



## RWTO/OERO Ottawa-Carleton Branch

# JUNE NEWSLETTER

June, 2019

### A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE...

**From Kathy...** It has been a privilege to be your Branch President. My term has gone by very quickly. It is always a pleasure to see and to hear the interaction among our Branch members at all of our events. The hum of conversation, laughter and the exchange of ideas emphasizes the success of our RWTO/OERO Branch.

As I look back over my four years as your President, I would like to highlight a few things. Our Branch has worked to raise our profile through our community outreach projects to support women and children in need. We have created a Branch Handbook and have produced three Annual Reports for the AGM. We have begun a Bio Binder of member information and introduced a Rewards Card program to recognize our members.

A personal goal was to learn as much as possible about the organization. We have come a long way since 1956 when a group of retired women teachers got together to try to persuade the government to raise the level of pensions for retired women teachers to the same level as their male colleagues.

I would like to thank Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell for her two terms as Area 9 Director. As your new Area 9 Director I will be part of the Provincial Board and Committees which accomplish the work of the organization. Another important role will be as part of the June, 2020 "Cruising down the Waters" Convention in Kingston. Our Branch will be very involved in the hosting of this event.

I will continue to work hard for our Branch both as Past President and as the new Area 9 Director.

*Kathy*

**Over to Sharon...** I am pleased to be your Branch President for the next year. Through RWTO/OERO events and activities I have made many connections and new friends, and shared a lot of laughter.

One of our current goals as we move forward is to increase and support our membership. In keeping with the RWTO/OERO motto, "Caring and Sharing", another important goal is to continue to help improve the lives of others, especially women and children, with your generous support of our Community Outreach projects. Your ideas and help are important to help us achieve these goals.

Your Executive works together as a team to organize luncheons, workshops and other events as well as to support you as retired women teachers. I would like to thank the Executive on your behalf for all their hard work.

As your new President for 2019-2020, I am looking forward to seeing you at our events.

*Sharon*



### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

President, Sharon Chop: 613-729-2008 [s.j.chop@gmail.com](mailto:s.j.chop@gmail.com)

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Treasurer, Barbara Edwards: 613-731-3331 [angelbunny@live.ca](mailto:angelbunny@live.ca)

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## 2019 - 2020 NEW EXECUTIVE

**President:** Sharon Chop  
**Past President:** Kathy McLean  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:** Margaret Dempsey  
**Treasurer:** Barbara Edwards  
**Secretary:** Patricia Taylor  
**Membership Convenor:** Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell

**Insurance Convenor:** Margaret Dempsey  
**Social Convenor:** Vacant  
**Goodwill Convenor:** Marilyn Adair  
**Archivist:** Vacant  
**Communications Convenor:** Martha Summers  
**Members-at-Large:** 3 vacant positions

**Provincial Area Director:** Kathy McLean

Thank you to Suzanne Wilson-Marjerrison who will continue as **Directory Co-ordinator**,  
and Joy Phillips-Johansen as **Book Club Co-ordinator**.

### DIRECTORY UPDATE

#### Address Changes:

Ruth Campbell: Sterling Park, 630-310 Titan Private,  
Ottawa, ON, K2G 0B1

**Telephone Update:** Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell:  
add cell # 613-355-1981

#### E-mail Updates:

Helen Macdonald:  
[helenmacd1709@gmail.com](mailto:helenmacd1709@gmail.com)

Edna Cann: no longer has e-mail



We were sad to hear of the passing of two of our long time members, Janet Taylor and Elizabeth Hansen since the last newsletter. The annual memorial service at our May luncheon/AGM remembered the five members who we have lost during this year. They were also among the many remembered at the Memorial Service at the Annual Provincial Convention in June.

Anna Brown, died 16 May 2018

Eleanor Lillico, died 7 Jan 2019

Elizabeth (Betty) Hansen, died 10 Apr 2019

Helen Armstrong, died 24 Dec 2018

Janet Taylor, died 19 Jan 2019

Two of our former members who had been very active in the Branch, Sherry O'Brien and Bernice McWhinnie, were also remembered.

### CORA BAILEY AWARD



After a varied teaching career, Ann Davelaar joined the Ottawa-Carleton Branch of RWTO/OERO In the fall of 2002, She soon decided to take on more responsibility and joined the Branch Executive as the Telephone Convenor in 2003. In 2005, she became the Issues and Concerns Convenor and was elected Vice-President in 2006. In 2007 Ann was elected President, became Past-President in 2008, and from 2009 to 2018 Ann went full circle and returned to the position of Telephone Convenor. During the years Ann was on the Executive, she attended six of the Annual RWTO/OERO Conventions, which she enjoyed very much. Ann continues to be a member of the Ottawa-Carleton Branch, and attends many of our activities. She is truly deserving of this Cora Bailey Award, presented by Barb Edwards, for exemplary service to our Branch.

## RWTO/OERO CONVENTION 2019

The 63rd Annual Convention of RWTO/OERO took place in St. Catharines, Ontario from June 4-6, 2019. Here are some of the highlights:

- President Sharron Colter presided over the AGM. Five Resolutions from the Board of Directors were approved. Gloria Drake presented the Financial statement as of March 31st which had a surplus of \$14,410. The 2019 - 2020 Budget was also presented and approved.
- Terry Kennedy, our Insurance Broker, presented a cheque from Manulife for \$59,651.55  
*Please note that there is an OPEN ENROLMENT period for the Insurance Plan from September 15 - November 15, 2019. Acceptance is guaranteed for members who are in good standing with RWTO and who are living independently. There is no age limit. There is a NEW claim form to download from the RWTO/OERO website.*
- The new President for 2019-2020 is Karen Clark-Lauzon from Windsor. Kathy McLean is our new Director for Area 9. Congratulations, Kathy!
- Thank you to Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell for her service as Area Director for the past two terms.
- The “In Memoriam Service” was a respectful tribute to former members who have preceded us.
- At the final luncheon 18 members who are over age 90 and 2 pairs of Mother/Daughter Retired Teachers were honoured. The women who are over age 90, were introduced and a brief history of their teaching career provided. It was a lovely and respectful tribute!
- Along with the business of the Convention were fun, friendship, excursions, great food and terrific entertainment.
- Delegates from Areas 8 & 9 presented a “Call to Convention” for the 2020 event, with the theme “Cruising down the Waters”. This Convention will be held in Kingston. Several of our local Executive members have assumed major roles for this Convention including Registrar, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Registration Committee Chair, and Printing/Publishing Chair. I hope that we will be able to count on you to volunteer to help with this special Convention. As with anything of importance, it takes many hands to do the job well.

It was an honour to represent Ottawa-Carleton Branch at this, the 63rd Convention. See you in Kingston for the 64th!

Margaret Dempsey, Vice-President

## BRANCH UPDATES

### Vacancies on Executive...

A number of executive positions remain vacant. If you would be willing to take on one of these jobs, you would be welcomed with open arms!! Remember, “Team work makes the dream work”.



### Rewards Card...

Lucky winner of the \$50.00 prize at the May luncheon was Sharon Chop, whose name was drawn from all cards which had been submitted with all five holes punched for attending five different RWTO/OERO activities during the year. Remember to bring your card along to every event!

### Bio Binder...

We have received over a dozen contributions to this new project. If your bio wasn't one, please consider getting it in over the summer. It is very interesting to read about fellow members! You may send it to Communications Convenor, Martha Summers at [mar.bob.summers@gmail.com](mailto:mar.bob.summers@gmail.com).



### Goodwill...

If you know of a member who is in need of our special caring and sharing, please contact Marilyn Adair, our Goodwill Convenor so that she can follow up with a card or other appropriate action.

### Membership...

The 3 R's - recruitment, recognition and retention. How can you help? One of the most successful ways to recruit new members for a branch is the personal approach. We encourage you to speak to other retirees you know - friends, relatives, neighbours - and promote the value of joining our branch. If you know someone who is retiring this month or is already retired, tell her about our Caring and Sharing philosophy, our great insurance plan, and the opportunity to make new friends, share common interests, and participate in our varied activities. Ask if you can share her name and contact information with our Membership Convenor, and then pass this on to Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell for follow-up.

### Membership Renewal...

If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2019-20 (\$48.00), you have until September 1 to do so in order to get in on the Early Bird Draw in which a lucky member will have her fee refunded. Your cheque and the attached renewal form should be sent to Treasurer, Barbara Edwards, at 2266 Kipling St., Ottawa ON K1H 6T5. As of May 28, 51 members had renewed!

### Book Club Update...

The RWTO Book Club continues to meet on the first Monday most months at Kristy's Restaurant on Richmond Road. If that day falls on a holiday, it is moved ahead one week. The discussions are always lively, and everyone learns something she didn't know before! Future gatherings will feature the following titles:

**September 9 - *Lost Girls of Paris*** by Pam Jenoff

**October 7 - *The Huntress*** by Kate Quinn

**November 4 - *Quintland Sisters*** by Shelley Wood

**December - No meeting** - this is the Branch Christmas Luncheon date

**January 6 - *Becoming*** by Michelle Obama

**February 3 - *Full Disclosure*** by Beverley McLaughlin

**March 2 - *The Paris Seamstress*** by Natasha Lester



If you haven't yet signed up for the Book Club and are interested in joining, contact Joy Philips-Johansen at 613-728-3897 or [joyphillips@rogers.com](mailto:joyphillips@rogers.com).

### Tornado Update...

Our thoughts continue to be with members who were affected by last fall's tornadoes.

- Adele Muldoon and her husband, Leo, who was injured in the storm, finally have a new barn... things are looking up!
- Ruth Campbell, whose house in Arlington Woods was so severely damaged it had to be torn down, is still not back in her home, and is waiting anxiously with her family for insurance companies to settle claims.



# MEMORIES OF 2019



January at Museum of History



Chinese New Year - Year of the Pig Feb. at the Mandarin



April Luncheon honoured our "over-80" members, with certificates presented to those over 90.



March - Butterfly Presentation



May Luncheon & AGM



(The WHAT wasn't working??!!)



## SUMMER EVENTS 2019

Several social activities have been planned for members throughout the summer. Unfortunately, an anticipated visit to Ruth Knapp's cottage in July has had to be cancelled because of the flooding problems in Constance Bay.

### Tuesday, July 16 : Lunch by the Water

Join your RWTO/OERO friends for a stroll along the Rideau Canal, and then lunch at 11:30 at the Canal Ritz, 375 Queen Elizabeth Drive. (Parking available in the lot on the SW corner of Queen Elizabeth and Fifth Ave.) To register, contact Marg Dempsey before July 8 at 613-820-7864 or [medempsey@sympatico.ca](mailto:medempsey@sympatico.ca). Meal cost will be your own expense, but we must give the number in the group for reservation purposes.



### Wednesday, August 7: Tea on the Lawn at Billings Estate



We will enjoy "3-tier service" with finger sandwiches, scones, desserts, and, of course, all kinds of teas in the lovely gardens of this historic site, starting at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$18.00. Please send the attached registration form with your cheque, payable to RWTO/OERO to Sharon Chop (637 Fraser Ave., Ottawa ON K2A 2R6), before August 1.

**Tuesday, August 27: A Day in Scenic Almonte**, with lunch at the historic Heirloom Café & Bistro, 7 Mill Street. Browse a variety of unique shops on the main street, visit the distillery, and enjoy the waterfalls along with lunch at 11:30. Lunch cost will be your own from the menu, but we must confirm the number of reservations. Please register with Barb Edwards at 613-731-3331 or [angelbunny@live.ca](mailto:angelbunny@live.ca) by August 16.



### LOOKING AHEAD...

**Tuesday, September 17:** Tentative date for the September luncheon, with Provincial President, Karen Clark Lauzon, and Insurance Convenor, Anne Wilde as our special guests, along with our ever-popular Quarter Frenzy fund raiser. Final details will be sent out toward the end of summer, but **mark your calendar now!**

### AND OUR FRIENDS IN THE LANARK BRANCH INVITE US TO VISIT THEM IN THE SUMMER:

Join us for TEA ON THE LAWN  
North Lanark Regional Museum (Appleton)  
647 River Road, Almonte ON K0A 1A0  
Thurs. July 18 Time: 2pm Cost: \$10.00  
Numbers to Anne by Thurs., July 11 613-259-2207  
[annegraham2207@gmail.com](mailto:annegraham2207@gmail.com)

A DAY AT THE COTTAGE on Mississippi Lake  
404 Black Bass Bay Road, Drummond North Elmsley  
Thurs., August 15 From 11am Picnic Lunch at 1pm  
Please bring a chair and a morsel to share.  
Numbers to Anne by Thurs., Aug. 8

### REGISTRATION FORM — TEA AT BILLINGS ESTATE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my cheque for \$18.00\_\_\_\_ payable to RWTO/OERO.

**Send cheque and form to Sharon Chop at 637 Fraser Ave., Ottawa ON K2A 2R6 by August 1.**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2019 - 2020**  
**RWTO/OERO Ottawa-Carleton Branch**

Please renew my membership for year 2019-20.  
I have attached my cheque for \$48.00 payable to RWTO/OERO.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

May we include your contact information in the Ottawa-Carleton Branch Directory?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (It will be used only within RWTO/OERO.)

The following two items are optional, but would be helpful to the Executive in planning programs for the Branch.

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care Insurance? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Emergency Contact: (This will be used only in the event of an emergency which might occur at a Branch activity.)

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form and your cheque to Treasurer, Barbara Edwards,  
2266 Kipling Street, Ottawa, ON K1H 6T5.

If she receives it before September 1, you will be eligible for the Early Bird Draw at the September Luncheon and might have your fee refunded!