



January/February 2018

R.W.T.O. O.E.R.O. NEWSLETTER

 OAKVILLE BRANCH

"The February sunshine steeps your boughs and tints the buds and swells the leaves within. William C. Bryant

Family has arrived in Canada and we are now a peaceful teenager free household. Ahhhh, time to breathe again and some time to work on the newsletter. Please check out the events and updates in this newsletter and please join us for all the fun and fellowship. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Also, we are trying to make sure this newsletter gets out to everyone, so please let us know if you have received your copy and if you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy.

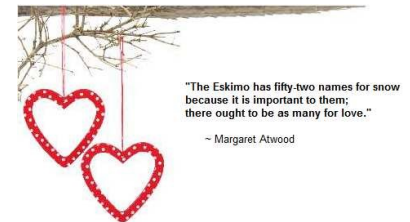
Forward this newsletter on to all of your retired teacher friends who are not members and invite them to join us. *Sharon J.*



Inside this Edition

Feb.-March Events

February 25th -Theatre Sheridan
March 8th -Luncheon with Burlington
Please join us in the fun and fellowship!



Interest Groups

Check out all the interesting activities that are happening in the next few months.....lunches, bridge ...
Pick up a book and get ready to read with the Book Club.
Drop in on all the "Thursday at 10" activities,
or join us at one of the other interesting events.

Various Updates

& articles:

Membership, Historian, Past President Report,
Public Relations Committee Survey,
Interest Groups, Photos, Insurance Information

Return Slips

Slips Due Thursday Feb. 22, 2018

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PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The By-Law Committee of Diane S., Edith D., Diann R., Bev T., and Pat D., met on November 30th to review our current By-Laws and propose changes to them. These changes will be emailed to the members in April so that a vote to amend the By-Laws can occur at the Annual meeting in May.

(Hard copies will be available in May for those who don't have email)

We need to fill positions on the Executive for 2018-19. We do not have a 1st Vice President or a 2nd Vice President, and we also would like someone to be Recording Secretary. The future of the Branch depends on having a committed Executive, so we ask that all members consider taking on one of these roles. If you need more information about any of these positions, please contact Diane S.

Diane S., Past President



INSURANCE MATTERS

There is NO AGE LIMIT for participation, however, if any members have entered an assisted living facility or long term care facility and are receiving regular nursing service as part of the fees, you are no longer eligible to be covered by the Hospital and Home Care Insurance. It is important that you notify Manulife, so that payment of premiums ends. For those who have the RWTO Hospital and Home Care plan and no longer have an original brochure with the outline of coverage, you can find the original brochure, the enrollment form and the claims form at <http://www.rwto.org/insuranceplan.asp>. Claims forms are no longer provided in bulk by Manulife. I can provide one if you do not have access to the internet or are unable to print one from the web site. RWTO's Hospital and Home Care Insurance should be considered a supplementary coverage to your initial plan, possibly RTO/ERO Group Benefits Program with Johnson. If after your illness or accident you are unable to determine what you may claim it is wise to call your insurer(s) and ask if you are covered for your specific need before completing any forms.

I can make enquiries on your behalf but in somewhat general terms.

Due to the Privacy Act, I do not have any record of who is enrolled in our RWTO plan.

Receipts are necessary so always make copies before sending in your original receipts.

Ruth M.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE SURVEY - the provincial Public Relations Committee invites responses from members regarding: ways to tell others in the community about RWTO/OERO, how to find and recruit prospective members, comments about the Provincial pamphlet, or creating a logo that captures who we are and what we do.

Send responses to linda.macdonald@sympatico.ca who will forward them to our Area Director.



SOME PENTA
QUILTS



Saying Goodbye to a dear friend. We will miss you Marion.



Feb.- March Events

MARCH LUNCHEON Thursday, March 8, 2018 @ 10:30 a.m. \$28. members
\$30. for non -member guest
Deerfield Golf Club 2363 North Service Rd. (just East of Bronte Road)

Menu:

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
Broccoli & Cauliflower garnished with Red Peppers
Apply Crisp with whipped cream
Tea/Coffee

Call Deerfield for special dietary needs. 905-847-5555



**WEAR YOUR
GREEN**

Luncheon Entertainment: **Lianne Harris Racioppo** Lianne is a History, Culture and Social Studies Consultant with the Toronto District School Board. She has developed several entertaining adult education presentations and will speak to us about the *Luck o' the Irish*:

A Journey into the History of the People and Land of Ireland.

We will also be hosting our Provincial President Lois Lockhart.
LUNCHEON – Doors open 10:30 – meet and greet activities and coffee
available. Agenda items 11, lunch 12, entertainment 1- 2 p.m.

Our group donation will be to The Lighthouse Program
for
Grieving Children.

A REMINDER FEBRUARY OUTING Sunday, Feb 25, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.
Theatre Outing, **Sheridan Theatre**, 1430 Trafalgar Road
Production of "**Kiss Me Kate**" (For those who have tickets)
REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TICKETS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tour of the Velodrome, 2015 Pan Am Blvd., Milton is in April.
Details to follow.

May Luncheon Deerfield May 17, 2018

Tour of The Weather Network, 2655 Bristol Circle, Oakville is Tuesday,
June 19, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.
Details to follow.

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Interest Groups

Contact Person & Days for Interest Groups:

Book Club

Bridge Group

Thursday at 10

Out To Lunch

Garden Club

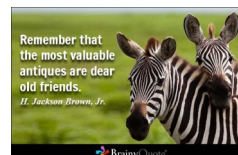
Third Monday -Edith De Q.

Second & Fourth Tuesday - First & Third Wednesday Maryellen L.

First Thursday—Cathy D.

Day Varies -Maryellen L.

Contact— Lorette K.



Join us in the
fun and
fellowship for all
of our exciting
events, groups
and activities.

Out to Lunch Bunch Schedule

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

COME AND CHAT

Regular Meetings are on the second full week of consecutive months.

Please let the hostess know one week prior to the event for reservations.

DATE

HOSTESS

LOCATION

Feb. 12

Laurie M.

Agabi 234 Kerr St. Oakville

March 12

TBA

April 9

Diann R.

Ben & Florentine 146 Lakeshore W.

May 14

Bev T.

Tosto At Chartwell and Cornwall

June 11

Marilyn Mc.

Picnic at her house



RWTO OAKVILLE BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

2018

DATE

HOSTESS

Monday, March 19, 2018

Bev T.

Monday, April 16, 2018

Marilyn Mc.

Monday, May 21, 2018

Edith DeQ.



THURSDAY AT 10 SCHEDULE



DATE

HOSTESS

PLANNER

THEME

Mar. 1

Cathy D.

Irene M. Cathy D.

Musical

April 5

Lorette K.

Frances Q.

Meditation

May 3

Chris C.

Kathy K.

Spring Ridge Farm



A TIP FROM LINDA P.

Have you ever had a white heat spot on a piece of your beloved furniture? After years of trying to remove it I found the solution. You lay a bath towel over the spot on your wooden furniture. Heat up your steam iron. Place your steam iron above the towel in line with the white spot. DO NOT PUT THE IRON DIRECTLY ON THE TOWEL! Hold the iron about 1 inch above the spot and shoot the steam into the towel over the spot. Lift the towel and the white spot is gone forever. Have fun sharing this tip with your friends.

The G.A.R.D.E.N. Club

See You in the Spring— first meeting in May

Phone Connection:

If you know anyone who is in hospital, in bereavement, or if you have time sensitive information please contact Frances Q.



MEMBERSHIP

By Leslie W.

The Oakville RWTO/OERO strives to keep its current members enthusiastic and committed to the organization, as well as find ways to communicate to potential candidates the value of belonging to our group.

As of January 2018, our branch was 66 retired women teachers strong, from the ages of 61 to 95 years young, full of caring and sharing, of fellowship and fun. We have 55 regular members, 4 associate members, and 7 life members. We may be small in numbers, but we're mighty in our commitment to our members and our community. We have a variety of interest groups, events, and tours for our members.

We are working on projects and financially support many charities in the community.

If you know of other retired teachers, please tell them about our wonderful organization of caring and sharing, of fellowship and fun, with its many interesting, exciting, and varied activities and events. Encourage them to come to one of our events. Send them the newsletter to get a feel for our organization. Or give me the information and I will contact them. Remember, you, our members, are our best spokeswomen and recruiters.



Birthday Celebrations
Dec. Luncheon



PENTA 2017

The information collected by the Membership Committee will be used by RWTO Oakville Branch to create a database of members.

This database will be used to analyze membership trends, and to identify member interests.

It will not be sold, loaned, or provided in any way to any other individual or organization. Some information will be provided to RWTO/OERO Provincial. RWTO Oakville Branch

publishes a newsletter, e-notices, and maintains an Internet Webpage. Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP) permission is needed to print/post images or information on our members.

If you have any objections to your name, picture, or member information being included on our website, e-notices, or newsletter, please contact Leslie W.



Our new members, Sylvia V. and June M., took part in and enjoyed our Christmas Lunch.

Passing on a
donation to Food 4 Kids
NEXT SESSION FEB. 14



If you would like to help contact Diane S.

For Information about the RWTO /OERO check out the following web link at Halton Community Database
<http://search.hipinfo.info/record/OAK3395?Number=0>

Email For Oakville RWTO rwtooakville@gmail.com

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Check us out at <http://www.rwto.org/>



HIGHLIGHTING MEMEBERS

Cora Bailey Award Recipients for 2018

The Cora Bailey Award is presented to a branch member who has contributed outstanding service to her branch (long time service - different positions of responsibility; noticeable contribution of service to the branch; dedicated and faithful supporter of the organization; willing to share time and talent for the good of all members and the organization in a positive and encouraging manner).

Eleanor J.

Eleanor J. retired in 1994 and joined the Oakville Branch in 2002.

Eleanor was a Goodwill Committee member from 2006–2016, of which she was the Convenor from 2007–2016.

Eleanor was diligent in sending cards to the members who were celebrating special occasions, who were ill, or in sending sympathy to the family of deceased members. She delivered Christmas gifts to shut-in members and visited them throughout the years. If they lived too far away, she phoned or wrote instead.

Eleanor was on the Cora Bailey Committee in 2014–2015. She was an active and enthusiastic participant in the Coffee Craft Club, the Thursday at 10 Club, and the G.A.R.D.E.N. Club. If the club asked for gifts for the needy or to wear a costume to help create the atmosphere or to create her quilt square for a group quilt, Eleanor could be counted on to contribute. She enjoyed attending the luncheons and participating in the potluck pool parties.

The Oakville Branch has been very fortunate to be the recipient of Eleanor's positive and encouraging outlook and her caring, sharing and having fun



Eleanor J.



YOUR GREATNESS
IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE
IT'S WHAT YOU GIVE



Patricia D.

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Pat D. retired in 2002 and joined the Oakville Branch in 2009.

She was a member of the Program Committee from 2009–2016, its chair from 2012–2016 and the Membership Assistant from 2016–2017.

Pat initiated the Coffee Craft Club, hosting monthly meetings for 7 years, providing tasty snacks, fun-filled activities, and great prizes. She organized Hallowe'en, Christmas, Snowlicious, Canada Day, and several pool parties, as well as Murder Mysteries. She encouraged CCC members to make a personal quilt square after 5 years, from which a wonderful quilt was created.

Pat is an avid participant in the Thursday at 10 Group, the Out to Lunch Bunch, and the G.A.R.D.E.N. Club, which she initiated. She attends all the luncheons and most of the outings. She has a tremendous amount of spirit, playing Santa at the Christmas Luncheons, leading songs at luncheons, and instituting the "Miss Notes".

Pat worked on two projects that resulted in the Oakville Branch receiving the Feather in Your Hat Award (Sleeping Mats for Haiti and From Pillowcases to Sundresses).

The Oakville Branch has been very fortunate to be the recipient of Pat's willingness to share her time, talent, and creativity, of her "cheerleading" role, of her positive and encouraging outlook, and of her caring and sharing and having fun! Pat is a very deserving recipient of the Cora Bailey Award.

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HISTORIAN-ARCHIVIST

by Leslie W.

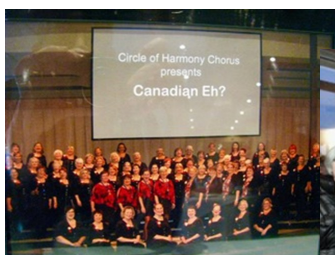
As historian, I try to capture pieces of our present history, the essence of our branch, in digital form. I need your help in keeping me informed about what is going on with the branch members, the events, and the interest groups. Please send/lend me any articles, pictures, memory cards, etc. with a brief write up and a list of those present. I can come to you to get/transfer the pictures and information. Thank you.

"Archives provide a window to the past through which we have come. It is a stepping stone on which we can stand in the present as we continue to build our future. An archivist is a guardian of the past, as well as a collector in the present." As archivist, I collect, file, and preserve historical material relevant to the Oakville RWTO/OERO Branch and its members. Any newspaper clippings, photos, etc. about our branch and members would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

*A picture is worth a thousand words. . . .
But the memories are priceless*

MEMORIES FALL/WINTER 2017

PENTA



CIRCLE OF HARMONY



OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH



The Dundurn Castle Christmas Tour on Dec. 12th was most informative and very interesting. And, the shortbread cookies were excellent!



HOPEDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR





MEMORIESwe make memories ..lots and lots of memories

BRIDGE GROUP



FOOD 4 KIDS



BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY AT 10

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



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