

RWTO Upper Canada East Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2018,

The meeting was held at the Iroquois United Church in Iroquois and set up and decorated by the Cardinal/Iroquois group. Diana McKendry welcomed everyone with a quote about snowflakes disappearing and spring arriving. Sharing time with neighbours, answering the question, "What are you rejoicing about?" One minute of silence was held in honour of the Humboldt tragedy. We prayed for their healing and peace. Diana thanked everyone for their help at this meeting. Minutes were read, and a motion to accept minutes was made by Candy Alexander and seconded by Annalee Ladouceur. The motion was carried.

Guests: Provincial President Lois Lockhart, Greetings from Provincial Board. Lois congratulated our group on our Canada Day Celebration and our website. She spoke about the Follow Your Dream members, Annette Angus, Joyce Derragh, Elsie Gallinger, Freda Mellan and Lynda Leader and presented those present with their write-up and stand.

Guests: Teresa Dorey, Area 8 director and Beryl Jacka, Vice President of the Napanee Branch of RWTO. Teresa encouraged our members to volunteer to be on our executive and she mentioned the upcoming Convention 2020 in Kingston; organizing branches will be Lanark, Ottawa. Our members will help with this convention.

Information for **April 18th lunch, meeting and entertainment.** **Place:** Iroquois United Church, Iroquois, Ontario. **10:30am.** Refreshments and Social time. **11:00 am.** Meeting, **12:00 pm.** Lunch, **1:00 pm.** Isabelle Delage, **1:35 pm.** Gift Sharing **Menu:** Chicken dinner, \$20.00 **Grace:** Lynn Gilmour, **Thank you** to Caterers: Bev. Comfort, **Gift Sharing:** Joyce Millard and Karen Koivumaki. **Introduction of Speaker:** Joyce Millard, **Entertainment:** Isabelle Delage, Musician, **Thank you to speaker:** Joyce Millard, **Birthdays:** Joyce Millard, **Humour:** Sharon Richardson, **Charity:** Area Food Banks, **Call Phone Members:** Lynda Leader called them. **Book Exchange** available. Lynda Leader did invite Brockville Retired W. T .

2. Business: Insurance: Sandi Decker did a short presentation. Insurance Receipts were mailed the third week of March. Number to call if you did not receive yours. 1-800-268-376

3. Budget: Colleen Howard presented the Budget for 2018 and 2019 and the Financial Report. The end of the year is March 31st, 2018. A motion was made by Betty Lou Casselman and seconded by Sharon Richardson to accept the reports. Carried.

4. Bursary Report: Four High Schools receive a \$100.00 cheque from RWTO, Upper Canada Branch, at Graduation, usually in June. North Grenville, South Grenville, South Dundas, Seaway, participate in this program. They have sent their forms to us for confirmation. We need volunteers to present the cheques at the graduation ceremonies. If you plan to attend your grandchildren's Graduation, maybe you could present the cheque. **\$100.00 is given to the student who will be attending college or university studying teaching, early education or a field of work involving children.** Brenda Millard will mail the three cheques and Colleen Howard will mail one. Brenda, Colleen, Jane Bain and Jean Mills, (abs. need to ask her). Brenda thanked the group for the donations.

5. Membership: 2 Life Members, 2 Associates, 2 over 90 and 71 paid members. Total 75. Thank you Mary Ellen Garlough.

6. Correspondence: Sandie Decker read the thank you cards and letters which Colleen Howard had received by mail.: **Girls Inc. of Upper Canada**, Brockville, 700 girls annually, www.girlsinc-uppercanada.org **2. Camp Erin, "Carefor"** for grieving children, Eastern Counties, Cornwall. **3. South Grenville Food Bank**, Spencerville, Cardinal, Prescott, www.foodforallfoodbank.ca **4. Rideau Hill Camp**, 400 campers, staff of 18 young people, Kemptville.

Advertising: No ad in paper for meetings. The church in Iroquois is advertising our lunch on their huge sign in front of the church. Please invite a friend, newly retired teacher or retired teacher.

7. Convention delegates will be Diana McKendry and Sandie Decker for June 4th to 8th. 2018. Lynda Leader sold her three books: "Animals in My Garden", "The Empty Bird House" and hard cover, "The Anne of Green Gables Alphabet Book" to RWTO for their \$50.00 local gifts at the conference.

8. Sandie Decker spoke about **May 16th. Event. Spring Music Celebration** Plans are complete for our Celebration to welcome new members and long-term members to a Spring Music Event. Decorating at 9:30am., Sandi Decker, Lynda Leader and Joyce Millard. Colour theme Silver and Blue. Lynda has blue jugs for all the tables. The event begins at **11:30 with social, lunch and music and the free door prizes for 2 Play House Tickets and 4 Julie's Clothing Store Gift Certificates,** at the conclusion. Colleen Howard will thank the Musician and Lynda Leader will introduce Jessica. There will be a fifty- fifty draw as well. The lunch cost is \$13.00 for two choices, salad, sandwich, soup and a dessert, this includes gratuities. Jessica Lavalley Sylvester is a talented, locale young women who loves music and musical instruments. She writes her own music and songs and enjoys entertaining an audience with Country and Western Music and Newfoundland and Labrador tunes. Marie Stephenson will have a selection of Archive material about RWTO Upper Canada East on display. The event is at **the Iroquois Golf Course.**

9. **Archives:** Lois Lockhart sent a letter to each branch, giving instructions on the storing and preserving of material at each Branch Archive. Marie Stephenson has a budget of \$100.00 to buy Acid Free Containers and Albums.

10. **Naomi Family Resource Centre:** Naomi House has suggested that we help in other ways since they have a good assortment of welcome bags on hand. We will collect Journals, Children's books and pyjamas.

11. **Updates:** Shirley Hodgins is staying at Mayfield in Prescott. Marilyn Beckstead is a new member from Ottawa. Eleanor Allison is feeling much better after some issues with her heart.

12. Community Announcements: Diana McKendry

13. Group Planning for Prescott/Brockville/Maynard Group. Suggestion for Guest Speaker, MAGGIE WHEELER.

Adjournment

Secretary, Lynda Leader, Thanks to Sandie Decker for taking the notes at the meeting for me.