

## **RWTO Upper Canada East Meeting Minutes, Apr.17,2019.**

**April 17, 2019, Iroquois United Church, Iroquois, Ontario.** Fifty- six ladies present. Diana McKendry, our President, welcomed everyone to our Spring Meeting. "Lets Party" What makes you happy? Chat with your neighbour and ask why you are happy?

Diana introduced **our special guests, Sharron Colter, our Provincial President** and **Teresa Dorey, our Area 8 Director.** Sharon brought greetings from the Provincial Office. Sharon worked in London, Ontario and 5 years in Winnipeg. Now living in the lovely Bruce Peninsula where she volunteers for the Council on "Aging -Grey Bruce", and "Safety Net for Seniors". Would like to think we are like "Rejuvenated Teenagers". Think of her bright yellow safety hat.

**Teresa** brought greetings from Area 8. She spoke about a Resolution to have directors for 2 years plus 2 more years if they wish. She asked for our support, and we approved. A job description was offered in answer to a question from the audience. **Choosing a New Director** information sheet is available in the Minutes Book.

Diana **welcomed Beryl Jacka, the President of Napanee Branch and Kim Henbest, a newly retired teacher.**

A Motion was made by Bonnie Gaylord to accept the **November, 2018 minutes** as written and it was seconded by Marie Stephenson. All in favour. Passed.

**Business arising from the Minutes: Crisis Gowns** kits were made, totalling 22 kits. More donated cotton fabric is required to make up more kits. Details for the May 15<sup>th</sup>. gathering: Iroquois Golf Club in Iroquois, Ontario, **Hawaiian Theme, Music by Marion DeGray and friends, Cost \$13.00, Soup, Salad, Sandwiches, and Dessert, invitations will be sent by Lynda to newly retired teachers, all are welcome.**

**New Business:** Diana thanked the teachers who donated to the **Local Food Banks** and a thank you to the Iroquois/Cardinal group for their Spring Decorations. We are sorry to hear **that Margaret Lelievre** is moving to Ottawa, we will miss her willing help, especially in the Cardinal/ Iroquois Group.

Diana spoke about the **need for members to sign up for the executive positions to keep our organization operating. A form was passed around to everyone, "Upper Canada East Branch of RWTO 2019 Nomination/Volunteer Sheet" indicating that President, Vice President, Membership Convenor and Communications Convenor were needed. Sample sheet in Minute Book.**

**Convention delegates** are **Diana McKendry and Sandi Decker** who will be driving to the Convention in St, Catharines in June,2019. **Betty Lou Casselman spoke about the Convention in 2020.** We are to have volunteers for the Hospitality Room and volunteers to be greeters at the entrance. We will be making 10 table runners for gift sharing. Looking for anchor scarves for the volunteers. **Bursary Presenters: Brenda Millard.** Pat Stuart, Barb Mackey, Sharon Richardson, Annette Angus. Each of the four area high schools receives a cheque for \$100.00 to be given to a deserving student going into the educational field. Thank you to Brenda for organizing this important part of our 'give back to the community" program.

**Archives: Marie Stephenson:** Looking for material for the upcoming year, clippings, obituaries and achievements. Acid Free containers are needed to store the materials. Suggested were Michaels and Staples.

**Financial Report: Colleen Howard:** Presented. Motion to accept 2019 and 2020 Budget and Financial statements by Colleen Howard and seconded by Betty Lou Casselman. All in Favour. Passed.

**Committee Reports:** Eleven Telephone Members reported on the health and attendance of the teachers in their group.

**Motion from the President: Diana: A motion to donate a door prize to the North Dundas "100 Women Who Care about ND".** Seconded by Lynda Leader. All in favour. Passed

**Membership: Mary Ellen Garlough:** There are 2 Associates, 2 Over 90, 66 members, 71 members in total. Our branch pays the membership for the ladies over 90 years old.

**Insurance: Sandie Decker:** Call Sandie if you need any assistance. There are supplements you can get if your regular insurance does not cover them. Spouses are eligible to belong to the program.

**Birthday Greetings: Joyce Millard:** Birthday greetings and flowers are given to those members with birthdays since our last meeting. We sing Happy Birthday. Thank you to Joyce for doing this activity.

**Humour: Mary Ellen Garlough:** This was Mary Ellen's first time and she did a good job. Some of the Jokes were from the Reader's Digest. Interesting fact, the Reader's Digest was a popular book for the soldiers during the Second World War, as it was light and small, had variety of jokes and stories, good for trading, dry paper for fires and a couple of books made a dry place to sit. Or so my Dad said in his letters home.

**Grace: Karen Koivumaki** Buffet style, a chicken dinner, mashed potatoes, vegetables, gravy, Jellied Salads, Cakes. **Thank you: Lynn Gilmour** thanked the ladies and gentleman for a delicious meal. The Executive would like to thank **Sandie Decker** for the organization of the dinner and procuring the facilities.

**Introduction of the Guest speaker: Sandi Decker** introduced **Roxanne Harris** who spoke about "Essential Oils and their Benefits". Roxanne gave us some personal history on how the oils had helped her with a rare health condition in her early thirties. She had a good display of products from DoTerra company, kits and pamphlets for us to look at and samples to take home. We also tried some of the oils on our hands, neck and knees to remedy some aches and pains. A few people stayed afterwards to purchase products. **Bev Comfort thanked Roxanne for her time and expertise.**

**Gift Sharing: Sandie and Lynda**

**Next party will be Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>.** at the Iroquois Golf Club, 11:30 to 2:00 pm. For lunch and entertainment.

**Next regular meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup>. 2019, sponsored** by Prescott, Maynard, Brockville Group.

**Diana thanked everyone for attending** and wished them safe journey home.

Meeting adjourned.

Lynda Stroulger Leader,

Secretary