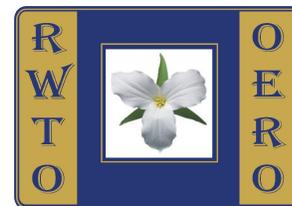




**RWTO/OERO Ottawa-Carleton Branch**  
**FALL NEWSLETTER**  
 September, 2016



**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**  
**Kathy McLean**



I can't believe how quickly the time is flying by! What a beautiful summer we have had!

Preparations for this year's events are well underway. Your executive has based its planning on the results of the spring survey. Thanks to everyone who responded. Hopefully you will be pleased with the results. In August we met at Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell's cottage to confirm the details of this year's events which had been decided on at May's Executive Meeting. These details can be found later in this newsletter. We continue to emphasize the need to increase membership by making more people aware of RWTO/OERO and our motto of Caring and Sharing. We continue our support of local charities which focus on helping women and children.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you at many of our monthly events.

*Kathy*

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

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## FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE...

### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

We still have two vacant positions on the Executive, those of Second Vice-President and Social Convenor. If you are interested in helping out in either of these roles, please contact President, Kathy. It is not necessary to wait until the next election to step up. As you will see later on in this newsletter, there are many events planned, and they all require advance work. Members of the Executive have stepped up to coordinate these, in addition to fulfilling the responsibilities of their main positions, adding considerably to their workloads. Remember the old saying, "Teamwork makes the dream work!"



In addition, we will be looking for someone to take over the Communications Convenor position next year. If you are interested in this job, and might feel more comfortable taking it on if you had some experience working along with me during this year, I would be pleased to share the position this year. There will be two more newsletters, and communications in between. It isn't a hard job, but good computer skills make it go smoothly. (Martha)

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Later in this newsletter, you will find a full year of fun available to all our members. Luncheons, visits, speakers, and entertainment have been planned, based on response we had from you in last year's survey and discussions at the AGM. Each get-together will feature the new "Birthday Club" celebration, a draw for a prize from all of those wearing their RWTO/OERO pins, door prizes and "fun" activities.



We encourage you to register early for these to help us out with our planning and meet the conditions of our contracts with venues. Many of these activities will require advance payment, but a few will be on an order-from-the-menu basis, with no additional cost. It is very important that if you have registered by signing up at a luncheon, by telephone or by e-mail, that you notify the registrar well in advance if you need to cancel, although we do understand that emergencies do occur. We don't

want to have to pass on cancellation fees which would be charged to us! We look forward to seeing everyone again, starting in September.

### RWTO/OERO INSURANCE PLAN

by Margaret Dempsey, Insurance Convenor

The RWTO/OERO Hospital & Home Care Insurance Plan supplements our provincial health care plan and extended health care insurance. It provides us with the financial assistance for the unexpected costs associated with getting well. This Plan continues to prove to be popular with RWTO/OERO members.

At the RWTO/OERO Convention in June, Terry Kennedy, our broker with Manulife Financial, described different scenarios as to how this Plan benefits our members. One such member is "Maggie" who contacted Terry wondering if she can claim postoperative care in a respite facility following heart surgery under her Hospital & Home Care Plan. Maggie keeps her RWTO/OERO membership active which is a prerequisite for qualifying for the Hospital & Home Care Plan. Because Maggie is a paid Plan member she is eligible for Convalescent Care (assuming three days/nights or more of hospitalization), Nursing Home Benefit and Comfort Care Benefit. Because of being able to access these services, Terry communicated that Maggie was feeling less apprehensive about her future.

Copies of the RWTO/OERO INSURANCE PLANS booklet will be available at the September Luncheon. Should you not be able to attend, please contact me and I will send you a copy. I also have some copies of the Claim Forms.

### CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

The following are changes for the Membership Directory:

- New address: Linda Groulx  
609-245 Kent Street Ottawa ON K2P 0A5
- New e-mail addresses:  
Vicky Ash [bemath@bell.net](mailto:bemath@bell.net)  
Kathy McLean [badgerkat2016@gmail.com](mailto:badgerkat2016@gmail.com)

Please notify Membership Convenor, Barbara Edwards, at 613-731-3331 or [angelbunny@live.ca](mailto:angelbunny@live.ca) of changes in your contact information - address, phone or e mail, to ensure our records are up-to-date.

## RWTO/OERO MAKING A DIFFERENCE

During the past year, one of the goals for this Branch was to increase our membership. We asked each of you to promote RWTO/OERO to your family, friends, neighbours - any retired women teachers you know. Bookmarks were created, and distributed at spring events for you to hand out to these people. Hopefully this has made the organization a little better known. This year, we will be adding more public relations activities to further this. Notices will be placed in community newspapers to let retired women teachers know about our activities and invite them to join us. We hope there will be some response to this.

Another aspect to all of this is to make it an organization to which potential members will feel it is worthwhile belonging, in other words that membership will "make a difference" in their retirement lives, and the lives of

others. We do an excellent job of promoting our motto of "Caring and Sharing" among our members through our monthly activities and Goodwill program. One part of the mission of RWTO/OERO is "to establish a visible, outward-looking presence among teachers in particular and the public in general to improve the lives of all women and children". This year we will look at how we are doing with this by focusing on our community outreach activities. In the past we have had Christmas collections, personal donations, and last year's convention proceeds donations. For the upcoming year, a focus will be placed on "fun"draising activities and responding to last spring's survey results about the community services our members prefer. Watch for these as you enjoy our monthly activities. We truly hope to make a difference in our community.

### RWTO/OERO BOOK CLUB by Joy Phillips-Johansen, Book Club Co-ordinator

Our RWTO/OERO Book Club is alive and well and hoping to add a few of you to our membership. We meet the first Monday of each month at Kristy's Restaurant on Richmond Road at 12 noon and have lunch before the discussion which begins at one o'clock. Those who don't want to join us for lunch arrive for the discussion at 1 pm.

Book Club is  
for...



...you!

Our first meeting of the season will actually be on the 2nd Monday of September, Sept. 12, since Labour Day is the

first Monday. Our book for discussion that day is "The Night Stages" by Jane Urquhart. Set in Ireland and Gander, I predict it will provoke lots of discussion.

For October 3, the book for discussion is *The Cat's Table*, a sea story by Michael Ondaatje and for November 7, *The Inconvenient Indian* by Thomas King. We have not chosen the books for the rest of the year yet, so if you have suggestions, bring them to the September meeting for consideration when we vote.

Do consider joining us.

### RWTO/OERO MOVIE CLUB By Anne Christians, Movie Club Co-ordinator

The Movie Club meets monthly to enjoy a good afternoon movie, with coffee afterward for those who choose to join in. Members take turns selecting a movie and location, often the Bytowne, for the next month and communicating with members about it. You are invited to join us. Contact Anne Christians at

[annechristians35@bell.net](mailto:annechristians35@bell.net) or 613-731-9355 for more information. Sign up at the September luncheon to be added to the list.



## 2016 -2017 EVENTS... MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Registration for these activities should be done by mail, telephone or e-mail as indicated.  
Please sign up at luncheons to give us an idea of the number we should expect each time.  
Registration Forms are on the last page of this newsletter.

### Wednesday, September 21 - Fall Luncheon

**"A NEW SCHOOL YEAR  
WITH  
NO SCHOOL"**

**Kitchissippi United Church  
11:15 a.m.**



**Cost:** \$17 for members Free for new retirees

Welcome to all current and new members, and newly retired women teachers, as we get the "non-school" year off to a good start! Enjoy a delicious lunch, door prizes, a prize for the lucky member who is wearing her RWTO/OERO pin and has her name drawn, a Birthday celebration, and the Early Bird Draw in which a member who paid her membership fee by September 1 will have it refunded!

A "Fun" Fashion Show, featuring "special designs" for retired teachers, will entertain us to complete the afternoon.

To register, please submit the form on the last page of this newsletter, with your cheque, by September 9, to Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell .

Note: The church is located at 630 Island Park Drive. Entrance to the parking lot is off Byng Ave. which is east of Merivale Rd. at Island Park Drive. Car pooling is recommended. To reserve handicapped parking contact Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell at 613-829-7167.

### Wednesday, October 26 - Hallowe'en Luncheon

**"TRICK OR TREAT"**

**Robbie's Italian Restaurant  
1531 St Laurent Blvd. at Belfast  
11:15 a.m.**



Everyone is invited to join us for some great Hallowe'en fun, starting even before we eat! Will it be tricks or treats?? We will be ordering lunch from the menu.

Wear black and/or orange - there will be a prize for the best representation!

Our very special treat will be Provincial President, Peggy Stock, who will bring us her thoughts about RWTO/OERO from her experience with its activities.

To register, contact Barbara Edwards by phone at 613-731-3331 or by e-mail at [angelbunny@live.ca](mailto:angelbunny@live.ca) before October 12, in order that the restaurant can prepare for our group. They will charge us a \$15 cancellation fee for any who do not show up.

Note: There is good parking behind the restaurant.

### Wednesday, November 16

**"FASHION, FOOD AND FUN"**

**Carlingwood Family Restaurant  
(In Carlingwood Shopping Centre)**

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Cost: \$15.00

Join fellow members as we enjoy an afternoon of refreshments and a showing of fashions from Northern Reflections, modelled by some of our own members. All who attend will receive a discount on purchases at the store.



To register, please submit the form on the last page of this newsletter, with your cheque, to Margaret Dempsey by November 7. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September luncheon.

**Monday, December 5 Christmas Luncheon**

**“TIS THE SEASON”**

**Centurion Conference & Event  
Centre,  
170 Colonnade Road  
11:15 a.m.**



**Cost: \$33.00** (\$38.00 for guests)

Our annual celebration of the Christmas season will again feature a delicious **turkey meal** with the trimmings. We will begin the day with a **Chinese Auction**. Items available will be displayed with a container into which you will deposit tickets purchased on arrival. You might be able to do some Christmas shopping!! See note below. Entertainment by **“The Ladies of the Day”** will follow the luncheon.

(You are invited to bring a gift for the auction, e.g. handmade crafts, delicious baking, items you think will be of interest to our members and that you might like to get yourself.)

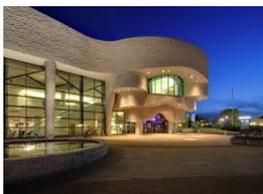
**To register**, please submit the form on the last page of this newsletter, with your cheque, to Lynne McCarney before **November 23**.

**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

**MUSEUM OF HISTORY (formerly Civilization)  
Gatineau**

**Meet at 9:30 at the Museum**

(Cost will be dependent on the number who register.)



Join fellow members for a day at the museum to view the special display, “Nice Women Don’t Want the Vote”, watch a CINÉ+ movie, and enjoy lunch.

**To register**, sign up at the **Fall or Christmas luncheon**, or contact **Barbara Edwards** at **613-731-3331** or by **e-mail** at [angelbunny@live.ca](mailto:angelbunny@live.ca) by **January 9**. Further details will follow.

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

**“TELL ME A STORY”**

**International Restaurant at Algonquin College  
Woodroffe Avenue**

**11:15 a.m. Cost: \$24.00**



Along with a delicious lunch of either salmon or chicken prepared by the college, and our regular activities, we look forward to a presentation by two special local published authors, our very own members, Margaret Singleton and Joy Phillips-Johansen.

**To register**, please send the form on the last page of this newsletter, with your cheque, by **January 25**, to Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell .

**March, 2017 (Week of March 20 - t.b.d.)**

**Speaker and Lunch**

**Details to be confirmed.**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

**“HATS OFF TO OUR OVER 80’S!”**

**St Mark’s Anglican Church  
1606 Fisher Avenue (see note)**

**Cost: t.b.d. Free for those over 80!**

We all join together this day to **“Take Our Hats Off”** to those members who have reached (or will reach) their 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year! Of course, we will all have to wear hats to accomplish this! Hats may be small or large, fancy or funny - let’s see what we can come up with. Our regular prizes, a delicious lunch and superb musical entertainment will be featured.

**To register**, send the registration form and your cheque to Suzanne Wilson-Marjerrison by **April 7**.

Note: West side of Fisher, south of Meadowlands Dr. at corner of Normandy Cres. - Easy access through garden door from large parking lot.

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017 Luncheon/AGM**

**“HAPPY 150<sup>TH</sup>, CANADA!”**

**Falcon Ridge Golf & Country Club  
4740 High Road  
(across from Rideau-Carleton Raceway)  
11:15 a.m. Cost: t.b.a**

At this spring gathering to finalize business of the year for the Branch at the Annual General Meeting, we will also help our country celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and enjoy a lovely luncheon with our friends. You may wish to wear your finest red and white in honour of the occasion.



**To register,** complete the attached form and send it with your cheque, to Lynne McCarney **before May 5.**

**June 6 - 8, 2017 Convention**

**RWTO/OERO Annual Convention and AGM**

**“FOLLOW THE DREAM”**

**June 6 - 8, 2017  
Ajax Convention Centre**



**Please Note:**

Further details and registration information for winter and spring events will be in the December Newsletter. If you must cancel after registering, please do so in a timely manner.

**LANARK BRANCH ACTIVITIES:** by Anne Graham

Thursday, September 15 Join us for our "Back Together" Luncheon at beautiful CC's on the Rideau at Rideau Ferry. Open at 11:30 am. Pay your own. Collection of money for the Smiths Falls Food Bank.

Thursday, October 20 at the Almonte Legion, Bridge Street - Chicken dinner. Entertainment - Almonte Ukelele Ladies. 11 am Social Time \$18.00. Collection of items and money for Interval House.

Thursday, November 17 at St Andrew's United Church, Clarence Street, Lanark. 11 am Card Making with

Alice Pretty. \$4.00 followed by dinner \$16.00. Collection of money for the Lanark Food Bank.

Thursday, December 15 at Trinity United Church, 1 Market St., N. Smiths Falls 11 am Social Time followed by a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Entertainment. \$18.

A "Share the Wealth" and a "Pin" draw for a \$10 Tim Horton's card will be held at each luncheon. For further information, please **contact Anne Graham at 613-259-2207 or email annegraham2207@gmail.com**

**WHY???? WHY???? WHY????**

**WHY** is it that doctors call what they do **practice**?  
**Why** is the man who invests all your money called a **broker**?  
**Why** don't sheep shrink **when it rains**?  
**Why** is the time of day with the slowest traffic called **the rush hour**?

**Why** didn't Noah swat those **two mosquitoes**?  
**Why**, if flying is so safe, do they call the airport the **terminal**?  
**Why** do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway, and put our useless junk in the **garage**?

## REGISTRATION FORMS FOR BRANCH FALL EVENTS

The following events require pre-registration and payment. Please complete the appropriate form and send it by the due date to the designated person to ensure your place. You may also register at the Fall Luncheon on September 21 for later events. Please indicate if you need a ride or are willing to provide one or car pool, and every effort will be made to ensure everyone gets to our events.

Note: Registration forms for winter and spring activities will be in the December Newsletter.

### SEPTEMBER 21 "A NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITH NO SCHOOL" REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclosed is my cheque for \$17.00, payable to RWTO/OERO.*

*Send to Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell at 2695 Hickson Cres., Ottawa ON K2H 6Y5 before September 9.*

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### NOVEMBER 16 "FASHIONS, FOOD AND FUN" REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclosed is my cheque for \$15.00 payable to RWTO/OERO.*

*Bring form and cheque to the Sept. 21 luncheon, or send to Margaret Dempsey at 703-2385 Carling Ave., Ottawa ON K2B 7G9 by November 7.*

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### DECEMBER 5 " 'TIS THE SEASON" REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclosed is my cheque for \$33.00.*

*Send to Lynne McCarney at 217-2630 Southvale Cres., Ottawa ON K1B 4S8 before November 25.*

**RWTO/OERO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2016 - 2017**  
**RWTO/OERO Ottawa-Carleton Branch**

Please renew my membership for year 2016-17.

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 to the Fall Luncheon on September 21.