



Central Algoma 2016/17 Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

What a wonderful summer this has been to date! My gardens are thriving, my family is growing (we are gaining a son with Kathryn's upcoming marriage to Josh, not to mention the pets) and we have been able to enjoy some time at our cottage near Barry's Bay. I hope all of you have also enjoyed these summer months whether you have been travelling, visiting with family and friends or getting caught up on books to be read or gardens to be maintained.

On June 21st, your RWTO Central Algoma branch Executive met at my home to plan this coming year's RWTO activities and after much talk, laughter and blueberry-upside down cake, the year was planned. It will be a great year starting on September 15 at the Bar River Hall with a presentation by Holly Wickett about Tumaini Afrika's trip to Kenya- it will be fascinating! Thank you so much to the Executive for the great ideas generated and also to the Terrific Trio of Kaija Breton, Cathy Bennett and Suzanne Humphreys, our social committee, who will make these ideas happen. Subsequent meeting themes include "Bug-a-Boo", "The Red and Green Show", "School Daze" and "Let Our Light Shine". You can see creativity ran high at our Executive meeting; check out the specifics later on in this newsletter.

In July I received a cheque for \$250 made out to RWTO Central Algoma from RWTO which was indicated that it was a "gift...to use to support the charity work and/or assist with advertising projects that your branch carries out." The Executive voted to donate \$125 of these funds to support the ARCH pediatric wing. Caring and sharing one more time! Our motto "Caring and Sharing" is extended in

other ways: Maureen Gooderham presented our scholarship at the CASS graduation in June and our cheque for the Richard's Landing Adult Library will be presented by the time you read this. At the June meeting, the Executive voted to continue our "Twoonie board" this fall and funds generated from this will be donated to the Iron Bridge Library at the end of the 2016-2017 year. This is part of our ongoing goal to support literacy in our communities.

The third part of our motto "...and having fun" is easy with all of you, whether it is at general meetings or in our interest groups. It has been such a pleasure to be in this role as president over the last year and I am looking forward to the upcoming months. There is a quote we use in the Zonta club that makes me think immediately of Central Algoma RWTO:

For there is

Hope in two women

Friendship in three

Determination in four

Confidence in five

And, with six women....All goals are possible.
(Gibbon's Decline and Fall)

No wonder we have such a great group- we have a lot more than 6 members! Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday, September 15 at Bar River Hall.

Gayle Manley, President





Do you have food restrictions for our lunches at our meetings?

At the June Executive meeting we had a discussion about the people with dietary restrictions who need to bring their own food to meetings and the fairness of what they should pay at the door. Recognizing that we pay for rental of the halls often and that those members may like to have coffee or tea, we made a decision to charge \$5 only. The important thing would be that the telephone committee relay who will be attending with this need so that those members are not in the "count" for the meal. Glenis Johnstone, our Treasurer, will also need to know so that she knows how many to pay for at each meeting. Let your telephone person know if this applies to you for any of the meetings.

EXECUTIVE 2015-17

- Past President: Kathy Greening
- President: Gayle Manley
- 1st Vice President: Marg MacKay
- 2nd Vice President: Anne Wildman
- Treasurer: Glenis Johnstone
- Secretary: Maureen Gooderham
- Insurance: Marlene Falls
- Publicity: Carol Neave
- Social: Suz Humphries
Cathy Bennett
Kaija Breton
- Telephone: Shirley Kent
- Newsletter: Nancy Konzuk
- History: Dorothy Motluk
Mary Jane Thompson
- Goodwill: Linda Prodan
- Area 11 Director: Sandy Fulcher

What's on our website? www.rwto.org

You will find information about all the branches, what is going on at convention, insurance issues and most importantly, a summary of this newsletter with our pictures. You can also read the Provincial newsletter, **Connections** !

Important Phone Numbers

If you have any questions about RWTO, our branch or your insurance, please contact one of the following:

Central Algoma Branch

- President:** Gayle Manley 705-949-4614
- Insurance:** Marlene Falls 705-256-1681
- Goodwill:** Linda Prodan 705-575-1519

Provincial

- Area Director:** Sandy Fulcher 705-779-3762
- RWTO Provincial Office** 1-877-607-6696

Email: info@rwto.org

Website: www.rwto.org

Manulife Insurance Broker

- Terry Kennedy: 1-905-583-0098
- tkennedy34@bell.net

RWTO Insurance Convenor:

- Bertha Breen 1-519-274-2464
- bertbreen@gmail.com

INSURANCE MATTERS

Remember:

If you or your spouse is in the hospital for surgery or treatment, there is financial help for you: claim for ambulance, daily parking, mileage, etc.

\$25 per day for incidentals.

More is listed under After Care in the brochure or on RWTO website . Check with Terry our broker. at 1-877-765-7446 or email tkennedy34@bell.net

Submitted by Marlene Falls

AWARD WINNERS

Cora Bailey: Verna Lapish



CASS scholarship: Leeza Floyd

\$100 Book Board: Nancy Konzuk

RALLY BY THE RIVER
RWTO 60th Annual Convention,
Windsor, Ontario June 7-9, 2016

The 2016 convention was hosted by the Windsor-Essex Branch and held at the Caesars Windsor Casino. They are to be commended for a successful and well organized endeavor. There were 149 voting delegates attending and over two hundred attending the meetings and activities. Central Algoma was represented by Marlene Falls and Margaret MacKay.

Special recognition was made of the 60th Anniversary of RWTO with the cutting of the beautiful anniversary cake at the Welcome Dinner and the wearing of regal dresses, diamonds, silver and tiaras by so many attendees.

Committee reports were presented by the chairs of 10 committees who were recognized and thanked for their work and dedication to the organization. These reports are available for perusal.

There were three networking sessions. The Insurance session was led by Terry Kennedy who is our broker and does a great job in advocating for our organization. I attended a session by Hope Leon from The Hamilton Chapter who shared the many creative and successful ideas that they have used to promote their chapter and RWTO.

Resolutions were quickly and easily dealt with and decisions passed unanimously mainly due to the thorough study and preparation by the executive committee and treasurer. They are to be commended.

Tours of the area and the Detroit River involved lunch. Much enjoyed.

A moving memorial service recognized those many members who have died in the past year.

Tributes were given to the outgoing president, Dianne Rice and warm welcome to incoming president, Peggy Stock, who will visit our area next May.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret MacKay

June 6-8, 2017



61st Annual Convention

Ajax Convention Centre
600 Beck Crescent
Ajax, Ontario
L1Z 9C9

1-905-428-9993 or 1-855-428-9993
Highway 401 and Salem Road
(the 2 hotels are visible going north on Salem Road)

HOMEWOOD SUITES
600 Beck Crescent
1-905-686-5969

Homewood Group Code: RWT

HILTON GARDEN INN
500 Beck Crescent
1-905-686-9400

Hilton Group Code: RWTGI

Book your hotel room now!

Check website for more details:
www.rwto.org/upcoming-convention/asp

Zonta Club presents
Purses, Pies and Pinot
Thursday, September 22, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Grand Gardens North
Live Auction with Vernon Bailey, promotional
draws, appetizers, plus a glass of Pinot
Tickets: \$25
Support Zonta local projects and Ovarian
Cancer Canada

HISTORY / ARCHIVES

This summer, during a visit to the Bruce Mines Library, we found some interesting facts about how the Central Algoma branch of RWTO started. Originally the teachers from this area went to the Sault Ste Marie branch that started in 1964. The retired teachers didn't like travelling an hour both ways to a meeting. So an attempt was made in the early 1970's by the director Annabelle Harten to start a group in Central Algoma. There was a low attendance at that time. But on May 18, 1972, another RWTO meeting was called to meet at the Bruce Mines United Church. There were 19 retirees at that meeting. Thus began Central Algoma RWTO. The first president was Ada Crockford and the Vice President was Mabel Hern. The membership fee was 25 cents. They met three times a year. Central Algoma RWTO continues today with 58 members. We have grown in numbers, and we are still enjoying the involvement in our communities and our schools.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jane Thompson and Dorothy Motluk

RWTO GOODWILL COMMITTEE

The Goodwill Committee consists of every member of RWTO.

Each member's job is to contact me when there is a need to send a card to a fellow member because of an illness, injury or death in the family.

We like to share our concern and/or grief with our members. Please contact me if you know of any member who needs a card to let them know we are thinking of them.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Prodan
lmprodan@hotmail.com
705-575-1519

INTEREST GROUPS

Craft Group

Joyce Ratz
705-842-6135

The "Crafty Group" meets at 1:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month (except December and June)!

We meet at volunteers' homes, bringing our personal crafts to work on for the afternoon - along with pleasant chatter, beverages and treats! We plan a special lesson, agreed upon by the group, for one of our meetings.

The first meeting will be on Thursday, September 29th at 1:30 pm at the Sowerby Hall (Hwy 17 - turn left at Basswood Lake Rd. - white building on right, one block over!) We will plan our meeting venues then.
We welcome all new members!!

Games Group

Connie Bennett
705-785-3508

There are nine members in this group that meet at the home of the host on the first Tuesday of every month to play board games and have lots of fun! The host chooses the game and serves snacks and beverages. **The first date this season is Sept 13** (not the first Tuesday) since we thought members might not be available on the day after Labour Day.

At this time we are not able to accept more members as board games are limited to the number of people that can play at one time.

Book Club

Linda Prodan
705-575-1519

The Central Algoma RWTO Book Club meets the third Monday of the month from September to June at 1:30 p.m.

Some members offer to host one meeting a year, either at their own homes or other venues. These meetings consist of a discussion of the book and a social time following, complete with tea, coffee and goodies!

The first Book Club Meeting of 2016-17 will be held on Monday, September 19th at 1:30

p.m. upstairs at Great Lakes Honda, 415 Pim St., Sault Ste. Marie. If you have one suggestion of a good book for the group, please bring it to that meeting. We will then choose our nine books for the year. At that meeting we will also decide on our future meeting places.

Theme Dinner **Anne Wildman**
705-575-1253

Our Theme Dinner Group meets 4 times a year, Fall, Winter, Spring and early Summer. We attempt to have varied and interesting menus by setting a theme for each dinner. Together the group members set the theme, date, location and decide who will host each dinner. Some prefer to host in their homes while others will secure a local hall and the cost, usually minimal, is divided among the group.

If there are any members who would like to join us, we'd love to have you! Gathering and socializing over food is always fun and relaxing. And spouses are always welcome.

The first theme dinner in the fall will feature food from the Mediterranean, hosted by Anne Wildman, Suzanne Humphries and Dorothy Motluk at Bar River Hall on Thursday, October 20.

Hiking Group **Bonnie Williams**
705-248-2731

The RWTO Hiking Club meets the second Thursday of each month, except February. It starts in September 2016 and ends in June 2017. We usually hike 4-6 km from 10A.M. until 12 noon. A nearby restaurant can be suggested for a break after the hike for those who wish to attend. No meals or goodies need to be provided by the leaders.

The first hike will take place Thursday September 8th. Current members will be emailed a week ahead of time about the route and parking instructions. Kaija Breton and Bonnie Williams are leaders.

MEETING DATES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

On Safari

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Bar River Hall

Guest speaker: Holly Wickett to speak on Tumaini Afrika project

Catered by UCW / Women's Institute

Members bring: \$ for donation jar or to purchase Holly's products like cards and shirts

Welcome new members,

Sign up for interest groups

Cost: \$15

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Bug-a-boo (Dress in orange and black)

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Entomica at the Mill Market, SSM

Tour of insect displays

Lunch at Gliss 12:15 p.m.

Cost: \$15 (Note: as a 60th birthday gift, tour and lunch gratuities will be funded by Central Algoma RWTO funds)

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

The Red and Green Show

Thessalon United Church, Thessalon

11: 00 am Meeting

12:00 am Lunch menu - Meat pies and salad, Dessert

1: 00 pm Christmas Sing-a-long

Silent Auction: Bring a contribution so we all can do some Christmas shopping. Wear your red and green. Bring an article of food for Thessalon Food Bank also

Cost: \$15

Friday, April 28, 2017

School Daze

11:00 a.m. Meet in the cafeteria at Central Algoma Secondary School for a tour of the new facilities

12:00 p.m. Lunch at the Desbarats United Church

Followed by meeting

Cost: \$15

Wednesday May 24, 2017

Let Our Light Shine

11 a.m.

Lighthouse Lounge at Bruce Bay Cottages in Bruce Mines

Guest Speaker: President of RWTO, Peggy Stock

Joint luncheon meeting with Sault Branch of RWTO

Catered by Fred Falls

Cost: \$15

Thursday, June 15, 2017

What is old is new again!

11 a.m. Meeting (actual location in school to be firmed up)

Tech School, Wellington St. SSM

12 noon: Lunch at Santini's (in Tech school)

Tour of school (after lunch)

Cost: \$15 (some info to be firmed up)

Members to bring \$ for donation jar for

SSM Soup Kitchen

Installation of new executive

Renew memberships