



## RETIRED WOMEN TEACHERS OF ONTARIO

Gananoque Branch  
March 2019

Greetings to all:

If you are reading this letter, I can safely assume you made it through a very challenging winter. Even if you didn't enjoy it all, it is hard not to marvel at the variety of storms we've seen over the past months. Nevertheless, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, we will set our clocks ahead and enjoy longer days as we look forward to Spring. Your RWTO Executive has been busy planning the program of events for Gananoque Branch and we hope to see all of you very soon

The year 2018 brought us a new President, another new member and a need to make changes to the scheduling of events and locations. We were delighted that Joan Gamble took on the role of President, and since the first day Joan has been busy scouting new events and locations for us to enjoy. As well, she and her family catered a delicious, full turkey dinner for our November/Christmas meeting at the Lyndhurst United Church Hall. We are sorry that the United Church ladies are no longer able to cater our meals due to their loss of members. They have nourished us for close to 20 years and have become like family for our group. We extend our sincere thanks to them. We welcomed Marcia Taylor, an Athens resident, as our newest member. Marcia taught at Sweet's Corners during the 1980s so she already knows some of her new friends here.

### MEMBERSHIP

Our current total of 38 includes 3 Life members. Monica Scanlan, a Life Member, has moved from Perth to Almonte Country Haven, Rm # 18, PO Box 250, Almonte, ON K0A 1A0. Five of our members are over 90 years of age but they are all young at heart!

We look forward to welcoming any retired women teachers in our area to attend our events as guests/members. If you know of a retired woman teacher looking for a group, please invite her to come with you to one or more of our meetings and lunches. Personal invitation is a friendly way to introduce retired teachers to our group, for both new retirees and people who have newly moved in to our communities. We welcome them to the Gananoque Retired Women Teachers!

### COMMUNICATIONS

Email updates save us postage and keep you current. I hope you are receiving my messages. A simple "Thanks" will suffice as confirmation. If you have changed your e-mail address, please let me know.





## MARCH MADNESS

Our first event for 2019, on March 14, 10 a.m., was a Card Making Party at the Lansdowne Community Hall. This new social event was attended by 14 retired teachers and friends who made 2 cards each, followed by a light lunch and fellowship. Thanks to President Joan Gamble & Yvonne Landon for organizing the day and to the members who provided the meal. As well, thanks to Angie Parkins for conducting the Card Making.

## CONVENTION 2019

RWTO/OERO 63rd Convention is June 4-6, 2019, hosted by Area 13, in St. Catharines. The number of delegates we can send to Provincial Annual Convention this year is based on the number of paid memberships, allowing us 1 delegate (fully funded) and 1 alternate delegate (partially funded). The Provincial Newsletter, CONNECTIONS, outlines the convention program and registration form. If you are interested in attending, please contact President Joan Gamble, 613-928-2427.

## INSURANCE REMINDERS

When members who have the **Health & Home Care** insurance move into a full-care facility, they will no longer be eligible for coverage. Due to Privacy restrictions I do not know who has coverage so am unable to remind a member who has made the move. Until you or a family member notifies RWTO Insurance/Manulife (Terry Kennedy at 519-583-0098) the premiums will continue to be deducted from your bank account.

With the **Accidental Death & Dismemberment** policy, benefits reduce by 50% at age 70 and a further 50% at age 80. Coverage terminates completely at age 85

## INSURANCE UPDATES FROM PROVINCIAL OFFICE

*Some good news to share this month...the Hospital & Home Care Plan and Personal Accidental Death & Dismemberment plan will be renewing again this year with no increase to the rates. The monthly premium for a member for the Hospital & Home Care Plan remains at \$14.49 and for a spouse, \$15.57. There is also no change to the Personal Accidental Death & Dismemberment Plan rates. Also, there will be an improvement made to the Personal Accidental Death & Dismemberment Plan. The Home Alteration and Vehicle Modification Benefit currently provides a benefit only when an insured person has lost (or lost the use of) both feet, or becomes paraplegic, hemiplegic or quadriplegic. Effective May 1, 2019, this will be changed to the loss (or loss of use) of one foot, or becomes paraplegic, hemiplegic or quadriplegic. This benefit will pay up to \$10,000 to make a home or automobile utilized by the insured wheelchair accessible.*

*If you have changed your address over the past year but didn't inform Manulife, your tax receipt will be mailed to your former address unless you advise otherwise. You can either contact Manulife directly at 1-800-268-3763 or Terry Kennedy at 519-583-0098 to make an address change known to them. When contacting Manulife, you will need the Plan number which is 17777C and your unique identification number which you will find on your policy documents or on last year's tax receipt.*

*Finally, still more news to share. Manulife is centralizing most of their claims in one location, and this applies to the RWTO/OERO Hospital & Home Care Plan as well. Claims should now be sent to the following address: "Manulife, Affinity Markets Health Claims, P. O. Box 670, Stn. Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. N2J 4B8".*

Donna Hemeon  
Provincial Insurance Convenor

## CARING & SHARING

At our get-togethers Nancy Sled conducts 50/50 & Share the Wealth raffles to support our charity fundraising events. During the past year we have supported Leeds-Grenville Interval House, Lansdowne Agricultural Society, Delta Agricultural Society, Diabetes Foundation, Leeds-Grenville Alzheimer Society, Quilts of Valour and Lyndhurst United Church Women. Besides purchasing raffle tickets, members have made considerable personal donations to our Interval House collection. Interval House Staff & Executive Director Charlene Catchpole have expressed their deep appreciation for our generous gifts to them and their clientele. Thank you very much, ladies!

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On Monday, April 15 we will gather at St. Andrew's United Church Hall, 284 County Rd. 8, Toledo for our meeting. Lunch at noon will be \$20. Gluten-free & diabetic options will be available, if required, by letting your Contact Person know. Provincial President, Sharron Colter and Area 8 Director Teresa Dorey have been invited. Guest Speaker, Sherri Merkley will share with us her recent experiences in Africa/orphanages. Induction of 2019 Executive will also be conducted.

Nancy will have raffle tickets for sale! Remember to bring your change!

The Treasurer will be available at 10:30 a.m. to process renewals and receive membership fees. Payment by cheque, made out to RWTO Gananoque is preferred. For those who **retired before Aug. 1980**, the fee remains at **\$18**. For all others it is **\$43**. Membership may be paid ahead of time, by mail, to Mary Ellen Moulton, 3479 County Rd. 3, R. R. # 1, Lyndhurst, ON K0E 1N0.

## TELEPHONE CONTACTS

Joan Gamble	President
Marilyn Ambler	Westport Area
Marion McKay	Lansdowne Area
Betty James	Past President
Donna Moon	Past President/Elgin/Portland Area
Mary Ellen Moulton	Treasurer/Seeley's Bay/Lyndhurst Area
Kay Webster	Gananoque Area
Yvonne Landon	Historian
Deb Shultz	Secretary
Nancy Sled	Insurance/Goodwill
Carol Shaw	Past President

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## THE LITTLE BOY AND THE OLD MAN

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."  
Said the old man, "I do that, too."  
The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."  
"I do that, too", laughed the little old man.  
Said the little boy, "I often cry."  
The old man nodded, "So do I."  
"But worst of all", said the boy, "it seems  
Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."  
And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand  
"I know what you mean," said the little old man.

*Shel Silverstein*

## COMING EVENTS

**Mon., April 15      Membership Meeting @ St. Andrew's United Church Hall, Toledo**  
11:00 am      Cost \$20      Treasurer available at 10:30 am  
**Guests:**      Provincial President Sharron Colter & Area 8 Director Teresa Dorey  
                         Guest Speaker Sherri Merkley  
Contact Persons: Call Donna Moon 613-275-1492 with numbers by Fri., April 05

**Thurs., May 16      Annual Spring Meeting @ the Junction Restaurant, Hwy 15/32**  
11:00 am Business      12:00 Noon Lunch      Cost \$20  
Contact Persons: Call Joan Gamble with numbers by Fri., May 10

**June 04, 05, 06      RWTO Convention 2019: St. Catharines**  
**Holiday Inn & Suites, St. Catharines**

**Thurs., June 20      Victorian Tea, Strawberry Social & Board Games**  
**Lyndhurst United Church      11:30 am      Cost \$20**  
Contact Persons: Call Joan Gamble with numbers by Fri., June 14

**Thurs., July 11      Lunch @ Maximilian's Dining Lounge, 99 Gore St E, Perth**  
12:00 Noon      Order from the menu      Cost as per the menu  
                         Shopping in Perth  
Contact Persons: Call Joan Gamble with numbers by Fri., July 05

**July 18-21      Lansdowne Fair**

**July 25-28      Delta Fair**

**Wed., Aug. 28      Lunch at Muskie Jake's, Gananoque Inn**  
12:00 Noon      Order from the menu      Cost as per the menu  
Contact Persons: Call Joan Gamble with numbers by Fri., Aug. 23  
**Thousand Islands Playhouse "Ring of Fire" 2:00 pm**  
Contact Persons: Call Nancy Sled for tickets. More information will be provided.

**Tues., Sept. 03      To 'Eil With the Bell @ Donnelly's On The River, Ivy Lea**  
Lunch: Order from the menu      Time & Cost TBA  
Boat Cruise & Cost TBA  
Contact Persons: Call Joan Gamble with numbers by Fri., Aug. 30

**Thurs., Oct. 03      Lunch @ Athens United Church, 17 Church St., Athens**  
11:30 am      Cost \$20  
Tackaberry's Antiques and Toys, Slack Rd, Athens.      1:30 pm  
Contact Persons: Call Joan Gamble with numbers by Fri., Sept. 27

**Thurs., Nov. 21      Christmas Celebration @ Steve's Rideau Restaurant, Westport**  
11:30 am      Order from the menu      Cost as per the menu  
                         Shopping in Westport  
Contact Persons: Call Donna Moon with numbers by Fri., Nov. 15

IMPORTANT: Members are asked to please call the Telephone Contact Person for your area by the Friday before the lunch/dinner. (See list on previous page) Take time to record these dates on your calendar right now! We miss you when you are absent. Advise if Gluten Free is needed.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Circle one & enclose cheque made out to RWTO, Gananoque. Receipts are not issued for membership fees.

\$18 (Retired prior to Aug. 01, 1980)

\$43 (All others)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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