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RWTO ANNUAL REPORT

2018 - 2019



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MAY 2019

In Memoriam

2018 - 2019

*Memories of your
friendship
are lasting
treasures.*



Lola Philipson



Ruth Hulme



Bonnie Brown

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PATTI MALKIEWICH



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The volunteer spirit is alive and well in the St. Catharines R.W.T.O Executive and its 392 members. My final task as President is easy. ***Praise and thanks!***

We enjoyed five luncheons, attended by an average of 135 members at different venues. Thanks go to Louise Farquhar, our Social Convenor, for expanding our culinary horizons and bringing it all in on budget. ***That's no mean feat in these***

inflationary times! Susan Lewis and Janis Harlos ensured that we were entertained and instructed with programs that included: Al Unwin, of the new Niagara College Cannabis Program, a tribute to our nationally decorated WW11 veteran WREN, Marian McKnight, Marion Woodcock and Mary Jane Tanner from the Jordan Historical Society and Museum, and Heritage Gift Shop in Jordan, and, the harmonious voices of Sing Niagara.

Our December luncheon featured the musical stylings of Chris McLaughlin and John Butler in a seasonal sing-a-long with a "polar visit" from "Rudolph" Malkiewich and a stable elf, "Elf" Habib. On World Volunteer Day, our Interest group leaders received "haystack" cookies. A big thank you to our members who donated personal items to the 230 "Comfort Kits" and made a very generous donation of \$8,000 at the December Luncheon. Our many thanks go to Susan McLaughlin and Kathleen Bradley who collected, sorted and distributed the "Comfort Kits" to Community Care and Start Me Up Niagara. On May 8th, we partnered with Culinary Course students from Eastdale S.S., and supplied lunches at the worksite for the women volunteers at Women Build, Habitat for Humanity. RWTO funded the students, who cooked for the women builders, who did the building for a family!! Win! Win! Win!



Our Executive team works together for you! We all "owe" Linda Foster tremendous accolades for all that she consistently does for RWTO. She keeps our Treasurer's reports clear, organized and balanced and she is moving us in to the 21st century with "*e-transfer*" payments for membership and luncheons. And, as if that's not a big enough job, she manages Membership and sends out e-mail announcements. ***WHEW!***

In the Fall, our Branch was represented at the RTO Fall Retirement Fair, resulting in some new members joining our Branch. Our 14 varied Interest Groups are important and are a big draw to our organization. Thanks to all those women who take the time to co-ordinate those groups. Also, thank you to Nadine Martin, who, after two years as Interest Convenor, is stepping aside. Thank you to Cathy Terrio-Lakeit who will fill this position.



Where would we be if we weren't kept informed? Violette Hagerty, our Secretary, keeps our Executive agendas and minutes in professional shape and produces an Annual Report that's the envy of Fortune 500. She also brings her masterful touch to the Cora Bailey Awards. Violette and Jessica Thomson stay on top of our "technologies", and Jessica maintains our archives and web-site. To keep all of our members "in the loop", Sheila Bengler and her team of callers ensure that "info" is telephoned to those who don't use the internet.

Marilyn Emmett is in charge of programs and Newsletters and *Brrr-eaking News*. We delayed in publishing the Spring Newsletter in order to include photos of Past President, Geraldine Young's 100th Birthday. Marilyn received worried phone calls from members wondering "*where was the Spring Newsletter?*" That's how amazing Marilyn's publications are!



Chris Graham brought us up to speed with a presentation on the new Insurance forms. Our rep's for OECTA (Clara Warden), ETFO (Donna Painter) and OSSTF (Margo Smith) continue to seek out newly retired women. Marg Newby brings her passion to pertinent issues and topics of concern. A Fall workshop on Elder Abuse is planned thanks to her diligence. These Executives are ALL volunteering at this year's Provincial Annual General Convention, "Barrel of Fun, 2019", chaired by the inexhaustible, Marilyn Emmett, welcoming 325 provincial delegates.

At the May AGM Luncheon at the Four Points by Sheraton (a new venue), our agenda outlines what we do best. We will honour and thank our two Cora Bailey Award recipients: Alice Bradnam, our Goodwill Convenor and, Marilyn Weber, our Travelogue Interest Group Leader. Our In Memoriam will honour our members who have passed this year. To "care" for our members, we will host Allister Field, on "Investment Fraud". Following food and friendship at our lunch, we will conclude by welcoming our new Slate of Executives with Jan Harlos as your new President.



"It's been a busy, fun, and productive year. Thank you, everyone!"

Never Miss an Opportunity to Celebrate!

Sincerely, Patti Malkiewicz



TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

LINDA FOSTER

Through dues, luncheons, 50/50 and a provincial rebate, our income was over \$45,000. We always have expenses which were just under \$44,500. At the end of our fiscal year, Mar.31, 2019, we had \$16,422.19.

We donated \$1000.00 to Community Care in December, along with the very generous donation of \$7,000 collected from the 140 ladies

who attended the Christmas luncheon, for a total of \$8000. Our Branch, also, contributes to the Rankin Cancer Run in May by donating in memory of our members who passed.

We received \$500 from Provincial this year, \$100.00 for the increase in our membership and \$400.00 to be used for additional outreach activities.

We probably process about 1000 cheques every year. In the fall of 2018, the RWTO bank account was set to accept "e-transfers".



Although not everyone feels comfortable using this method of payment, we thank those who are using this convenient and time-saving way to collect payments. Cheques and cash will continue to be welcome.

More than 750 luncheons were paid for this year. Our luncheon at St. John's Activity Centre again attracted the most members with a possible attendance of 179 ladies. ***It must be those perogies!***

Louise Farquhar does an amazing job arranging the luncheons for us. Thank you, Lou! We realize people have food allergies, but it is not always possible for the venue to provide alternative luncheons. We are using more buffets to offer a variety of dishes to address some allergy concerns.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: 2018-2019
PROPOSED BUDGET: 2019-2020
RWTO ST. CATHARINES BRANCH

Reserves	\$15,657.45			\$16,422.19
	2018-2019			2019-2020
	PROPOSED	ACTUAL		PROPOSED
INCOME				
Membership	\$2,100.00	\$2,025		\$2,000.00
Prov. Rebate	\$3,650.00	\$3,716.00		\$3,650.00
50/50	\$800.00	\$908.00		\$800.00
Luncheons	\$100.00	\$1,479.13		\$500.00
Donation	\$0.00	\$342.87		\$0.00
Other (provincial)	\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
From Reserves	\$1500.00	\$0.00		\$1500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$8000.00	\$8971.00		\$8450.00
EXPENDITURES				
Goodwill/Visitation	\$500.00	\$300		\$500.00
Printing	\$1,300.00	\$1,081.50		\$1,300.00
Postage/Stationery	\$1,000.00	\$871.62		\$1,500.00
Convention	\$2,700.00	\$2,599.72		\$2,400.00
Branch Expenses	\$1,200.00	\$1235.09		\$1,200.00
Donations	\$1,200.00	\$1892.87		\$1,500.00
Bank Charges	\$100.00	\$160.61		\$50.00
Membership (New Members)	\$150.00	\$59.85		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8150.00	\$8201.26		\$8450.00

**WELCOME
TO
OUR
NEW MEMBERS
2018-2019**

Anne Cameron

Carolyn Canham

Sandra Clyburn

Grace Desiri

Anne Dupont

Donna Lynn Fraser

Linda Gaudet

Marilyn Gennings

Louise Golden

Kelly Kohler

Fern Lackenbauer

Frances Lovett

Jane Luczkiw

Carolyn Romanin

Elizabeth Tulloch

MEMBERSHIP

LINDA FOSTER

We are one of the largest, if not the largest branch, of RWTO.

Our Membership includes 393 members:

- 372 regular members
- 11 Life members
- 10 Social members
- 18 ladies non-renewals
- 15 new members joined.

Our Annual Membership Fees, are due on September; 1st and remain at \$45.00. (Of this, \$40.00 is sent to the provincial office and \$5.00 remains here to used by the Executive).

Thanks to our ETFO, OECTA and OSSTF representatives, Donna Painter, Clara Warden and Margo Smith who, also, assist at our luncheons.

Privacy concerns have greatly affected our ability to contact newly retired teachers, and so we rely heavily on "YOU", our members, to spread the word to your retired friends about our organization.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

JANIS HARLOS



Susan McLaughlin and Kathleen Bradley organized our Fall and Winter Community Outreach project

with the whole-hearted support of our members. 230 “Comfort Kits” were delivered to Community Care and Start Me Up Niagara for the region’s homeless.



Community Care received a cheque, at the Christmas Luncheon, for \$8,000, collected by Jane Shortill, Judy Crompton and Chris Graham. The generous \$7000 from our members was added to the \$1,000 RWTO donation.

After the May 2018 RWTO presentation by Women Build of Habitat for Humanity, Patti Malkiewich helped RWTO partner with the Eastdale SS Culinary



Arts Department. the students prepared the “bagged lunches” which were then delivered by the RWTO Branch to the Women Build in Welland.

Jessica Thomson coordinated RWTO’s participation in the Rankin

Cancer Run in May 2018. It was bittersweet with the passing of our dear member, Myrna Kroeker, who had yearly and tirelessly raised the most money (\$5000). Members are encouraged again to participate or donate. Jessica will have our shirts, forms and banners ready at the Starting Line!

18 RWTO volunteers assisted parents and grandparents in selecting the right gift for their children at the Community Care Toy Bureau. It was an incredibly heartwarming experience. RWTO continues to serve the community by ‘Caring and Sharing’.



GOODWILL REPORT

Alice Bradnam

It is truly rewarding to have the opportunity to support and encourage our members with “get well”, sympathy or “thinking of you” cards. Thank you for taking the initiative to keep me informed of these needs. Birthday and Christmas cards are sent and flowers/gifts are given to our “Over 90’s” group during Fall, Christmas and Spring visits.



At our September luncheon, we welcomed our newest “Forever Young” member, Frances Lovett, who joined us at the age of 101. We are so pleased that she found our local branch after moving to the Garden City from Hamilton.

It's never too early or too late to join RWTO!!



On St. Patrick's Day, several ladies enjoyed celebrating Geraldine Young's 100th birthday. Geraldine appreciated our cozy lap blanket and a beautiful pink, lavender and white floral arrangement. Geraldine shared the secrets of reaching this milestone. “Try to be happy and love people.” She also revealed her secret for glowing skin. “Before you go to bed, no matter how tired you are, cleanse and moisturize



your face daily with Ponds.” Good advice!!! This accomplished, poised and wise woman, Geraldine, served twice as RWTO President, was named twice as Honorary President and was granted the Cora Bailey Award.

It has been a humbling experience to be honoured with the Cora Bailey award this year. Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as your Goodwill Convenor.

Alice at: alicebradnam@aol.com or 905-934-7108

INTEREST GROUPS REPORT

Nadine Martin

The position of Interest Group Convenor will be soon filled by a new member, Cathy Terrio-Lakeit. She will do a wonderful job and will, hopefully, enjoy her new role.



It has been a pleasure to meet so many of our members who are actively involved in diverse Interest groups. In the year ahead, we have formed another new and exciting activity! The creative and talented, Genevieve Habib, has started a Beading Class.



Genevieve's own creations are stunning and she will work with small groups in her home. Ideas for new groups are welcome as are leaders for these groups.



"Caring and Sharing" is our RWTO motto and many of our members experience this by joining groups of "like-minded friends" at various venues. In the year to come, our Interest Groups will include:



*Two Book Clubs,
Bowling, Beading Class,
Creative Cooks, Two
Dining Out Groups, Two
Card Groups, Golf,
Singing for Fun,
Travelogue and two
Walking Groups.*

No retired member has an excuse to be "bored" with all of these great choices!
***So, sign up!
Make new friends!!
See you in September!***



CORA BAILEY AWARD RECIPIENT

2018 - 2019

MARILYN WEBER

Marilyn began teaching with the Sault Ste. Marie Board, after graduating from the University of Guelph with a degree in Household Science, in 1970. After two years, and for the next ten, she taught at Beamsville District S.S. (Lincoln County) and was later awarded the Headship of

Family Studies. Her career concluded, after twenty years, serving as the Head of Family Studies and, also, teaching Co-Operative Education at Lakeport S.S. With her wanderlust for travel and adventure, Marilyn took three teacher financed leaves. She incorporated these cultural experiences into her courses. Generously involved in past school events, Marilyn, today, remains the center of social gatherings for former colleagues.

After retiring in February of 2002, RWTO enlisted Marilyn as the OSSTF representative on the Executive (four years). Soon, Travelogue benefitted from her enthusiastic leadership. For ten years, she coordinated presentations, inspired travel topics, tended to venue and technical needs and produced delightful videos by Marilyn & “Mort from Port”. She has participated in the Rankin Cancer Runs, the Friday Afternoon and Morning Walkers and the 2011 Convention as Scrutineer and Hospitality Hostess. This altruistic member supports RWTO fundraisers while organizing many Fund Raisers for International and local causes beyond RWTO.

Marilyn has maintained her professional connections as a Board member of local, provincial and international Home Economics Associations and attends conferences throughout the world. Through the Friendship Force of Niagara, she has travelled to exotic destinations and in return, has hosted many international new “friends”. Locally, she assists those in need through the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Marilyn and her husband, Mort Sider, enjoy time together, locally and abroad, and time with their three grandchildren. This ardent cinema and theatre “buff” and avid fan of her “teen idol”, Cliff Richard, also “plays” with the Red-Hat girls and nurtures extensive worldwide friendships.

Throughout her lengthy years of service to and beyond RWTO, Marilyn has demonstrated “caring and sharing”. The Cora Bailey Award is proudly bestowed upon this deserving RWTO recipient.

CORA BAILEY AWARD RECIPIENT

2018 - 2019

ALICE BRADNAM



Alice graduated from Brock University in 1977 and began her journey by teaching Music and directing choirs and musicals. To become more marketable, Alice earned Ministry of Education Specialists in Music and Primary and Pt. 11 in Special Education (Behavioral and Gifted). For five years, she taught in Dunnville (Haldimand), then LTO Music at Parnall and Campden (Lincoln) and later, at Winona (Wentworth). Her many years of commuting ended when she was offered Music at Lakebreeze (Lincoln), just a mere short walk away from her matrimonial home. After seven years of teaching music at Col. John Butler, she taught Kindergarten at E.I. McCulley and Carleton schools. In 2009, after many rewarding years, “Mrs. B.” retired.

Following her retirement, Alice joined RWTO and, beginning in 2014, served on the Executive as Convenor (previously, Co-Convenor) of Goodwill. Far beyond the job description, and through her encouraging words and beautiful prose, this “ambassador” extends support to our members through her comforting cards and friendly visits. She participated in Memoir Writing, Photo Editing, Revolving Book Club, Travelogue, and Singing for Fun, assists at RWTO luncheons and volunteers at the Community Care Toy Bureau. Beyond RWTO, Alice served the community through The March of Dimes, Heart and Stroke, Tabor Manor Heritage Day, First Books Ontario, Summer Heat and scribed for ESL students during EQAO. She worked on her husband’s DSNB trustee campaign, taught Sunday School, sings in the church choir and serves at fellowship luncheons.

Opportunities in her youth to work, study and travel in Europe inspired Alice and her husband, Alex, to continue experiencing many fascinating world sites. They were thrilled to visit their eldest son, Jonathan, and his wife, Michelle, in England, and youngest son, Matthew, in China, where they were teaching. She loves interacting with her two precious grandchildren, Aria and Leyton, and their lively Aussie Doodle.

Alice’s genuine commitment to providing comfort and care to our members, on behalf of RWTO, is truly appreciated. Congratulations, Alice, on your well-earned Cora Bailey Award.

"BARREL OF FUN" CONVENTION

A "Barrel of Fun" 2019, the RWTO/OERO Annual Convention, will be held at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Parkway Convention Centre, St. Catharines, Ontario.



Area 13, comprised of the St. Catharines, Lincoln West, Niagara Falls and Niagara South, will host delegates from the entire province on **June 4-6, 2019**. This multi-branch Convention Committee of nineteen members and over a hundred volunteers, under the leadership of Chair

Marilyn Emmett, have organized hospitality suites, tours, workshops, entertainment, meals, rooms, decorations, and registration.

Beth Kent and crew sewed over 350 Convention tote bags made from recycled sheets. Our Convention "favors" will include: handmade pendants from polished

and tumbled beer and wine bottle glass (by Beth Kent), RWTO bottled wine (Kathleen Bradley and crew) and chocolate favors (Meryl Zuliani). Susan Burnison is managing all things "floral" while Anne Adam and crew have assembled over 300 handmade cards. Each Convention bag will contain a paperback novel from the 100's that our members have donated. Diana Bujas, President of the RWTO Lincoln West, along with her members, made keychains from 1000's of donated corks.



Our tours include local wineries and Oh Canada Eh? The Workshops vary from the informative Provincial Treasurer's Workshop to the entertaining "Laugh Yourself Healthier". Delegates will hear reports from the Provincial Executive and the welcome of the Incoming Executive and President for 2019-2020.



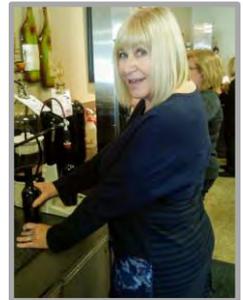
“Many hands make light work!” Kathleen Bradley confirmed that this saying was proven once again when 11 RWTO St. Catharines members volunteered in March at The Wine Place (25 Maywood Rd., St. Catharines). They bottled 6 batches of wine which will be used as **“table favors”** at our Convention this June.



We brought snacks and sampled the product as we worked side by side. Together we made quick work of the 340 half sized bottles. Once the labels, **“Barrel of Fun, RWTO/OERO Convention, 2019 St. Catharines”** were attached, the final touches were complete.



Hoping that the wine is a big hit at Wednesday night's banquet!!!



Many thanks to these volunteers who are helping with multiple other Convention projects. Thank you to Photographer, Kathie Dussome.



INSURANCE REPORT

CHRIS GRAHAM

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The Hospital and Home Care Plan is designed to enable RWTO/OERO members to have additional coverage when needed most.

In addition to this plan, the Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan protects against accidents here and while travelling abroad.

Effective May 1, 2019, the Home Alteration and Vehicle Modification Benefit provides a benefit due to the loss or the loss of use of ONE foot, a change from both feet. This benefit will pay up to \$10,000 to make a home or automobile utilized by the insured, wheelchair accessible. There is no change to the rates of either of these plans for this year.

**New Address for
Claims/ Claim Forms
should be sent to:**
**Manulife, Affinity Markets
Health Claims,
PO Box 670, Stn. Waterloo,
Waterloo, Ontario N2J4B8**

If you need assistance with your insurance needs, please contact me at:
christine.graham794@gmail.com.

By providing specifics in your email, I will be better able to respond with your required information.

We may also contact our Provincial Insurance Convenor, Terry Kennedy.

**RWTO Provincial
Insurance Convenor
Terry Kennedy
519-583-0098**

tkennedy34@bell.net



**Good times at
Luncheons**



RWTO EXECUTIVE 2018-2019 - ST. CATHARINES BRANCH



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BETTY TIECHE

DONNA PAINTER

CLARA WARDEN

MARGO SMITH



SUSAN MCLAUGHLIN

**PAST PRESIDENT/
NOMINATIONS CHAIR
of 2018-2019**

**Thank you, Susan,
for nine years of service
on our RWTO Executive!**

HONORARY PRESIDENTS - ST. CATHARINES BRANCH

2018 – 2019	BETH KENT
2017 – 2018	BONNIE TAYLOR GILLINGS
2016 – 2017	JOANNE ATKINSON
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2013 – 2014	GLENNICE WILKINSON
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2008 – 2009	JEAN JOHNSTON
2007 – 2008	ROSE STACEY
2006 – 2007	ANNE MANJOS
2005 – 2006	GERALDINE YOUNG
2004 – 2005	ELSIE SEDDON
2003 – 2004	JUANITA RATHBUN
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2001 – 2002	MARION MURRAY
2000 – 2001	LORRAINE FORSEY
1999 – 2000	CATHERINE DOYLE
1998 – 1999	ERMA SHERK
1997 – 1998	DORIS FLEMINGTON
1996 – 1997	VI TAGGART
1995 – 1996	ALICE OGDEN
1994 – 1995	GERALDINE YOUNG

**BETH KENT**

**HONORARY PRESIDENT
2018-2019**

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS: 2019-2020 ST. CATHARINES BRANCH

HONORARY PRESIDENT: MARGARET EWERT

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TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP	LINDA FOSTER

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ISSUES & CONCERNS	MARG NEWBY
COMMUNICATION	MARILYN EMMETT
GOODWILL	ALICE BRADNAM
TELEPHONE	SHEILA BENGER
PROGRAM	SUSAN LEWIS AND TBA
SOCIAL	LOUISE FARQUHAR (BETTY TIECHE)

REPRESENTATIVES

ETFO	DONNA PAINTER
OECTA	CLARA WARDEN
OSSTF	MARGO SMITH



MARGARET EWERT

HONORARY PRESIDENT
2019-2020

Annual Report 2018-2019: Editorial Team

**Violette
Hagerty**

Designer / Editor



**Patti
Malkiewich**
Co-Editor





Caring & Having Fun

Sharing

