RWTO/OERO Ottawa-Carleton Branch

WINTER NEWSLETTER

January, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Sharon Chop

Happy New Year to you and your families. It is hard to believe that it is 2020. It seems like only yesterday that we entered a new century. Ottawa-Carleton Branch presently has 110 members and has been around for 64 years. We look forward to our annual luncheons and other events which are opportunities to care and share and make warm memories.

It was wonderful to welcome you back at the *After the Bell* luncheon in September. Our Provincial President, Karen Clark-Lauzon and Insurance Convenor, Anne Wilde joined in the fun of the Quarter Frenzy. Our October event, *Classroom Memories*, celebrated our 58 "over 80" members, 19 of whom attended. 64 people started the festive season at our annual Christmas lunch. As I looked around at the tables, I remembered what I had written for the December 2019 ***Connections,*** " Friendship and support are the comfort food of our organization. It is the sound of conversation and laughter as we join together in *caring and sharing*." RWTO/OERO has given me the opportunity to meet many women whose careers have benefitted education. Our December Silent Auction, with your thoughtful contributions and generous bidding, raised $535.00 for this year's outreach project, *Sharing in Student Success,* which provides grade-appropriate stuffed backpacks. Thank you.

2020 will bring more interesting programs. On February 6 join us to celebrate the year of the Rat at the Mandarin, and on March 16 come to hear about Genealogy, presented by our very own Marilyn Adair at the Waterford. On April 16, at CoBrie Restaurant we will have a very knowledgeable speaker on Fraud and, of course, our annual AGM at Falcon Ridge Golf Club will be on May 12. Please mark your calendars and register using the information on the last page of the newsletter. If you have ideas for events please let any member of you executive know.

There will be information about the June 3-5 Convention in Kingston in the March ***CONNECTIONS*** newsletter. The convention is the time when members meet from across the province to discuss what is happening in the 52 Branches. As we are part of the organizing team for this event, we will be looking for volunteers to help in various ways as preparations continue.

CRUISING DOWN THE WATERS
SAILING INTO KINGSTON
RWTO/OERO CONVENTION 2020

2020 is shaping up to be an amazing year. Thank you for your support for the many events in Ottawa-Carleton.

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DIRECTORY UPDATE

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Please remember to notify our treasurer, Barb Edwards, if you have a change of contact information. We want to ensure that our members are kept informed.

Welcome, to our 9 new members who have joined us since last April:

Donna Appleton, Irene Cameron, Joan Dunn, Beth Lalonde, Kathleen LeValliant, Constance McLeese, Beverley Smyth, Linda Toth. Linda Willman
We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

MEMBERSHIP FEES

At our last meeting in November, the executive passed two motions concerning the raising of the Branch fee for the membership at large. The membership fee has not been raised in a very long time and it was felt that a small increase was appropriate at this time to help offset the cost of Branch activities. The Provincial fee remains at $40.00. **Motion 1:** Effective the 2020-2021 membership year, the branch fee shall be raised from $8.00 to $10.00, making the fee a total of $50.00 yearly.

Motion 2: Effective the 2020-2021 membership year, the social member fee shall be raised from $8.00 to $10.00 yearly.

Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell, Membership Convenor

OUR BRANCH BY THE NUMBERS

Here is what our Branch looks like at this time...

- 110 is the number of members for 1919-1920
- 9 new members have joined us this year
- 5 members did not renew from last year
- 4 members passed away during the last year
- 58 of our members are over the age of 80
- 19 of these are over 90, and 5 are over 95!
- 99 is the wonderful age of our oldest member
- 2 social members also belong to another branch
- 7 have been designated as “life members”*

* By definition, a Life Member is “one who is unable to manage details of her personal affairs; or who is no longer attending meetings due to chronic ill health, physical impairment, mobility or age.”

PROVINCIAL UPDATE

As of January, 2020, we have a new Provincial Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Linda Huffman. Check the web site this month for an introduction. Our sincere thanks go to Gloria Drake for her great work over the past many years.

...And a few reminders

- We will be needing several new members for the executive for next year. Please take some time to think about how you might be able to contribute in this regard. It is great to get to know the others on the team as we all work together. If you are interested, you may attend any of our executive meetings as a visitor to learn more about how they work.

- If you haven't yet sent in your bio for our "Bio Binder", think about getting it done during these dreary winter months. It is very interesting to learn more about our fellow members.
- If you have the RWTO/OERO insurance, be sure to make claims whenever you can. For details as to coverage, check the web site or contact Terry Kennedy, our very efficient broker.

BOOK CLUB UPDATE

Members of the Book Club continue to meet the first Monday of the month to discuss the current "book of the month", enjoy lunch at Kristy's Restaurant, and enjoy the camaraderie of other members.

If you are interested in becoming a book club member, please contact co-ordinator, Joy Phillips-Johansen, at 613-728-3897 or joyphillips@rogers.com. New members are always welcome.

Titles chosen for this winter and spring are:

January 6 - **Becoming** by Michelle Obama
February 3 - **Full Disclosur**e by Beverly McLachlin
March 2 - **The Paris Seamstress** by Natasha Lester
April 6 - **Murdered Midas** by Charlotte Gray
May 4 - **The Pearl Sister** by Lucinda Riley

FUN IN THE FALL..

September Luncheon: After the Bell

President, Sharon Chop
Prov. Pres. & insurance Convenor,
Karen Clark-Lauzon, Anne Wilde

Quarter Frenzy Fund Raiser - Fun! Fun!

October Luncheon: Classroom Memories

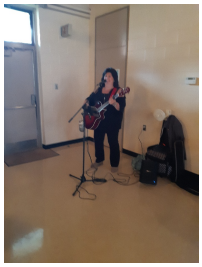
Members over 80!!

“90-year” cert ificate

Members over 90!!

Isobel won a door prize

The “Memories” wall



Listening to music by Lauren Hall

December Luncheon: Let’s All Be “Present”

Silent Auction & Donations

WINTER AND SPRING 2020 EVENTS... MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

PLEASE NOTE:

- R**egistration for activities** should be done by telephone or e-mail to the person indicated, or by mail, **before the date indicated.**
- **Sign up sheets for future activities** will be at luncheons. Registrars for these events will use the lists to send out reminders a few weeks before the event date. You may also pay at luncheons for future events - save the cost of a stamp!
- **It is important that you do attend** if you register by phone or e-mail, since we must give numbers to the venue ahead of the date, and are financially responsible for those numbers. **If you must cancel** after registering, please contact the registrar as soon as possible. Unfortunately, refunds are not always possible.
- If an event has a specific number of spaces available, and is filled before the deadline, registrations will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which they are received.
- Remember to wear your **RWTO/ OERO pin** and bring your **Rewards Card** to each activity to take advantage of special prizes.
- Please refrain from using **perfume or other scented products** to our events to ensure that members with sensitivities will be comfortable.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020
LET'S GO OUT FOR LUNCH
Mandarin Restaurant 290 West Hunt Club
11:30 a.m.

Enjoy the delicious Mandarin Chinese buffet and the company of Branch members as we join to celebrate the Year of the Rat! Did you know... The rat, first in the Chinese zodiac, represents wisdom. Personality traits for the people born in the year of the Rat are intelligent, charming, quick-witted, practical, ambitious, and good at economizing as well as social activities. The weaknesses are that the Rats are likely to be timid, stubborn, wordy, greedy, devious, too eager for power and love to gossip. Hmmm!

To register, contact Pat Taylor by phone at 613-425-5095 or by e-mail at ptaylor54@rogers.com.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020
ROOTS: AN INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY LUNCHEON
Waterford Retirement Community
2431 Bank Street (at Hunt Club)
11:45 a.m. Cost: $25.00

Today we welcome Marilyn Adair, one of our members who is an "expert" on the topic of "genealogy". She will share her experiences with this topic, describing what she has done and how it has impacted her family. As always, lunch and socializing will play important roles in the day.

To register, to complete the **attached form and send it with your cheque t**o Marg Dempsey at 703-2385 Carling Ave., Ottawa ON K2B 7G9 before **March 2.**

PROTECT YOUR MONEY: A "Lunch and Learn" Opportunity for Members
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020
CoBrie International Restaurant (formerly Carlingwood Family Restaurant)
Carlingwood Shopping Centre
11:15 a.m.

Here is an opportunity for you to find out more about those scary money scams and frauds that we hear about on the news. The Ontario Securities Commission partners with community associations and organizations to help Ontarians, in particular seniors and newcomers, to protect themselves from fraud. Their presentation covers several important topics:

- Common types of fraud and red flags of fraud
- What questions to ask a financial representative
- Where to find unbiased financial information

Join fellow members to socialize, enjoy lunch at this new restaurant (order from the menu), and at the same time, learn more about fraud prevention and making more informed financial decisions.

To register, contact Kathy McLean at 613-829-6234 or badgerkat2016@gmail.com **before April 2.**

SPRING INTO SUMMER! AGM and End of Year Luncheon
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020
Falcon Ridge Golf Club
11:15 a.m. Cost: $40.00

As our program year draws to a close, join fellow members for a delicious buffet luncheon, social activities, the Annual General Meeting with election of executive officers for 2020-2021, award presentations, draw for the Rewards Card prize, and more.

To register, complete the attached form and send it with your cheque to Kathy McLean, 2303 Badger Cres., Ottawa ON K2C 1H9 **before April 28.**

REGISTRATION FORM

Monday, March 16, 2020
Genealogy Presentation Luncheon

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Enclosed is my cheque for $2500 payable to RWTO/OERO.

Please note any dietary restrictions _____

Please send your cheque and this form to Marg Dempsey
at 703-2385 Carling Ave., Ottawa ON K2B 7G9 **before March 2.**

REGISTRATION FORM

Tuesday, May 12, 2020
Annual General Meeting and Luncheon

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Enclosed is my cheque for $40.00 payable to RWTO/OERO.

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