H-W May 2015 Newsletter

Nancy's News

It has been a truly rewarding experience serving as your Branch President this year. We established many initiatives for the 2014-2015 year*: increasing public relations, instituting recruitment strategies, establishing a special outreach project, inviting members from sister branches to events, creating a reservation system for events, getting insurance "open window" information out to the membership, establishing a survey regarding other professional teachers joining RWTO, addition of new Interest Groups, the formation of an ad hoc committee for RWTO's 60th Anniversary, the formation of an ad hoc committee for a 2016-2017 Health Symposium, coordinating RTO and RWTO events, and making necessary changes to the Branch Policy and Procedure Manual and Constitution.*

What we have accomplished! The dynamic women on our Executive made things happen! They are to be commended for their enthusiasm, professionalism and extremely hard work.

A special thank you to those whose terms are up and will be leaving the Executive: Sandie Bender (Past President and Event Payment), Gwen Kirkpatrick and Marilyn Blight (Events), Mardie Panabaker (Communications) and Kathy Shields (Archives).

Don't forget that The Annual General Meeting, Breakfast in the Valley, will be held at the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club on May 20, 2015. See you there!

Keep your feet on the ground and your eyes on the stars!

Upcoming Events:

Breakfast in the Valley - $27

Wed., May 20, 2015

Note: date changed last Sept.

Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club
Coffee 9:30, Breakfast 10 am - sharp
Annual General Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club
10 Woodley's Lane, Dundas
Please send your cheque by May 11, 2015 to
Sandie Bender 78 Gage Ave. S., Hamilton, L8M 3C9
***Please bring Provincial Resolutions for discussion.**
***Donations to Wesley Urban Ministries and* School Supplies for 'Start 2 Finish' Gently Used Book Sale!**

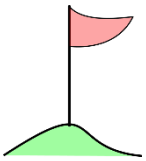
Next Year's Executive - At Breakfast in the Valley we will electing the Second Vice-President for 2015-2016. To date, **Lynn Anderton** has agreed to let her name stand. There will be an opportunity to receive nominations from the floor.
The position of Recruitment Convenor is still open. This is an excellent chance for a recent retiree to become involved in the Branch Executive. Contact Sandie at sbender1@cogeco.ca

Share Your Endeavours!

Four tables will be set aside at the **Breakfast in the Valley event on May 20th**, for some of our individual members to share their crafts, trips, community work, etc. with our members. These booths are for information only, items may not be sold. If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Linda, (905) 575-3831 rwto.linda@gmail.com

Table Reservations for Breakfast in the Valley

To make the process work more smoothly could only **ONE** person from the group make the reservation?
Also note that reservations will not be accepted after **May 11**. Thanks for your help.
Sandie - Events Payment and Reservations
sbender1@cogeco.ca 78 Gage Ave. S., Hamilton, L8M



RWTO GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Open to all Retired Women Teachers

$35.00

June 17, 2015 Chippewa Creek Golf
9639 Chippewa Creek Road, Mount Hope
905-679-4240
Arrive 8:30 a.m., golf starting at 9:00 a.m.
includes lunch, 9 holes of golf and prizes.
Make payment to Sandie Bender by June 5th
78 Gage Ave. S., Hamilton, L8M 3C9
Contact person--Linda Monteith
905-383-9381 djmonteith@rogers.com

Goodwill Report

Goodwill has been busy over the winter, sending out sympathy cards, as well as a number of cards to show that we are thinking of our RWTO friends. One special occasion was the 100th birthday of Olive Morden. A special card was sent as well as flowers to Olive's place at St. Joseph's Villa. Goodwill appreciates hearing from our members whenever it is felt that a message is needed to be sent to our friends in need. Please contact: Peppy, 905.627.1289 jtew@sympatico.ca or Eileen, 905.387.4629 eileenc@quickclic.net

THANK YOU

Our Members Have Spoken!

The Entertainment Committee wishes to thank the members who participated in our Entertainment Survey. Your input has guided our selections for our 2015-2016 program, and will continue to assist us in the future. We hope to give you what YOU want!

We received 72 survey responses. This represents a healthy feedback number, given that our larger luncheon events range from 100 to 120 in attendance, so about a 60% response based on 120 luncheon attendees. Your order of preferences from greatest to least: Choir, Speakers, Instrumental Music, Fashion Show, Dance, Interactive, Play or Skits. Thank you for the names of suggested speakers and usicians, and your many helpful comments. You have been heard.

We apologize for any confusion with the question in section 2. It was not our intention to suggest any entertainment at the May Breakfast AGM or Be Our Guest....due to the nature of these events.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL –

You should receive your 2015-2016 Program Brochure and Membership Renewal Forms via email or snailmail in the next week or so.
You may renew at "Breakfast in the Valley" on May 20th or by mail to Marion Jutzi 615 Sager Rd., RR#1, Troy, Ontario L0R 2B0.
If you have any questions, contact Marion at copperwomen@hotmail.com 1-519-448-1025.
We have an exciting year ahead.
Come and join us.

Reminder:

All participants in the Interest Groups MUST be members of RWTO.
Renewal forms will be out shortly.
Thank you for your co-operation.
Danielle Chouinard
(Interest Groups Convenor)

MESSAGE BOARD

GOLF GROUP

Hello Swingers, It's been a looooong winter but people keep reassuring me that SPRING is coming soon.

Organizing meeting - Monday, April 27th at 10:00 at Williams on Discovery Dr.

If you can't attend but would like to book a golf course, please let me know.

Season starting date---May 13th ??? We'll discuss all the other dates and any changes at our meeting.

Hope to see you then. Danielle

905.635.9051 daniellechouinard3@cogeco.ca

BUMPER BABES BOWLING

....our "5th" year of fun!

Wed. May 13th (date change)

@ Mountain Lanes, 905- 574- 8974

335 Upper Wentworth at Concession

11:00am social; 11:30 games begin

For info contact Hope - hleon@bserv.com

Next bowling: **Wed. June 17th** (Banquet Day!)

Lunch Bunch

May 5, 12:30 pm, at Ye Olde Squire, 1508 Upper James.

June 9 (new date) – 12:30 pm, at Donn Zver's Pottery Cafe

For reservation contact Lynn **(905) 679-6639** **lynnesmith16@gmail.com**

KNITTING

4th Tuesday – 12:30- April 28, May 26 and June 23

Fortinos Community Room

1579 Main St. W -

Contact Bernice – b.kania@bell.net.

Euchre Group (west End)

Spring Has Sprung and it is Time to Enjoy some Outdooors

Monday April 27th at Williams Coffee Café 47 Discovery Drive, Hamilton Waterfront (at the back on the upper level)

Lunch at12 Noon; Cards at 1 p.m.

May25th location will be at Fortinos on Main St. W.

June 29th location is at Williams Coffee Cafe.

There will no Euchre in July and August.

We will resume Euchre on **Sept 28th**

Movie Group

Upcoming Film Dates

Monday April 27

Monday May 4

For more info contact Mardie at mardiepan@gmail.com

Theatre Group

MUSICAL - JACQUES BREL IS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN PARIS

RWTO PERFORMANCE MAY 2.

2PM MATINEE – TICKETS 25.

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CALL: 905.529.0284 and identify yourself as RWTO.

The **Bridge Interest Group** meets the **first and third Tuesdays** of the month at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining, contact Sandie Bender at 289-389-5799 or sbender1@cogeco.ca

iPad Interest Group

Upcoming dates:

Thurs. May 21

Thurs. June 19

Everyone welcome!

Fortinos 1579 Main St. West

Community Room Upstairs. Contact: Linda rwto.linda@gmail.com (905) 575-3831

ART APPRECIATION Group Planning Meeting and Outing

Meeting on Friday, June 26th
at Williams Fresh Café 47 Discovery Drive.
1:00 pm- Meeting, with coffee or lunch if you wish. Please bring your ideas for group to help plan activities for next school year.
2:00 - Visit Gallery on the Bay 231 Bay Street North for their Summer in the City Exhibition. (This is planned on a Friday, as Gallery on the Bay is only open Thursday through Sun. afternoon

A dozen art aficionados enjoyed an afternoon in Stoney Creek. We had a delicious homemade meal at the Village Restaurant before going down Main St to **Josh Tiessen's** Studio. We marveled at his talent. At 15 he was mentored by Robert Bateman. He had an assortment of paintings on the wall. He would have sat down to work on his blue jay painting, if we didn't have so many questions to ask him. He and his mother were very gracious hosts. Thanks Lynn G for organizing this outing.

BOOK CLUB →

Ross Pennie - a special guest author of our book choice, “Up in Smoke".....a medical mystery based on fact.

We had a great afternoon listening to Ross tell us how the book was conceived, written, character & setting development, based on real and local people and recognizable landmarks etc.

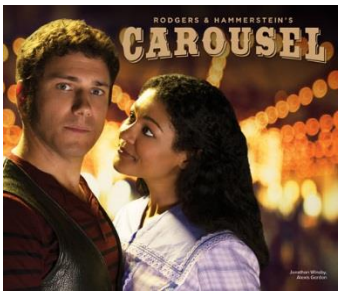
Ross is in the midst of writing his next book which takes place on a cruise ship.

⟸**LUNCH BUNCH at** Lemon Grass,
Great company, good food.
Join us May 5, at 12:30 pm,
at Ye Olde Squire,
1508 Upper James, Hamilton.

FYI … This is my last branch newsletter as I am stepping down for awhile to take a breather. The Branch Communications portfolio will be in the capable hands of Patty Alexander. This has been an enriching experience with an upward learning curve and I have enjoyed the experience and friendships I have made. See you at future Branch Luncheons and Interest Groups.

In Caring and Sharing,
Mardie Panabaker, Branch Communications Convenor

Community News - The following items are not RWTO events



RTO/ERO Tour to Stratford to see **"Carousel" May 5th, 2015**.
12 tickets available. Lunch at Elmhurst Inn before performance.
Total cost: Bus, tickets to performance and lunch: $135.00
Everyone eligible to attend.
Details: Joanne Weeks 905 692 5754

CHILDHOOD ANXIETY
Dr. Tobon (St. Joe's)
will be speaking about
"Childhood Anxiety"
Wed. April 29th, 2015, 7-830 p.m.
Church of the Resurrection,
435 Mohawk Rd. W., Hamilton
(corner of Mohawk/Garth)
ALL PROCEEDS TO YOUTH WELLNESS CENTRE
Cost: $15/person - Ticket and information. Peppy 905-627-1289 or jtew@sympatico.ca

Ancaster Community Theatre Presents
"Cash on Delivery"
by Michael Cooney
April 30, May 1,2,7,8, & 9
St. John's Parish Hall
34 Halson St., Ancaster
curtain: 8p.m. doors open 7:30
BOX OFFICE: 905 648-0335
tickets: $18 includes tea, coffee, pie

The Mohawk College Community Choir Concert
"Love and Revenge on Broadway"
Sunday May 3 @ 2:30pm.
St. Paul's United Church
29 Park Street West, Dundas
"To include: Little Shop of Horrors, Oklahoma, Sweeney Todd (2014's Tony Award winner for Best Musical), A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder..
Tickets: Regular - $25
Students/Seniors - $20
Tix will be available at the door.
You are also invited to attend a reception, following the concert.
Hope to see you there. Sing....cerely,
RWTO member Emily DeBenedictis

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The unique skills of our volunteers have an immense impact on the way we provide care to our patients: .Patient Support, Retail Support, Clinic Support, Pediatric Support, Family Support Make an impact Volunteer at Hamilton Health Sciences. Visit www.hhsc.ca/vr and apply today! Volunteer opportunities in a variety of placements, including: Perioperative Services: Family Support – Operating Room, Greet families on arrival in the O.R, Support parents and children while in the O.R, Act as a liaison between staff and parents. For more information on this role or other volunteer opportunities at HHS, please contact: Jody Casselman, Coordinator Volunteer Resources, 905-521-2100 X 75349 casselm@hhsc.ca www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/vr