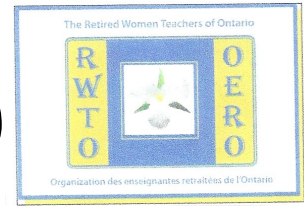


# The Scoop

*RWTO Newsletter*  
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Caring and Sharing

## A Blast From the Past Spring Outing

Sixteen of our ladies enjoyed a tour of Uncle Tom's Cabin at Dresden for our spring outing on May 6. Our tour guide was very informative, giving us some insights into life in a by-gone era. We took part in interactive and fun activities. Following the tour all enjoyed lunch and visiting at Bella's Café in Dresden.

## Pat Depencier Honoured as Life Member of RWTO

Pat Depencier has shown exemplary leadership at both the provincial level and within the Chatham-Kent branch.

Following the lead of her mother, when Pat retired in 1996, she joined RWTO immediately. At the branch level, she became Recording Secretary in 1997, a role she held until 2002 when she accepted the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, followed by a two year stint as President beginning in 2003.

In June 2005, Pat became Area 3 Director, a position she held for two terms until 2009 when she took on the role of Issues and Concerns. From 2010-2014 she was Programme Co-ordinator. During the 2014-15 year she was Recording Secretary.

At the local level, Pat began an "In Memoriam" book in 2006 as a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project. Each deceased member's name, date of birth, death and burial, as well as husband's name, if applicable, is recorded in this book. The Feather in Your Hat Award was given to the Chatham-Kent branch in 2009 for this project, which remains ongoing. In 2010 she was the recipient of the Cora Bailey Award.

We are all very proud of Pat receiving this prestigious Provincial Honour.

Our November entertainment was wonderful! It was a lively and memorable performance by the PUBCRAWLERS. They have 15 active members with diverse talents, performing on average fifty-five shows a year. They sang a variety of seasonal and secular offerings. They perform on a regular basis at hospitals, senior's residences and long-term care homes.

April entertainers were **CARRIE AND MARTY KUCERA - IMPRESSIONISTS**

They played the parts of Brad Paisley and Loretta Lynn! The members enjoyed their renditions of the artist's music.

80 year olds were honoured at the April meeting: Mary Ann Morgan  
Jill Pierce, Barbara Rose, JoAn Anderson, Barbara Lewis, and  
Sherill Lidstone.

### **Membership News by JoAnne Chrysler 519-676-8640**

Every June at the annual meeting, the membership renewal forms are distributed. If you are not at the meeting, they are sent to you by mail. Please update the forms with any information changes and return to me with your fees before September 30, 2015. Your membership card will be given to you at the next meeting. This year, our provincial office is asking if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically. If so, indicate this on the form and provide me with your email address. All information is confidential and will not be shared.

Currently our branch has 155 general members, 10 life members and one associate member. This is up from 148 members a year ago. This is wonderful news and thanks to all who encourage those retirees to come to meetings and join our organization.

### *Insurance Matters*

**The** Hospital and Home Care Plan will not have an increase in rates again this year. There were 860 new policies issued during the Open Enrolment period.

Members should remember that if they are out of pocket for some medical expenses, they should claim the unreimbursed expense when filing their income tax for the year.

Here is more clarification for the 'Home Nursing Benefit' offered. If an insured, as a result of an injury or sickness and on the advice of a physician, requires the nursing services at home, the following qualify as a caregiver and the insurance company will reimburse up to 80% of the incurred costs, to a maximum of \$1,500.00.

\* Registered Nurse \* Practical Nurse

\* A Personal Support Worker who is not a relative and does not ordinarily reside in the insured's home.

In order to be eligible for this benefit, an insured would not have to be hospitalized. If the physician believes the assistance is required then this would be covered under the Plan. Nursing services must be provided by someone who is not an immediate family member of the insured person and who does not normally reside in the insured person's residence.

**YES or NO Technology** We are having problems using our **email contact lists**. Approximately 40% of folks on the email list are not replying to us. We have no way of knowing whether or not these emails are going through, so **PLEASE** take the time to reply, even if the answer is no. We need the information to order meals for members planning to attend. \*\*\* If you are given a telephone call, please respond regardless of your answer if an answering machine message has been left by our caller.