntyre

Bill Taylor

Peter Volkes

Susanne Robins

President

1st Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

ELO 2026 Board Members/Committee Chairs

Ron Moore

Scott Watkin

Pauline Tippet

Barb Chomski/Cheryl Potosky

Lesley Rowe

Bill Henderson

Karen Maxwell

Technical

Communications

Membership

Hospitality

Archivist

Program

Member at Large



WIDE VARIETY OF SPEAKER TOPICS



POSTER FROM 1982

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Presents

A Learning Experience For Retirees & Others

In A

SERIES OF NINE LECTURES

Every Thursday

January 28, 1982

February 4, 11, 18, 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25

10 A.M. – 12 NOON

(Includes)

LECTURE – COFFEE BREAK – QUESTION PERIOD

Held At

Canadian Legion

12 Dundas St. E.

ERIN, Ont.

Fee For Entire Series \$6.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE – 855-4770, 833-2220, 928-5279

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A TRADITION OF EDUCATION & GIVING BACK

While our primary mandate is education, from time to time, when ELO has had excess funds, ELO has donated to local organisations.

In particular, the **Royal Canadian Erin Legion Branch 442**, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and **Erin Air Cadets, 242 Ross Ferguson Squadron**.

Without their support, it would be difficult to host our lecture series, annual luncheon and coffee breaks.



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Also, in 2023, ELO established **The Erin ELO Scholarship**, with a gift of **\$9,000** (\$3,000 per year for three years) to McMaster University, School of Graduate Studies, School of Nursing.

This was awarded to students enrolled in a Nursing Program, who were conducting research on aging and demonstrated excellence.



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CONGRATULATIONS ON 45 YEARS!

