



Hamilton Wentworth Branch

2019 November December Newsletter



Autumn, a time for enjoying family, friends and falling leaves. A time for turkey and comfort foods. A time for giving thanks and feeling grateful. A time for cozy talks by the fire. I hope that you all had a delectable and delightful Thanksgiving with your families and had much to be grateful for.

As an organization we also have much to be thankful about. The "Be Our Guest" Event was well attended and we gathered many toiletries to donate to the hygiene closets. We have 14 new RWTO Branch members! Check out the photos from the event. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. If you have not attended one of these for some time, consider attending next year!

Our Fall Harvest Luncheon was lovely! You are such women of strength and women of vision. You filled a 2 by 2 ft box with collected eyeglasses for the Lions Club Recycle for Sight Program. These will go to third world countries to be distributed to many in need. CAS and CCAS are so grateful the boxes of books, crafts, games and toys, as well as the monetary donations, for their Christmas Drive. A mountain of winter coats were collected as well. We have decided that if you find any further used coats or glasses to donate, we will happily accept them at celebration at the Station Luncheon.

What a winning combination. A beautiful sunny day, inspirational vistas, that heavenly seasonal soup, camaraderie with friends and laughter galore were enjoyed by all. A special shout out to "Nautical", "On the Fence" and "Rebel" for the fun! You know who you are! Duncan Young had us in stitches while he shared ways to keep our brains exercising! Congratulations to our Cora Bailey winner, Diane Keesmaat. She was unable to attend our Spring AGM, so we surprised her at Fall Harvest with her award. Much deserved, Diane.

To sum up this year's Fall Harvest Event: **Friends**

All

Laughing

Loudly!

At this time, when we reflect on our many blessings, we also show our caring, sharing, and empathy for others. In this newsletter you will read about a "Steps to Safety Campaign" to support Hamilton Interval House. This shelter supports and protects women and children seeking shelter as they escape abusive relationships. I am so pleased to share that our executive voted to support this campaign by purchasing a large stone for the pathway being rebuilt. This stone will have engraved on it the name of our organization and our motto: "In caring and sharing." As women and children walk this pathway to safety, in their time of greatest need, they will see how their teachers still care for them.

Membership Renewal

REMINDER Membership Renewal - PAST Due

If you have not renewed your membership yet, please contact Karen as soon as possible so there are no lapses in membership benefits or insurance.

During the year if you move or get a new email address or phone number, please let membership know at rwto.karen@gmail.com

The Membership Form is found on the RWTO website:

<https://rwto.org/branch/hamilton-wentworth>

Please mail your completed form and cheque to:

Karen Kasik
22 Borordino Crt.,
Hamilton ON
L9B 2E8

Insurance Information

The Manulife Hospital & Home Care Supplemental Insurance can make a difference. Members pay \$14.49 a month and spouses \$15.57 a month.

If you want information you can contact:

Branch Convenor, Phyllis Macdonald, at
289-780-9220 or

Manulife Financial Broker and Agent of Record, Terry Kennedy, at 1-800-268-3763 or The Dolphin Consulting Group at 519-583-0098, Fax 591-583-2876

Email tkennedy34@bell.net

H-W's "Sixth Annual Special Outreach Project"

In keeping with RWTO's 'Caring and Sharing' motto, the Hamilton-Wentworth Branch of RWTO has established a 'Special Outreach Project'. Once a year, a deserving local cause submitted by one of our members, will receive a one-time donation of \$500 to help offset its financial needs. The donation recipient will be announced at the Friendship Luncheon.

Submissions must meet the following criteria:

- *be for a local recipient
- *be for an individual, family, or community project
- *be an immediate or ongoing financial need
- *not be a registered charity
- *be submitted by an RWTO H-W member
- *be received by **December 20th, 2019**

To find the application form click on this link: rwto.org/branch/hamilton-wentworth, and scroll down the page.

For printed application forms or more information, contact:

Hope Leon (905) 528-2348 hleon@bserv.com



Hamilton-Wentworth



Diane Keesmaat

Diane Keesmaat has a long history with our Hamilton - Wentworth Branch. She served as our Outreach Convenor, Vice President, President in 2007 - 2008 , and then as Past President. Her strong convictions and determination served her well during her presidency.

During the 2013 Provincial Convention, here in Hamilton, Diane was part of the planning team which worked for two years to make the event a success. Diane was tasked with organizing all the volunteers and gift bags, and handled her duties expertly.

Diane continues to enjoy many of our events, and participates in several of our Interest Groups, recently including the walking, lunch bunch and knitting groups.

Diane always has a welcoming, sunny smile and is ever encouraging of the current executive. She is a deserving recipient of this Cora Bailey Award.

Cora Bailey Award ~ 2019

Events

We look forward to having you join us at our various RWTO Events. Please remember that, when sending your money, you let me know of any friends you want to sit with.

Maureen Richardson – Events Payment
905.575.3939 moe_richardson@hotmail.com

Interest Groups

By now, most of our Interest groups have started a new year. Is there a group you would like to join? Take a look on the “Message Board” and see if there is something for you.

Guests: Please remember that you must be a RWTO member to participate in the Interest Groups.

Danielle 905.635.9051
daniellechouinard3@cogeco.ca

P.S. The Golf Group has ended this year's season and will start again in May.

Wednesday December 11th, 2019

11:00 Meet & Greet 11:45 Seating

Tickets: \$45

Cheques are written to

"RWTO Hamilton-Wentworth Branch"

Seating (tables of 8), dietary requests,
& cheques to **Maureen Richardson**
moe_richardson@hotmail.com

(905) 575-3939

62 Randolph Court

Hamilton, ON L8W 2Z8

Book by November 27th, Please!

Refunds are available until December 3rd

Celebration
At The Station!

Creating Christmas for Others ...

Wrapping Paper, books, toys, games, crafts

City Kidz

Winter Wrap Ups - for all ages!

(new hats, mitts, scarves, socks)

(used coats, jackets, sleeping bags)

Wesley Centre & Living Rock Ministries

Monetary donations

Good Shepherd (Martha's House &
Mary's Place)

Used Glasses & Postage Stamps ★

Featuring:

The Garth Trails Choir



Liuna Station

360 James St. N.

Hamilton L8L 1H4

King George
Ballroom

Back of the building
lower level

Parking entrance
off John St. N



Wednesday November 6th, 9:30 – 11:30

Manulife Insurance Workshop

Fortinos Community Room
1579 Main St. West
Hamilton, L8S 1E6



Meet **Terry Kennedy**, our Provincial Insurance Broker & Agent of Record, **Ann Wilde**, our Assistant Provincial Insurance Convenor, and **Phyllis Macdonald**, our Branch Insurance Convenor

An **"OPEN ENROLMENT WINDOW"** for registration will take place from Sept. 15th to Nov. 15th, when members and their spouses may sign up for this supplementary health care package **without a physical!** (Most members are also members of the RTO or OTIP health plans.)

Bring Your Spouse!

Participants must

- be a member of RWTO/OERO in good standing (membership fees are up to date)
- be an OHIP member
- live independently (not in a senior care facility)

Plans Available

- Hospital & Home Care Plan
- Personal Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- Travel Insurance

BOOK YOUR SPOT – SEATING IS LIMITED!

Contact: Linda Sargeant
rwto.linda@gmail.com 905-575-3831



OUTREACH

BE OUR GUEST

Ladies from all of the wonderful conversations that I had with new and returning members I know that this was a great event. We collected 5 boxes of new toiletries. I delivered 2 to Cardinal Newman and 3 to the new Bernie Custis School which now holds all of the students from the former Delta and Macdonald Secondary schools. The money collected from the table envelopes was shared by the Hamilton Food Share and Neighbour 2 Neighbour's Education Support, each receiving \$432.50.

Thank you for being so generous as usual. You are a "Caring and Sharing" group.

Lynn Gille
Outreach Coordinator



Christmas 2019:

CITY KIDZ – toys, games, crafts, and wrapping paper
WESTLEY CENTRE & LIVING ROCK MINISTRIES – hats, scarves, gloves, mitts, and socks for all ages
CASH: GOOD SHEPHERD (Martha's House & Mary's Place)

Be

“Be

Guest”



“Be Our Guest”



Harvest Luncheon





The Art
Appreciation
Group
Field Trip

A group of 25 of us thoroughly enjoyed a beautiful day at the orchard touring, sampling cider, and savouring a scrumptious lunch. It was so nice to enjoy a review of our visit to West Avenue Cider House, while watching the Marilyn Denis Show on Oct. 21st, They had a segment all about it on her TV show! Enjoy looking at our photo montage!



RWTO Painting Party!!

No previous experience required!!!

Join us and **Priti Mistry**

for a **Painting Party** on Wed., Nov. 20th from 9:30 to 12:30.

Priti will provide all materials needed as well as step by step instructions for your creation of this lovely acrylic painting,

"A vase of Hydrangeas". If you prefer your flowers to be a different colour, and let us know prior to the painting date, she will bring other paints that may work better with your decor.

Because the session is limited to 20 painters, registration will be on a first come first serve basis.

Please note: If enough people sign on, we can run a second session in the afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30.

Paint It Priti!
with **Priti Mistry**

Wed., Nov. 20th
9:30 to 12:30
1579 Main St. W.
Fortino's Community Room, Upper Level
Cost \$30. Per painter
Reservations and monies due to
Events Payment Convenor by Nov. 6th.



I absolutely LOVE what I do and take joy in every event that I am called out for!
The experiences I have been able to be a part of during this journey have meant so much to me and opened up a new perspective of the world and people around me.
Teaching and giving people the encouragement to believe they can accomplish something they thought they couldn't has brought me such a feeling of joy.

INTERVAL HOUSE STEPS TO SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Interval House, a west mountain shelter for women and children, is a charity we have often supported over the years, through item collections and monetary donations. This shelter is usually functioning at above capacity numbers at a rate of 111%. In 2017/2018 Interval House helped 1,859 women who sought to leave an abusive relationship. The steps leading into Interval are in desperate need of repair. To quote Mark Newman, of the Mountain News, June 20th , 2019: "It's a walkway that for thousands of women and children has been a path to safety. But the bricks in the front entranceway at Interval House on the west mountain have begun to crumble and decay." Nancy Smith, Executive Director has started a campaign for individuals, groups or businesses to purchase a brick with their name on it as a way of fundraising to replace the walkway. Various sizes of bricks, ranging from \$125.00 to \$500.00, are for sale as part of their Steps to Safety Campaign. As Nancy stated, "So when women walk over our walkway they can read who supports them here." Our Executive discussed how wonderful it would be for these women and children in need to be able to see our RWTO Branch Name as they walk into the shelter. It is also an opportunity for the public to see our name in writing, permanently in the community. Our Executive Committee voted to purchase a stone with our name on it, as a charitable donation on behalf of our members. This could also be a wonderful way to honour a loved family member who has passed away, or who possibly benefited from a women's shelter at some point. I am considering it as a memorial stone for a couple of beloved family members. Have a 'difficult to buy for' person on your Christmas list? Consider this. Please, spread the word! Check out the web site for Interval House at www.intervalhousehamilton.org and see the pamphlet information, posted in the "Community" section of this newsletter.



MESSAGE BOARD

Art Appreciation



*... and
a chance
to be
creative!*

A colourful trip, enjoyed by all . . .

If you are not on the Art Appreciation and Tours Group email list, but wish to be, please contact Lynn Anderton via rwto.lynn@gmail.com

Thursday December 5: Milli: A Celebration of Style Art Gallery of Hamilton 1:00 Docent Tour \$8:00 pp



In *Milli: A Celebration of Style*, ensembles that span trailblazing fashion retailer Milli Gould's first half-century in business are exhibited in conversation with works from the Art Gallery of Hamilton's permanent collection. This is the first comprehensive exhibition focused on Milli and the first exhibition at the AGH to put fashion in dialogue with art. The thematic show features nearly fifty ensembles of couture and ready-to-wear on-loan from the wardrobes of Milli's devoted clients, some dating as far back as 1964 when Mrs. Gould founded her eponymous Hamilton shop. These, along with photographs, ephemera and a recreation of the Milli atelier, highlight the business and artistry of retailing, an often overlooked aspect of the fashion industry. Subtle evening ensembles and bold flashes of extravagance stand together as nuanced expressions of the Milli aesthetic. However it is the stories which accompany them, that help illustrate fashion as a force for change and Mrs. Gould as a quiet activist and champion of beauty who outfitted women as they took on new spaces in society.

*optional lunch - to be determined

*open to suggestions

BOARD GAMES



Join us for an afternoon of fun, playing games and socializing.

Nov. 21 & Dec. 5 at Fortinos by Limeridge Mall. 1-3 pm

Feel free to join us for lunch at 12:30. Food can be purchased on site.

Contact: Bev Zalec jbzalec@sympatico.ca



Bumper Babes Bowling



We are pleased to welcome several new bowlers to our group this fall and would love to see even more join the Bumper Babes. We are definitely a “no experience necessary” group. We have fun with the 5 pin bowling and then usually go out for lunch afterwards, since we do work up an appetite with all that exercise. We bowl on the 3rd Thursday of the month so our next dates are November 21, December 19 and January 16. We meet at Mountain Lanes 335 Upper Wentworth St, Hamilton, between 11:00 and 11:30 with the action starting promptly at 11:30. There is parking on both sides of Upper Wentworth

and a pay lot just a block over. If you would like to join us please contact Gwen Kirkpatrick at kirkpa@cogeco.ca.



Card Making

Our group meets the 4th Thursday of the month at the Michael's in the Meadowlands at 10 am. Every month we create a different style of card. If you'd like to join us please contact Theresa Linger @ talinger@yahoo.com



Euchre West

Lots of Fun, Euchre, Laughter & Friendship.



Where: TEDDY'S (Main St, Grimsby)

Time: Lunch at NOON, Euchre 12:30 to 3pm

When: We meet one Thursday of the month.

Next meeting - November 14th and Thursday, December 12th

Please come and join us; beginners welcome.

Contact: Lynn at 905-309-4438 djg1999@gmail.com

Euchre East

*Come Warm Up to Some Cards
and Fun Get Togethers!*

Fortinos; 1579 Main West (Upper Level)

Monday Oct. 28th; Nov. 25th; Dec. 30th

Cards at 1:00

Hope to see you there!

Contact: Jeanette 905- 648-2044 jeanette.24@icloud.com
Donna-donnapatmoore@gmail.com

“FIRST CUP @ SECOND CUP” WESTDALE: (10:00am -11:30am)

Friday November 29, 2019

Friday December 27, 2019

-  Socialize
-  Make new friends
-  Exchange ideas/contacts



Contact:

Hope 905-528-2348 hleon@bserv.com

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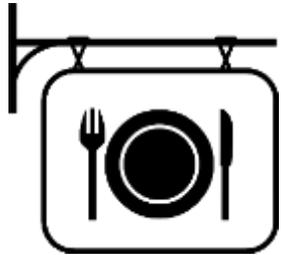
Thursday November 21st; 10-noon Fortinos Main West Community Room

Note: no session in December

- topics: IOS 13 & Facebook - (download the app if you wish to use it ... or we can show you how)
- bring your fully charged iPad, and your Apple ID password

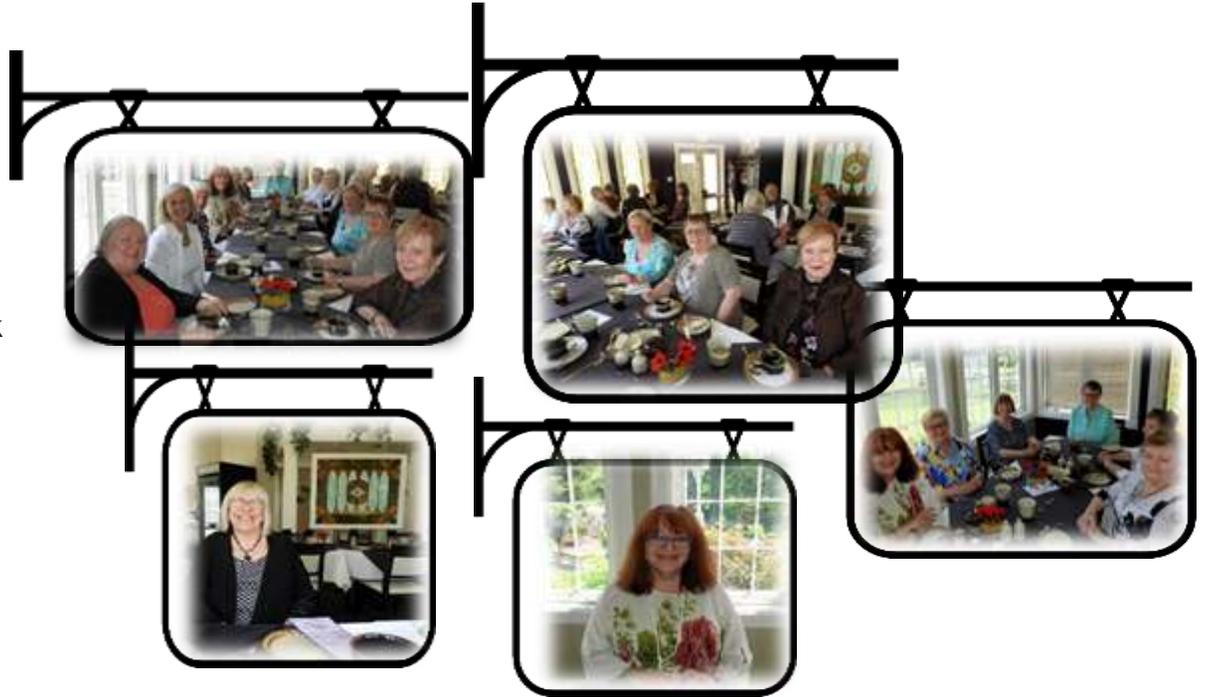
Contact: Linda Sargeant 905.575.3831 rwto.linda@gmail.com

Lunch Bunch



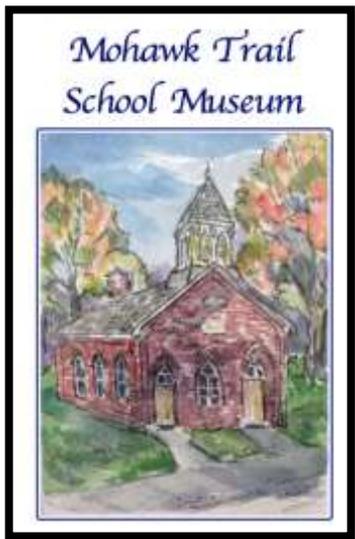
November 5
Chuggy's Tap & Grill
388 Barton St., Stoney Creek
12:30 pm

December 3
the Mandarin
1508, Upper James
Hamilton
12:30 pm



"It is important that you let Lynne know you are attending at least 4 days before the event."

Contact: Lynne Smith at 905-679-6639; lynnsmith16@gmail.com.



The Mohawk Trail School Museum Interest Group

will be helping Grade 3 students experience the life of a student in the 1800's. We are looking for volunteers to assist a team once or twice a month, helping with programs and crafts. Interested in putting fun into learning? Contact Linda Sargeant, (905) 575-3831

The Mohawk Trail School Museum is located behind the new HWDSB office building near Limeridge Mall. Volunteers previously from the Catholic and Public panels are welcome.

Scrapbooking



SCRAPBOOKING

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

*Nov. 19 we will be making
a mini "show & brag" album.*

Location :TBA

*For more information contact Liz Verrall
905 6482808 verrall@sympatico.ca*



Bayfront Park Walking Group

The walking group meets at 9:30 am every Friday. We gather on the left side of Bayfront Park, at the start of the Waterfront Trail that leads to Princess Point. Please join us. You can let Ann Louise know by text at 289-921-0705 or e-mail alouisegl@gmail.com . You can just drop by as well! We drive our cars after to Pier 8 for coffee at Williams, so you can always meet up there. It takes about one hour to walk the trail, so coffee is about 10:30.

Writing Club

Monday November 18, 2019* **Special guest speaker: TANIA KOLAR...please RSVP.... seats still available.**

Monday December 16, 2019

- ✍ Fortino's, West Hamilton Community Room
- ✍ 10:00am. – Noon
- ✍ No writing skills required
- ✍ Socialize; Make new friends and contacts
- ✍ Learn some new writing skills and styles too!
- ✍ Contact: Hope: 905- 528- 2348; hleon@bserv.co

