



# RETIREMENT MATTERS



## President's Message



I am sitting on my front porch on a comfortable July evening, not too hot, a lovely breeze. My neighbourhood is a mess of construction, dust, trucks, orange and black pylons and the constant beep, beep, beep of construction equipment. That mixed with the very hot, humid days has made for a very lazy summer. Though that has not stopped the hard-working executive. As you heard at our May AGM we are welcoming Claudia Stewart as our second vice president and Cecile Leach as our Insurance convener. We have had one executive meeting in June and a Policy and Procedures meeting in July. There is always something to look into for you.

The Annual June Provincial Convention was very informative as the reports further in this newsletter will indicate. Thanks to our delegates Nancy and Cecile, our outgoing director Moira and our observers Marilyn P., Norma B., Claudia S., Lynn H., and Adele R. for representing Burlington so well. Ask Carol Martin about her evening. (I think she had a good trip down memory lane.) Thank you to her daughter for being her chauffeur for the evening so she could take part.

We also had some sad news this summer with the passing of Eva Edgeworth on July 19. When speaking with her husband Fred, he had many kind words to say about the caring members of our group. We also heard of the passing of Cathy Wilson-Shields on August 10. We sent our condolences to her husband and family. It was nice to see several of our members at the visitation and the service of these two ladies.

Looking ahead, the program committee has done it again with some very interesting speakers, delicious menus and exciting and new things to do. Penta is in Mississauga this year and there are some cards with further info to hand out at the September meeting. Our insurance person Terry Kennedy is coming to our October meeting to explain the "Open Window" or our insurance plan so the timing for October meeting will change a little. Make sure you read your all member mailing or contact Cecile [cecile.leach@sympatico.ca](mailto:cecile.leach@sympatico.ca) for further info.

If you have special occasions or sad news that you would like us to know about and share with the group, please contact either Virginia or Pam. We can't be supportive if we don't know and we don't want anyone to feel slighted.

I am looking forward to this next year as your president. I hope I can represent you well.

Bonnie

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## RWTO/OERO Convention Report 2019

Convention 2019 certainly lived up to its theme of Have a Barrel of Fun. The branches of St Catharines, West Lincoln did a wonderful job organizing and coordinating the three days of convention. I attended an informative workshop on the Tuesday and met some interesting people who shared their concerns and things that were happening in their branches.

On Wednesday, the business meeting went very smoothly. Our table partners were from Peel North and we quickly struck up a conversation. It was the first time each of the three had attended convention and they weren't sure if they liked it, but by Thursday they were already signing up for next year. All Resolutions were passed unanimously and time was spent on an explanation of the budget and the start of presentation of reports. Some people went off on excursions after lunch but I went on to another very informative thought-provoking meeting. Our branch observers arrived for a quick wine and cheese before dinner in our room and then we took them down to show them the displays of Cora Bailey, In Memoriam Book, and the promotion of next year's convention location and the silent auction area. I am very pleased to say thank you to Nancy Parkhill and Kay Smoke who donated to our box of handmade cards and photo album that went for a good price and our painted tea pot basket did well too.

Wednesday's dinner was a let loose time, with the business of resolutions and presentation of budget done people were free to relax and enjoy themselves without such constraint. It was a late night that night. (What happens at Convention, stays at Convention ).

Thursday morning, we started with a lovely In Memoriam service -138 members to honour. It was very moving. Then we heard an Insurance presentation, voted to accept the proposed budget and had time to visit with our area members. This was the first time in four years that I spoke with some lovely ladies from Mississauga. They were super impressed with our newsletter and asked many questions. We exchanged ideas and emails and I look forward to seeing them again at Penta.

The final luncheon honoured 18 over 90's and the Mother /Daughter pair, one member there was 102 Wow! The installation of the new executive occurred next After a presentation to promote next year's convention in Kingston it was time to say our goodbyes and go home.

I was very tired, but felt I had experienced the epitome of Sharing, Caring and Having Fun over those three days. Maybe you'd like to think about coming to convention next year.



### Convention Comments from our Observers - Marilyn Park, Claudia Stewart, Norma Brown, Lynn Haniuk and Adele Reynolds

- We had a lovely evening of “Caring, Sharing and Having Fun” at the RWTO/OERO 63rd Convention, June 5.
- We 5 joined Bonnie, Cecile, Moira and Nancy in their hotel room for wine and cheese before the banquet.
- We took part in the silent auction and many of us bid on, and bought beautiful gifts.
- Many activity groups and women were honoured for their contributions to their branch and the community at large.
- Lynn graciously wore the “barrel for the photo- “Roll Out the Barrel” - she was the tiniest of our group!
- Our dinner, and dessert were scrumptious.
- The entertainment was “Duelling Pianos ”of Niagara. They were very entertaining, and played requests from the audience. They played Tom Jones “Delilah” and although all the gals kept their bras on, the entertainers were covered in flying maroon cloth napkins. I think they were both flattered.
- A great evening, and a fun time was had by all 😊😊



## Cora Bailey Winners

### Moira-Jane Plexman



Moira - Jane retired in 2008 and almost immediately became involved with RWTO Burlington Branch. She quickly joined the executive and served as President from 2011 - 2013. Since then she has taken on the role of Membership chair. As such, she has developed her role extensively and methodically and initiated some incentives to enlist early membership enrolment with great success.

Moira was involved in preparing for two Pentas. She travelled to branches to advertise and promote attendance at our event. Her ease with people, her sense of humour and her kind and respectful attitude made her the perfect candidate to become Burlington's representative as Area 12 Director.

During the last 2 years, Moira dedicated her efforts to support the 5 branches in her area. She visited all 5 branches frequently, and was invited to perform the installation of officers in each branch. She represented all 5 branches at the provincial table and kept us abreast of all new developments. During this time she continued to perform her duties as Membership Chair in Burlington,

Moira is a loving wife to Robert, a proud Mother and an even prouder Grandmother She enjoys travel abroad and of course loves her home away from home in Muskoka.

Moira is a woman of commitment, dedication, passion and compassion. Her outstanding contributions to Burlington Branch have earned her the respect and recognition of all her peers. Burlington Branch is proud and pleased to present the Cora Bailey Award to such a Caring and Sharing lady. The award was presented by Peggy Blair and Cecile Leach.

### Carolynn Blake



Carolynn has been nominated because of her outstanding contributions to RWTO Burlington Branch. She has been our Branch Treasurer for almost 10 years. She has shown leadership and dedication beyond the call of duty. Carolynn is honest, trustworthy, reliable and very accommodating. She has spent many long hours balancing books and making lists for luncheons. Carolynn received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award in 2016.

Carolynn is also very active in her community. She is an accomplished seamstress and for many years, has travelled the globe with the world - reknowned Burlington Teen Tour Band in charge of all their uniforms.

She is a devoted Mother, and a proud Grandmother. She has been a true and loyal friend for more than 50 years. Compassion, generosity, loyalty and dedication are the qualities I find in my friend Carolynn. I am proud and honoured to present the Cora Bailey Award to such a deserving lady.

The Award was presented by Joy McLaughlin.

### The AGM

What a busy day, Monday May 6, 2019 was! Our friendly greeters Eleanor Bates, Jane Cooper and Joy McLaughlin welcomed 41 members to our AGM. Carolynn Blake and Moira Plexman were busy with finances and membership. Kay Smoke was distributing name tags. Our President, Nancy Parkhill reviewed the year's programs and thanked the executive for their support, enthusiasm and dedication during her 2 years as President. She also thanked the RWTO membership for their participation and support.

Then she introduced Stephanie Wilsack from ROCK and presented her with a cheque for \$313.



This money was generated by Our Share the Wealth draws.

Carolynn Blake circulated the proposed budget for 2019/2020. As is our normal practice, \$1,500 has been set aside for our next PENTA. Sharon Ariss has audited the books and the information has been sent to Provincial.

Cecile Leach reported that all positions on the executive were filled. Moira Plexman, Area Director brought greetings from Provincial and said that she had enjoyed her 2 years as Director. Then she installed the Executive and wished them all well.

Nancy Parkhill passed the gavel to newly installed President Bonnie Folkard. Bonnie presented Nancy with the Past President pin.

### The Luncheon

Before the luncheon started, the ladies gathered, chatted, hugged and laughed. The book exchange area was busy, as the ladies discussed the merits of the various books. As usual, at our May luncheon, there were several special events. Roses were given to our over 90 members. Our memorial service was simply beautiful and our 5 deceased members were honoured by Beth Anger and Mary McCully and followed by a minute of silence.

Our new President, Bonnie Folkard welcomed all with warm and caring comments. She outlined a few of her goals for her term. She is a great proponent of our many clubs and special events. Certificates and roses were presented to Heather White, 5 years, Mary Lyons, 15 years, Sharon Ariss, 10 years, Pam McDonald, 20 years and Marie Rhodes, 25 years of service. This was in acknowledgement of the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards (a formal government sponsored ceremony will occur in the fall) Many thanks to our many many volunteers!

Cora Bailey awards were presented to 2 very deserving members- Carolynn Blake and Moira-Jane Plexman After a buffet lunch, Norma Brown, Convener for the day introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Ken Shonk. They are friends and graduates of Aldershot High School. We were in for a very delightful time of anecdotes, humour and slides. He told of amusing incidents in his childhood, medical practice and daily life. The audience relaxed and enjoyed his stories. Then he produced his faithful friend Mutsy, who gave and received hugs from the members! Bev Balch gracefully thanked Dr. Shonk and Mutsy who brightened our day. (Mutsy is a large stuffed dog).

Our Share the Wealth winner was Dia Pos. Way to go! Bonnie thanked all the attendees and wished them a safe and happy summer and reminded us that the all Luncheons next year will be at Tyandaga Golf Course.





**Ontario Service Awards Winners**



**2019-2020 Executive**



**Dr. Shonk**



**Mutsy**

### Insurance Report by Cecile Leach



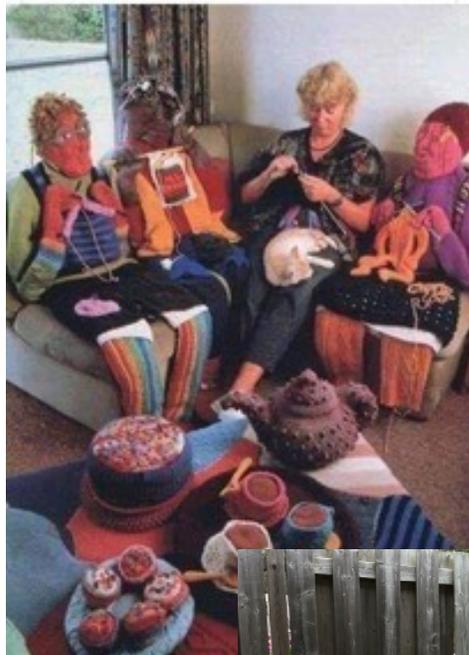
At the May AGM, I volunteered to take over the Insurance portfolio for Burlington Branch. Our Hospital and Home Care Insurance **supplements** your provincial health plan (OHIP) and your extended health plan (RTO & OTTIP). It does not replace it. It is very inexpensive costing approximately \$14.40 per month for a single supplement and offers assistance for the unexpected costs associated with getting well, after a stay in hospital or even injuries such as a broken limb, etc.

At Convention, it was announced that we would have an “Open Window” for applying for this insurance. **RWTO insurance is only valid with a paid up membership.** “Open Window Enrolment ” means that you may purchase this insurance without medical questionnaire for the period of **September 15 to November 15** , even if you have been refused in the past.

Terry Kennedy, our Insurance Broker will be visiting us at our October 28th Luncheon. She will speak about our plan and answer questions at **11:30 a.m. prior to lunch.** Brochures will be available at both the September and October Luncheons.

If you have any questions or would like to have an electronic copy of the Insurance brochure send me an email - [cecile.leach@sympatico.ca](mailto:cecile.leach@sympatico.ca) and I will send you one.

My psychiatrist told me to make new friends. So I did.



### "Stitch In Time" by Norma Brown

Our members either knit or crochet. We bring our ongoing projects and work and chat at members' homes. Sometimes we work on a group project. We don't have set dates, but if interested, call **Norma Brown (905-632-4774** or [<<normabrown2000@yahoo.ca>>](mailto:normabrown2000@yahoo.ca) for dates. There are always members who can help with knitting and crocheting for beginners. Just bring your needles, hooks and wool and join us. **New members are always welcome !** In July, we had our annual pot luck luncheon. This time it was held at Cecile’s backyard patio. We have renamed it a **KNIT-NIC.** It was great food, yummy desserts , lots of laughter and no knitting at all!





### The RWTO Book Club by Heather White

The RWTO Book Club meets monthly in each other's homes, usually on the second Wednesday at 1 p.m., with occasional changes due to RWTO events. We have 16 members, which are too many for some living rooms; however, many of our members travel and join us when they are in town. Our group is at capacity currently. A new book club group may be starting soon. Please see details below.

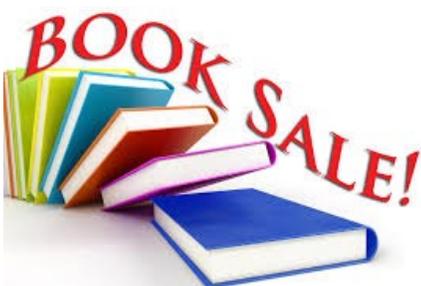
In August several of the group met at the 13th Street Winery in St. Catherines for a social time and delicious lunch.

We begin our reading this year with a historical novel: *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict. The book tells the fictional story of one brilliant woman who may have spurred Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist.

The rest of our fall books include *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murder and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann (nonfiction), *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout (fiction), and *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion (fiction).

### New RWTO Book Club

**NEWS:** We are hoping to start a second book club group. We receive requests to join our group each year, but we are at capacity at present. Some of our members will join the new group to help get it going. We will have a meeting of those interested to see when and where the new group would like to meet and how they would like to select books. If you are interested in joining, please email Heather White at [dheatherwhite@gmail.com](mailto:dheatherwhite@gmail.com).



Bring your books to the September luncheon. Put them on the display table. If you see book(s) you want to read ... take them.

Cost: 1 smile.

At the end of the luncheon if the book(s) you brought are still there please take them home. We will not do this every luncheon just September and May.

## Papercrafting



We look forward to continuing the Papercrafting group again this year. It is open to everyone who has paid their membership. Just send me a quick email [bonnie2@sympatico.ca](mailto:bonnie2@sympatico.ca) or leave a phone message **905 336 3164** to indicate that you wish to join us. If I don't hear from you, I won't send out our reminder messages. I have several new techniques to share with the group this year and I have several new tools. Right now I am working on a Christmas Card Exchange that I think would be fun to do. I have several other cards ready to go. Our location is the Community Room at Fortino's at Appleby and Dundas Street. I usually set up the room at noon and we begin crafting at 1:00.

Everyone helps clean up at the end. The first two dates are Thursday, October 3 and Thursday November 21. Any questions just contact me anytime. See you there!

### Goodwill

The Goodwill committee continues throughout the year to send cards to our members for Birthdays, Special Anniversaries, Get Well, Thinking of you, Bereavement and any other Special occasions.

**Please contact Virginia McKee at 905-335-8723 or [ginim@cogeco.ca](mailto:ginim@cogeco.ca) if you know of anyone who should receive a card.**

### Visiting

We are a very Caring organization and as such we like to show compassion for our members when they are sick or shut-in. If you know of any member who would benefit from a visit or phone call, please contact me.

**Pam MacDonald 905-659-5967**

### Euchre Group



The Euchre group meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month. The group will meet downstairs in the Library/Museum at Royal Canadian Legion 828 Legion Rd, Burlington, ON L7S 1T6

Please contact **Pam MacDonald at 905-659-5967** for more information or to make arrangements to play.





**Ruth Miller** is retiring from the Burlington RWTO Executive, after 20 years of service. She has worked tirelessly for our benefit in many capacities. Ruth was secretary for many years, Program Chair for 6 years, editor of the newsletter, and has also served on the Program Committee. She continues to visit many of our members who are housebound or in Long Term facilities. Ruth was always ready to help in fundraisers, convening luncheons, sharing ideas. Her sense of humour was contagious ! She was the one who sat on Santa’s knee, who wore with pride and joviality, the funny slippers, the fascinators, and a holiday sweater for every occasion ! Although leaving the Executive, we look forward to seeing Ruth at our future functions where we hope her “joie de vivre” will continue to enlighten us and make us smile.. We wish to thank Ruth for her many years of service to Burlington Branch and we hope she will continue to inspire us to **Care, Share and Have Fun !**

**Thank you, Ruth!**

### May Luncheon Refund

We recognize that our May luncheon meal at the Holiday Inn was somewhat less than we had ordered. At the conclusion of the meal, we spoke to the chef about the quality of our food as well as the items that were missing from our original agreement. They offered us a refund of approximately \$4 per person. Rather than go to the trouble of reaching everyone who was there, the executive made a decision to donate the refund to the Burlington Food Bank in your name. We hope you approve!

### PENTA

**Wednesday November 13,  
Lakeshore Convention Centre  
806 Southdown Rd,  
Mississauga, ON  
10:30 a.m.  
Cost \$45.00**

**Payment due: October 28 to  
Carolynn Blake**

 **MISSISSAUGA BRANCH**  
Invites you to  
**PENTA 2019**

**the swinging sixties**



**SPECIAL GUESTS I ♥ 60s**

**THE BRITISH INVASION**

Experience a trip down memory lane with songs from the 60's. Expect to clap your hands, tap your toes and sing-a-long.

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## Program Report

The next few months look very interesting for our RW group. Our Speaker for the September 16 luncheon is Nancy MacLeod with the topic of “**A Victorian Medicine Show**”. This will be engaging, interactive and humorous.

Interest groups have started up again or soon will be starting. We are still looking for people who might want to play bridge.

October 28 has the speaker Sheila Knox from the “**Bata Shoe Museum**”. I am sure her photos and actual footwear examples will be extremely interesting. Hopefully we will be organizing a craft event for the first week of November. Something new to learn. We are still working on an event for the fall as well. Watch for more info.

Penta is in Mississauga on November 13. So, get out your dancing shoes because the entertainment is the British Invasion with music from the Swinging Sixties.

Our December luncheon will continue with our Silent Auction and collection of Hats, Mittens, Gloves and socks. More info will be forthcoming.

Watch for your all member mailings to give you more details about upcoming events as necessary.

## Coming Events

- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 Luncheon-**  
**11:30 a.m. RWTO Insurance “Open Window” Presentation - Terry Kennedy**  
 12 noon Luncheon  
 1:00 p.m. Entertainment - Bata Shoe Museum ” with Sheila Knox

- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 PENTA(see Advertisement on page 10**

- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
 Christmas Luncheon - Silent Auction - & Collection of Hats, Mitts, Gloves, Socks.

- **Volunteers needed! On Saturday November 9**, Breakfast at the Bistro at the Burlington Senior’s Centre. We will need 5 people to help serve. If interested, contact Bonnie at [bonnie2@sympatico.ca](mailto:bonnie2@sympatico.ca) .

- **Crafting Event** - Hoping to organize a crafting event at The Pottery N’ Paint Café located in the Burloak Plaza. Their address is 3513 Wyecroft Road Unit H1 Oakville Ontario .

Nancy Parkhill and Bonnie attended a lantern decorating session in July. There were other people there who were painting ceramic statues, plates and coffee mugs. There are many things to choose from that you should check their website [www.potterynpaintcafe.com](http://www.potterynpaintcafe.com) or their page on Facebook. I have my eye on some plates or ornaments to make as gifts.

They have a special deal for seniors on Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 – 3:00 at 20% the regular price for their products. They even will serve free tea and coffee.

Looking to organize something for Wednesday November 6 and or Thursday November 7, but will wait to see if others are interested. I hope to have a flyer for the September luncheon. if interested contact Bonnie at [bonnie2@sympatico.ca](mailto:bonnie2@sympatico.ca)



### Luncheons

**A Gentle Reminder:** We are committed to pay for all meals ordered. If you are unable to attend as you indicated to Carolynn, please cancel by contacting Carolynn at least seven days before the meeting. Thank You!

## Celebrating Our Members



### **Muriel MacDonald by Pam MacDonald**

Muriel is a long time member of our organization. She was born in Owen Sound at the General Hospital. She lived in a small town named Tara. After she finished grade 12 in Tara she then completed grade 13 at OSVC in Owen Sound.

Muriel graduated from Teachers College in Stratford. For her first teaching assignment she was in a one room school with 14 kids near Paisley. The next year she moved back to Tara where she taught grades 4,5,6 for two years.

She was then hired to teach grade 5 in London. There she met Donald who was attending Western University. They were married in 1956 and moved to Montreal. She taught grade 3 at Surrey Gardens school. They then began growing their family. Donald and Muriel were blessed with 3 children. Kathy, Andrea and Jamie completed their family. When Jamie was 9 years old Muriel came back to teaching as a supply teacher.

They moved to Burlington and she began a full time job as a teacher in Halton. Before getting married Muriel enjoyed travelling. She visited Morocco, England, Ireland, Scotland, France and Germany. She and Donald spent much time at cottages in Muskoka. In her retirement years she has enjoyed playing Euchre with our teachers' group and more recently knitting as a hobby.

A life well- lived Muriel!

### **Lillian Fothergill by Virginia McKee**

Lillian has been a member of RWTO Burlington for many years and is such a delightful lady. She was born in Hamilton Ontario and had a sister Isobel who was 3 years older. During her childhood, the family would visit their grandparents' farm in Burlington every week. Her Father was in the Canadian Army during WWI and took part in the action at Vimy Ridge in 1917.

Lillian attended Adelaide Hoodless School in Hamilton from Kindergarten to Grade 8 and then Central High where her favourite subject was "SCIENCE". At the end of Grade 11, the school burned to the ground and then they had to share facilities with Hamilton Commercial School. At the end of Grade 13, Lillian attended Business School and worked as a secretary for 3 years. After that Lillian decided she wanted to attend Hamilton Teachers' College. She taught Primary Grades for 4 years and then switched to the Secondary Panel and taught "Business". What a varied career Lillian has had.

Her sister Isobel was also a Secondary teacher so they travelled together each summer. They travelled throughout Europe, Asia, British Isles, South America and Canada. Her favourite place was Northern Canada.

Lillian is very artistic and enjoyed oil painting, counted cross stitch and quilting. Her room is truly a "SHOW PIECE" adorned with all her works of art.



Lillian now resides at the Williamsburg Retirement residence and loves the fact that she doesn't have to "clean or cook" anymore !

### Introducing our new Area Director



LeAnne Taylor is the new Area Director for the Burlington RWTO area. She will be visiting our branch at one of our luncheons in the future. This will give you a little insight to the person who will be representing us at the provincial level over the next two years.

She is married to a former teacher and has two daughters. She is a former high school teacher and has taught history, geography, future studies, family studies, keyboarding, english. She was the first female head of Technology in Halton.

She retired in 2008 and joined Lydia Snow North Halton. She has served in various offices over the last 10 years. This year she will

be on the ad hoc constitution committee looking to see how we can revamp executive positions to encourage more participation. I think she will be one busy person. Welcome LeAnne !

### RWTO Tea Adventures by Mary McCully

Our wandering Tea Adventurers have been to Abigail's Tea Room in St. George, to The Escarpment Tea Room just outside of Milton, The Golden Teapot in Brantford and to The Duchess in Stoney Creek. Our plans to go to Tea at The White House in Waterdown were cancelled due to a glitch in reservation information... we will try again soon. We have had as many as 19 ladies in attendance and sometimes as few as 6. Either way we have a wonderful time enjoying tea, scones and jam and all manner of other goodies. Along with the tea and treats we always enjoy wonderful conversations with interesting people.

There will be more Tea Adventures in the fall before the snow flies, so watch your email announcements for details. **You should come; it's always a fine time!**



## Remembering Juno Beach - 75th Anniversary by Carolynn Blake



As many of you know, the Burlington Teen Tour Band was invited to participate in the 75th Anniversary ceremonies of D-Day at Juno Beach in France. It was a very emotional week for all of us who participated. As part of our trip, each member of the Band and Staff received dog tags with the name of a fallen soldier of the D-Day assault. We were asked to research information on our soldier and post it to the Band website. All of our soldiers were buried at Bény-sur-Mer. Each of us had the opportunity to visit their gravesite to pay our respects to these men who gave up their lives so we can live in freedom today.

My soldier was Lieutenant Bernard Cameron Grant. He was with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders. He was from Cornwall, Ontario. He was late signing up for duty as he was finishing his law degree at Queens University. Unfortunately, he died on July 7, 1944, one day after his 27th birthday.

On a personal side, this trip also brought back loving memories of my Dad as he was a WWII veteran who was fortunate to come home. I am sure that his experiences over there were hard to live with. He always had a difficult time talking about his time in Europe. June 6th was also the 7th Anniversary of his passing so that day became even a little more poignant for me.



I hope that everyone appreciates the sacrifices these brave men made for each and every one of us. The life we live today is because of the ultimate sacrifice they made.



## Strawberry Social at Brantwood farms



June 26 was a delightful day for our Strawberry Social at Brantwood Farms in Brantford. The day was sunny with fluffy white clouds in the sky which made the drive very relaxing. Once we got to the farm, Marilyn P. met us and showed us the store and then took us along to the wagon for our wagon ride around the farm. It had rained very hard the night before and the ground was quite soft. Andrew our driver and guide was thrilled to have a wagonful of teachers who had to listen to him and follow his instructions rather than he having to listen to them.

We were introduced to Mrs. Pate the original owner of the farm. We learned about the new way of growing apples that takes up less space and then we bounced along to the strawberry patch. That is ... until we got stuck in the mud. That was an experience. After we all debarked from the wagon, Andrew was able to get it unstuck and we boarded it again to continue our journey. We stopped at a pick your own strawberry patch, but decided we would just eat strawberry sundaes instead of doing our own picking. Mrs. Pate gave us the history of the farm and her family and that was very interesting. There was a strawberry trivia contest with three winners. (Winners got...of course... free strawberries!) Then back to the store to do some shopping. Ask Mary McCully about her jogging notification on the wagon ride. The story will make you laugh!

Thanks Marilyn. We had a great time!



## FALL CRAFT SHOWS AND BAZAARS

**St. George Applefest** - Sept 21, 22...Main Street is closed for festival...no admission fee.

**Balls Falls Craft Show**-October 11,12,13,14..at Balls Falls Conservation Area, Vineland admission fee for this art show...,some very unique and expensive items.

**Vineland Artfest** - October 12, 13, 14...at 20 Valley Public School, Vineland...no admission fee...lots of crafts outside on school grounds and street...originally created to get funds to build their new school.

**Hernder Estate Craft Show**-Nov.1,2,3,...St Catharines. held indoors on 2 levels at winery...donation or food for food bank, suitable for children to attend...Shows are usually 10 -5.

**East Plains United Church**...Nov. 2...9-3...small admission fee.

**Holy Rosary Church Bell Bazaar**...info unavailable...usually same day as East Plains.

**St. Christopher's Anglican Church**...Guelph Line...November 16.

**Mistletoe Mart- November 9 - Port Nelson United Church** 3132 South Drive, Burlington, 9 to 3. Artisans, knitting, sewing, baking, crafts, books, silent auction, collectibles, morning coffee & muffins and a delicious lunch!

Come early and complete your CHRISTMAS shopping. \$2 donation for community outreach projects.

**St. Luke's Christmas Market** will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2019, 9:00 – 2:00.

The Market is known for delicious catering items such as deli, baking, and preserves to take home; handmade knitting, sewing, ornaments, and crafts; and antique Attic Treasures Room (art, furniture, jewelry, purses, china, glassware, linens, silver, and more).

Soups and sandwiches are available in the lunch room.

### FYI- We get mail...

**We sometimes get letters, cards and emails, thanking us for a great meeting, a super speaker, a wonderful meal, an interesting newsletter or a fun event ! Please be sure that all correspondence received by any member of the Executive is always shared at our next Executive meeting. We do appreciate your input. It helps us make good decisions! Thank you!**

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