



THE SCRIBBLER

Sault Ste. Marie R.W.T.O. Newsletter Fall/Winter 2015/16

SHARING

CARING

HAVING FUN

New Members who received pins: Debra Kent, Leanne Guillotte, Pat Pateman

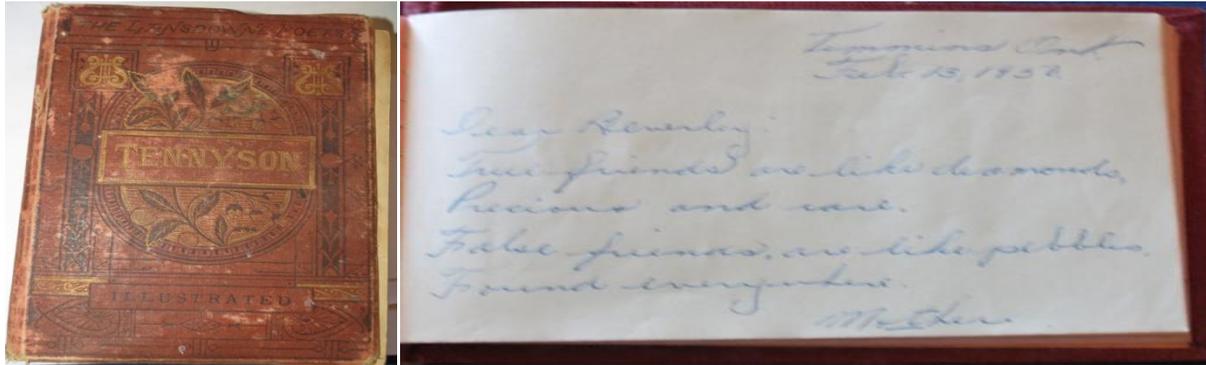
Past President who received a pin: Carol Coutu

Cora Bailey Award recipients: Carol Coutu and Sherrill Dewar

On June 24, 2015, we held our final general luncheon meeting before the summer at the Ermatinger Old Stone House. Past President, Carol Coutu, gave an emotional end-of-year speech thanking everyone, especially Sherrill Dewar and the executive, for their support. She found that her two years as president provided her with opportunities for personal growth.

When the business meeting concluded, we were given an interesting history of the Old Stone House from 1814-1828. We learned that not only did Charles Ermatinger occupy the house, but it had been a post office, a sheriff's home, and "oh my" a bootleg establishment. After a heritage lunch, those ladies who brought "old treasures" shared them at their tables. Below are photos of items shared:





We also got to try to identify several antique articles from the Ermatinger house. Most were identified by someone at each table. Way to go, ladies!



Left to right: Brenda G. sewed a Regency gown and designed a straw hat like Jane Austin's. Lorraine sewed a Regency bonnet, and Carol C. fashioned a Regency hat. They sure dressed the part for the luncheon at the Old Stone House!

There was a Welcome Back luncheon meeting on Sept. 9, 2015, hosted by the executive. Lots of catching up was done after the two summer months as these photos demonstrate.



L to R: Vi P. And Betty C. reconnected. L to R: Susan Z., Dianne P. and Bev B. shared news.

On Sept. 29, 2015, we held a joint meeting with our sisters from the Central Algoma Branch. The Sault Branch hosted the luncheon meeting with a delicious catered buffet.

Sandy Fulcher, Area director, gave updates from the Board of directors meeting:

- There is a map showing each RWTO/OERO branch on the website. Click on the area we are in and various items pop up.
- There is a new poster to promote our organization.
- A new copy of 3rd party insurance was given to each branch president to hand out at their meetings. Expiry is June 15, 2018.

Ladies from the Central Algoma Branch musically welcomed Provincial President, Dianne Rice, with a Mickey Mouse Club theme song.

Dianne expressed her delight in the beauty and peacefulness of the Algoma District having taken the Algoma Tour Train the day before. She was impressed by our branches' service to others, assistance with food banks, global charities and literacy and our opportunities for fellowship and fun.

Dianne provided us with a summary of the history of R.W.T.O. from 1956 with a membership of 917 in 10 branches to present day with 5459 in 12 branches. She explained how fees were prorated. In 1957, fees were \$1.00 per year for pensions of \$1000, \$0.50 for pensions of \$600-\$1000 and \$0.25 for pensions of \$600 or less. She reminded us that through the years we have fought to increase pensions despite the attitudes of the day. Today we are about to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee of 60 years and dreams for the future. Dianne said, "When women come together, magic happens." The Sault Branch thanked Dianne for coming and presented her on behalf of both branches a Sleeping Children Around the World bed kit.



"The Mice" sang about Dianne Rice! L to R: Margie C., Debbie K. and Elaine M.



Steph H., Ruby V., Shirley K., & Kathy G.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch.



Provincial President Dianne Rice addressed
the Sault and Central Algoma Branches.

Our first GADABOUT took place on Oct.28/15. It was a rainy day, but a good time was had by all who visited the Trading Post stores and had lunch.



Left to right: Sherrill D., Rita W., Bernice W., and Lorraine D. enjoyed lunch. Gerri Y. was taking the picture.

On Nov. 25, 2015, we assembled for our Christmas get-together. Mary Madonna played Christmas carols on the piano for us as we raised our voices in song. We presented Mary with a Sleeping Children Around the World bed kit for volunteering her time and talent with us. We enjoyed a hearty lunch prepared by Gerry Yeo. Josie Vallee lovingly assembled boxes of cookies for shut-in members. Members came decked out in their Christmas finery, and we had fun socializing and munching on cookies and other treats.



Mary M. played and Gerri Y. led us in song.



L to R: Carmen C., Rachel R., Margie C., Pat P., Emily N., Mary K. and Bev B. sang beautifully.



L to R: Josie V., Paula H., Marg W. and Carol C. sang with gusto!



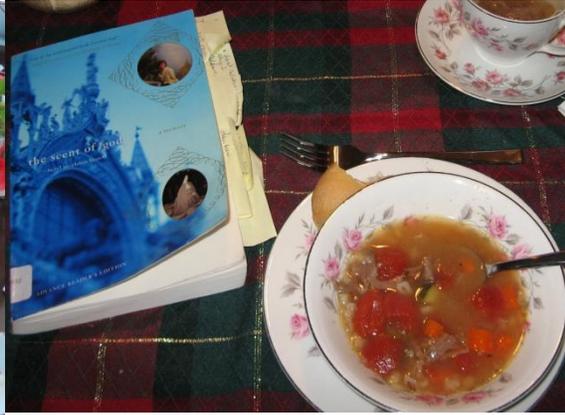
L to R: Elaine M., Bev B., Mary M. and Sandy F. had a lively discussion.



Josie V., Paula H., Lorraine D. and Brenda O. admired the members' generous donations of Christmas baking.

Book Club News

We continue to read and eat our way through wonderful books!!!!



We enjoyed a peanut and chicken dish prepared by Jenny K., inspired by the Oriental setting of the book “In the Shadow of the Banyan Tree”.

Rita W. made soup and served Oka cheese made by monks, inspired by the monastic setting of the book “The Scent of God”.

REMINDERS:

1. **Breakfast Group**--If you are an early riser and would like to join us for breakfast or just coffee , meet us at Gino’s Restaurant, 1076 Great Northern Road the second Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Book Club**--This group meets once a month (dates negotiated by the group at the first meeting in September) at 1:00 p.m. to discuss books selected by the group. We take turns hosting the meetings in our homes and providing refreshments. Contact Brenda Gallander at gallanb@shaw.ca or at 705-949-9145 if you are interested in joining.
3. **Scrabble Club**--We plan to meet the 2nd Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Our first game will be Fri., Feb. 12th. Brenda G. will call members with details of the location. Call 705-949-9145 to join.

4. If you wish to receive your **newsletter via email**, but have not yet submitted your email address, please contact Brenda G. at gallanb@shaw.ca
5. The R.W.T.O. /O.E.R.O. **60th Annual Convention** will take place from June 7 to 9, 2016. Watch for details in the March 2016 Connections issue or visit the website: www.rwto.org/upcoming-convention.asp.

If you are interested in being a branch delegate at the conference, submit your name to Rita Wagner at 705-779-3905. There will be a draw from the submitted names at the general meeting on Feb.3rd.

6. **Save the date of April 13, 2016**, for our branch's 60th Anniversary Celebration. Details will be given at the February meeting.
7. Our **next GADABOUT** will be Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Lunch will be at North 82, followed by a visit to the Bellevue Park Green House. **R.S.V.P. for lunch by calling Rita W. at 779-3905 by Mon., Jan. 11th.**
8. Our **next general meeting** will be Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. in The United Baptist Church Hall, 41 Malabar. There will be food, crafts, games and a silent auction.

If interested, bring an item or two for the silent auction with a minimum bid. Proceeds from the action go to Pauline's Place, an emergency shelter for families and youth.

Crafts cost \$5.00 per craft. You will have a choice of a decorative plate or an ink dyed tile. More information will be provided from your caller.



“Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us. Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.” — Oprah Winfrey