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RWTO/OERO NORTHUMBERLAND/SOUTH DURHAM BRANCH CHRISTMAS 2017 NEWSLETTER - Issue Thirty-Four

CHRISTMAS MEETING – 2017

- WHEN:** Thursday, December 7th
10:00 am - Registration/Social
10:30 am - Brief Business & Program 12:15 pm – Lunch
(Silent Auction during social time for gently used
recent books – donations gratefully received.)
- WHERE:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 131 Walton Street, Port Hope.
Use the south entrance. Parking in church lot south of
Walton off Pine St. S. or at front of the church on Walton.
- MEAL:** Chicken Breast Dinner - \$15.00
* Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.
- PROGRAM:** Lois Lockhart - RWTO/OERO Provincial President
Presentation of 'Cora Bailey Award' Pins to Previous Winners
Christmas Music & Program
Note: Please bring your September 2017 'Connections' issue.

NOMINATIONS: Will be received for the Cora Bailey Award for 2017.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: 'Northumberland Giving Tree' - an unwrapped gift for a child or youth up to age 16 or a monetary donation. If a gift, please let the treasurer know its value as the amount for our total charitable givings are to be recorded in our provincial report.

HOW TO RESPOND: **By December 3rd** - Phone Elaine Doty, 905 983 5831 or Joan Smith, 905 885 2528, or email Joan (joan.charlie@sympatico.ca) if you will be attending.

A Gentle Reminder: We are committed to pay for all meals ordered. If you are unable attend as you indicated to Elaine or Joan, please cancel by contacting Joan at least five days before the meeting. Thank You!

If you know of a retired teacher who is not a member of a RWTO/OERO branch, or has just recently retired, please invite her to come to the meeting with you. Your guest will receive a free lunch that day and you will receive a book for bringing her. Let the person that you contact know that you will be bringing a guest with you. All qualified teachers who are retired are eligible to be members of RWTO/OERO regardless of whether they are receiving a teacher's pension. Teachers on Long Term Disability may become a member.

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Branch Newsletter: If you have received your branch newsletter by mail and you have an email address, please let the editor, Joan Smith, know before the spring

newsletter – joan.charlie@sympatico.ca
FALL MEETING

The fall general meeting was held at Grafton United Church on September 27th. President Jan Engel welcomed everyone to our meeting & celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. After the singing of 'O Canada', Jan most capably conducted the business part of the meeting. In her treasurer's report Julia Esford reported that book sales for the day were \$19.50 and \$74.25 was raised for the Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre. Congratulations were extended to Billie Kemp who was celebrating her 90th birthday. Sharon Staples was presented with the 'Cora Bailey' award for 2016-2017 – richly deserved. She was unable to attend the spring presentation when the two other recipients received theirs.

Past President Sandra Boyko presented a moving Memoriam Service for Elizabeth Anderson, Margaret Irvine and Doris Potts. Sandra opened with a reading 'For Everything There Is a Season'. Candles were lit in memory of the three members, plus Lee Beech, a former member, as each was remembered. Joan Putman spoke about Elizabeth Anderson who passed away on January 23rd at the age of 81. Elizabeth had taught at Tyrone and Lord Elgin Schools. Marg Irvine, born in Scotland, died on February 11th in Cobourg and Muriel Bell remembered her teaching years and friendship at Howard Jordan and Merwin Schools. Barbara Moorcroft announced that Doris Potts had passed away four weeks before her 104th birthday. Along with her teaching career, she and her husband had been known as Mr. & Mrs. Campbellford for their many activities. Barbara also remembered Lee Beech, a former member of our branch, who wrote 'Uncommon Women' and was a provincial executive parliamentarian. Vicki Cubitt and Bunny Wright sang 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' and Sandra closed with prayer.

It was wonderful to hear eight of our members, led by Bunny Wright and accompanied by Vicki Cubitt, singing Canadian songs such as 'The Land of the Silver Birch' and 'They All Call It Canada' before and after lunch to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. We enjoyed singing some of the songs along with them.

We were also entertained by Lynne Templer and her assistant, Dawn Waters, from Northumberland Players, Cobourg with '150 Years of Fashion'. It was a delightful fashion show of period clothes over the years, with Dawn and some of our members demonstrating the beautiful costumes from the Northumberland Players (a group celebrating its 40th year), and an interesting, amusing commentary by Lynne. We didn't realize what entertaining models we have in our branch. There was an opportunity after the fashion show to try on various hats and have photos taken.

A delicious meal of ham & scalloped potato harvest buffet was enjoyed by all. All in all, it was a great meeting.

DID YOU KNOW

... that If you receive a telephone reminder about the upcoming meeting, you still are to call or email Elaine or Joan that you are coming? The call is only a reminder.

... that Sandra Boyko has a new email address? – mae.boyko@teksavvy.com

... that president Jan Engel along with several helpers designed the beautiful table centrepieces for all the meals at the June provincial conference and received much praise for them. Well done!

... that we now have over 51 paid up members?

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- Breakfast Club:** **Third Thursday of the Month - 9:30 am** - Traditions Restaurant, 1053 Simcoe St., North, Oshawa. Everyone is welcome to a social gathering - no business.
- Executive Meeting:** **Thursday, December 7th** - after General Meeting
- Spring Meeting:** **Tuesday, April 24, 2018** – Trinity United Church, Bowmanville
- June 5-7, 2018** **Provincial Convention – Alliston**

At the Fall Meeting Sharron McMann announced about a Northshore Probus Theatre Trip to the Royal Alexander Theatre in Toronto to see the 'Come Away' production on June 17, 2018. She has tickets if anyone from our branch would like to attend. The cost of \$165 includes the ticket, bus and supper. Contact her – 905 372 3567 or samcmann@sympatico.ca

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!