



Rendezvous Branch - October 2013

RETIRED WOMEN TEACHERS OF ONTARIO

ORGANIZATION DES ENSEIGNANTES RETRAITEES DE L'ONTARIO

Provincial Update

Area 5 News

Squares continue to pour in for our blanket project. Let's keep it going into January and see how many warm covers we have made. We are in the process of deciding which shelter to donate them to. A history of retired women teachers in Ontario, 'Uncommon Women', is on sale for \$10.00. Rendezvous Club was the original group so this is our history too. One branch has created an award to be given to an "Uncommon Woman" in their own group. Rooms may be booked now for the Ottawa/Lanark convention being held June 3, 4 & 5, 2014. The contact information will be in the next newsletter. Rooms can be cancelled as the time of the convention draws near and final plans are made. Let's get a group together and take the train. Anne Graham, our Provincial President, lives in Lanark and will be visiting Rendezvous Branch in April.

Insurance

Our RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care Plan has improved and the cost remains the same! The Oxygen Benefit now includes CPAP machines and accessories up to \$300.00 per year. The Cataract Surgery Benefit includes testing not covered by OHIP up to \$100.00 per eye. The Transportation Benefit now includes parking costs up to \$350.00 per injury.



Retired Women Teachers of Ontario

All interested retired women teachers are invited to join us at our RWTO/OERO Fall Meeting on Mon. Nov. 4 at Java Joe's across from Kingsway Retirement Residence. Join us at 10:00 am for coffee followed by a brief business meeting. We will conclude with an Insurance presentation. RSVP to Judy.

RWTO PROVINCIAL Convention 2014

Travel Lodge Ottawa Ontario June 3, 4 & 5

See information in your RWTO Connections

Consider attending.

Please contact Judy Anderson for details.

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My Summer Holidays Part 2

"Starting from Ottawa and flying southeast, our route to Newfoundland took us along the north shore of the St Lawrence River for a day and a half. Our rally rules stipulate that we fly VFR in daylight hours, and it's a beautiful way to enjoy the scenery from above. From the outset, the number one psychological challenge of this trip for me was the prospect of crossing the body of water called the Straits of Belle Isles between mainland Quebec/Labrador and the northwestern peninsula of Newfoundland. About 15 miles of open water separate the two bodies of land at the narrowest point. Flying a single engine plane over open water requires climbing as high as possible so that in the event of an engine failure, the plane (in theory) still has enough altitude to glide down a sloping trajectory to bring it to land. As it turned out, our engine's pistons never wavered a beat and we soared high over an awesome view of icebergs barreling through grey waves, while overhead even greyer skies looked ominous. What did transfix us, being the last of the six planes to reach the Newfoundland rocky peninsula and thus our destination at St Anthony airport, was the sight of grey wisps of fog swirling in low over the airfield. Our request to the control tower for permission to do a straight in approach was denied meaning that we had to take the time to fly the mandatory circuit pattern around the runway. We saw precious minutes being lost as we circled the field and eventually descended onto the runway through fingers of fog that obscured the airfield. Our relief at landing just ahead of the airport being closed turned to amusement and then chagrin when the severity of the situation dawned on us. We had planned to stay overnight and head back the next day. Instead, the very fog that we avoided on landing, settled in for five days and we were marooned in St Anthony.

Thus we were forced to enjoy Newfoundland at a leisurely pace because we couldn't leave. Teresa, the kindly owner of the Cosy B&B, found space for all eleven of us that first night in three of her homes even though she didn't know we were coming. She moved us to other homes the nights she had confirmed prior reservations. Six of the group flew home commercially within the first few days either because of previous plans or because of work and family commitments. Teresa did our laundry after we had been there a couple of days, and loaned us her car to make day trips to other parts of the peninsula. During that five days we went whale watching, visited Dr Grenfell's Museum and L'Anse aux Meadows, ate lobster, and drank screech with "berg-y-bits" ice cubes. We experienced in spades that warm Newfoundland hospitality that we all have heard about. We felt like part of the town family by the time we left." To be continued...

Jean Franklin Hancher

This is the 30th issue of our Rendezvous Club/RWTO newsletter. Find out what is happening here at Rendezvous and throughout the province. Judy

