

CONNECTIONS

RETIRED WOMEN TEACHERS OF ONTARIO



*Carole Watson
President*

One of the distinct pleasures of being the Provincial President is the opportunity to visit the branches across the province. Driving through the painted autumn vistas during my travels to Sudbury and South River left me breathless with the beauty and splendor of our near north. These are memorable experiences which will be indelible in my memory.

Wherever my travels have taken me, urban, rural, cottage country, south, east or north, I have discovered that retired women teachers are basically the same. They are friendly and welcoming. They support local charities whose common threads include disadvantaged women

President's Message

and children. They love good food. They offer amazing crafts at their silent auctions, which I am busy purchasing as part of my Christmas shopping. Just to listen to the singing of our national anthem is a joy in itself.

These findings have made me even more dedicated to RWTO. Previously, I had only experienced these qualities at our amazing conventions, and visiting branches in my area. I now can relate them to our entire organization, and it feels good. Your talents and outreach to your communities are to be commended.

Our Board of Directors is busy providing direction and managing our fiscal affairs. Its dedication is a strong indication of the value of RWTO. I want to publicly acknowledge them for their efforts, and say thank you on your behalf.

It is rewarding to see that the branches

are using the Cora Bailey Award to recognize their outstanding members. Be sure to share these with our Archivist so that they may also be recognized in the display at convention.

I hope that you will consider attending the convention in Mississauga. The committee is planning some wonderful events, and I know that you will enjoy all of the activities, as well as renewing old and making new friendships. We hope to bring you some ideas for enticing the retirees of the twenty-first century, while still embracing those of us who have been here for several years.

Enjoy the rest of the autumn, and may I be the first to bring you season's greetings and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Warmest regards,

Carole

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Members may now receive our newsletter, CONNECTIONS, on-line.

Send your name, address and e-mail address to Joyce Fee, Communications Convenor at jfee@accel.net

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RWTO does not qualify as a charitable organization. Therefore membership dues cannot be claimed as a charitable donation.

Since members of RWTO are, by definition, retired and not employed, they cannot claim RWTO membership dues as Professional Fees or Dues on the Income Tax form.

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Insurance Matters – November 2008

One of the ‘perks’ of being the Provincial Insurance Convenor is that in every other year we have the opportunity to visit each Area of the province and present Insurance Workshops to the members of the various Branch Executives. This fall was a most wonderful time for us to travel, and we have now completed our lengthy, but very satisfying tour. The colours were glorious, and there was only one day of particularly bad weather. Each Area greeted us most warmly, and was enthusiastic in its participation in the interactive workshops. We gave an overview of the various Insurance Plans and tried to highlight the many benefits that are available to our members. As well, many questions were asked, a lot of good ideas were shared, and the discussions were lively and interesting. Thanks to all who participated, especially to the Directors who organized these Area meetings. We received many positive and encouraging comments.

One of the most common areas of concern at these workshops was how important it is that we continue our promotional efforts to attract new members to our branches, and to promote to new, as well as existing members, the uniqueness and benefits of our Insurance Plans. One of the critical elements facing our association is the continued growth of the Hospital and Home Care Insurance Plan, as the profit sharing cheque received annually has become a significant component of our fiscal management. In order to ensure that there is some predictability to the profit sharing, premium revenues and claims paid must remain relatively stable. If new members are not coming into the plan to offset the claims of the exist-

ing members, this balance will be disrupted and profits will decline. There are many misconceptions regarding this plan, and here are some of them: “You must have a medical before you apply”, “The premiums are higher the older you get”, “If I have a pre-existing medical condition there is no sense applying”, and the most common one “I already have medical insurance, so I don’t need any more”. All of the previous statements are incorrect. This plan does pay up to 80% on many of your needs following hospitalization or an illness, and is not in competition, but is complementary, to any other plan you may have. This means it does pay in addition to any reimbursement you may receive from another plan (up to 100% of the total), and it does offer many other benefits that you might not have coverage for, so please talk with your Insurance Convenor or President, or call me for clarification on these or any other questions you may have.

Also, many Insurance Convenors are planning to inform you at your next Branch meeting about the Can/Am Travel Insurance that is available for our members, families and even friends, if they use our dedicated number. Because Can/Am is a brokerage, it has no advertising or office costs, and claims its rates are an average of 20% lower than other travel insurance and cancellation plans. It offers yearly as well as individual trip coverage. Call one of the counsellors for quotes at 1-888-326-3535.

Sincerely,

Carolle Kennedy - RWTO Provincial Insurance Convenor

Nominations

Provincial Board Positions

Nominations for the following elected positions for the Provincial Board will be accepted until January 31, 2009 :

1. Provincial 2nd Vice President: Nominees should have experience at the Board level as well as at the Executive level in an RWTO Branch and/or other organizations. The job description is printed in the RWTO Policy Manual and is available from your Area Director or the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Names submitted are to be approved by the Branch Executive making the nomination and then sent to the Area Director for confirmation, before forwarding to the Nominations Committee chair.
2. Assistant Insurance Convenor: This position requires the candidate to assist the Insurance Convenor in planning insurance information sessions for the members and be able to travel.

The job description for the Insurance Convenor can be found in the Policy Manual. Please follow the same procedure as mentioned above.

3. Archivist: This is an appointed position, and as well as looking after the archives, the archivist must act as the official provincial photographer, conduct the In Memoriam at the Annual Meeting and prepare the Cora Bailey display. Any interested person should submit her name, through the Area Director, to the Nominations Committee chair. This is an excellent opportunity to become involved at the Provincial level of RWTO.

Nominations should be mailed or e-mailed by January 31, 2009 to:

Jean Axcell, Nominations Committee Chair
1443 Firwood Crescent, Peterborough, ON K9K 1J2
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Areas 2, 6, 7, and 8 will be selecting new Directors in accordance with the protocol established within each area and outlined in the Policy Manual.

For more information or assistance, you may contact Jean Axcell, the Nominations Committee chair, or the Nominations Committee members - Marilyn Emmett, Mary Lanktree, or Betty Wells.

**Tuesday, February 9, 2009 is the deadline for submissions for the March newsletter.
Submissions are invited from Branches 2, 3, 5, and 12.**

Membership News

In the September issue of Connections, the Membership Committee asked for pictures of branch fun activities to be sent in to be put on the website. Thank you to the Branches that have already responded. Be watching for your picture to be on the RWTO website. Please continue sending in pictures as we would like to do updates several times a year. When you mail your photos make sure a signed permission is included. All Branches do a great deal of 'caring and sharing' so please send in those exciting pictures.

It is now time for each Branch to consider the Feather In Your Hat award. This award was established by the Membership Committee to recognize creative, innovative and successful activities carried out by a branch that has clearly enriched the programs offered by RWTO. Your Area Director can submit the name of deserving Branches or a Branch, itself, can nominate by writing a descriptive article and submitting it to the

Membership Convenor. All entrants will be considered by the committee. If your Branch is chosen, an article describing the activity or program will be published in Connections and the 'Hat' itself is presented at the Annual Meeting. Two or three Branches are honoured each year. Please consider entering your Branch for this worthwhile award. As it takes time to go over the submissions, I am hoping you will send them to me as soon as possible.

Please continue to encourage new members and new retirees to attend meetings and become members of RWTO. New members can join at any time during the year. We are a large group of very dedicated women retirees that care and share with our members throughout the year.

Carolyn Shoup, Membership Convenor
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Honorary Membership

Each year, RWTO considers nominations for this award, which our organization offers to members who have made an outstanding contribution at the provincial level of RWTO. Nominations may come from Branch Executives or from members-at-large.

The criteria for nominating members are explained on page 25 of the Policy and Procedures Handbook (June 2008).

Please submit two typed copies of nominations no later than January 31, 2009. Accompanying your nomination should be an outline of the reasons for the nomination, the service of

the member to RWTO, offices held and outstanding achievements. Please provide full name, address, phone and e-mail contact of the nominee.

Send nominations to:
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Committee members: Judy Anderson, Darlene Poirier

Goodwill

As always, I have some good news and some bad news in my report. First the good news: I continue to send cards to all our 'over 90's' women on their birthdays. In September, I sent 24 cards and in October I sent 20. One of the September ladies was 103. What a marvelous age to have achieved! On a sad note, I must report the death of one of our Past Provincial Presidents, Wilma Rymar. She served as your president in 1997-1998. I sent sympathy cards to the family at that time.

I am also sorry to report the passing of Nora Helfrich, Windsor-Essex and Janey Roberts, Guelph-Wellington.

Please be aware that any new Life Members need to be reported to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer at the provincial office. It is with your help that our database remains current for this very special job of Caring and Sharing. Thanks for your continued assistance.

Carol Bell, Goodwill Convenor

Wilmar Rymar, RWTO Provincial President 1997 - 1998

In Appreciation:

From across the province letters, cards, calls, donations and visits have expressed condolences at the passing of Wilma Rymar, RWTO Provincial President 1997-98. Involvement in RWTO was an integral and treasured part of Wilma's life. As we remember Wilma, we are comforted by the RWTO caring and sharing our sorrow.

"We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust our sails."

With heartfelt thanks ---- Joy Patyk and Leslie Uttley, her sisters.

Joy Patyk, Honorary President 2008-2009 and Leslie Uttley, Recording Secretary 2008-2009

Branch News

Sudbury

In September, we welcomed our Provincial President Carole Watson. Our silent auction earned a resounding \$335.00 profit for community projects. We were delighted to celebrate the 100th birthday of our dear member, Fleurette Dault, accompanied by two daughters, both retired teachers. Flowers, cake, kisses and photos were part of the fun.



In October, Carolle Kennedy, provincial insurance convenor, gave a presentation to our executive outlining the benefits of our insurance programs.

We are a small yet active branch. Our golf tournament in June was very successful. Activities this year include: a trip to the A.Y. Jackson lookout in Onaping Falls to enjoy the fall colours, a walking tour of historical places in Sudbury, including the Century Old Grotto, and a Power Point presentation of the historical 'Flour Mill' district.

In December we will hold our annual food drive, have a sale of articles and a 50/50 draw to help support our 'caring and sharing' activities.

Upper Canada East

We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway at our fall meeting. Our speaker, Lyle Van Allen, is a man with a passion for preserving the past for the future. He is also an avid collector of St. Lawrence Seaway memorabilia. Many of our members shared their personal experiences as we watched his slide presentation showing the changes and loss that had occurred at that time. We relived the "way things used to be" along the St. Lawrence River 50 years ago. After a delicious meal provided by the United Church Women, we looked through Lyle's many artifacts including books on the subject, newspaper clippings, photos, and even the Queen's invitation to the 'Grand Opening'. Everyone left with a better understanding of the effect this enormous project had on the communities that stretched from Iroquois to Cornwall along the "mighty St. Lawrence River."

Warton

Thank you to co-chairs Ruth Kaufman and Mary Lanktree for guiding us through Convention 2008.

What fun we had packing and gathering the convention bags with an assembly line at our May meeting, thanks to the organizing skills of Mary Gunson. Vi Hill and Marnie Davidson served on the Convention Planning Committee. Vi was co-chair of the Entertainment Committee and sang with her quartet, Serendipity Sound. Mary Gunson made a raffle donation and Ina Toxopeus donated to the Silent Auction. Ten

of our members attended convention. We also had a full slate of meetings. We were proud to present Cora Bailey Awards to Eva Nickel, Betty Ritchie, Bernice Pew and Violet Hill. Dee Burnlees made 300 woolen dolls for the bags. In July, we gather at Inglis Falls with our sister branches, Flesherton and Dundalk-Highpoint, for a picnic, fun and games.

Blue Mountain

The Annual Meeting at Blue Mountain was attended by Lois Plowright, branch President, and Nancy Lauzon, who attended Wednesday. Nancy, a new member, shares our treasurer's duties. Welcome Aboard, Nancy!

The special Thursday luncheon honoured two sets of our mother/daughter members. Marjorie Gordon and her daughter, Kathryn Hannan, were recognized as well as Dulcie Campbell and her daughter Doreen Spiegel. Marjorie and Dulcie also received recognition as 'over 90' guests.

Audrey Davidson, Mary Dunlop, Dorothy Shropshire, and Donelda Mackie were presented with Cora Bailey awards at our November meeting. These ladies have held various offices and been loyal RWTO members for many years. Their branch activities indeed deserved special recognition.

Our branch continues to support our 'Books for Babies' project at Collingwood G&M Hospital as well as other community projects.

Orillia

In September our faithful members met for our annual pot luck lunch. We welcomed one new retiree. Our members delighted us with funny stories that happened during their teaching careers.

Our October meeting involved an outstanding presentation by Marg Leith, Maisie Tremain, and Lois Cullis on the topic of women gaining the status of persons in Canada. We were entertained by the School Belles with tunes and dances from their wonderful western program. Members also made donations to our Good Will Fund, to purchase poinsettias for our members who are unable to attend our meetings.

Our November meeting speaker, Natalie Monroe from Service Canada, will enlighten us about what services they offer our members. We will donate to our local food bank.

We wish everyone the merriest Christmas ever and a very happy New Year.

Owen Sound

Four luncheon meetings will be held this coming year in September, November, March and May. A bus trip to Toronto for a theatre production will take place in September. Our annual Bridge and Dessert Party will happen in October. A repeat tour of one room schools in the Meaford area is planned for October. Much time, energy, caring and sharing was spent in preparing for AGM 2008 and this will continue as we prepare meaningful and exciting programs for our members in 2008-2009.

Branch News – continued

Muskoka

Our September luncheon in Port Sydney highlighted inspirational speaker and author, Angela Jackson, who has previously appeared on ‘Geraldo’, ‘Real Life TV’, and CBC’S ‘Venture’. Angela challenged us to ‘Celebrate Life’. Carole Kennedy and Anne Graham, who had conducted an excellent morning Area 6 Insurance Workshop, joined us for lunch. We honoured our editor, Janet Evans, with a special award for the amazing newsletter she has published for the past eight years. Our November Christmas turkey dinner will be held in Gravenhurst. We look forward to welcoming Provincial President, Carole Watson, in April to Bracebridge. Rosemary Porter will speak on antiques. In June, to top off our year of caring and sharing, we’ll enjoy a great theatre getaway to the King’s Wharf Theatre in Midland.



Janet Evans, on left, accepts a special award from Treasurer, Jacky Foskett.

Listowel

With a donation from Listowel Rotary Club and in partnership with Giant Tiger and Social Services of North Perth our branch gave eighty-eight backpacks with school supplies to local elementary students. Contributions were made to the Food Bank and money was collected for SCAW and for children’s library books.

Following a luncheon meeting at the Dinner Bell restaurant in Clinton, we toured the CNR ‘School on Wheels’ at Sloman Park. An old railway car was used by the Sloman family for nearly 40 years as it traveled the rails north of Sudbury to bring education to children of railway workers, trappers, prospectors and lumbermen. Each week a CNR train moved the ‘school car’ to sites between Capreol and Folyet where it remained for about 5 days. More than 1000 children graduated from this school. In 1968 the historic CNR ‘School on Wheels’ was designated as an Ontario Heritage site.

South Bruce

The South Bruce Unit met on April 10, 2008, at a Kincardine restaurant with 34 in attendance. President Jean Axcell, Mary Lanktree and Ruth Kaufman were with us, ably bringing us up to date on the plans for the June convention. We raised \$85 from a raffle to use towards our branch’s over \$500 donation to the convention expenses. Our guest speaker Don Leatham spoke on behalf of the International Plowing Match (I.P.M.) We donated \$200 in total to the educational program of the I.P.M. As well a number of our members have volunteered to help with this program during the I.P.M. week. We have plans to have our fall meeting in October at Southampton.

Flesherton

This year Flesherton RWTO enjoyed a variety of interesting programs: Alpaca farming, stained glass, wood sculpturing, elephant research in Africa and information on the re-enactment of the war of 1812, plant exchange and secret pal Christmas exchange. A fun luncheon was held with the Warton and Dundalk Branches at Inglis Falls. A luncheon and theatre trip to Collingwood to see Wingfield on Ice was most delightful. We want to thank Mary and Ruth for their brilliant job of co-convening the conference.

Central Algoma

Our Branch’s meetings are varied, informative and exciting! In May, we visited retired teachers Denise and Robert Martel’s Alpaca farm, west of Bruce Mines, to enjoy their second career of raising alpacas. After close inspection from the herd guardian, Lucy



Llama, we toured the whole farm with Denise, learning about the care and breeding of this gentle animal. All 30 of us saw, touched and purchased products made from its fiber. The endearing bonding cry (a high pitched, undulating “MMM” sound) made by the mother of a 2 day-old cria, will be a lasting memory!

This year we are hoping to support our local Pregnancy Centre, School Libraries (7) and Alzheimer’s Society as well as enjoying our monthly Book Club, Crafts and Coffee and Theme Dinner Groups

Kingston

We were very pleased to receive the “Feather in the Hat” award to mark the tenth year of successful operation of our RWTO project, Bags Plus.

In September, 32 members enjoyed a delightful dinner at St. Luke’s Church. The highlight of the day was a trip to the Frontenac County Schools Museum located in an historic limestone building in Barriefield. The museum houses a large collection of artifacts and documents from the schools of Frontenac County. It was definitely a wonderful opportunity to experience a school day of the past: bringing in the firewood, laying the fire, sweeping the floors, cleaning the boards and using the chalkboard.

Dundalk-Highpoint

Our spring meeting was held in Singhampton at St. Paul’s Anglican Church. President Jean Axcell, program Co-ordinator Marilyn Emmett and Convention Co-convenor Ruth Kaufman were our guests. Jean installed the new slate of officers and presented Hazel Scutt with a Cora Bailey Award in recog-

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dition of her service to our branch and the community. Hazel co-ordinates the Christmas Cheer and outreach program in the Dundalk area. Out-going president, Nancy Mitchell, commended all for their support and ‘caring and sharing’ contributions, which are outstanding for a small branch. Donations were collected for the Grey Bruce Women’s Crisis Centre.

Beaver Valley

Celebrating her one hundredth birthday, Catherine (Katie) Jolley was delighted with the dozen roses she received from RWTO. Three of our members attended her ‘come and go’ tea. Katie lives independently in her own apartment. She was one of the ‘over 90s’ who attended the Convention luncheon. Three other members attended this special luncheon as well. 56% of our membership attended convention.

This summer two of our members, Patricia Kortland and Judy Fox, hosted Kids’ Summer Arts Camp in Meaford. Pat was part of the art community that painted some of the centre pieces for Convention and was instrumental in acquiring some of the paintings.

Our focus for the coming year is continued contribution to community outreach and encouraging new membership.

Leeds-Brockville

We have had a busy year meeting on several occasions at luncheons. We continue to support Interval House in Brockville with Cozy Bedtime Bags for Children. Bags, made by members, are stuffed with pajamas, slippers, toothpaste and a toothbrush, and a book for sharing.



In June we hosted a Strawberry Social for eleven ladies who had retired before 1980. They enjoyed tea in china cups on fancy tablecloths and strawberry shortcake at a local retirement home. Eight guests joined the three ladies who lived there. The average age was 88 years and the number of school years taught was over 300. This averages out to about 27 years each. These elegant ladies’ signatures for publication demonstrated penmanship well taught!

Reflections

Area 1 Convention Planning Committee met to celebrate a job well done. It was a time to have fun and reflect on the highlights of the 2008 Convention. Area One wishes to express their gratitude to those who made Convention 2008 successful:

To RWTO Provincial Board and Past President Jean, who guided and supported us from beginning to end.

To the attendees who joined us for “mountains of fun in Area One”. We hope you enjoyed your time.

To our creative and efficient Planning Committee and volunteers who made it all happen.

To our sponsors and donors whose contributions facilitated the raffle, silent auction, coffee breaks and more.

It was our pleasure to host and bring to reality the dream of Co-convenor Ruth Kaufman: an RWTO Convention in Area One.

We wish Mississauga all the best in 2009 and offer our support to the Planning Committee.

Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario Annual Meeting

RWTO Area 12 set up an exhibitor’s table at ETFO annual meeting, staffed by Carol Nelson of Scarborough, Pauline Milne and Jean Sauro of Rendezvous, and myself. We spoke to many delegates about retirement plans and the joys and benefits of belonging to RWTO. A draw for a copy of ‘Chalk, Challenge and Change’ was won by Edith Shore, from York Region. This book attracted many people, who looked for their former women teachers, and pictures and stories of teaching in the last century. Carole Watson attended a reception as the guest of



Margaret Gee from Rendezvous and was introduced at the dinner by David Clegg, President of ETFO. The RWTO display included the tri-fold of our organization put together by Jean Axcell. We also had two tri-folds from Scarborough Branch featuring authors of the book plus some of Scarborough’s out-reach projects. Rendezvous contributed new member hand-outs and we had copies of past newsletters and insurance booklets from the Provincial Office.

This was a great opportunity to interest teachers in our organization.

Judy Anderson,
Area 12 Director 905-985-4257

Issues and Concerns - Retirement Residences

Many retirees are helping elderly parents and older members are now looking to downsize. To be eligible for a retirement residence, you must be able to dress and feed yourself. While you are healthy, call and make an appointment to tour, have a meal and talk to the person in charge. Most residences have a booklet to read. Know someone in the residence? Visit that person and ask questions. Take advantage of tours and open houses. Try a short stay.

To help, while you are looking, here are some questions and observations to make.

Room:

Is it bright and cheery? (size, central air-conditioning, storage, kitchenette) Pets allowed? Own furniture? Is there a locked cupboard for purse and personal items? How is laundry (do my own, where, scheduling), cable (cost), and mail handled? Is there space in the bathroom for a walker and maneuverability?

Staff:

Are they friendly and cheerful? Are there enough nurses for the number of residents? Are they on duty day and night? Do they check on you during the night? How often? Are medications administered? How often do I get an assisted bath? Is there a staff doctor if I am unable to visit my own or do not have one? Is there a hair dresser, foot care provider, etc. available? Cost? Hours?

Meals:

Is there a nutritionist on staff? Ask for a month's menu. Are the meals healthy with variety? Are snacks of fresh fruit available? Are meals attractively served in a bright, cheery dining room? Times of meals?

Do I get a choice of entrees? Is there a specific seating arrangement?

May I invite someone to join me? Cost? How much notice must be given? To whom? If I go out for a meal, how much notice must I give? To whom?

Activities:

Are there a variety of activities available? Would I enjoy

participating? Calendar? Is there a room where I may entertain a few friends? Cost?

Safety:

Are outside doors locked during meals and at night (so no one enters unlocked room).

Do I sign out when leaving the premises? If so, with whom?

Other:

Do other residents seem happy and content?

If I become ill for a short period of time, will meals be brought to my room? Cost? If I become unable to walk to meals, will staff take me in a wheelchair? Cost? If I am in the hospital for a time, do you charge for the health care portion of my monthly fee? Will I receive a receipt with rent and health care separated for income tax purposes? How much does my monthly fee increase each year and when? Is there an account at the residence for payment of hairdresser, etc? Will I receive a copy? Does it belong to ORCA? ([www. ORCA-homes.com](http://www.ORCA-homes.com)) Ontario Retirement Communities Association.

Remember:

If you are hospitalized with a serious health problem, the residence staff will reassess you, to see if they able to provide you with the extra care that you will need. If not, then you will need a Long Term Care facility. Some residences have a separate section for Long Term Care which makes it less stressful than moving to a strange new place.

Ladies, most of all, do not leave the choice to your family alone. Do the looking while you are alert and able-bodied.

Visit, Ask Questions, Compare, Revisit, Ask More Questions

Take a list of questions with you. Visit the ORCA web site as it has many more ideas.

Respectfully,

Patricia Depencier

Issues and Concerns Convenor

RWTO 50th Anniversary Book Project

SOLD OUT!! As of June 1st our Anniversary Book, *Chalk, Challenge and Change* (over 4000 copies) was officially sold out! Thanks to the many people who devoted their time and energy to this three year project, a significant piece of history has been preserved and many of our 'special' members have enjoyed their fifteen minutes of fame. This project involved our total membership and I would, once again, like to thank everyone for their generous support: the Board, the Presidents, the Committee, the Storytellers, the members (interviewers, storywriters, editors, proofreaders, promoters and salespeople). It was truly an amazing effort involving creativity, cooperation, trust and a great deal of excellent work! What a wonderful way to celebrate RWTO's 50 years of Caring and Sharing! - a proud history indeed!

Yours In Caring and Sharing and Having Fun!
Dreamer and Chair of the Steering Committee
Carol Martin





freedom to fly

CONVENTION 2009 RWTO

**53rd Annual Meeting June 2, 3, & 4
Mississauga Ontario**

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