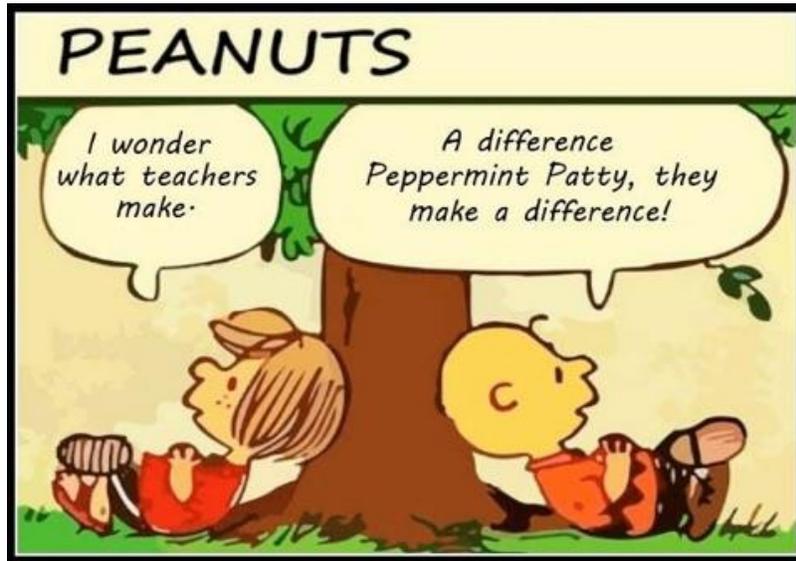




# SUPER TEACHER

NOVEMBER 2017



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2017

Ladies, do you love the changing of the Seasons? After a rather warm Fall, the temperature is now dropping, furnaces and fireplaces are on and soon those raindrops will turn to snowflakes. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, with a backdrop of coloured leaves and Rice Lake, I had the pleasure of witnessing my youngest son, John marry Shauna, who is a teacher. What a wonderful celebration in a beautiful season! Unfortunately, my busyness with the wedding and out of town guests put a few things behind in our Branch. Your new Brochure and Directory will be ready soon. Thank you for your patience.

In our Peterborough Branch we also have lots to celebrate. We thank Pat McAfee (Social) Kathryn Langley (Archives) and Dianne Munroe (Insurance) who retired from the Executive and we welcome Deb Glynn (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) and Helen Kitson (Communication Team). Some other Executive members have changed portfolios. We are still looking for a Media representative and we could use more help on the Membership Team. Please consider these positions and contact me if you are interested in helping us. This year's Executive is hard at work making wonderful plans for you. We are a team and we support each other. As you read the newsletter, please take note of how many activities there are for you to enjoy and we hope that you will participate in many of them.

At the General Meeting and Luncheon in September we honoured previous Cora Bailey Award winners when 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Esther Kampstra, presented them with a new Cameo Pin

designed by the Hamilton Branch. Present that day were Lenore Allen (2003), Pat McAfee (2008), Heather Touchburn (2010), Marilyn Challice (2011), Jean Axcell (2012), Marilyn Sutherst (2012), Diane Kilistoff (2017), Ruth Anne McNaught (2017). We look forward to giving out more pins!



We also welcomed new members, Edith McKinley and Theresa McCornack.

We are well on our way to having a fantastic year of Caring, Sharing and Having Fun. I look forward to seeing you!

Judy-Anne

### **PRESIDENT'S TEA AND SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

When Past Provincial President, Peggy Stock, of East Parry Sound Branch visited us in Peterborough, we talked about a summer event that they have at a cottage each year. (I had read about it in the Connections Newsletter.) In the spirit of Caring and Sharing, Peggy encouraged me to initiate the President's Tea here in Peterborough. On August 23rd, over twenty members drove out to my home on the Otonabee River. Wearing red and white, we stood on the deck facing the river and sang O Canada. Each member contributed some food items for a Communal Pot Luck. It was wonderful to catch up with each other and learn about everyone's summer. Each time we meet together, it is an opportunity to bond and build strong friendships which in turn strengthens our Branch. Please plan to come out to Campbelltown on the Otonabee next summer. Circle Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> on your calendar! Incoming President Esther Kampstra will host the event.



'Our Symphony in Red'



Photos taken at our Autumn Luncheon meeting at Baxter Creek



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT BAXTER CREEK NOVEMBER 28, 2017

Our Social Time starts at 10 o'clock and includes a Bake Sale, followed by

Carol singing and a special game with prizes before lunch.

Our Provincial President, Lois Lockhart, will be at our meeting.

A delicious turkey meal will be served at your table at noon.

The Quarter Frenzy Auction will take place after lunch.

The cost is \$25.00 per person. Bring a guest .... maybe a retired woman teacher!

The following is optional, but we hope many of you will participate by contributing a baked item or preserves to the sale, donating a gift item to the auction table and/or bringing a roll of quarters to participate in the auction.

All proceeds will go towards our yearly charitable donations.

Send your cheque, payable to RWTO Peterborough Branch, to

Diane Kilistoff  
976 Southlawn Dr.  
Peterborough, ON K9J 1G2

OR

Hand in your cheque at any upcoming event.

## MERRY MATTRESS MAKERS

Our group continues to meet on the last Tuesday of the month at Judy-Anne's house. Welcome to our new RWTO member, Theresa, who attended in September to learn the process. Everyone is encouraged to come out, even if you cannot come every month.

At the invitation of Joyce Fee, Judy-Anne went to Greenwood United Church to demonstrate to the U.C.W. group. Pat McAfee's church group is now meeting in someone's home. On November 27th, the Trenton & District Branch will start the project and Marilyn Sutherst and Esther Kampstra will go with Judy-Anne to introduce it. There was lots of interest at the Area 7 Luncheon, too.

Thank you for continuing to collect clean, folded milk bags.

The latest shipment of mattresses and pillows went to El Salvador.

## AREA 7 LUNCHEON. - A NEW INITIATIVE

At the Convention in June our Peterborough delegates sat with the Trenton and District delegates. While chatting and sharing ideas, we discussed the possibility of our Branches meeting together.

At the next Peterborough Executive meeting we decided to host the initial meeting at Baxter Creek Golf Club on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Invitations were sent out to the Presidents of each Branch in Area 7....Durham North, Northumberland South Durham, Belleville, and Trenton and District. Our Area Director, Jennifer Davis thought it was a great idea!

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, we had 43 RWTO members come to Baxter Creek for an interactive and fun experience. Our guest speaker, Elaine Charal, was set up early to analyze everyone's handwriting. Many members took the opportunity to share ideas and there was a buzz in the room as members introduced themselves to each other while having a hot beverage. We were served a hot lunch at noon and then Elaine did her presentation which was fun and informative. We learned a lot about each other as Elaine commented on a few handwriting examples.

Judy-Anne received the following e-mail from Elaine: *Hello, Judy-Anne! Thank you so very much for inviting me to do my "Power of the Pen" and to entertain at Tuesday's Luncheon! What a fantastic group of women!!! I'm so very pleased everyone enjoyed and had such good comments to give to you on their way out!!*

The consensus is that this should become an annual event. I hope you will be able to join us next year.



Having our handwriting analyzed



Meeting and Greeting members of other branches in Area 7



## BRIDGE

All members are invited to attend or join the RWTO Bridge Club. Please note that the date and location has changed. Those who can commit to playing regularly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month should contact Sharon Maskell at sharima@sympatico.ca in order to join this group. You could also ask to have your name on a 'substitute' list, only going to play if you are called. We will now meet in member's homes and the first date is Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Joyce Fee's home.

Thank you to all who came out to play on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Grace United Church. We hope to see you again!

A sincere thank-you to all of you who have supported this time together, and made it what it was. It has been a privilege and a pleasure for me to organize this, and to be a part of it. **Sharon Maskell**

**From the Bridge Players.** Our sincere appreciation to Sharon for all that she did to organize this group at Grace United Church - booked the church, made the muffins, brought the cheese, made the coffee, and notified everyone every month. Your efforts, Sharon, made this a pleasurable activity for all the players. **Thanks.**

## RWTO INSURANCE NEWS

If you have ever considered joining the RWTO Insurance through Manulife, you now have three more reasons to apply.

As of April 1, 2017, you may claim for:

1. **Transportation** by volunteer drivers for Canadian Cancer Society to a maximum of \$100.00 (combined with other transportation benefits.)
2. **Ergonomic Walking Poles** to provide mobility assistance, when prescribed by a physician, up to current maximum of \$150.00 per injury or sickness.
3. **Cochlear implants** coverage for charges or purchase up to the current maximum of \$200.00 every four Benefit Years.

This supplemental insurance is very reasonable at \$14.49/mo. - a cost that has not increased in over a decade.

For more information contact Ruth Anne McNaught at 705-740-3266 or ramcnaught@cogeco.ca

## OF INTEREST

We would like to recognize the following RWTO members who also served as the president of RTO.

1975-76 - Musa Cox  
1979- 80 - Leitha Kidd  
1982-83 - Doris Hutchison  
1984-85 - Cora Bailey  
1985-86 - Hilda Sweet  
1987-88 - Olga Harrison  
1989-90 - Fern Doyle  
1991-92 - Ruth Millard  
1997-98 - Maureen Pammett

## ISSUES AND CONCERNS —SENIOR SCAMS

### Why scam seniors?

Many seniors

- own their own homes
- have a good credit rating
- are trusting
- find it impossible to say NO
- are less likely to report fraud
- a few may not have the mental capacity to look after their financial affairs
- may be less savvy about new technologies such as the internet and smart phone
- are now living longer and have a greater concern about having enough money and so easy money making-solutions may sound very attractive.

### Some Types of Scams - Otherwise known as 419 Fraud

Be aware that these types of scams exist and defraud seniors of millions of dollars every year.

- Telephone message that you owe money on taxes – may be arrested
- Something is wrong with your account and they need information
- A relative is in trouble and you need to send money
- Telemarketing scams which involve free prizes, low cost vitamins or health products or vacations
- Nigerian Prince scams asking for personal identification or money to get millions out of the country

- An e-mail that you are getting a tax refund and personal identification and bank account numbers are required
- Non-existent charities
- Fraudulent anti aging products
- Counterfeit prescription drugs
- Medical identity theft offering bogus medical services or products for identity theft.
- Pigeon Drop - The scammer offers to split a large sum of money in exchange for a “good faith payment” from the victim
- Cemetery financial scam Scammers prey on grieving widows or widowers claiming spouse carried an outstanding debt that must be paid – or adding unneeded frivolous items to the funeral bill.
- Reverse Mortgage scams - phony financial offers of low interest rates and scamming seniors out of the titles to their own homes. Offers of property assessments and reduced tax burdens
- Fraudulent Investment opportunities - Promises of huge returns with minimal investments.
- Lottery and Sweepstake scams. Victim is promised a win of a huge amount of money or a car or a vacation. The victim needs a processing fee to claim a prize
- Beneficiary scams where your personal identification is required.
- Bogus cashier cheques or tax returns where your personal identification and bank account numbers are required

#### Other Types of Fraud

- Theft by Power of Attorney – stealing from the pensioner by taking out a second mortgage or using credit cards for personal use.
- Identity Theft
- Credit Card fraud – skimming your card’s information at a restaurant, store or gas station (wherever you use your card)
- Phishing Schemes - Scammer tricks the victim into disclosing personal information. May appear to be from the bank. No bank or store asks for a password via e-mail.
- Ponzi Schemes

#### What to Do?

Hang up the phone. Do not communicate at all

Do not transfer money to someone you do not know.

If you have a caller identity phone, don’t answer any number you do not recognize.

Never give personal information or bank information over the phone. Call a trusted friend for opinions.

Report a scam: Call – Anti Fraud Centre toll free at 1-888 -495 – 8501

or if you think you have been scammed call: - The police at emergency line 705 – 876 - 1122

## LET'S DO LUNCH



*'And the rain fell in the Lavender Fields'*

*Join our group and enjoy the Friendship and the Food!*

Tuesday, December 5 – Kawartha Golf Course Christmas Buffet

Tuesday, January 2/18 - Kelsey's

Tuesday, February 6/18 - Wimpy's

Tuesday, March 5/18 - Sir Sanford Fleming

## BOOK WORMS

*Good books, good discussions, and good friendship!*

Nov. 14 – Motorcycles and Sweetgrass by Drew Hayden Taylor at Marion Philp's

Dec. 12 – The Golden Son Shilpi Somaya Gowda at Diane Kilistoff's

Jan. 9/18 – The Nightingale Kristin Hanna at Doreen Roland's

Feb. 12/18 – The High Road Terry Fallis at Lenore Allen's

## GOODWILL REMINDER...WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you hear of a member who is ill or hospitalized, please contact Mena Fulton at [menafulton@hotmail.com](mailto:menafulton@hotmail.com) or 705-742-4965 or Sylvia Simpson at [sylviasimpson@yahoo.com](mailto:sylviasimpson@yahoo.com) or 705-742-6098.

If there is a death of a member or a member's family, please contact Sharon Maskell at [sharima@sympatico.ca](mailto:sharima@sympatico.ca) or 705-741-3313.

Each Goodwill Convenor will forward the information to our Communication team and a dispatch will be sent out by e-mail. Those without e-mail will receive a phone call. Our motto is 'Caring and Sharing' but we must be notified of a situation so that a card can be sent. Thank you in advance!

"Please be thinking of members **Laura Lobb** and **Maureen Pammett** who are both not well at this time. Please refer to your directory for addresses."



### A NEW INITIATIVE:

Peterborough RWTO/OERO is proposing to create a resource cookbook for entertaining. We all can relate -whether it be a cup of tea with a friend, a small group such as a birthday or anniversary party, or a large scale party such as a wedding.

The cook book will be called: **Peterborough's RWTO/OERO A, B, C Cookbook**

For **Appetizers** (This might include such items as dips, dunks, pates, nibbles of all sorts, muffins, breads)

For **Beverages** (this would include non-alcoholic as well as alcoholic beverages, punch, beverages for a crowd, remedies)

For **Cravings** (This could include sweets, candy, cakes, desserts, pies, cookies, squares, ice cream, etc.)

We would like you to submit several of your favourite recipes to contribute to this endeavour and we would like all our members represented. You might even have a retired teacher friend who would like to contribute. Just make sure the contributor's name is attached to each recipe.

Jean Axcell will collect the recipes over the course of the year either by e-mail at [larjeaxl@sympatico.ca](mailto:larjeaxl@sympatico.ca) or at the meetings or, if you wish, by snail mail.

We would like all submissions by June 30, 2018

Eventually, we will need a couple of people to type in preparation for the format of the book. If you have typing skills keep this in mind.

Our Millennial cookbook project in 2000 was very successful, and is used by many of our members.

I am hoping each of you will contribute many recipes to this endeavour and I look forward to having a great recipe resource for entertaining. The books will make ideal Christmas presents and I already have a pre-order for 20 books from one person after they are created and published. Entertaining is part and parcel of Sharing and Caring.

Jean Axcell

Members: In the year of 2000 our branch under the leadership of Jean Axcell produced a Millennium Cookbook entitled **What's Cooking with RWTO**. It is one of my favourite cookbooks. Reading the recipes brings me memories of members, both those who are still with us and those who have gone. – Joyce Fee

### Muffins and Mimosa

There are many ways that the Peterborough Branch endeavours to introduce RWTO to new retirees or to those retirees who are unaware of our organization. We send Executive members to attend Retirement dinners in June, setting up displays in the lobby of the venue. We invite these retirees to attend our annual Muffins and Mimosa event in September where they will meet the Executive, learn about RWTO, have delicious snacks and yes, a mimosa or two.

This year we had five retirees come to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Deb Glynn's lovely home. One had joined us in June after attending an event and another signed up that morning. Welcome, Edith McKinlay and Theresa Cornack!

Another way, and often the best way, is word of mouth. Member, Deb Davies, invited her friend, Rhys McLaughlin, to the Area 7 Luncheon and she joined RWTO that morning. Welcome, Rhys!

Unfortunately, due to privacy issues, we do not receive lists of retirees from the Boards of Education as we did in the past. It is up to us to find and invite retired women teachers to our events.

So ladies, we have work to do! Wear your RTWO pin when out in public. Mention the wonderful things we do here in the Peterborough Branch and keep in touch with retirees, perhaps colleagues of yours in the same school.

Last year, we won the Barbara Bain award for net increase in membership in a Tier Two Branch. Let's maintain our numbers and continue to add to them. Together we can do this!

**Helen Aileen Watson – July 23, 1929 – September 19, 2017**



Helen was born in Peterborough, attended Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra Public Schools, then Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School in the Academic course and Special Commercial Business Course.

She worked for seven years as Secretary to the Chief Librarian in the Peterborough Public Library. She enrolled then in the two-year course at Peterborough Normal School. Upon completion, she applied and was hired by the Hamilton Board and began her teaching career at Franklin Road School in a grade 2 classroom with forty-five pupils under Colonel Grass in 1957.

She completed two years there and her next assignment was a two-three class at Linden Park School with Harry Peel, Principal.

Her two careers were amalgamated when she was accepted to go into the School Library Programme. For eight years, she travelled between two schools, included Earl Kitchener, Mountview, Queensdale, Pauline Johnson, Vern Ames and James MacDonald Schools.

In 1975, she was moved to Westwood Library; full time in one school! What a difference from travelling.

She then moved to Franklin Road School Library and so ended her teaching career in the same school where it began. In between times she attended Department Courses in Hamilton, Toronto and Peterborough in Primary Methods, Art, Library and Special Education.

In her retirement, she returned to Peterborough.

#### Claudette Gauthier's Eulogy for Helen Watson on September 27, 2017

Knowing Helen has been a privilege due to my dear friend, Dorothy (MacKenzie). Helen may have regretted all the things she loved but was unable to do later in life. But even at that stage, I was struck by her varied talents – a straight 'A' student and 'Head Girl' in high school and, she earned the honour of 'Valedictorian' at Teachers' College.

In a letter from March 1983, her cousin, Fred, showed his admiration saying '... in your late teens, you were to my 'artistic eye' some sort of 'chick' – you were beautiful. I know you better now and realize that I didn't misjudge then ... like your mother's inner vitality and spirit, (you have) what counts ... '

She enjoyed writing a short story about her dog or travelling with friends. Helen was certainly creative in her approach to candle-making, for example, ruining 2 eggbeaters trying to foam up the wax.

The holiday season always gave her an opportunity to bake up a storm. On Grey Cup Day, she always made her Christmas cake. She did love everything to do with the season.

Now at Scrabble playing she was unbeatable. Could she ever spell!

In retirement, she played the flute in the Horizons Band.

Her passion for the Symphony Orchestra kept bringing her back to Showplace.

As we imagine, you, Helen, in God's presence, we can maybe hear you say: 'Lord, I did use all the talents You gave me to the best of my ability. Thank You for a creative life.'

Let's thank God for Helen. May her eternal soul rest in joy and peace.

*Condolences from our members to her sister, Dorothy MacKenzie.*