

RWTO Owen Sound and Area

Congratulations Cora Bailey Recipients



Rebecca Hlynialuk grew up in Ingersoll, attended the University of Waterloo, and attended Althouse College in London for her teacher's training. Rebecca's teaching career began in 1974. Rebecca and her husband John (also a teacher) moved to Owen Sound in 1975 where she began teaching at St. Basil's school where she taught until 1979. Over her career Rebecca has been very busy working as a supply teacher and working with the supply teacher organization. Rebecca returned to full time teaching in 2000 and retired in 2007. Rebecca also enjoys her gardens and is an avid reader. At our local RWTO level Rebecca served as 1st and 2nd vice president and president from 2015 to 2017.



Connie Morris grew up in Oakville and later attended Teacher's College at the University of Toronto. Connie had a varied career teaching primary grades, Early Literacy programs, library programs and was an ESL support teacher. After retiring in 2012 and moving to Grey County, in 2013 Connie and her husband built a home outside of Owen Sound on fifty acres on which she has created beautiful gardens. Connie joined the Owen Sound and Area branch of RWTO and was quickly made to feel very welcome. Connie became involved with the executive and held positions of 1st and 2nd vice president and president (2017-2019). Currently Connie is the Area 1 Director.

Have you considered taking a course?

Summer seems, even in these unusual times, to have flown by and fall is upon us. While we will not be meeting in person for the foreseeable future please be assured that all our members are in our thoughts.

Your executive continues to meet via ZOOM (sometimes with technical hiccups). We have set some tentative General Meeting dates for 2021; however, none of these can be confirmed at present.

One of the fundamental principles we teachers live by is 'Lifelong Learning'. I have discovered in my search to stay engaged with learning that universities welcome senior students. In fact, tuition fees may be waived for seniors who enrol in university courses either to audit or for credit. It is

quite enjoyable interacting, remotely, with eager young students and interesting professors. There are now hundreds of courses in all subject areas available to senior students. I have personally found Laurentian University to be very helpful and welcoming. The fall edition of the Renaissance magazine has an article by Martha Foster also outlining the benefits of taking courses at this time of our lives.

Your Owen Sound and Area RWTO executive wishes you a happy and healthy fall and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Yours in Caring and Sharing

Sue Loyst, President Owen Sound and Area





We hope that everyone is staying healthy and is able to get out to enjoy some activities in our "new normal" life. Since our last Newsletter, we were saddened to hear about the death of Penny McKay's sister as a result of a motorcycle accident. A Sympathy card was sent to Penny from our group. Another Sympathy card went to Jennifer Pearson whose father passed away. A Thinking of You card was sent to Laurie James as she battles a long episode of laryngitis.

This week Thanksgiving cards were sent to our members 90 and over.

I want a big Thank You to go to Mary Monteith who produced an excellent RWTO/OERO address label for me to use when mailing cards. Thank you Mary.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Your in caring and sharing,

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INSURANCE MATTERS

A few reminders:

- *there are only paper claim forms, no online application
- *spouse has their own ID number
- *make a copy of any papers you send in to Manulife, for your own records
- *use family physician for Doctor statements rather than a specialist, pick up the document at the doctor's office and send it in yourself, rather than assuming it gets mailed
- *be sure your RWTO fees are paid to make your Insurance valid

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or e-mail:

Rhonda O'REILLY and
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Rhonda 519-371-9240

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Stay Safe!



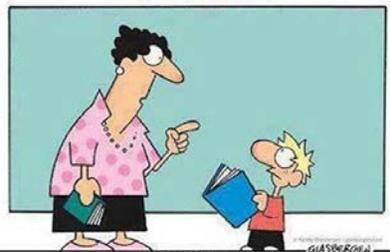
"What do you mean you don't think our insurance will cover this?!"

Membership

Thank you to all our members who have renewed their RWTO membership for 2020-21. We appreciate your support even though we have not been able to have our meetings. For those who wish to pay it is not too late. Your cheque may be mailed to the treasurer.

It is important to keep your membership fees current, **especially to keep your insurance valid.** September 1, is the start of our fiscal year. Please send your dues to Marg Abra. 438 1st St. SW, Owen Sound, ON N4K 6Z8

Masks are apparently the new bra... They're uncomfortable, you only wear them in public, and when you don't wear one everyone notices.



It's called **reading**.
It's how people install new software into their brains.

when you come out of the store and you have an airgasm



Airgasm: Intense pleasure from the air felt on the face when the mask is removed.

What have you been doing?

As you may remember, Verna has travelled all over the world in her retirement years. She had close to 100 photo albums and many journals of her journey's. Over the pandemic we have been going through all her photo albums and journals, and combining them into Scrapbooks. We have made it through to the year 2000 so far and have condensed probably half of the albums into 7. She took her last few trips in 2015, the year she turned 90. Although she does not remember the adventures, she always remembers the people with whom she travelled.

Submitted by April (Verna Killam's Daughter)



Reluctant as I am, I have to admit that summer is over and autumn is here. I hope everyone is well and finding new ways to be active and keep in touch.

I've been volunteering 2 afternoons a week at the hospital library - we don't get many people in but there is always plenty to do!

I was going to the SMART exercise program twice a week, but of course it stopped in March. The VON organizers have been working hard, and have found a way to reach out. Until Christmas they are offering the classes on Zoom. For Owen Sound, the class is on Thursday morning from 9 to 10. We get an invitation to join via email. At 9 we click on the invitation and join. It's a far cry from being together, but you do see and hear the instructors,

My regular bridge group meets weekly. We've all downloaded the Trickster Cards app. At the arranged time, Judy goes into the bridge game and sends us an invitation by email. We can see and talk to each other while we play.

Another app I use a lot is LIBBY. It's run by the Ontario Library. All you need to join is your Library Card. Your password is the last 4 digits of your phone number. You can borrow any of thousands of e and audio books. Loan period is 2 weeks. It is very easy to borrow and return the books.

As you can see, I'm much too busy for housework - that's something Covid hasn't changed!

Take care, keep healthy and active, until we can meet again.

Submitted by Suzanne Vamplew



Remember when...

THE BASIC RULES FOR CLOTHESLINES:

1. You had to hang the socks by the toes... NOT the top.
2. You hung pants by the BOTTOM/cuffs... NOT the waistbands.
3. You had to WASH the clothesline(s) before hanging any clothes - walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
4. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang "whites" with "whites," and hang them first.
5. You NEVER hung a shirt by the shoulders - always by the tail! What would the neighbours think?
6. Wash day on a Monday! NEVER hang clothes on the weekend, or on Sunday, for Heaven's sake!
7. Hang the sheets and towels on the OUTSIDE lines so you could hide your "unmentionables" in the middle (perverts & busybodies, y'know!)
8. It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather....clothes would "freeze-dry." I remember my Grandfather's union suits standing by themselves frozen.
How many remember union suits?
9. ALWAYS gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were "tacky"!
10. If you were efficient, you would line up the clothes so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the pins with the next washed item.
11. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed. (IRONED? Well, that's a whole OTHER subject!)

And now a POEM...

A clothesline was a news forecast, to neighbours passing by,
There were no secrets you could keep, when clothes were hung to dry.
It also was a friendly link, for neighbours always knew
If company had stopped on by, to spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the "fancy sheets", and towels upon the line;
You'd see the "company table cloths", with intricate designs.
The line announced a baby's birth, from folks who lived inside,
As brand new infant clothes were hung, so carefully with pride!

The ages of the children could, so readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed, you'd know how much they'd grown...
It also told when illness struck, as extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes and a bathrobe too, haphazardly were strung.

It also said, "On vacation now", when lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged, with not an inch to spare!
New folks in town were scorned upon, if wash was dingy and grey,
As neighbours carefully raised their brows, and looked the other way.
But clotheslines now are of the past, for dryers make the work much less.
Now what goes on inside a home, Is anybody's guess!
I really miss that way of life, it was a friendly sign,
When neighbours knew each other best...

by what hung on the line.



Wishing all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!