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SURPRISE! WHO WOULD THINK?
THIS IS A NEWSLETTER FROM
YOUR LOCAL R.W.T.O. !!!



I am going to apologize right off for leaving all of you for so long. I can say that

I have been keeping up with as much of the “goings on” so that you can hopefully know what you should know at this late date.

The first interesting facts have to do with our membership. As of the end of March 2017 last year we had 76 members. Now, at the middle of March 2018, we have 57 members!! Most of the drop has come from members who signed up last year and then withdrew this Fall. We have also had several deaths in our numbers the most recent of these are Betty Carroll and Sarah Carnochan.

Next, in the Spring of 2017, we voted to shorten our monthly events and Celebrations to four in number. We have had 2 very successful events. The September get together at the Mill and the Christmas Party with a new venue and great program. These will be elaborated on later in this newsletter.

We are approaching our April Event headed by Helen Earl, Connie Scott and Laura MacAfee.

The Summer event will be chaired by Karen Kerr-Kennedy and her group.

RWTO/OERO Convention 2018

Nottawasaga Inn Resort and Convention Centre

June 5th to 7th.

We are able to send 2 delegates with travel, registration and room payed by Toronto and our organization.

There is a complete coverage of daily activities in your latest Connections Newsletter. I have copies of the article if you need one to check it out.

It would be a nice time to spend with a friend learning about your Organization. Please email sherdave@cogeco.ca before April 15th

Christmas Party- Dec. 5,2017 Brockville Tabernacle , 11Am

About 40 members attended a very successful party hosted by Lynda McKittrick, Mary Lou Smitheram and their helpers. The church members provided a wonderful meal of Turkey and all the trimmings along with salads and rolls. The venue was very nice as it provided place for people to gather and chat without interfering with the group setting up.

After the meal, dessert was served and the entertainment began.

We had two Speakers, Chris Coyea, and Alex Fleuriu Chateau who spoke about the new YOA Group being formed to help young people, musicians, teachers and dedicated artists develop talent in a safe and nurturing environment. It is located in the St. Johns United Church hall where the new portable theatre is being developed.

-Christmas continued.- The First Year Students Choir presented a wonderful series of songs from Broadway hits and vintage movies. Many times our members joined in to sing along with them. Our Membership had decided to dedicate our Christmas Donations to the YOA Group to support their activities. We had over \$600 from members and then a motion was made to top up the amount from our working budget to make it \$1000. Everyone was thrilled with the whole party and remained a while to visit and chat. Thanks to the working group for a job well done.

Next Luncheon- Spring Festival at Addison United Church Thurs. April 17th 11:30AM

Please meet in the Church by 11:AM There will be a short meeting where we will talk about ideas for the future and the dispersal of some of our investments. We will then move into the Church Hall. Lunch is Roast Turkey with all the trimmings with salad Pickles and rolls.

Cost \$18.00. Subsidy \$8 member cost \$10.

Dessert- Birthday Cake and ice cream to celebrate everyone's Birthday and anniversary of RWTO.

Entertainment- Donna Garvin, also known as Daisy Mae, performing a humorous monologue.

Guaranteed lots of laughs for after a great Dinner.

Make sure you ***give your Phone Contact*** your answer (Yes or No) by **April 7th**

If you have not heard from your Phone Contact, please phone Marcia Lombard, 613 342 6312 or Sherril Mitchell, 613 498 4030

Our last planned activity will be some time in late June. It is being organized by Karen Kerr Kennedy and Shelley MacIntosh Reavie. We will have more information on this in the next newsletter.

An Invitation for You!!! From the **RWTO Upper Canada Branch**

We would like to invite the members of the RWTO Brockville Branch to our Luncheon on **Wed. April 18th** At the Iroquois United Church (Behind the Fire Hall)

Social -10:30 Refreshments

Meeting- 11A.M.

Lunch-12 Noon cost \$20

Entertainment- Isobelle Delange- Music and singing

Lucky Draws. RSVP by email- lyndaleader@yahoo.com

By Apr. 10th

We hope you have had a safe and pleasant Winter. Now that Spring has finally shown its face, perhaps we can get outside and enjoy the sun and spring flowers. Of course, March is not over yet, so we may have to hide away again but it looks like it won't be long for all of the snow to be gone. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next Luncheon. Happy Spring! S.M.

