

South Bruce RWTO/OERO Newsletter

May 2020



Greetings everyone, I hope this note finds you all well and comfortable at home.

Regrettably we are unable to meet in person but that doesn't mean we can't stay in touch or conduct branch affairs.

There are a few business items that have come up and the executive would like your input.

Finances and disbursements

Our bank account at this point in time is very healthy, approximately \$3000.00.

Should our group be making a donation to the Food Banks in Kincardine and Saugeen Shores? (The majority of our membership resides in these two areas.)

Barb Ross has made the motion that in the month of May, the South Bruce Branch of RWTO/OERO make the following donations: \$200 to the food bank of Saugeen Shores and \$300 to the food bank of Kincardine.

We need someone to second this motion. In addition we request that each member respond to the motion by May 7th. Reply to this email to Christine Roberts (roberts@hurontel.on.ca) or by phone to Pat Emmerton (519-396-1120).

Members of the executive are also suggesting making a donation to the hospitals in our area. We will be looking into their needs and will report back to you. Perhaps this donation could be made when we hear back from the hospital representatives.

In your response to item #1 perhaps you could include feedback on this item as well.

Sharing contact information

At our last meeting in November, several members suggested that they would like to have a contact list of our membership printed and distributed to all members. This list would include the name, phone number and email address of each member who chooses to participate. It was felt it would allow them to better keep in touch with others in the group between meetings.

If this is something you would like, please let us know if we have your consent to have your personal information included in a contact list and sent to our members.

Let's keep in touch

In order to keep in touch with all of you, we are hoping that you will send us information as to what you are doing during this unprecedented

time. It doesn't have to be long! We are going to attempt to put out a newsletter each month until we can meet as a large group again. This newsletter would keep you in touch with any directives from Provincial, South Bruce Branch business and what our members are up to. Here's an example of what a submission could look like:



Hello to Everyone! Richard and I were spending a lovely time in Arizona when Covid19 arrived in North America. Life continued as usual around us in Casa Grande for quite some time but by early March we were getting apprehensive and decided to cut our stay short. An email from RTO about a March 23rd deadline for insurance coverage outside Canada just hurried that decision along. It took us five days to get home towing the trailer and I for one, was so relieved to be back on Canadian soil. We self-isolated for two weeks and when that was done, it was decided that I would be the one to leave for groceries etc. I must admit I was very apprehensive about leaving the security of the "hill". As time has passed, the weekly outing, thanks to the safety

measures at Sobeys, is less stressful. We have been enjoying the slower pace of life (at least for the time being) by reading; organizing drawers, cupboards and closets; doing outdoor work; chatting with family and friends via phone calls and virtual chats; and watching Netflix. We are counting our many blessings and focusing on the positive.

Pat Emmerton
South Bruce RWTO/OERO President

Before you go...

Please respond with the following:

- 1) Your vote on the motion to donate money to the Kincardine and Saugeen Shores foodbanks.
- 2) Whether or not you wish to be part of a South Bruce RWTO contact list.

Going to feel bad for all the teachers next year who hear "that's not how my mom taught me to do it" from their students

