



# Super Teacher

August 2020

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear ladies,

It has been over five months since Covid-19 hit Canada and altered our lives in unexpected and unimaginable ways. With cancelled plans and disrupted routines, time has become difficult to measure; the days drift into each other, the weeks slip by, and the calendar slides almost imperceptibly from one month to the next. As we approach fall, our plans for RWTO events and activities remain tentative. However, a 2020-21 Calendar of Events has been drawn up, as well as a Proposed Budget for the year. Although our September 29th Luncheon at Baxter Creek seems unlikely at this time, a final decision will be made closer to that date.

Earlier in the spring, there were a few requests for Provincial to waive, reduce or extend the due date for the submission of membership fees. After discussing the concerns outlined by these branches (Peterborough was one of them), the Provincial Executive decided that fees will not be reduced or waived and that the due dates will remain the same. The rationale for this decision includes the following:

- ❖ being retired, members have not suffered a loss of income
- ❖ it would not be fiscally responsible as we cannot predict membership numbers; many may not renew their membership
- ❖ membership is the main source of revenue for expenses such as awards, newsletters, support for 'over 90s and the website
- ❖ although there are savings due to cancellation of the B of D meeting and the Convention, there are many fixed expenses - payroll, phone, pins, insurance, Newsletter, etc. which need to be paid in September
- ❖ membership fees must be paid in order to retain insurance coverage

However, balancing fiscal responsibility with the needs of branches due to the impact of Covid-19, it was decided that, in September, the Board of Governors will be looking at ways that branches might receive financial assistance from the Provincial organization.

While we're on the subject of membership, congratulations to us on our Barbara Bain Award! I had the honour of accepting it on your behalf via Zoom. To view the Awards Ceremony, go to [rwto.org](http://rwto.org) and click on AGM Online 2020.

Your executive is committed to helping all our members stay in touch and informed. Please contact us with any suggestions that might help us all support each other in the coming days and months.

In Caring and Sharing,

Deb Glynn

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A friendly reminder that membership fees be sent to Marilyn Sutherst, 111-130 Anson St., Peterborough, On K9H 5R1

Updated Manulife Insurance brochures are now available from Ruth Anne McNaught @ 705-740-3266

### **OUTREACH NEWS August 2020**

Hello Everyone,

It has been quite some time since our last communication. I want to sincerely thank our members who responded generously to my letter asking for donations for YWCA Crossroads Shelter. It was deeply appreciated and very much needed. The need for shelter services has greatly increased and is expected to continue as Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. This September, because we are not likely having our luncheon, we are asking that members send monetary donations to support the purchase of school supplies for Crossroads. These can be sent to Marilyn Sutherst and we will purchase and deliver what is needed for the children and also for the women who are in school. Cheques can be sent to:

Marilyn Sutherst

111-130 Anson St. Peterborough On. K9H 5R1

In addition, we will be increasing our annual donation to Crossroads to \$200.00 this year in support of their programmes to educate children about nutrition and shopping skills and the Youth Programme to teach kids about safety and healthy relationships.

We hope to be able to resume our collections of clothes and toiletries for Cameron House soon. If you have these items, please hold on to them for now. We will also be collecting children's books for Christmas for the Salvation Army.

I look forward to meeting you again soon, hopefully this fall! My sincere thanks to all.

Theresa Cornack

## **MEMBERSHIP**

How strange this Spring and Summer has been without all our RWTO activities! I miss seeing everyone and sharing our friendship.

Owing to Covid, the Retirement Galas did not take place this May (Public, ETFO) and June (Separate, OECTA). Although we do not often get a lot of retired ladies joining us immediately, attending the Galas with our displays, helps to publicize our group. They sow the seed for future years, especially if one of the retiring ladies wins the RWTO gift basket! Also, some of the other Gala attendees tell their friends about us.

At the Galas, OECTA lists the retiring teachers and at which schools they taught. I then send each teacher a congratulatory note, with information about RWTO and our activities. In early September I again send them emails to invite them to our September meeting. That did not happen this year.

The Reframe Film Festival is another venue when we can showcase RWTO. Ruth Anne and Joyce Fee were excellent ambassadors for us this past January. Hopefully, Reframe will be able to take place in January 2021.

WHEN RWTO starts up again, we will rely heavily on you, our members, to bring along a friend or acquaintance, who is a retired teacher, to enjoy our activities and to increase our membership.

WHEN: is indeed the question. We are all 'wise seniors' We know we are more vulnerable to the Covid-19 virus than our younger companions. Our good health is a major concern, as is the health of our spouse. So, we understand you ladies will not be rushing back to regular meetings for a while. Our executive is trying hard to arrange that everything is in order before we meet again.

However, Golf has been a great way to exercise and socialize this summer. Once the weather improved Gabriele, Marilyn Peavoy and I were out at Heron Landing, about 9 a.m. on Fridays. Marilyn had to take some time off to have eye surgery, but she is back again and helping us locate our balls! Several other ladies have been out too such as Ruth Towns and Lorraine Knowles. Karen V and Hilda Jolley have a membership at Heron Landing, but they like to play earlier than we do. Heather T we miss you. Get better soon!

Ladies take good care of yourselves. Wash your hands frequently, wear your mask outside and social distance.

Aren't we all glad to be retired as we watch the Education system try to implement the necessary 'Coping with Covid' changes in our schools!! I love Retirement!

Best wishes to all, Ann Siddell

### These fit so well they should be in a dictionary

#### ADULT:

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

#### BEAUTY PARLOR:

A place where women curl up and dye.

#### CANNIBAL:

Someone who is fed up with people

#### CHICKENS:

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

#### COMMITTEE:

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

#### DUST:

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST:

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF:

Cold Storage.

INFLATION:

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO:

An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN

Grape with a sunburn

SECRET:

Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON:

A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE:

The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW:

One of the greatest labour-saving devices of today

YAWN:

An honest opinion openly expressed.

And MY Personal Favorite!!

WRINKLES:

Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

Love who you are - Love what you do - Love every moment, by being in the moment!

John F. Barnes

*A teacher is a friend  
Who helps you learn math,  
English, social studies, science,  
reading and fun things.*

*A teacher is like  
Another parent,  
So caring, and makes sure  
You do your homework,  
And get it right  
So, you'll have  
No trouble as you  
Grow up,  
To maybe  
Be a teacher also.*