

RWTO Newsletter 2014 -2015

Dear RWTO Members,

Here we are again, starting another year of RWTO: sharing, caring and fun. I extend a hearty welcome to newly retired teachers who are joining us for the first time and to all returning members. I hope you enjoy the activities the executive has planned for you this year as they have something interesting for all of us.

Once again we have two returning interest groups for your enjoyment as well as a new one.

- The Breakfast Club meets on the second Friday of each month at Gino's. We invite you to come out and enjoy breakfast or just coffee for a visit and lively conversation.
- The Book Club, organized by Brenda Gallander, enjoy reading their selected books and getting together for lively discussions. If you wish to be part of this group, see Brenda for details.
- I will be hosting a Scrapbooking group to create cards and or scrapbook layouts on three occasions throughout the year. See me for details. There will be a sign up sheet available at our Sept meeting for anyone interested. Or you can email me at anytime. Dates, time and projects to be determined by the group.

Our top up health insurance benefit that RWTO enjoys has some good news for us this year. There is an open window to join with no medical required. Beverly Brazeau has more information that she will share with us at our Sept meeting. If you know of any retired teachers who may want to take advantage of this insurance, have them join our group. Many of our ladies have had the opportunity to access this benefit and can share their experiences. Only paid up members of RWTO can obtain this top up insurance. So remember to have your membership dues of \$50.00 ready for Sandy Fulcher at our first meeting in September.

An enormous thank you goes out to Rita Wagner and Bernice Whalen for filling the positions of First and Second Vice President. Their dedication to RWTO is greatly appreciated. Both members have served terms as president in the past, so they bring a wealth of experience and expertise. I encourage all members to consider serving on the executive at some point so that our unit continues to remain viable for many years to come.

President Carol Coutu email: cacoutu_18@shaw.ca

Meeting Dates for 2014 -2015

Wed. September 10 - United Baptist Church, 41 Malabar 11:00am

- Welcome back to a new season and welcome to new members. Bring along a new member if you can. Also bring a book for the Book Swap.
- Business meeting will install and introduce the executive for this year, recognize RWTO members for their accomplishments and commitments, and approve the budget for this year.
- Lunch will be provided by the executive.

Tues. October 22 - Joint meeting with Central Algoma at Sowerby Hall 11:00am

- Come and meet our Provincial President Marilyn Emmett and learn the latest news about the top up insurance plan from Provincial Insurance Convenor
- This is a joint meeting with our sisters from Central Algoma
- Car pooling will take place at the MacDonald's on Trunk road. We need to leave by 9:30 am in order to be there on time.
- A Catered Lunch of sandwiches, soup, salad and desert will be provided for a cost of \$12.00 per person.
- While we are out that way, members can tour the barn in Sowerby, and or visit some of the artisan shops in Thessalon, Bruce Mines and Richards Landing. We can make a day of it if you wish. Sign up sheets will be available at our Sept meeting.

Wed. December 3- United Baptist Church, 41 Malabar 11:00 am

- Christmas tea and desert
- Christmas Cookie Exchange - Members bring a dozen plus cookies. Some will be used to create boxed deserts for our members who are in need, some will be used for the tea, and some will be available for you to create your own take home plate.
- Some Christmas fun will round out the afternoon

Wed. February 11 - United Baptist Church, 41 Malabar 11:30am

- Craft Afternoon - Myril Lynn has offered to return for more fun creating zipper pulls and luggage tags with beads, and as always we will have a game corner and chit chat visit group. Of course, if you have any other craft ideas you would like to organize or share, they will be greatly appreciated.
- Enjoy a beautiful lunch provided by Gerry Yeo and her social committee. Mary Kidds famous sandwiches??????

Thurs. April 23 - Residential Shingwauk Tour and Lunch at the Country Club

- Come and learn the history of Residential School in Sault Ste Marie. Many people who have experienced this tour have enjoyed the learning experience.
- We will then go as a group to have lunch at the newly renovated Country Club

Wed. May 13 - Legion on Great Northern Road - 10:30 am

- Main Floor as you go in the front door - meeting room to the left
- Purpose of this meeting is to discuss the resolutions for the RWTO conference in June in Stratford Ont.

Wed. June 24, 2015 - Old Stone House. 11:30 am

- Enjoy lunch at the Old Stone House, experience hearth cooking, tour the newly renovated house, visit the gift shop.
- Year end reports will be available
- The slate of officers for next year will be presented and voted upon.

You will receive a phone call about 1 week before each meeting Gerry Yeo and the phone committee. They will give you more details about each meeting at that time. Many of you also receive an email reminder. If you would like to be put on the email list, please send Carol Coutu your email address.

Executive Meetings

These meetings are also open to the general members if you wish to attend. They will take place at the Legion on Great Northern Road.

Dates : October 8 (10:30 am)
November 12 (10:30 am)
January 14 (10:30 am)
April 8 (10:30 am)
May 13 (10:30 am)
June 10 (10:30 am)

Other News

1. Membership Dues - Dues \$50 can be paid at the September 10th meeting or by September 28 at the latest by sending cheque to

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Remember to have RWTO insurance you must maintain your membership with RWTO.

2. Breakfast Club - Local RWTO members meet for breakfast and to socialize every second Friday at 9am at Gino's Restaurant 1076 Great Northern Road. Plan to join us for breakfast or just a coffee.
3. Book Club - This group will be meeting once a month to discuss books of interest. This group will accept new members in the fall.
4. Branch Newsletters The Scribbler (fall and spring) will be mailed or emailed again this year. Special thank you to Brenda Gallander for her time and effort on this project.
5. New group starting - Scrapping - creating cards and scrapbook layouts.
6. If at any time you have ideas, concerns or questions please contact your president or any member of the executive.