

## ***LANARK RWTO June 2020***

### ***CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDY DRUMMOND WHO WAS ELECTED RWTO/OERO PROVINCIAL 2nd VICE PRESIDENT.***

Convention 2020 was cancelled for the first time in history. With the Covid Pandemic still very much prevalent, the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held virtually on June 2, 5 and 6. What an experience! On June 2nd, there was an election for second Vice President. I was nominated by our Lanark Branch and another lady from the Burlington Branch was also in the running for the position. Voting was completed online with all results being sent to the Provincial Executive Secretary. I won the election and am happy to report that I am the 2nd Vice President of Provincial RWTO. I received the news late on Tuesday night and on Wednesday I was asked to make a video of my acceptance speech.

In this position, I am the Goodwill Convenor for the Provincial Board. We have 280 ladies in the province that are 90 years old and older and 18 who are over 100. Of course our own member Marion Howard will be 104 in November this year. As Goodwill Convenor, I send them each a birthday card throughout the year, then a Christmas card and again in the spring, they all receive a Spring message from me. The joy and reward of this job, is the notes that some of these ladies send back to me.

I have already had two meetings done virtually and our September Board Meeting will also be done the same way. What a year we are having!

***Judy Drummond, Provincial 2nd Vice President***

#### ***Cancellation of Kingston Convention***

It was with heavy hearts that the decision to cancel had to be made. Many members from the Branches in Areas 8 and 9 had put a lot of time and effort into the planning. What a wonderful hard working group!  
**Many Thanks Co-Chairs Judy & Anne**

**Congratulations to  
RWTO/OERO President – Nancy Papiez  
from the Hamilton-Wentworth Branch &  
1st Vice President- Nancy Bell from the  
London -Middlesex Branch.**

#### ***President's Message***

##### ***Hi Lanark Branch RWTO Ladies***

It seems too long since we have met together, eaten lunch or listened to a speaker. With the uncertainty of the Pandemic, we must be very careful to protect ourselves and continue with our social distancing. We all look forward to the day when we will be able to meet together face to face.

In the meantime, we can connect by phone, messages through the internet, cards and even socially distanced meetings ...some of us have started to golf again & some churches, restaurant patios may even be allowing us, a few at a time, to get together in a responsible manner.

Please know that all of us on the executive are eagerly waiting for the day that we will once again see each other in person.

While we wait, stay healthy and safe ... be strong and patient.

In caring and sharing

***Jane Graham, Lanark Branch President***

#### ***Executive/Committees Continuing***

President – Jane Graham

Past President – Judy Drummond

Vice President/ Communications –

Anne Graham

Interim Treasurer/Membership – Judy Drummond

Secretary – Brenda Johnston

Insurance - Mary Dexter-Kayser

Archivist/Photographer - Doreen Watt

Goodwill - Mary Kilgour, Shirley King,

Shirley Joynt

Social – Mary Kilgour, Mary Lou Labrie,

Dorothy Robertson, Mary Dexter-Kayser,

Judy Drummond

Nametags – Kathy Porter

Draws – Shirley Joynt

### **Message from Our Director**

Greetings from your Area Director. I hope that this finds you well and adjusting to our new normal. Your provincial executive met in June using the Zoom app. It was nice to get together with the other members of the executive to discuss future plans.

Congratulations to Judy Drummond who was elected Second Vice-President.

Congratulations also to the Lanark Branch who received the Barbara Bain award for their increase in Membership.

Hope to see everyone in the fall.

In caring and sharing.

***Kathy McLean, Area 9 Director***

### **Insurance Report**

**RWTO/OERO** offers a Hospital and Home Care Plan and a Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan.

The Hospital and Home Care Plan through Manulife supplements our provincial care health plan by providing you with financial assistance for unexpected costs associated with getting well. The coverage includes things like home nursing, convalescent benefit, fracture benefit, transportation benefit and much more.

All RWTO members in good standing and their spouses are eligible to apply. The cost is \$14.49 a month for members and \$15.57 for spouses.

In the past year 728 new policies (4 new policies in Lanark) were issued as a result of the open enrolment project. The open enrolment window has now closed but you can still apply.

The profit sharing cheque from Manulife presented to RWTO/OERO by our broker, Terry Kennedy for the 2019/20 year was \$81,574.73.

If you would like more information on the plan and how to apply, please contact Mary Dexter-Kayser ([mdexter-kayser@cogeco.ca](mailto:mdexter-kayser@cogeco.ca) 613-283-0630)

***Mary Dexter-Kayser, Insurance Convenor***

### **Care and Share Report**

***from May 2019 to May 2020***

Cards are sent for significant birthdays, get well, best wishes and sympathy. Please help your Care and Share Committee know if someone needs a card. We would rather know twice than not at all.

***Shirley King*** (613) 257-3141 or [seking@rogers.com](mailto:seking@rogers.com)) is the person to contact for the Carleton Place, Almonte, Pakenham, Ottawa area. ***Shirley Joynt*** (613-283-7872 or [jimjoynt@sympatico.com](mailto:jimjoynt@sympatico.com)) is the person to contact for the Smiths Falls, Toledo, Potland, Jasper, Merrickville, Kemptville area. Mary Kilgour (613-264-0024 or [mkilgour@superaje.com](mailto:mkilgour@superaje.com)) is the person to contact for the Perth, Lanark, Rideau Ferry area. The committee has sent 64 cards from May 2019 to May 2020.

One of our members, Mary lou Labrie, is having to endure radiation treatments, 5 days a week for 5 weeks starting June 17. She would appreciate our prayers. Shirley King is sending cards on our behalf but if you would like to shower Mary Lou with cards, please send to 474 Honeybourne, Almonte, K0A 1A0.

We have lost 2 valuable members due to death. Barbara Buchanan passed away on March 14, 2020, and Enid Brown on May 1, 2020.

"These hearts we have treasured, these lives we have shared. Friends that walked beside us. Friends for who we cared. The kindness we show changes the world long after we leave it behind. Teachers change many lives. A life well lived makes a difference forever. We will remember Barb and Enid."

***Mary Kilgour, Care and Share Chair***

**Please note : Judy has been filling in as our treasurer – could you help?- she has a busy year ahead.! If you have not yet renewed your membership (\$43) please send that to Judy at 140 Drummond Rd, RR 1, Toledo K0E 1Y0 613-275-1354**