

# RETIREMENT MATTERS

**Sharing, Caring and Having Fun**



## President's Report

I'm so glad we had this time together

Just to have a laugh or sing a song

Seems we just get started and before you know it

Comes the time we have to say

So long!

The Carol Burnett Show was my favourite show for many years. Her sign off for her show, speaks to how I am feeling as my second year as President comes to a close. The Burlington Branch is made up of a wonderful group of women. Women who, support each other, are willing to try new things and show caring and kindness to those in our community. The year was filled with a series of delicious luncheons with a wide variety of speakers and entertainment. Members were given the opportunity to give feedback and offer suggestions to the Executive this past year. This process, I believe was a valuable exercise as it gave the Executive and the Program Committee information and ideas which can be used in planning.

I would like to thank our Executive for their support and encouragement this year. This year would not have been a success without their assistance. I know that Burlington will thrive next year under the leadership of Bonnie Folkard. I would like to wish everyone a restful and relaxing summer. I will see you in September, rejuvenated for another year of Sharing, Caring and Having Fun!

**Nancy Parkhill**

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## Area Director Update



It is amazing how quickly two years fly by. My term as Area 12 Director representing the Burlington Branch will conclude on the last day of the June Convention. At that time, Lydia Snow's nominee Le Anne Taylor will be sworn in. Every two years the opportunity to send an Area Director to the Provincial Board is rotated in alphabetical order among the five Branches. Consequently, it will be 10 years before Burlington's turn comes around again.

As Director, I have hosted the fall Presidents' meeting where the five presidents come together and have an opportunity to discuss common questions, issues and concerns.

I have also visited each Branch and brought them greetings on behalf of the Board. On April 16 I will be making my last visit to the Lydia Snow Branch in Acton. At that time I will swear in the new executive and collect their Cora Bailey page for the binder that is maintained by the Area Director.

Following our AGM in May, I will head to Guelph for the two and a half-day spring Board meeting. At these meetings, challenges, ideas and issues from around the province are discussed and, in some cases, hotly debated. Each director sits on a committee. I participated in the Honorary Membership Committee and the committee that revised sections of our Constitution. These revisions will be voted on at the 2019 Convention in June.

Being on the Board of Directors has been a positive experience. I enjoyed visiting the other Area 12 Branches where I gained many useful insights. Each Branch is unique and has its own culture. It has been a distinct honour to serve as your Area 12 Director and I am honoured to have had the opportunity to represent our Burlington Branch at the Board table.

In Caring & Sharing  
**Moira-Jane Plexman**



### RWTO Blue Pin Ribbons

An attractive blue ribbon made to hang from an RWTO Pin with a magnet behind it has been designed to hold pins. They were first made available at the 2018 June Convention and have proven to be very popular. Some members in our branch have them and a number of you have asked about them. Cost is \$4.

I am taking orders and will pick them up when I go to the May Board meeting. They will also be available again this year at the Convention in St. Catharines.

Please email me at- [plexmanm@gmail.com](mailto:plexmanm@gmail.com) if you would like one.

## Treasurer's Report

The Branch Treasurer is responsible for collecting Annual Membership fees and forwarding payment and revised membership information to RWTO/OERO Provincial. An audited year-end report is sent to RWTO/OERO Provincial by April 30th and is then shared with the Burlington members at the Annual Meeting in May. At that time, a proposed budget for the next year is presented for membership approval.

Membership fees for 2019 - 2020 will remain at \$50.00. If you retired prior to 1980, the fee also remains at \$25.00. Associate members pay only the \$10.00 Branch fee. \$10.00 of your Membership fee remains with the Branch to help fund our Luncheons and Guest Speakers. RWTO/OERO Provincial requests that all **Membership fees be paid to them by September 30th** in order to ascertain the number of delegates we will be allowed for the 2020 Annual Convention. We encourage Burlington Members to renew at the May Annual Meeting/Luncheon or to send a cheque payable to RWTO Burlington Branch to Carolynn Blake at 546 Evans Rd., Waterdown, Ontario, L8B 0G7. Your timely payment for your renewal is greatly appreciated.

The Treasurer also collects payments for Luncheons. The cost of regular luncheons for members will be \$35.00. The cost of the Christmas Luncheon will be \$40.00. RWTO Burlington Branch has subsidized your luncheon costs again this past year. We request that payment for Luncheons be forwarded to the Treasurer at the above address by the published due date which is usually about a week and a half before the Luncheon. If you think your payment may not reach the Treasurer by the due date, please phone me at 905-689-8329 or email [carolynnablake@gmail.com](mailto:carolynnablake@gmail.com) to reserve your place. Unfortunately, once numbers are submitted to our caterer we are unable to accommodate any requests to transfer payments to other luncheons.

This year we are requesting that members not pay more than two luncheons ahead as requests for deferred payments due to illness and vacations create accounting difficulty. We will also not be accepting payment for the May 2020 luncheon until April 1, 2020 as this occurs in a different fiscal year.

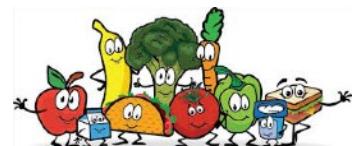
Respectfully submitted  
Carolynn Blake, Treasurer



### Luncheon Prices Info

**Wow! Have you been to the grocery store lately?** You will have noticed that the cost of all food has gone up substantially. So has it for our caterer. As you know we have been subsidizing our meals for a long time. This year we have negotiated a great deal with Toni Burch at Tyandaga Golf Club with regard to our luncheon costs but we will have to raise the price of our buffet luncheons to \$35 for members. December lunch will cost \$ 40.00 for members, and will be a sit-down plated meal.

The luncheon cost of \$35.00 is determined only by our cost to provide the meals (including the room and set up, all taxes, and gratuities.) Speaker/entertainment will continue to be provided by our Branch budget.



### January Luncheon - by Joanne Tregunno

Our January luncheon saw attendees brave the crispy cold day to enjoy a scrumptious buffet lunch and get reacquainted over conversation. Greeter, Emilie Prue, Convenor, Janet Carter-Wright and centerpiece queen, Carol Martin were thanked by President, Nancy Parkhill. The meeting began with several announcements as well as some thank you's. The "Share the Wealth" proceeds will go to The ROCK with winner Phyllis Kingsley taking home \$37.30.

Moira Plexman announced that she will be purchasing "Blue Ribbon" name tag holders at a cost of \$4.00 each. A sign up sheet was available or you can email Moira to let her know if you would like one.

Marilyn Park reminded members of the RWTO Convention from June 4-6 in St. Catherines. Those who would like to attend need to submit their intent by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bonnie Folkard welcomed new faces Margaret Cant and Rosalie Waters to the luncheon. Bonnie put in a plea for a new program convenor or program committee members as they are always looking for new members. Attendees were given a survey to fill out regarding their intent, contributions, etc to RWTO. This will help in finding new people for the executive and committees.



After a delightful lunch, Carolynn Blake introduced Rob Bennett, current Managing Director of the Teen Tour Band and 2 Band members, Ella Goodale and Adam Lilley. Together they enlightened our members about the history and accomplishments of the Teen Tour Band from its inception in 1947 with Elgin Corlett at 48 John St. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, to present. They now enjoy the lovely space on New St. in the music building in front of the library which affords them the space for lessons, practices and marching. Director, Rob Bennett began in the Peanut Band and worked through to drum major and finally leader. The Band has mentored thousands of young people around Burlington. They now include members from Etobicoke, Caledonia, Oakville and St.

Catherines, who make the trek twice weekly for practice.

The Band has had several directors beginning with Elgin Corlett, Eric Ford, Bob Webb, Don Allan and now Rob Bennett and Bill Hughes (who retired in 2018). They have participated in many major events around the world such as D-Day Remembrance, Juno Beach, the Tournament of Roses Parade (5 times) in California, and Pearl Harbour. The Band has played at half time shows at Argo games and became their official Band. They are more than just a band as they have been in movies, television, commercials and have helped to start other bands. The Band members describe the band, like family. The senior members work with the junior members to help keep everyone on track during trips and they mentor younger members on their instruments and marching. The Junior Redcoats are youth ages 9-12 and the Teen Tour Band is youth ages 13-21. An Angel Fund helps any band member financially so that they can participate in events like Juno Beach, Pearl Harbour and The Tournament of Roses. The Teen Tour Band is there to be ambassadors of the youth of Canada and they do it very well.

Laura Hay thanked the Band and Teen Tour Band pins were given to all in attendance.

President Nancy Parkhill thanked all those in attendance and wished everyone a safe trip home.



## March 18, Luncheon - by Marilyn Park



Our March 18 luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn and was a huge success. Many members came out sporting their greens and / or dressed like flower children.

We welcomed and were excited to be joined by our Oakville sisters. Our provincial president , Sharon Coulter, joined us from all the way north of Wiarton and brought us greetings from Provincial Office.

The lunch was scrumptious and there was plenty of it, enough for seconds.



Our entertainers, Dwight and Sue Peters, of "Where Have All the Folk Songs Gone", had us singing, clapping our hands and tapping our feet. They are incredibly talented and extremely down-to-earth. The songs they chose to perform for us are popular and very well-known, and did in fact, transport us to the coffee houses of the late 50's and early 60's.

The themes of peace, citizenship, and civic responsibility resonate today as much, if not perhaps more, than then.

Judging from the smiles, and the chorus of song, a good time was had by all.

There were two winners of Share the Wealth , Maureen Downey and Helen Dahl and three winners of the RWTO 2019 calendar donated by Sharon Coulter. The winners were Penny Hambly , Helen Elmer and Marilyn Branch .

### *Comments :*

*Great choice of entertainment for our luncheon. It took me back to the hootenanny night we had at high school. Sue and Peter did a great job.*

*Regards*

*Moira*





### Program Report- Bonnie Folkard

Thanks to all who helped make last year's luncheons and events so much fun. We are saying goodbye to a couple of members and we'd like to welcome some new. Our doors are always open. Remember it is only a couple of meetings a year and helping out at luncheons. Continuing members are Norma Brown, Janet Carter -Wright, Marilyn Park, Mary McCully, Carol Martin, Ruth Miller, Nancy Parkhill. It looks like a big committee, but we work so well together and share the work and ideas to make the job easier. Marilyn Park has stepped forward to take on the role of Program

Chairperson. Thank you very much Marilyn, I know you will do a great job.

Next year's program is varied, and even if I do say so myself, looks great.

Our speakers range from a medical nurse talking about Victorian times, a shoe museum curator, our annual silent auction, an author and an educator. Oakville has invited us for the March luncheon . We even have started making some bookings for the next fall.

With Events this year we are hopefully going to try something different with a bus trip to Fallsview Casino for a show, a tour of the Lions Club Guide dog centre, another theatre event and a possible charity event in February. We might even have a couple of pop up events like a planter workshop or craft event or surprise tour. These are all tentative and dependent on member response. We have also added an Outreach person to investigate things we can do in the community to help those less fortunate than ourselves. More info to come in the September newsletter. Keep your eyes peeled for all member mailings to advertise things.

I have enjoyed working on this committee and then becoming the chairperson for the last few years. I have met and worked with wonderful ladies, met some interesting speakers, learned a lot about finding venues, caterers and choosing luncheon menus and working with others. I am leaving this committee in good hands all around. I also want to thank you, the membership for your encouraging words and your support over the years. Now I look forward to my next challenge.

### Telephone

Telephone calls are made to those members without e-mail access to remind them of luncheons and upcoming events. I would like to give a very special "Thank You" to my faithful helpers who volunteer to make these calls: Joy McLaughlin, Gay Powell.

**Virginia McKee - 905-335-8723**



### Goodwill Report

This year, over 110 cards have been sent out to our members on your behalf. Thank you to everyone who kept me informed of significant events in our members' lives. Cards are sent for a special birthday, anniversary, get well, thinking of you and sympathy. We wouldn't want any of our members overlooked.

**Virginia McKee - 905-335-8723**

**ginim@cogeco.ca**



# Membership

Membership renewal time is upon us. Your program committee has been working hard to put together another interesting year of activities for 2019- 2020. Interest groups are thriving. Again this year the executive has voted to maintain membership incentives. Re-new your membership now and take advantage of this opportunity.

## “Early Bird Special”

Renew your 2019-2020 membership by or at the May AGM to be entered into the draw for a “*Free September lunch*”. (Note: All early bird payments will also be entered in the July 31 draw).

## “Win Your Membership”

Pay your membership by July 31 to be entered into the draw to win your membership.

## New Member Recruitment

Our members are our best ambassadors for attracting new members to our branch. Do you know a retired woman teacher? Is she a member of our branch yet? Spread the word and help grow our RWTO! If you have a friend who may be interested in joining us let Moira know.

## Membership forms

Again this year membership forms will be available at the May meeting **or** as part of the electronic spring newsletter. The membership form has several purposes:

- To ensure all contact information is correct
- To have an up-to-date emergency contact name and number.
- To identify who needs a ride or who could offer a ride.
- To indicate if you would like to assist on a committees or interest group.

## Contact Information:

If your contact information has changed, either e-mail me ([plexmanm@gmail.com](mailto:plexmanm@gmail.com)) with changes or see me prior to the beginning of a luncheon meeting to update your existing information.

***It is really important that we have an emergency contact number should you have an unexpected health event at one of our meetings.***



**NEW MEMBER MEETING**  
September 11, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
**Christopher Terrace Retirement Residence**  
3131 New St, Burlington, ON L7N 3P8

If you know anyone who has retired or will retire soon,  
Please invite them to join us!  
contact Moira-Jane Plexman-  
905 845 1977 or [plexmanm@gmail.com](mailto:plexmanm@gmail.com)



## Visiting

Our mandate as an RWTO group states we are a Caring & Sharing Organization. It is never more obvious how important this is than when you see a smile on the faces of those we visit. Please help us to keep in touch with any member whom you think would benefit from a visit or phone call. If we do not know about an illness or any need for help or a visit we are unable to help. **PLEASE** make sure to contact Pam or Virginia if you see or hear of a need from any of our members. This is a very enriching & rewarding time for everyone. We must keep a link with our members.

**Pam MacDonald 905-659-5967**

**Virginia McKee 905-335-8723**

## Insurance Matters

The Hospital and Home Care Plan and Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment plan will be renewing again this year with *no increase* in rates. The monthly premium for a member for the Hospital and Home Care Plan remains at \$14.49 and for a spouse \$15.57. There is no change to the Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan rates. 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, quadriplegic. This benefit will pay up to \$10,000 to make a home or automobile utilized by the insured member wheelchair accessible.



This year Manulife is returning to their former practice of mailing tax receipts to members. Beginning at the end of February, Manulife mailed 2018 tax receipts for Hospital and Home Care Plan participants to the address they have on file. If you have changed your address over the past year but didn't inform Manulife, your tax receipt was mailed to your former address. You can either contact Manulife directly at 1-800-268-3763 or Terry Kennedy at 519-583-0098 to make the address change. When contacting Manulife, you will need the Plan number which is 1777C and your unique identification number which you will find on your policy documents or on last year's tax receipt.

Manulife is centralizing most claims in one location; this applies to the RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care Plan. Claims should now be sent to

Manulife, Affinity Markets Health Claims  
P.O. Box 670, Stn. Waterloo  
Waterloo, ON  
N2J4B8

Claims received at the former address will be redirected to the new location but please be aware that there may be a delay in payment due to the redirection. New claims forms are available. You may download claims forms at [www.rwto.org/membership-insuranceplan/](http://www.rwto.org/membership-insuranceplan/) or contact Terry Kennedy. When filing a claim, you will receive a new replacement claim form with your claim payment.

**Claudia Stewart**

## Nomination Report

Being on the Executive provides an excellent opportunity to become more involved in branch activities and planning. It is quite a rewarding experience.

**Any position is open for the election process except for Past President and Honorary President.**

### Executive positions :

#### Elected positions:

President:  
First Vice-President  
Second Vice-President - **vacant**  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Insurance

#### Appointed Positions:

Archives  
Membership  
Program  
Communication  
Goodwill and Visiting  
Member at Large

**The roles of the Executive are certainly not onerous:**

- **First Vice president:** Assist the president and be a member of the Program Committee
- **Second Vice-President:** Be a member of the Program Committee and arrange for the In Memoriam service.
- **(It is hoped that these positions will eventually lead to the president's position.)**
- **There are usually only 5 or 6 Executive meetings per year.**

### Proposed Slate of Officers

**President:** Bonnie Folkard  
**Past President:** Nancy Parkhill  
**Honorary President:** Carol Martin  
**First Vice- President:** Mary McCully  
**Second Vice- President:** Claudia Stewart  
**Secretary:** Lynn Haniuk  
**Treasurer:** Carolynn Blake  
**Insurance Convenor:** Cecile Leach

**Program Convenor:** Marilyn Park  
**Membership Convenor:** Moira- Jane Plexman  
**Archivist:** Peggy Blair  
**Communications:** Susan Edwards  
**Newsletter:** Ruth Miller  
**E-mail:** Susan Edwards  
**Telephone:** Virginia McKee  
**Goodwill:** Virginia McKee  
**Visiting:** Pam MacDonald  
**Member at large:** Marilyn Park

## Special Events



### Drury Lane Theatre

It was a dull, damp afternoon outside but inside the room was filled with laughter and songs. Twenty-four members and friends attended the presentation of The Music Hall at the Drury Lane Theatre performance on March 10. The costumes were dazzling, the musical renditions of famous songs and the “groaner” jokes from all performers were great. It’s not often you are encouraged to heckle the emcee, and we did. We even got to do a sing -along before the beginning of the show and at the intermission.

**Thanks to Norma Brown for organizing this event!** It was so much fun! Maybe we can do it again next year.

### Painting Afternoon with Paula

On a sunny, cold February afternoon, 10 of us found our inner “artiste ” and created individual masterpieces under the direction of Paula Bertolli. At times the concentration was so intense you could have heard a pin drop. Other times there was much laughter. Some were first timers, others were old hands at the skill. Some thought their pictures were works of art and they would start a new gallery in their home. Everyone left the room at the end saying, " I hope we do this again." Paula is enthusiastic and full of creative ideas, so ... maybe we will.



## Caring and Sharing in Our Community

### Breakfast at the Bistro

On a bright, cold and sunny Saturday in February four volunteers, Jane Cooper, Jo-Anne Tregunno, Norma Brown and Bonnie Folkard went to the Burlington Seniors' Centre to serve breakfast to approximately 100 seniors who came out for breakfast and entertainment. We do this a couple of times a year and have a great time. We serve up a hearty breakfast buffet style, pass out scones, clear tables, and make announcements. Basically, whatever they ask of us. After doing some clearing up we are encouraged to fix a buffet plate for ourselves and stay to enjoy the entertainment if we desire. We start about 8:45 am and are on our way home by 11:00. Contact Bonnie at [bonnie2@sympatico.ca](mailto:bonnie2@sympatico.ca) if you think you might like to join us sometime to help out.



### Activity Groups

#### Travelling for Tea”



“You really should come for tea.” This comment is often made when the next Tea Adventure is announced. This informal and unstructured group meets irregularly and unpredictably when someone decides it’s time to go for tea or we hear of a new Tea Room we have never tried before. (We don’t go in the winter when the roads are unpredictable.)

Over the years we have been to Guelph, St.Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake, St.George, Brampton, Stouffville, the Niagara Escarpment, Waterdown and others. How do you get to go for tea? Just watch for the announcements that come to your email, then tell us you’re coming. We car-pool so if driving isn’t your favourite thing, you can still enjoy the scones with jam and cream.

**Mary McCully**

### Paper Crafting - Bonnie Folkard



We had a great time this year and have experimented with more new skills. Our associate members mainly from Oakville have joined us several times. Some people come every time, others come once or twice or whenever they are available. I always prepare for the maximum people but if I know the group will be extra small maybe I'll plan something more involved. People are becoming more comfortable and willing to experiment. There is always room for more. The community room at Fortino's/ Appleby Line on a Thursday from 1-3 is when we meet. We have the room from 12 – 4 to allow time for set up and clean up and I ask you to help out. Scheduled dates for the fall are Thursday October 3 and Thursday, November 21 .

Contact Bonnie Folkard [bonnie2@sympatico.ca](mailto:bonnie2@sympatico.ca) if you are interested in being added to the contact list.

### Knit and Chat - Norma Brown



We have met a few times and enjoyed chatting and snacking and knitting. Again this summer, we had a "knit and stitch" picnic at Jean Wilkinson's place. What a beautiful setting! We are looking for knitting articles and patterns for charitable uses. We are always looking for new knitting friends to join us. For information about future dates and meeting locations, contact Norma Brown at 905-632-4774 or <[normabrown2000@yahoo.ca](mailto:normabrown2000@yahoo.ca)>>.

### Meet Me At the Movies - Marilyn Park

Our movie club is a very informal group, that meets (weather permitting) the second Tuesday of each month. If you are at all interested, all you need to do is : email MarilynPark [mipark1960@gmail.com](mailto:mipark1960@gmail.com), to express your interest. She sends out word a couple of days before and makes a movie selection suggestion. So far the group has met at Silver City and Upper Canada Place. There is no commitment, just come if you wish .  
The final days for this year are: May 14, and June 11.



### Bridge Anyone ?

If you are interested in playing bridge email Chris Kuehnel at [ckuehnely@gmail.com](mailto:ckuehnely@gmail.com)





### The Travel Club - Bev Balch

The travel club met in January and March over the winter. Many were travelling so our numbers were small but we really enjoyed the wonderful treats provided by our hostesses and the chance to talk about our travels and passing along travel tips. Thoughts of travels to Verde Mesa, New Zealand and Australia, the sunny skies and warmth of Mexico and alternative cruise providers in the Caribbean and Southeast Asia were a welcome antidote to the frigid grip of winter.

Mary Lyons suggested that we be aware of the different wording in the claims form for claims to Allianz Global for cancellation insurance. The time frame for medical preconditions appears to have changed to any

similar symptoms diagnosed by your doctor one year prior to booking. Mary is going to approach Colton Roberts at District 15 who deals with insurance and health issues. In the mean time if you have questions you may want to talk directly to our insurance provider at Johnson's. The contact information for Allianz Global can be found on the back of your extended health card.

Our next and final get together for the year will be hosted by Marji Peglar on June 3 at 1:00.

### The RWTO Book Club - Heather White

Are you looking for some summer reading? Our most popular books this year included *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman (a novel about a deeply engaging character), *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles (a novel about a gentleman in the time of the new revolutionary Russia), *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah (autobiography of his childhood in South Africa in a mixed race family), and *Best Day Ever* by Kaira Rouda (an edge of your seat thriller which starts calmly and builds in intensity). We are looking forward to our spring titles: *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult (about prejudice, race, and justice), *Beartown* by Frederik Backman (an international best seller), and highly acclaimed *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje. We meet in June to choose books for next year.



**As we meet in each other's homes we are currently at capacity for membership. If any members wish to start a new book club we will assist as much as is needed to get it going.**



The Euchre group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Our location has recently changed. We now play in the History Museum at The Royal Canadian Legion on Legion Road. ( Brant and Graham's Lane). Cards start at 12:30 p.m. but some of our members meet in the cafeteria for lunch prior to playing. Lunches are inexpensive and always tasty.

**If you wish to join us, please contact:**

**Pam MacDonald at 905-689-3493.**

## Upcoming Events



### **Strawberry Social Brantwood Farms**

251 Powerline Rd. Brantford N3T 5L8

June 26 at 1:00 p.m.. Rain or Shine. We will be indoors.

They will be serving strawberry ice cream sundaes and strawberry shortcakes, with coffee, tea or a cold drink. The cost will be \$ 5:00 - \$ 6:00 . After enjoying the delectables, you are free to buy strawberries, preserves and /or delicious baked goods, walk around the working farm, take a wagon ride or even pick your own berries.

**Call ahead to order baking, especially the cheese bread, and say you are coming with Marilyn Park and the RWTO group.**

Please e- mail Marilyn Park at: [mipark1960@gmail.com](mailto:mipark1960@gmail.com) by June 1 and let her know you're planning on attending. Feel free to invite gals who are not members of RWTO. 



### **Save the Date!**

**PENTA 2019  
Hosted by Mississauga Branch**

**Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

**10:45 a.m.**

**“The Swinging Sixties” - The British Invasion**

**Lakeshore Convention Centre  
860 Southdown Road  
Mississauga Ontario**

**Cost : \$ 45.00**

**Payment due: October 28, 2019**

**to Carolynn Blake**

**546 Evans Rd., Waterdown, Ontario, L8B 0G7**



Burlington Branch lost 5 dear friends this year. We will honour them at our In Memoriam Ceremony in May and they will also be honoured at the In Memoriam Ceremony held at the Provincial Convention in June.

*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day  
Unseen, unheard, but always near  
Still loved, still missed and held so dear.*


**GILBERT, Barbara Jane,(nee Huff)**

Barbara passed away peacefully on Monday, August 27, 2018 at the age of 82. She will be sadly missed by her husband, Ralph, with whom she had a long and loving relationship. Barb and her five sisters grew up on the family farm near Chatham, Ontario. After attending London Teacher's College, Barb taught for 35 years. Barb was a teacher-librarian for the Halton Board of Education. Barb and Ralph met in Bowmanville, where they were both teachers. Since their marriage in 1967, they have resided in Burlington. After their retirement they spent their winters at their Port Charlotte, Florida home. Barb enjoyed her weekly Scrabble games with some of her Port Charlotte neighbours. Barb was a talented knitter and seamstress. She belonged to the Dot Gow Workshop at Wellington Square United Church that makes quilts and therapy dolls for McMaster Children's Hospital. The children of many friends and relatives went to sleep cuddled in Aunt Barbara's quilts. She crocheted afghans, loved to read and do crossword puzzles. Barb was a member of our Branch for many years and will be fondly remembered and missed by her many friends.


**RENFREW, Leslie Beatrice (nee Pond) -**

Leslie passed away unexpectedly but peacefully in the home she had lived in for 63 years in the afternoon of Saturday, October 20th, 2018 at the age of 88 years.

Leslie was born in Windsor and attended Normal School in London. She began her teaching career in a rural one room school near Woodstock and eventually moved to Hamilton's Earl Kitchener School. By 1958, she was married, living in Mountain Gardens where she soon started a family: Dawn 1958, Johnny 1960 and Paul 1962.

Returning to teaching in the 1970's, she was an occasional teacher, then an outdoor education teacher at the RBG. She taught at Kilbride until her retirement. As an active member of OASWT (now RWTO), she served on the executive and visited incapacitated members. She was very pleased to receive the Cora Bailey Award. After retirement, she enjoyed theatre

presentations...Shaw, Stratford and Mirvish. Her interest in learning continued especially advances in technology and cultural changes worldwide. Increasing mobility issues, limited her social life to family, wellness House, RTO and RWTO luncheons and playing cards with the Euchre group. She remained cheerful and optimistic and determined to enjoy every day. Leslie will be remembered for her great generosity and kindness.



### CRAWFORD-WHITE, Sharron

Sharron Crawford White passed away on November 3, 2018 after a long challenging battle with Parkinson's. She was predeceased by her loving husband Joseph White and her parents and is survived by her devoted sisters Beverly and Lois Crawford. Sharron taught for the Halton District School Board for 35 years.. Sharron was a creative, innovative and talented teacher, loved by her fellow teachers and students. She was a true "lifelong learner" and enjoyed implementing new ideas and techniques in her teaching. Her home reflected her love of creative crafts, pets and gardening. After retirement, she was a talented volunteer interpreter and then became an educational interpreter at the Museums of Burlington for 5 years. For many years, she served on the program committee of the Burlington Executive of RWTO. Her ideas were inspirational and creative. She was a wonderful caring friend and will be missed by all.



### MILLIGAN, Marjorie (nee Kitchen) -



Passed away peacefully with family by her side, at the Village of Tansley Woods Retirement Home in Burlington, on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at the age of 91. The loving wife of the late John Milligan, Marjorie was the eldest of the 9 children of Percy and Marion Kitchen. She will be missed by her nieces and nephews, as well as her many friends in Flesherton, Schomberg and Burlington, and particularly by her dear friends and neighbours, Craig and Helen Pritchard and Sue Wickett. A dedicated educator, she began her teaching career in the one room "North" school in Tecumseh Ont. She then taught at Islington Public School in Toronto for 15 years until she and John moved, as newlyweds to Burlington. In Burlington, she taught at both Wellington Square Public School and Burlington Central Public School. Her interest in education continued after retirement as she closely followed the progress of the younger generations. She was the hub of her large extended family that was spread throughout Canada and enjoyed hearing of their exploits. In retirement, Marjorie and John enjoyed their summers in Flesherton and their winters in Burlington, while engaging in their lifelong interest in travel. They involved themselves in many clubs and organizations. John and Marjorie enjoyed the conviviality of all they met. Marjorie was a long time member of Burlington Branch RWTO. Always kind, caring and gracious, she enjoyed a life well lived. She will be sadly missed by many.



### STUBBS, Betty Wilhelmina (nee Williamson)

Passed away peacefully at Chartwell Ballycliffe Long Term Care on December 11, 2018 at the age of 90. Betty was predeceased by her beloved husband John (Jack) Stubbs. She was a loving step-mother to Jo Ann Blais (Chuck) and Irene Quirk (Tom). She was the cherished grandmother to Erin, Travis and Michaela and a dear aunt to Carol and Glenda. She will be missed by many extended family members and friends.

Betty was a lifetime resident of Burlington, Ontario where she taught elementary school and was a parishioner of Wellington Square United Church.

She was also a proud member of the Burlington Historical Society and the Hamilton Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada.

After retirement, Betty joined Burlington RWTO and was a member for many years. Betty was kind and gracious and she will be missed by many.



### Survey Results

Thank you to all who attended our January luncheon and filled in the survey that was given out. There were only two of us who didn't fill a survey. I am embarrassed to say I was one of the two.

Here is a quick summary of the results.

- The newsletter is appreciated and well received and will continue in the electronic format for the majority of members and the hard copy for those who do not have computer access. The brochure will continue to be sent out electronically with a few hard copies for those who prefer that.
- We had several members who are interested in helping out with our committees and a couple who are willing to shadow an executive position. Thanks to all.
- Hopefully we will have some observers at the June convention.
- As for changing the format of luncheons, most would like to continue with the current format. Some are willing to try something new, so the program committee will discuss and perhaps try something new for one luncheon in the 2020- 2021 year.
- Events are good for some, but of no interest for others. So, we will continue to offer some new events and try to meet the needs of all.
- The silent auction will continue for one luncheon, but maybe in a different format and or time.
- We will look into charitable experiences we can explore for those who are interested and are open to ideas. i.e. Working at the Food Bank, helping with community dinners or lunches.

We are trying to meet the needs of our members, but can only do so if we know what your needs are and have the volunteers to help. Please feel free to add suggestions to the luncheon clipboards, or email me at [bonnie2@sympatico.ca](mailto:bonnie2@sympatico.ca) at any time.

### Share the Wealth

This past year, our charity was “**ROCK** Reach Out Centre for Kids”. A cheque in the amount of \$313.00 was sent to the organization on your behalf.

The charity for this upcoming year will be “**The Angel Fund for Burlington Teen Tour Band**”. This fund helps our local youth interested in the band with instruments, uniforms, travel costs etc. We hope that knowing where your money will be going will help you dig deeper into your pockets.



### Thank You

- \* Daphne Taylor, daughter of the late Edwina Taylor sent a lovely note thanking us for sending her mom's Coral Bailey pin to her. Her comment was "I shall treasure it always".
- \* The family of Leslie Renfrew said that their mother was always so pleased when people came up and greeted her at the luncheons. RWTO held a very special place in her heart. The family was deeply touched by the members who attended the visitation and funeral.
- \* Years ago, Pam MacDonald was in charge of the December Silent Auction. Soon a penny raffle was added. Then along came Virginia McKee! She had been well trained and her organizational skills were excellent. December 3, 2018 marked Virginia's last day as chief of the auction and raffle. We thanked her again and again for doing this task for the last many years. Now Marilyn Park has willingly stepped up as our new chief. Thank you to all these ladies and our treasurer Carolynn Blake and to all our volunteers who pitch in to help out!

### Congratulations

Best wishes go out to Jo-Anne and Don Tregunno who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 2. Have a wonderful golden time!

### Newsletter

Hi There! I was pleased to learn from the recent survey that you want our newsletter to continue!!! So I need your involvement! I like to print greetings for special birthdays and anniversaries. Send a review for a great restaurant, recipe, favourite winery or wonderful book. In August, I will need the date of your favourite church bazaars and craft shows. There is a lovely apple festival in St. George and it is free! So drop me a line at [rmiller@cogeco.ca](mailto:rmiller@cogeco.ca) or 905-634-1268.

### ASTRA PRINT

The printing of our newsletter and brochure is done by Joel McLean of Astra Print. Their office is situated at 4136 S Service Rd #7, Burlington, ON L7L 4X5- (905) 681-2679). Joel is a very kind and considerate man and has done an excellent job for Burlington Branch RWTO for the past several years.

We certainly cannot afford to print in colour! We ask for black and white and the lovely newsletters you receive in colour are a gift from Joel. Also our banner was printed by Joel at Astra Print.

So if you or anyone you know needs printing , business cards, banners, posters, graphic design, why not send the business his way.

By the way, Joel has never asked us to advertise on his behalf. We just do it because he is good to RWTO!