

RWTO/OERO Ottawa-Carleton Branch
FALL NEWSLETTER
September, 2017



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Kathy McLean

Another school year is just beginning... and I don't have to go! Yeah! I am, however, happy that another year of RWTO/OERO is also about to begin. When I think back to last year's activities, I realize how we have embraced the motto, "caring and sharing" in everything we did. We cared about ourselves, other members, and many in the community, and shared interests, ideas, social times, and support for others. A huge "thanks" goes to all who made those things happen - executive members and other volunteers who helped with planning and implementing the events, and, most recently, Ruth Knapp and Anne Graham who hosted the summer cottage visits in the beautiful outdoors. Now I can look ahead to much of the same for the new year.



Your executive has met over the summer to plan upcoming events of various kinds. In September we look forward to meeting our new Provincial President, Lois Lockhart, and Assistant Insurance Convenor, Anne Wilde and have some fun time with a "quarter frenzy", an activity first seen at a convention a while back. In October, two of our own members will talk to us about their experience becoming published authors. December, of course, will feature a delicious meal and great entertainment, along with a fundraising silent

If you have any questions about RWTO/OERO, this Branch or your insurance, contact the appropriate person from the list below:

President, Kathy McLean: 613-829-6234
badgerkat2016@gmail.com
Insurance Convenor, Margaret Dempsey: 613-820-7864
medempsey@sympatico.ca
Goodwill Convenor, Marilyn Adair: 613-274-3331
marilyn.adair@gmail.com
Membership Convenor, Barbara Edwards: 613-731-3331
angelbunny@live.ca

auction. I look forward to seeing more of the handiwork done by members, baked goods, and other items you would be willing to donate to support our community outreach program. We will also collect the usual toiletries and other items to be given to the St. Joe's Women's Centre. March, April and May will be time for more luncheons - look for details further in this newsletter.

We are still hoping for members to step forward to fill vacancies on the executive so that we can carry on with our program. Check the executive list on the next page, and consider volunteering or suggesting someone we could contact to take on one of the vacant positions. A thank you to Brenda Prosenyak-Weber who has stepped down from the Phone Committee. If you can volunteer a bit of time to do this job, please call me.

A couple of reminders: Don't forget to register early for activities to make it easier for final details to be settled. If you know of a member who is in need of a get well or sympathy card, be sure to contact Marilyn.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Kathy

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2017 - 2018 EXECUTIVE

President: Kathy McLean
Past President: Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell
1st & 2nd Vice-Presidents: **Vacant**
Treasurer: Suzanne Wilson-Marjerrison
Recording Secretary: Sharon Chop
Directory Convenor: Suzanne Wilson-Marjerrison
Membership Convenor: Barbara Edwards
Insurance Convenor: Margaret Dempsey
Social Convenor: **Vacant**
Goodwill Convenor: Marilyn Adair
Telephone Convenor: Ann Davelaar
Archivist: Anne Bodnar
Communications Convenor: Martha Summers
Members-at-Large: Ruth Knapp, **2 vacant positions**

Provincial Area Director: Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Address Changes (Phone remains same)
Pat Mulvihill: 702-2019 Carling Avenue, Ottawa ON
K2A 4A2
Pat Fraser: 703-1230 Grant Carman Drive, Ottawa ON
K2E 1C8
Val Leach-Ray: Park Place Retirement Suites, 206-120
Central Park Dr., Ottawa ON K2C 4G3

Add Phone Number

Patricia Taylor: Phone 613-425-5095

Add Email Address

Brenda Mercier: brenda.maurice.mercier@gmail.com

Email Address Changes

Anne Walsh: awalsh4943@gmail.com

Anne Graham: annegraham2207@gmail.com

Meryl Forrest: mforrestm2017@gmail.com

THE THREE R'S OF MEMBERSHIP

The "Membership Storefront" at the recent AGM in Ajax focussed on the **Three R's of Membership in RWTO/OERO - Recruitment, Retention and Recognition**. These are described as follows:

- **Recruitment** of new members using the methods that work best for your branch
- **Retention** of current members through interesting programs and activities
- **Recognition**, both within your own branch and within the community, recognizing the accomplishments of members at all meetings and through your publicity efforts, building awareness within the community of who you are and what your purpose is as an organization

Activities used to accomplish these by the various branches across the province were compiled into lists of suggestions for those who were looking for ideas. The variety and creativeness of these is astounding. Of course, every community is different in how a group like ours can reach out; input from all our members is important. Take a moment to think about this...

- How can we reach out in the community to find new members, either newly retired, relocated, or retired for a while but ready for something new?
- How well do our programs and activities meet your needs, and why? How could they be improved?
- What places do you know of where we could promote RWTO/OERO via posters, displays, handouts, visits, etc. ?



If your thoughts have produced any ideas, your executive would love to hear them. Contact Kathy, President, or Barbara, Membership Convenor, to pass on any suggestions you have. (Contact info is on Page 1.)

***A Special Note re Membership:** If you have not yet paid your membership fee for 2017-2018, keep in mind that if you have the RWTO/OERO Insurance Plan, it is only valid if you are a member in good standing, i.e. your membership fees have been paid. A membership renewal form is on the last page of this newsletter.

Quarter Frenzy by Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell

“Quarter” frenzy---- “What the heck is that?” you ask! Well, let me tell you all about it. It is a fun, auction-type game that is played by RWTO/OERO branches across the province as a way to raise funds for the charity of choice by the branch. A selection of items (baked goods, preserves, homemade crafts, kitchen & bath & gardening accessories, candles, assortment of teas etc. etc.) are presented to the members to bid on. The facilitator holds up each item in turn, gives a brief description of the item, and then the bidding begins. You may bid as many times as you wish on any item and here is where the “Quarter”



part comes in. For each bid you make, you deposit a “quarter”-25 cents into the container on your table. For each bid you make you are given a number (the order in which your bid was placed) which you record on paper provided to you. When the bidding on an item is closed, then a number is drawn from the total bids on the item (eg. 20 bids--#12 is drawn) and the individual who placed that bid wins the item. The winner’s cost for the item is a “quarter”, while the loser’s cost at not winning the item is also a “quarter”.

So, ladies, when you come to our Fall Luncheon on September 28, bring yourself a roll of “quarters” and have some “Quarter” Frenzy fun.

RWTO/OERO Book Club

Upcoming Meetings at Kristy’s Restaurant - 12:00 p.m.

Sept. 11 - *Sir John’s Table* by Lindy Mechevske and ***The Promise of Canada*** by Charlotte Gray

Oct. 2 - *The Gift of Rain* by Tan Twan Eng

Nov. 6 - ***Secret Keepers*** by Kate Morton.

December - no meeting

Jan. 8 - *Lion* (original title - ***A Long Way Home***) by Saroo Brierly

If you haven’t yet signed up for the Book Club and are interested in joining us, contact Joy at 613-728-3897 or joyphillips@rogers.com.



Lanark Branch Activities

Our friends in the neighbouring Lanark Branch invite us to join them in the activities they have planned for their Branch between now and Christmas. If you plan to attend, please contact Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell at 613-829-7163 or suzanne.lanouettecarswell@gmail.com. If you have any questions about any of the events, please direct them to Anne Graham at 613-259-2207 or annegraham2207@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events in Lanark:

Thursday, Sept. 21 at 11:30 a.m., Ger-bo’s Restaurant, Smith’s Falls, Food bank collection

Thursday, Oct. 19 at 11:00 a.m., \$18.00, Zion Memorial United Church, Carleton Place - RWTO/OERO Insurance Presentation by Provincial Convenor, Donna Hemeon, Toiletries/cash collection for Interval House

Thursday, Nov. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Maximilian’s Restaurant, Perth, Perth Food Bank collection

Thursday, Dec. 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity United Church, Smith’s Falls, \$18.00, Turkey dinner and entertainment

2017-2018 EVENTS... MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Registration for activities should be done by telephone or e-mail to the person indicated, or by mail. Please note that registration forms are only attached for events through 2017. Others will be included in the end of the year newsletter, but do mark your calendar now to save the date!!

It is important that you attend if you register by phone or email, since we must give numbers to the venue ahead of the date, and are responsible for those numbers. If you must cancel after registering, please contact the co-ordinator.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017
CELEBRATING RETIREMENT Fall Luncheon
11:15 a.m.

Robbie's Italian Restaurant, 1531 St. Laurent Blvd.



As another school year begins, join fellow retirees for socializing, a delicious lunch (choose from the menu), and the opportunity to meet our Provincial President, Lois Lockhart, and Assistant Insurance Convenor, Anne Wilde. Our "fun"draiser for this day will involve lots of quarters - check your piggy bank before you come! You are also invited to bring donations for this fundraiser, items valued between \$5 and \$10 on which members will bid. (See note elsewhere in this newsletter.)

To register, contact Ruth Knapp at 613-270-0715 or r.knapp@sympatico.ca before **September 14**.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017
TELL ME A STORY Luncheon
12:00 noon

Biagio's Italian Kitchen, 1394 Richmond Road

Let's get together for a lovely lunch from the menu and a chance to celebrate two of our members who were featured at the 2017 Provincial Convention's "Follow the Dream" display. Joy Phillips-Johanssen and Margaret Singleton followed their dream of becoming published authors, and will tell us about their experiences in this venture.



To register, contact Barbara Edwards at 613-731-3331 or angelbunny@live.ca before **October 10**.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017
'TIS THE SEASON Christmas Luncheon
11:15 a.m.

Centurion Centre, 170 Colonnade Road

Price t.b.a.



It's that time of year again - join friends, old and new, for a delicious lunch, time to socialize, music of the season provided by Paul Kelly, singer and pianist, and a chance to do some Christmas shopping at the Silent Auction. You are invited to bring an item for the silent auction which will support this year's community outreach program. Handmade items or art work, baked goods, and items of general interest to members have been very popular in the past. Personal hygiene items will be collected to donate to St. Joe's Women's Centre as in past years.

To register, send the attached form with your cheque to Kathy McLean by **November 17, 2017**.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018
WEARIN' OF THE GREEN Luncheon
11:45 a.m. Cost t.b.a.

Waterford Retirement Community
2431 Bank Street (at Hunt Club)



If you're looking for an excuse to get out those green duds in your closet, this is it! Join RWTO friends for lunch at and "experience the remarkable Waterford decor and ambiance". Along with time to socialize, we will have a used book sale as our fundraiser to support community outreach. Bring along a book or two (or?) that you have read and enjoyed and wish to donate, and go home with new ones.

To register, complete the appropriate form and send it with your cheque, to Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell at 2695 Hickson Cr. Ottawa ON K2H 6Y5 before **March 2**.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018
SAVE OUR RIVER Lunch and Presentation

11:30 a.m.

KS on the Keys, 1029 Daze Street (at South Keys)

Cost t.b.a.

Lunch and Learn... Today we find out what the Ottawa Riverkeeper really is, as we hear a presentation from this grassroots charity which “brings together volunteers, communities, businesses and all levels of government to find solutions to the problems that threaten the health of our river and its tributaries”. The 1200 km of river is a source of drinking water for several million people, and a vast playground for just as many as it grows from a small stream, to a fast-moving river, wild whitewater, waterfalls and, finally, a pleasure boat heaven. Join us for lunch, socializing and supporting this valuable community resource.



To register, contact Margaret Dempsey at 613-820-7864 or medempsey@sympatico.ca by **April 3**.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018
AGM and END OF YEAR Luncheon

11:15 a.m.

Falcon Ridge Golf Club

Cost t.b.a.



It's time to celebrate all our accomplishments over the past year. Join fellow members for a great luncheon, social activities, Annual General Meeting, award presentations and more.

To register, send the form (it will be in the next newsletter) with your cheque to Sharon Chop **before May 11**.

REGISTRATION FORM
Monday, December 4, 2017 'TIS THE SEASON Christmas Luncheon

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Enclosed is my cheque for _____ payable to RWTO/OERO.
(Note: Cost to be determined; you will be notified of this later in the fall.)

Please note any dietary restrictions _____

Do you require transportation for this event? _____

Send cheque and form to Kathy McLean at 2303 Badger Crescent, Ottawa ON K2C 1H9 by Nov. 17.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2017 - 2018
RWTO/OERO Ottawa-Carleton Branch

Please renew my membership for year 2017-18.
I have attached my cheque for \$48.00 payable to RWTO/OERO.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

May we include your contact information in the Ottawa-Carleton Branch Directory?
 Yes No (It will be used only within RWTO/OERO.)

The following two items are optional, but would be helpful to the Executive in planning programs for the Branch.

Date of Birth: _____

Do you have RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care Insurance? Yes No

Signature _____

Send cheque and form to Barbara Edwards, 2266 Kipling Street, Ottawa, ON K1H 6T5
or bring form and cheque to September luncheon on September 28.