Belleville and Area Branch

Caring and Sharing and Having Fun

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The Belleville and Area Branch is seeking retired women teachers in Belleville and surrounding areas from Prince Edward County to North Hastings and areas in between.

Interested in joining our RWTO/OERO Branch? Call 613 962-7390

We meet four times a year - in the Fall (Sept.27), Winter (Dec.5), Spring (April 10) and early Summer (June13). Our meetings include a social time, luncheon, business and entertainment.

INTEREST GROUPS: offer support, fun, entertainment and relevant programs

Euchre Club - Contact Lois Thompson

The Euchre Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Richmond Retirement Residence on North Front Street. They have lunch at the nearby Tim Horton's at 12:00 noon. Sometimes the group plays bid euchre or regular euchre, depending on the number of players.

Come and join us for fellowship and fun.

Chit Chat Club: Contact Marilyn Stobbart

The Chit Chat club is a friendly, small group of RWTO members who meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month except for July and August. The meetings are held at Federation House, 114 Victoria Ave. Belleville at 1:30 pm. The group discusses current topics of interest. A light snack concludes each meeting. Twice a year the group dines out at a local restaurant. Interested in joining?

Book Club Contact Robin O'Connor

The book club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. Favourite books are discussed and members may recommend the next read. It is an informal book club and not everyone must read the same book. Interested in joining the book club?

Diners' Club - Contact Carol Watson

The name says it all. This group meets and eats! They dine out the 2nd Monday of each month at 12:00 pm.

Walking Club - Contact Judy Galway

This group meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and walks various trails throughout the city. It's a great way to get to know one another. The walkers are invited to bring along friends or family.

Alternative Films – Contact Kay Snedden

Join Kay for Wednesday afternoon movies at The Empire Theatre. Join the group. No need to go alone. Discussion of film afterwards is always a possibility over a drink or snack.

JUNE MEETING UPDATE:

Thursday, June 14, 2018

President Judy Mewett welcomed Lois Lockhart our past Provincial President and members and guests to the meeting at the First Pentecostal Church. She also extended a welcome to the Napanee Branch Members who were attending with us.

Members from our Branch who brought a guest were asked to stand and introduce their guest.

Judy asked Wendy Bryson to give us an update on our over 90's members. Wendy mentioned that they were the ones who paved the way for us for benefits and working

conditions. No one was able to attend but each of them was sent a plant from our Branch.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Judy Mewett called on Lois Lockhart to bring us greetings from Provincial.

Lois said it was a privileged and an honour to be in this role. Teachers continue to give in retirement and are connecting at our local level or abroad. She acknowledged Lynda Rollins who is sponsoring a family in the Dominican and outfitting 18 Dominican students with school uniforms.

Lois gave us ways we could voice our concerns.

1. Use our director to get discussions started.

2. Write a letter or email and put it to the attention of the Board of Directors with attention to the President.

3. We could write a resolution for the Convention.

4. We should be represented at the Convention.

5. When the President visits, present her with ideas.

Lois was informative and humorous with her encouraging words. She wants all members to get involved in leadership in RWTO. “Yes We Can” is her message.

Judy presented Lois with a gift in appreciation of her hard work for us.

Presentation of Past President's pin and gift: Diane Fisher thanked Judy for her year as president and all the work that was involved.

Installation of Officers:

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Jennifer Davis, a member of our Branch and also outgoing District #7 Area Director, brought greetings from the Provincial. Judy Mewett thanked Jennifer for all her hard work as Director of Area 7 for the past two years, and how fortunate we were to have someone from our Branch take on this position. She presented her with a gift of flowers in appreciation.

Convention attendees – Wendy Bryson, Elaner Pound and Lynda Rollins

Convention report: The Convention took place at Nottawasaga Inn and Wendy Bryson said that it was enjoyed by all.

Trifold: Judy mentioned that our Branch email is on the front of the trifold should anyone have information to share. Wendy Bryson will manage the emails for us. The trifolds were available to be picked up after the meeting. Everyone was asked and encouraged to pick up envelopes for anyone that wasn't able to attend the meeting.

Fall Area Luncheon: The Peterborough Branch is planning to host another Fall Luncheon for the 5 branches in Area 7 which is our area. The date is October 23, 2018. There will be more information in the fall. While Peterborough is hosting, Trenton is planning the format for the day and our Branch is looking after the entertainment.

Email information for Callers: Judy let us know that we are planning to compile a list of members who would prefer to receive information about our Branch and upcoming meetings via email, rather than a phone call. A committee will be formed to help organize this and implement it. We are looking for volunteers to help Nancy Shorey form these caller and email lists.

Membership: Judy called on Kay Snedden regarding the membership. Kay said we need to share information for our new retirees. We could give them one of our cards for information and getting their phone number or email would help us correspond with them. We as members could bring someone who may be interested to a meeting or even to one of our interest groups.

Share the Wealth: This is the name of our new draw that we will have at each luncheon. Tickets are $1.00 each. The winner of the winning number will take home half the profits. This is one new way to fund raise for our Branch.

Luncheon: Cooked sliced turkey, cold cuts, potato, garden and pasta salads, pickles, cheese, buns, homemade pies, punch, coffee and tea were enjoyed by all.

Entertainment/Speaker:

Lynda Rollins introduced Peter Paylor and actors from the Belleville Theatre group who presented a play written by Peter; “Tea with Roger”. This play won the Audience Choice award in November 2017. Judy Preece and Katharine Dalmer were the actors with Shawn Dales performing from behind the closet door. It was very well received and an enjoyable ending to the luncheon

Upcoming Events

Next General Meeting:

The Fall Luncheon will be Thursday Sept. 27, 2018 at Emmanuel United Church in Foxboro.

*11:00 am: Social Time

*11:40 am: Business

*12:15 pm: Lunch & Entertainment

Our guest speaker will be Alex McNaught, speaking about “A Place Called Wallbridge”.