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President's Message



*Anne Graham
President*

Where has the time gone? It is really true that time flies when you are having fun!

This has been an exciting fall for me completing visits to ten branches in September and October (Orillia & Coldwater, Lanark, Windsor-Essex, Chatam-Kent, Kitchener-Waterloo, Sault Ste. Marie & Central Algoma, Sudbury and Napanee). Living in Lanark, which is designated as the Maple Syrup Capital of Ontario, I am surrounded by beautiful colours in the fall, but my drives (about 3000 km just to Windsor and to Sault Ste Marie) were spectacular. Special thanks to the presidents who arranged branch visits for me. Each visit has been special. Everyone has been so welcoming and I have learned so much; I have been sung to and danced for; I have received lovely flowers and remembrances, a donation in my name and pins for my collection; I have been welcomed into members' homes, stayed in a beautiful B & B and had a complimentary suite at Caesars in Windsor.

I have had the privilege of presenting pins to new members. When our new pins were designed and produced, a motion was passed to give pins to all members. If you did not receive yours, please ask your president about that. Now your job is to wear your pin. I hope you will wear it proudly, not only when you attend RWTO/OERO events, but also when you are out in the community. When someone asks you about the pin, it gives you a chance to tell them all about our special organization. I have had several interesting conversations with people who have asked about mine.

Our Provincial Meetings this year are being held at the Travelodge in Belleville. It is a pleasure to be part of such a dedicated and hard working Board

of Directors. I want to express my thanks to Carol Nelson who has worked so diligently on Membership during her past several years on the Board of Directors. We welcome Phyllis Robson as our new Membership Convenor.

Great things are happening in our areas and at our branches. Members are very happy to get together (just listen to the chatter). There are encouraging reports of increased membership in many branches. Just remember that when we calculate an increase in membership, we also have to consider those who are no longer members. A remarkable amount of caring and sharing is going on throughout the province. Super entertainment and interesting topics are being enjoyed - I have been back to China twice with members who have told about their recent trips to

that fascinating part of the world. RWTO/OERO is alive and flourishing throughout the province!

By the time you receive this newsletter, many of you will already be busy preparing for Christmas. By then if all goes as planned, I will have been to Area 12s Penta "Hats Off" celebration and completed nine more branch visits including Scarborough's very special event with Ontario Lieutenant Governor David C. Onley and Mrs. Ruth Ann Onley. I look forward to visiting many more of you in your branches in 2014.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season,

Anne Graham
Provincial President

Provincial Office - When you read "RWTO Provincial office", what picture comes to mind... the Board enjoying a 'cuppa' within a maze of cubicles? Not even close!!! Our office is a one-woman set-up in the home of our own Executive Secretary-Treasurer Gloria Drake. From there, Gloria performs the tasks that require two pages of description in APPENDIX C1 of the Policy and Procedures Manual. Critical to her work is your correct contact information. Membership, Insurance, Rebates, Newsletters, etc. all depend upon it. Please keep it updated. Contact Gloria at info@rwto.com or Toll free at 1-877-607-6696. Thank you.

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Goodwill Report

RWTO/OERO is pleased to recognize its senior members. Cards are sent to those members 90 and over on the occasion of their birthday, Christmas and spring greetings. We are pleased to offer our members who have reached 100 years of age a Life Membership beginning the year following their birthday. **This means that once you're over 100, you no longer need to pay yearly membership fees. However if you carry RWTO/OERO Home and Hospital Insurance you will need to continue to pay for this coverage.** It is also important to make sure someone in your family is aware that you have this insurance.

In addition to celebrate becoming a centenarian, Provincial will gladly send flowers or a plant to the new centenarian once local branches have notified them.

Branch Goodwill Convenors are asked to report any changes in the status of members over 90 to the Executive Secretary Treasurer Gloria Drake at info@rwto.com or Toll free at 1-877-607-6696 in order to update the membership database.

We were saddened to hear of the death of one of our Past Presidents, Gwen Shantz. Gwen served as Provincial President in 1994-95. We extended our sympathy to the family.

As we start to prepare for the busy Christmas season it is important to remember our senior members with cards and visits. For some, the season can be lonely and stressful. The gift of a visit will bring joy to the visitor and the visited.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone great happiness for the Christmas Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Dianne Rice,
Second Vice-President/
Goodwill Convenor

Membership Matters

As we reach the half way point in the year, it's a good time to take a look at membership numbers. How is your branch doing? What did you do this year to increase membership? If you have exciting information to share, please write about it in CONNECTIONS, your Annual Branch Report or add it to your website. Please send it to rwtoconnections@gmail.com.

Has your branch received the Feather in your Hat award yet? If not, you have a good chance of being selected because there are usually only 5 or 6 nominations received. Each year, two or three awards are given to branches to recognize creative, innovative and successful activities that have clearly enriched the programs offered by RWTO/OERO. Good things are happening all over Ontario. Send your submission to the Membership Committee after January 1 and before the March 1 deadline. Notify the Membership Convenor by e-mail and

send a hard copy including an article describing the activity by mail. The Membership Committee looks forward to reading your submissions and making the award presentations at the Convention in Ottawa.

Carol Nelson has resigned from the Membership Committee. We will miss her enthusiasm and wish her well.



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Honorary Membership Award

The success of this organization is a direct result of its many dedicated volunteers. The Honorary Membership Award is presented yearly at the Convention to outstanding members who have served in one or more positions at the Provincial level of RWTO/OERO.

Please see Page xiii (1) in the Policies and Procedures Manual RWTO/OERO for further details. This Provincial Award is dependent upon nominations from the Branches. The nomination should include an outline listing the Provincial Committees on which the nominee has served and the noted service to RWTO/OERO at the provincial level. These women have undoubtedly served their community well but please just list these achievements and focus on the RWTO/OERO provincial contributions. All submissions must be to the committee convenor by **January 31, 2014**.

IMPORTANT: Please provide Name, Address, Phone Number and email of the nominee.

Please send nominations to:

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Committee Members: Dorothy Pearson, Susan Armstrong, Donna Hemeon

Insurance Matters

As we tour around the province attending meetings, we get some great questions. Two such questions deal with the Transportation Benefit and parking expenses, and with Convalescent Benefits. We thought we'd share them with you, along with Terry Kennedy's response.

The first question was, "How do parking expenses tie into the Transportation Benefit?"

Response: The Transportation Benefit will pay for the cost to travel to and from the hospital or doctor's office following a period of hospital confinement or outpatient surgery. That travel can take the form of regularly scheduled bus, train, air, taxi or private passenger automobile. If transportation is by bus, train, air or taxi the plan participant must submit her or his receipts with the claim when making a claim for this benefit. If travelling by private passenger vehicle, the plan participant should submit a list with the claim indicating the date the trip occurred, where travel originated from and the destination and the number of kilometers travelled. The amount reimbursed for private passenger vehicle travel is \$0.35 per km. The plan has an internal maximum of \$350.00 for any one injury or illness.

Members have been asking if the plan could also reimburse for parking expenses, as often, when they went to the hospital or doctor's office for follow-up appointments, they were incurring parking expenses to do so. I took this request to the insurer (Manulife Financial) and they agreed to include parking charges as part of the overall plan maximum for the Transportation Benefit. This new component of the Transportation Benefit was announced in the buck-slip that is to accompany the brochure, until such time as the brochures are next updated.

So, to illustrate, I'll provide an example:

A member has to go to hospital for outpatient surgery and her spouse decides to drive her to the hospital and back home following her procedure. I'll assume for illustration purposes that the member is living in my town. She drives from her home in Port Dover to the hospital in Simcoe, ON for the procedure (a distance of 15.54 kms.). Her spouse incurs a parking charge of \$20.00 for the day (it takes a full day for the procedure and her recovery in the recovery room). Following her procedure, she has to pay a visit to her physician for removal of the stitches and a follow-up check. This time she drives herself, travels 17.5 kilometers and incurs a parking fee of \$7.00.

When submitting her claim, she will complete a list as follows:

1. Out-patient Surgery, Norfolk General Hospital, October 9, 2013. Return trip from 29 Birch Avenue, Port Dover to

Norfolk General Hospital, 365 West St., Simcoe, Ontario (31 kilometers total)

2. Follow-up Visit at physician's office, October 15, 2013. Return trip from 29 Birch Avenue, Port Dover to Dr. H. Who's office at 125 Any Street, Simcoe, Ontario (17.5 kilometers total)
3. She then submits with the claim the list stapled to the claim form, along with the two receipts for parking charges totalling \$27.00.
4. Her total claim (for Transportation Benefits) is \$43.98 (\$16.98 for the mileage, plus \$27.00 for the parking charges).

The second question was about the Convalescent Benefit.

Question: If you are in the hospital 3 days you qualify for the 350.00/ month but if you have day surgery, requiring an incision, you qualify for only 72.50/week for ONLY up to 4 weeks. What if you have surgery, but are in hospital less than 3 days. Do you only qualify for the 72.50 for up to 4 weeks? There are now some major procedures where they keep you in hospital for less than 3 days. What if it is keyhole surgery with no incision, but it is still major? Do you still qualify?

Response: The discussion and Terry Kennedy's response can be found on the Insurance link on our RWTO website at: http://rwto.org/insuranceplan_faq.asp under "Frequently Asked Questions"

And, finally, please note that Terry Kennedy's contact information has changed. Her new telephone number is 519-583-0098. Her fax number is 519-583-2876. Her email address is tkennedy34@bell.net.

Incorrect information appeared in the last Connections and I apologize for this oversight

In caring and sharing,



Nancy Iannizzi,
Provincial Insurance Convenor
with Bertha Breen,
Assistant Insurance Convenor
and Terry Kennedy, Insurance Broker

Did you know...?

You do not have to be a pensioned teacher to belong to RWTO. "Any qualified teacher who is retired is eligible".

Come join us.

Issues and Concerns

Power of Attorney vs. Executor of a Will

What is a “Power of Attorney?”

This is a legal document that gives someone else the right to act on your behalf. Having this in place helps you appoint the person you want to make decisions for you when you are no longer able to do so for yourself. For financial decisions, legal authority is needed.

What is an Executor of a Will?

An executor is the person appointed to administer the estate of a person who has died leaving a will which nominates that person. Unless there is a valid objection, the judge will appoint the person named in the will to be executor. The executor must insure that the person’s desires expressed in the will are carried out. Practical responsibilities include gathering up and protecting the assets of the estate, obtaining information in regard to all beneficiaries named in the will and any other potential heirs, collecting and arranging for payment of debts of the estate, approving or disapproving creditor’s claims, making sure estate taxes are calculated, forms filed, and tax payments made, and in all ways assist the attorney for the estate.

Living Will –

When my husband entered the hospital this spring, the first thing we were asked, “Do you have a Living Will?”

What is a Living Will?

A living will gives you the power to choose how you would like to be cared for when you are seriously ill. In Ontario, the term “Living Will” refers to a document where a person states

their final wishes concerning their medical treatment when they can no longer communicate those wishes. Some people say that, when this state occurs (e.g. no oral communication, no gesturing, etc.), they want to be taken off of life support (artificial machines keeping them alive) and allowed to die in a natural and dignified manner and only receive medication to deal with pain. Other people say that they want to be kept alive using all possible measures and even resuscitated (or attempted to be) after they die. Keep in mind that a “Living Will” only has relevance while a person is alive (unlike a Last Will and Testament, which takes effect after a person passes away).

Is a “Living Will” a “Last Will and Testament”?

A Living Will is NOT a Last Will and Testament.

Your family lawyer is your best resource for legal advice. For additional on-line research the following websites may be helpful: www.answers.com/topic.livingwill
www.partingwishes.com (last will and testament, power of attorney, living will)



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Nominations

Call for Nominations

Provincial Board Positions

Nominations for the following elected Executive Officers for the Provincial Board of RWTO/OERO will now be accepted until January 31, 2013:

Provincial Second Vice-President
Recording Secretary
Program Coordinator

Nominees should have experience at the Board level as well as at the Executive level in a RWTO/OERO Branch and/or other organizations. The Job Descriptions are printed in the RWTO/OERO Policy and Procedures Manual, Appendix C. This is available on-line at <http://www.rwto.org/pdf/POLICY%20MANUAL%20REVISED%20OCTOBER%202012.pdf> and is also available from your Area Director or members of the Nominating Committee. 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.

Nominations should be mailed or emailed with a postmark no later than January 31, 2014 to:

Leslie Uttley, Nominations Committee Chair
86714 Courtney Court Box 13 RR1,
Kincardine ON N2Z 2X3 Email: leslieuttley@tnt21.com

Any new Area Directors will be selected in accordance with the protocol established within each Area and outlined in the Policy and Procedures Manual Appendix A. The name of each Area Director selected or elected by members in her own Area must be forwarded to the Provincial Nominations chair as soon as possible before the end of each fiscal year.



For further information, please contact any member of the Nominations Committee: Leslie Uttley(chair), Anne Graham, Judy Drummond, Sandy Fulcher

Leslie Uttley,
Provincial Past President

News from the Branches

Blue Mountain

Our September 2012 meeting was held in Creemore, a small town backed against the hills of Mumar and sidled up against the Niagara Escarpment—a pretty mix. Leslie Uttley, then Provincial President brought greetings and other important messages from head office. Glad Bryce, author of *First In, Last Out: the RCAF Women's Division and Nursing Sisters in World War II*, gave an interesting visual presentation about putting together the contents of her book. Members from neighbouring branches joined with our members to share in the fun and fellowship. Dundalk Highpoint and Beaver Valley members traditionally attend our April meeting. During June, members gathered in Dorothy Shropshire's garden to enjoy their lunch, a tour of Dorothy's garden and a time of fellowship. Also in June, our Co-Treasurer Pat Steer and our Secretary Lynda Anderson attended the RWTO annual meeting in Hamilton as delegates. Lois Plowright also attended as the Area 1 Director. Glowing reports about our annual meeting were given by our two delegates. We joined Beaver Valley Branch in Thornbury at Bayview Park for their August picnic meeting—another branch tradition. Although the bay breeze was not summer-like, being uncommon women we all persevered and had a nice luncheon and good time. We next gathered in Stayner for ideas, interaction and fun, where Terry Kennedy gave an excellent review of our RWTO Home and Health Care. Provincial Insurance Convenor Nancy Iannizzi came along as well. We also welcomed three new members: Patty Shields, Diana Hector and Arlene Scharf. We also had a presentation, Scrapbooking and Beyond, that allowed members to participate in making a small craft. Our popular 'Books for Babes' project is being sustained by our members. Three interest groups—walking, scrapbooking and a book talk club—are all in the works. Our need for a new Branch Executive still seems to be a challenge, but we are ever hopeful. Our next meeting is in Collingwood and will include a Christmas touch, silent auction and an In Memoriam service.

Coldwater

Our small branch delights in meeting in different venues all over our region. A highlight was joining the Orillia Branch in September for a potluck lunch to meet our Provincial President Anne Graham. We were especially pleased to have our Archivist Pat O'Shea show Anne our Coldwater Branch Archive



scrapbooks, which she has created and faithfully updated for years. In our wanderings, we have had meetings as a picnic in a conservation area, a maple sugar bush, met in a member's waterfront home and had Thanksgiving lunch by the locks at Port Severn.

Our Christmas celebration is planned for the Waubausene Legion. Last year we included a cookie decorating activity and later took the cookies to our shut-in members. We continue to use our "rotating triumvirate" for meetings: each month a different group of three members plans the meeting, obtains the venue and organizes the activity or entertainment. This provides for variety and relieves the load on the president. We have been delighted to welcome several new members to our small group and look forward to their contribution.

East Parry Sound

At our April meeting, we reviewed a bit of our own East Parry Sound RWTO history. We heard excerpts from our archives and celebrated the success of *The Lunch Bucket Chronicles*, a book created and published by our members in 1990. The May meeting focused on Women's Wellness, while in June, we had some "hands on" Fun with the Arts. We managed to have even more fun when eight of us attended the Hamilton Convention and presented our skit, Uncommon Women, The Musical! In July, member Rosemary Legallais once again offered her beautiful gardens as the venue for a relaxed social. Several of us were able to attend a tea celebrating the 100th birthday of member Ethel McRoberts. Finally, in October, our Annual Harvest Penny Sale Event offering preserves, crafts, notecards, etc. was a great success. It's our major fundraiser for the year with proceeds going into our bursary fund.

Muskoka

Our 2013 "Spring at Last" meeting was held in April at the Bracebridge United Church where members enjoyed a chicken-dinner lunch and our guest speaker was Steve Bacon from

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Communications

"Connections" is getting a Face-Lift!

Our present look has been used for ten years and wants freshening to keep current. How exciting! Anticipate the unveiling in the March Edition.

Remember you may receive your "Connections" on-line by emailing Gloria at info@rwto.org

Website Updates - Our goal of posting event information and a branch contact for each branch has been reached.



Thank you for working with me on this important vehicle which improves communications and attracts new members. Many branches have gone far beyond, adding newsletters and photos. How beautiful. Keep them coming.

Mardie Panabaker,
Communications Convenor
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News from the Branches *continued*

Four Seasons Green. Steve spoke about the importance of eating natural foods as opposed to processed foods and about sprouting and its health benefits. In June, at the Bracebridge Seniors' Centre, we celebrated our 2nd annual potluck tea party with games and prizes. A representative from Steeped Teas provided a wide variety of tea samples and information about the history of tea. Also in June, a small group of us took a bus trip to Cambridge for the theatre production "Big Band Legends".

Our September meeting found us together in Huntsville at the Tally Ho Inn where we enjoyed a ham-and-scallop-potato lunch and listened to a speaker talk about genealogy and ways to record life events for future generations.

Orillia



In October, five of our members gave a vivid portrayal of the struggles of woman to be declared "persons" in Canada, which occurred on October 29, 1929, under Wil-

liam Lyon McKenzie King. Margaret Leith organized the drama with Maisie Tremain as Irene Parlbly, Lois Cullis as Louise McKinney, Faye Hunter as Emily Murphy, Lois Howes as Henrietta Muir Edwards and Dale Lynch as Nellie McClung. In May, three of our members received the Cora Bailey Award: Lois Howes, Margaret Leith and Maisie Tremain. Our Provincial President Anne Graham as well as members of the Coldwater club joined us at our potluck in September. Anne encouraged our members to bring other retired teachers into the group and to enjoy our year of caring and sharing. We had two retired teachers join our active group that day.

Brockville

The Brockville Branch meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant or church. We have guest speakers and often members will share trips or interesting projects. Provincial President Lesley Uttley joined us in April.



Our latest initiative is to make pillow slips for children who spend time at a house for women and children. At Christmas, donations are made by members to Fun With Books. This local program supplies free books for preschool children. Some of the books are

even published by former students! This fall, a memorial service was held at a luncheon to remember four members who have passed away this year. Caring and sharing is very much a part of our get-togethers.

Gananoque

Our Branch Executive is challenged to find new activities accessible to our 35 members. Through 50/50 ticket sales we support charities such as World Vision, the Military Resource

Centre and area hospitals. Then Provincial President Leslie Uttley and Area Director Annalee Ladouceur joined us for our membership meeting in April. In June, the Rockport Boat Cruise and Luncheon was well attended by members and friends; beautiful weather and a fabulous full-course meal made this a day to remember. During July we sponsored prizes (\$100 each) for School Entries at both the Delta Fair and Lansdowne Fair. In August, the Thousand Islands Playhouse performance, "Putnam County Spelling Bee", brought back memories of our own school spelling bees. The guest speaker at our October dinner demonstrated how to make jewellery from broken tea cups. In November, we will again co-host an Alzheimer coffee break and information meeting at The Junction Restaurant. A card-making session, also in November, will prepare us for our Christmas gathering.



Kingston

Exciting changes are coming to the Kingston Branch. After visiting several Area 8 Branches and enjoying delightful lunches and entertaining meetings, we decided to change our focus. With less time spent on "business" we are able to chat, visit, share and care with our membership. This change was well received at our Fall Luncheon. At our Spring 2013 meeting and lunch we invited our neighbouring Napanee Branch to join us. Together we enjoyed an entertaining visit from then Provincial President, Leslie Uttley and a delicious meal. In turn, they have invited us to join them for a Christmas Lunch at John McNeil Place in Napanee. We look forward to seeing old and new friends. We are in the process of setting up a Membership Binder. An 'In Memoriam' book is also being planned to honour members we have lost. Kingston Branch continues to support women and children in crisis through our Bags Plus Program and to send parcels of treats to our troops in Afghanistan.

Napanee

The Napanee Branch welcomed the new school year with a well-attended "To'ell With The Bell" breakfast. In October, we welcomed Provincial President Anne Graham and Area 8 Director Dorothy Pearson to our Fall General Meeting. A memorial service was conducted for deceased members Kathleen Dodd and Marie Dunn. Following our meeting a packaging bee was held for our Tales & Tunes For Tots program. Thanks to the ongoing support of RTO District 20, we were able to package 70 early literacy kits for newborns in Lennox and Addington County. In December, we will host the Kingston Branch as they join us for our Christmas luncheon. We are looking forward to having our talented Director Dorothy Pearson lead us in a holiday sin-



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News from the Branches continued

along. In the new year we will meet for breakfast in January, February and March. In April at our General Meeting a new Executive will be installed. We will conclude our year with a luncheon at The Riverene Retirement Residence.

Upper Canada East

Our meetings provide us with time to share and care for those within our group, for others in our neighbouring communities & for those who are farther afield. All this happens during the four relaxing, fun-filled and informative regular meetings in April, June, September and November, during which we have a coffee hour, meeting, dinner and entertainment. This year we have learned about greenhouse gardening and flower arranging, along with the local hospital's need for volunteers and the women's shelter's need for more "welcome" bags. Our bag-making bees create donations for the Naomi Family Resource Centre. We enjoyed listening to the musical selections of the "Capricorns" and had a "roaring" good time with the Quarter Frenzy. In October we celebrated the 97th birthday of Freda



Mellan. What an event! We also have a Community Information time where members tell of events which are taking place in their area or in which they are personally involved. Since sharing this information, our outreach has widened. We donate to groups who in some way affect the lives of children such as food banks, women's shelters, youth programs, families in need, children display

areas at local fairs and several other programs. This year, we were introduced to a local teacher who has built a school in Madagascar and so our outreach has become international.

Sudbury

On October 2, we welcomed our dynamic and well-travelled Provincial President Anne Graham. She was accompanied by Nancy Iannizzi, the well-organized Insurance Convenor. In compliance with the suggestion made by the Provincial Executive to store our archives, a committee was formed. They worked very hard to reorganize and sort out all the material accumulated since 1972. On October 8, the committee and interested members who wanted to visit the archives submitted five binders to be stored at the Sudbury Archives. It was a proud moment for our Branch. An informal luncheon followed at a local restaurant. Our Christmas meeting will be fun: Creative Hands fund raising is a perfect occasion for our talented members to sub-



mit handmade items. A professional singer will entertain us with songs, including carols of the season. In February, we will greet a professional in the medical field who will speak of the very topical subject of euthanasia. In May, we welcome a massage therapist who will inform us about ways to improve our well-being and relaxation. Our year ends with a fun golf tournament.

Central Algoma

What's better than one Anne of Green Gables? Why a whole room full of them, of course! The Central Algoma and Sault branches hosted Provincial President Anne Graham at our annual joint Annual Meeting on Oct. 1, 2013. The theme was chosen because our "Anne" lives in a red gabled house so we had our own "Anne of Red Gables" come to visit and bring greetings from head office. The theme carried through with raspberry cordial—not spiked—being served complete with molasses cookies and oatcakes. Many Anne dolls were on display and a square of real Annes with red pigtails flying performed an old fashioned square dance to the amusement of all present. Our other guest, Insurance Convenor Nancy Iannizzi, filled us in about the current coverage we have from RWTO insurance.



Our two Branches look forward to the Annual Meeting and getting together for fun and fellowship. What will happen next year? Wait and see...

Sault Ste. Marie

On June 20, the Sault Ste. Marie Branch celebrated its 45th birthday. Pictured on the left is 2012-2013 President, Sherrill Dewar and Joyce MacKay, our longest reigning member, with Carol Coutu, our 2013-2014 President, to the right.



Eight ladies were the founding core of our branch. On June 10, 1968, a beautiful RWTO seed was planted! Early in its onset as an association the Sault branch established its pet project—buying bed kits for Sleeping Children Around the World. To date more than 127 kits have been purchased. On September 11, the branch continued its 45th commemoration with a beautiful catered lunch. Wistful and humorous memories, from years past, were shared. It is evident throughout the Sault's history, as well as now, that "Caring and Sharing and Having Fun" is what we do!!! We have much to celebrate!

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A CAPITAL TIME IN OTTAWA

We invite you to Ottawa
in twenty-fourteen,
wonderful sights, there are
plenty to be seen.

View our beautiful rivers,
Rideau Canal and Falls,
the many museums
and Art Gallery halls.

Two Branches will host you
in Area Nine,
with Lanark and Ottawa-Carleton
have a Capital time.

RWTO/OERO

58th Annual Convention, Ottawa June 3-5, 2014

Travelodge Hotel and Conference Centre
1376 Carling Avenue, off Hwy 417 at Exit 124,
east of Kirkwood Ave. on the south side of Carling Ave.

Convention Room Rate.....\$122.00 + tax Reserve before May 2nd for this rate

Board Members and Provincial delegates are entitled to claim a maximum of \$61.00 + tax
(i.e. ½ of \$122.00 + tax), the Convention room rate.

Branch and Alternate delegates are responsible for the costs of their own rooms.

Reservations: Call 613-722-7600/613-722-7601 or 1-800-267-4166 Code: RWTO14

The Travelodge is a non-smoking environment. It has a Waterpark wavepool, which is available after
dinner. It's a short walk from the hotel to Westgate Mall across the street and the hotel parking is free.

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A Capital Time in Ottawa June 3-5, 2014



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