



SUPER TEACHER

November 2018

President's Message

How time flies! It seems as if so much has happened since my last message. Another season is upon us with its own fascination and activities. Some lines of a poem I learned in elementary school come to me. Unfortunately, I do not remember the poet or all the lines.... *November. The bare dead boughs against my window pane...I like the rain, I like to sit and laugh at it...*

We have had our September General Meeting and our Regional Meeting which were both well attended. The High Tea was incredible. We will continue to strive to increase our membership so be sure to encourage other retired teachers in your circles to come and see what we are about. In the winter season, it is good to join with others in fellowship and support.

Be sure to come to our next General Meeting on November 27th and attend some of the various activities that are happening in the next months.

Esther Kampstra

"Come From Away" - A Collaborative Effort.

On Saturday, October 13th, eighteen members of RTO District 36 and the RWTO Peterborough branch boarded a coach to travel to Toronto to have lunch at the Hot House Cafe and then proceed to the Royal Alex Theatre to see the very popular musical, "Come From Away". Based on the true story of planes diverted to Gander, Newfoundland after the tragedy on 9/11, we were swept away to the communities that tended to the needs of passengers and crews. It was a heart warming, yet poignant experience.

Thank you to Ceris Higgs, from RTO and Tara, from Marlin Travel for collaborating with me to plan this day trip. We want to offer another experience in 2019 and hope that members from both organizations will join us then.

Judy-Anne Tumber, Past President, RWTO Peterborough branch

Our Area Director and Past President, Judy-Anne Tumber, and our President, Esther Kampstra, were very recently presented with newborn grandsons, who just missed our High Tea.



David William Boulding



Lucas Hessel Kampstra



Our High Tea for Prospective New Members





On Tuesday, October 16th, a High Tea was held at the home of Deb Glynn to welcome new members to our organization. Judy-Anne, Past-President and Area Director, brought greetings from the provincial office. Esther, our new President, had warm words of welcome for those new to our group.

Many thanks to Mary Parulski for leading us in a lively, inter-active workshop on scarf-tying and to the executive members who supplied a variety of delicious goodies. It was a wonderful afternoon of fun, food and friendship!

And thanks to you, Deb, for hosting such a lovely affair.

Reframe Film Festival

The Festival takes place January 24-27, 2019. The list for the films comes out in mid-November; your executive will choose the three films we feel best suit the interests and concerns of RWTO. We are usually fortunate to be able to sponsor our favourite film. We will let you know the time and place when it will be shown, and we hope you will come to see it. Individual tickets have been \$10 in recent years. Sponsors are given one minute to publicize themselves as they introduce the film. I still receive emails from Skye Bergman. Last January we sponsored her film 'Lives Well Lived' and it has been a huge success. Skye has travelled all over the States to the many showings of her film. I encourage you to buy a weekend pass (about \$35, a good Christmas present!) so you can see as many films as possible. It is always great fun moving between the three venues to see your chosen films and catching a coffee or bite to eat, somewhere. It's amazing how many neighbours and old, (whoops! - long-time, that is) friends you meet. So, mark January 24 - 27 on your calendar now!

Ann Siddell

Outreach Committee:

Theresa Cornack and Deb Glynn of the outreach committee recently met with Tina McFarland and Lynn Zimmer of the Peterborough YWCA Crossroads Shelter. They presented a donation of \$100 to the Nutritional Education Programme for children at the shelter, along with school supplies and an additional \$100 collected at the September general meeting. Many thanks to our members for their generosity and on-going support.



Membership

We welcome two new members, Shirley Hamilton and Karen Howard, to our Peterborough Branch! They both attended our High Tea and the Area Day Luncheon and enjoyed them. Three other retirees had hoped to come, but illness and a conflict prevented them from doing so.

Theresa and I email invitations to our General Meetings, to all those who signed up at the Retirement Galas in the Spring. I also email others who have retired previously, hoping they are now interested in joining us. Gabriele, Media, sends announcements to the Peterborough Examiner and Peterborough This Week. We are also trying to put announcements in local papers, e.g. the Lakefield Herald and the Old West End. If you see the ad, please let us know. Any further ideas would be much appreciated.

The BEST way to attract new members is with YOU inviting a neighbour or a friend who is a retired teacher, to an Interest group, such as the Let's Do Lunch, or to a General Meeting. How about if each one of us invites at least one friend to our Christmas Meeting on November 27? The Quarter Auction after lunch is always great fun. Food and laughter – what a great combination!

RWTO Area 7 Luncheon

Our second annual Area 7 Luncheon was hosted by the RWTO Trenton branch at Baxter Creek Golf Club in October. Members from each of our five branches: Northumberland South Durham, North Durham, Belleville, Trenton and Peterborough attended. We enjoyed a colouring relaxation experience, a chance to win \$50 and we endeavoured to outbid each other at the Silent Auction. Congratulations to all winners. We also had opportunities to learn about Community Projects from other Branches. After a delicious lunch, we had an experiential ride from Toronto to Montreal in 1840, as shared by historian and the author of 38 Hours to Montreal, Dan Buchanan. He made the history of this time period, come to life with a power point presentation. William Weller transported Governor General Charles Poulett Thomson from Toronto to Montreal. It was wonderful to meet members from Area 7. We will all look forward to next year's event, hosted by the North Durham branch.

Judy-Anne Tumber,
Area 7 Director





RWTO/OERO Peterborough Branch November Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Location: at Baxter Creek Golf Club, 1702 Cedar Valley Road, Fraserville, ON, K0L 1V0.
(Off Highway 28, north of Bailieboro, south of Peterborough)

Valet parking is available if you wish assistance for yourself or your items, too.

Time: Refreshments will be available at 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$27.00. Payment is DUE Monday, November 19th. Cheques are payable to RWTO Peterborough Branch and may be handed in at one of our interest groups or mailed to:

Diane Kilistoff, 976 Southlawn Drive, Peterborough, ON K9J 1G2

November Holiday Meal: If you have food or dietary restrictions, it is important that we know this before the luncheon so that accommodations can be made for you. A gluten free meal will be provided for anyone who requests it. Let Diane Kilistoff know.

Bake Sale: We hope many of you will participate by donating a baked item or a jar of preserves. Please have items wrapped appropriately and include a suggested price. Items will be on sale shortly after 10:30 a.m. Please bring small change for making purchases.

Programme: We are pleased to have Carol Singing and time to visit and browse before lunch is served. After lunch we will have our annual QUARTER AUCTION. Everyone is encouraged to donate a suitable item to be placed on the auction table. The auctioneer usually makes this quite exciting. Please bring lots of quarters so that you can bid on the items you would like to win.

Door prizes after Lunch.

Fundraising: Jingle Bingo 50s Chart: \$2 per square. Choose your numbers before they all go! We will have a fresh \$50 bill for the winner when all the squares are full!!

Additional Notices: We have had a request for new Children's Books for the Salvation Army's Hamper Programme; so, if you able, please bring a children's book donation for this cause. If you wish, toiletries, hats, mitts or scarves and socks can also be brought for Cameron House.

Proceeds from the Auction and Bake Sale will be added to our Charitable Donations Fund

*****Please Note: This is the only notice you will receive, so please respond to Diane by phone or e-mail. 705-748-4053 diane.e.k@hotmail.com.

Only those who do not have e-mail will be contacted by telephone.

We remember Eleanor Glover - September 10, 1922 - October 5, 2018



An Incident in 1947

The one-room school where I fell through the floor was the second school of my teaching career. It was a cut above the previous school where I had taught. This one had electric lights instead of oil lamps, a furnace in place of a woodstove, and facilities which, although still not flushable, were indoors. And, oh yes, my yearly salary was five hundred dollars more.

The furnace was set in a partial, unfinished basement, and there were no pipes attached, only a metal hood over the firebox. Heat from the furnace would simply rise naturally to the underside of the floor above and was vented through a large round grate inserted in the floor at the front of the room. It heated the school quite well and was certainly an improvement over the dangerous and temperamental wood stove in the school where I first taught.

After recess in the afternoon the furnace could cool down for overnight, and I would stand on the grate to get the last dregs of heat while I dictated spelling to the older children. One day, while doing this, the grate decided to tip sideways, depositing me down through the opening to the metal top of the furnace. Fortunately, the furnace had cooled by that time, so I was in no danger of being seriously burned. I escaped with only a badly bruised arm which had hit the edge of the hole as I fell. There was dead silence

A Personal Experience

from the children as I hoisted myself up through the opening. They sat there with their mouths open, exhibiting the shock that I had felt. Once my chin was above the floor, I started to laugh and then the children laughed with me.

The most amusing angle of the episode was what the children told me afterwards. They said I dictated a sentence, which they wrote, but when no second sentence was forthcoming, they looked up to see why, only to find I had disappeared. Apparently, I had fallen quietly, and the noise of traffic on the road outside had masked whatever sound there was.

I had a second laugh that night while trying to sleep. I was thinking about some of the difficult assignments I had given those children at times, and I wondered, "Did some of the children feel at times like telling me to go to H**, and were too polite to say so? When they found I had fallen through the floor did they think their wishes had come true?" Maybe.

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Mark your calendar

November 2018

Tuesday 6th - at 12 noon Let's Do Lunch at La Hacienda - invite your retired teacher friends

Saturday 10th - at 2:00 pm - Showplace: a performance of Shrek by St James Players - Ruth Anne McNaught will be in the lobby with your ticket 20 minutes before the performance

Monday 12th - at 1:30 - Bridge for Fun at Grace United Church - invite your women friends - learners are welcome.

Tuesday 13th - at 1:30 - Book Worms, hostess Gwen Gifford - discussing **Seven Fallen Feathers** by Tanya Tanga.

Tuesday 27th - at 10:00 am - General Meeting at Baxter Creek

December 2018

Tuesday 4th - at 12 noon - Let's Do Lunch at Chemong Lodge - invite your retired teacher friends.

Monday 10th - at 1:30 - Bridge for Fun at Grace Church - Invite your women friends.

Tuesday 11 - at 1:30 - Book Worms -hosted by Diane Kilistoff - **Roughing It In The Bush**
by Suzanna Moodie.

Merry Mattress Makers

On hold for now with RWTO Peterborough branch, but I am still collecting mattresses and pillows from other groups. I recently drove to Trenton to pick up 42 mattresses woven by Winnie and Ralph!

Deb, Ruth Anne and Theresa sew the pillows that others have stuffed. I distribute mattresses to Bev in Peterborough and pillows to Angela in Kleinburg. We are looking for a location to continue this project in the future.

Judy -Anne Tumber

Your Recipe Section

This is the start of our “A. B. C. Cookbook”

We started with the ‘Bs” because they are very relevant to the Christmas Season.

‘A’ for Appetizers will be in our next newsletter

‘B’ is for Beverages



Christmas Morning Punch

2 cups orange juice

1 cup pineapple juice

2 cups cranberry juice

1 cup ginger ale

Combine in a pitcher and serve cold

Rhubarb Base for an Alcoholic or Mocktail Drink

1 cup finely chopped rhubarb – (fresh or frozen)

½ cup granulated sugar

1 cup water

1 bottle sparkling water, wine, soda water or ginger ale for the mix

In a small saucepan combine rhubarb and sugar.

Let set for 15 minutes to let the rhubarb juices infuse with the sugar.

Add water and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and let simmer for 5 minutes stirring until mixture thickens

Taste. If too tart, add a little more sugar. Cool.

Refrigerate in an airtight container until needed when you can add your mix.

contributed by Ruth Anne McNaught.

Mulled Wine

1 bottle red wine

1 cinnamon stick

½ cup water

2 or more cloves

1 cup brown sugar

Juice and rind of 1 lemon

Boil all ingredients except wine until reduced to half.

Strain. Add the wine and heat until almost boiling. Serve hot.

Hot Mulled Cider

2 - 48 oz. cans of apple juice or cider

1 - 12-oz. can orange juice concentrate (no water)

4 - 5 whole cloves

2 cinnamon sticks

A few pieces of ginger root

1 nutmeg ball

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan and simmer until desired warmth

Strain before serving.

Party Punch

1 litre lime sherbet

1 litre orange sherbet

2 litres vanilla ice cream

2 litres 7 Up

2 litres ginger ale

Soften frozen ingredients in a large bowl. Stir until well blended. Add the liquids.

Punch for a large gathering

1 bottle cranberry juice

1 large can pineapple juice

1 large bottle ginger ale

Lemon juice to taste

Pour over ice cubes. Decorate with slices of orange and/or lemon.

You may add blueberries, cherries and cranberries if you wish.

Mix in a large punch bowl