

**'CARING & SHARING'**  
**RWTO/OERO NORTHUMBERLAND SOUTH DURHAM BRANCH**  
**CHRISTMAS 2018 NEWSLETTER - ISSUE THIRTY-SEVEN**

**CHRISTMAS MEETING**

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 29, 2018  
10:00 am - Registration/Meet & Greet  
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 the front of the church on Walton.

**MEAL:** Chicken Breast Dinner - **\$15**  
\*\* Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.

**PROGRAM** 10:30 am - Business  
- Presentation of Cora Bailey award  
- Judy Ann Tumber – Area 7 Director  
- Jean Axcell – Quarter auction (so much fun!)  
- Christmas music  
12:15 pm – Lunch

**NOMINATIONS:** Will be received for the Cora Bailey Award for 2018  
Will be received for the future executive

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** \*\*\*Please bring a “gift” donation for our quarter auction, and of course, lots of quarters so that you can bid on your favourite items!\*\*\*

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** Northumberland Giving Tree – an unwrapped gift for a child or youth up to age 16 or a monetary donation. If you bring 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.

**REPLY:** **Before November 24th:** Call Elaine Doty – 905-983-5831 or Lynne Snee – 905-435-5356 or email: [sneelynn@gmail.com](mailto:sneelynn@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

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

**If you know of a retired woman teacher who is not a member of our RWTO/OERO Branch, please invite her to come to the meeting with you. Your guest will receive a free lunch that day and you will receive a small gift for bringing her. Let the person that you contact know the person you will be bringing. All qualified teachers who are retired (including those on Long Term Disability) are eligible to be members of RWTO/OERO regardless of whether or not they are receiving a teacher's pension.**

**Branch Newsletter:** To save postage and photocopying expense, the branch newsletter is sent by email to those who have given us an email address. If you received yours by mail and you **do** have email, please let the editor, Lynne Snee, know before the spring issue (sneelynn@gmail.com).

### **BRANCH FALL MEETING**

Our fall meeting was held at St. Andrews United Church, Grafton on September 26, 2018. President Jan Engel welcomed everyone warmly, and thanked all of us for our generosity in supporting both the Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre and Victim's Services of Durham. Julia Esford, our treasurer, shared that we had collected \$82.00 for Cornerstone, and \$25.00 in cash and \$321.00 in item donations for Victim's Services. Way to go ladies! We truly demonstrated our "Caring and Sharing" motto.

Past President Sandra Boyko presented a moving In Memoriam Service for Joan Anyan, who passed away on April 5<sup>th</sup> and Alberta Macmillan, who passed away on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Sandra opened with a quote about science being the poetry of the universe, and lit candles in memory of our two members. Joan Putnam spoke about Joan Anyan, who was born in Thurlow and taught in a number of schools in Bowmanville. As librarian, Joan made the library a special place to visit and reading a fun activity to pursue. She always had an open door policy in her home, and participated in a variety of community activities in her retirement. Sharron McMann spoke about Alberta (Bert) Macmillan who taught in both the Scarborough and Northumberland boards. She was beloved by her students. Bert volunteered in many community activities and earned the distinguished citizen award for Cobourg and Port Hope. She was a wonderful hostess, and always welcomed company to her home. Vicki Cubitt and Bunny Wright performed "The Rose" and Sandra closed with a prayer.

Our guest speaker, Gillian Saunders-Drews, from Durham Victim's Services, was introduced by Julia Esford, who volunteers with the organization. Gillian spoke to us about human trafficking, and the importance of educating our young people about the dangers of this trade. 16,000 people are trafficked on a daily basis (this is a low estimate). A coalition of community members (teachers, police and service workers) is coming together to address this growing issue, from a variety of perspectives. Gillian spoke about the need to start at the bottom and build a sound educational foundation to protect our children. Right now, Victims Services is teaching from the top down, because of the government's stand on repealing the new sex education curriculum. Members engaged in a thoughtful question and answer period with Gillian, and we all felt that we had a better understanding of this worrisome issue at the end of her presentation. Sandra Boyko thanked Gillian for spending time with us and sharing her expertise and information. A delicious harvest meal of ham, scalloped potatoes and turnip puff was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Bunny Wright for the "fall" themed table favours. It was an enjoyable and energetic meeting.

### **PROVINCIAL UPDATE**

At the recent President's meeting that was held in Peterborough earlier this month, Area 7 Presidents were informed that the provincial year end for RWTO/OERO is August 31<sup>st</sup>. In order to have all of the branch records updated for this date, members are being asked to pay their annual fees at their branch spring meetings, if possible. This update will be discussed at our Christmas meeting.

### **DID YOU KNOW**

...Jan Engel and Lynne Snee attended an RTO workshop in Port Hope on October 13<sup>th</sup>, to promote our RWTO branch to teachers who are considering retirement? They spoke to several teachers who are interested in staying connected once they retire, and handed out several branch packages (put together by Joan Putnam).

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

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**November 29th - Executive Meeting** after the Christmas meeting in Port Hope.

**Spring Meeting – Date and Location TBA**

**Third Thursday of Every Month - Social Event - Breakfast - 9:30 am - Traditions Restaurant  
1053 Simcoe St. N. Oshawa. No business. Everyone welcome.**

**June 4 - 6, 2019- Provincial Convention – St. Catharines, ON**