



RWTO UPPER CANADA EAST

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2020

Hello all,

As the weather starts to turn colder and snow flurries are in the air, it's time to think about **Christmas** once again! The Executive of the Upper Canada East branch thought it would be a good time to share some information and other bits of news with you.



We received the two cheques that were mentioned in the last newsletter. This consisted of **two grants** of \$400.00 each, to be used for the three R's (Recognition, Recruitment and Retention) as well as other expenses to do with staying connected using technology during these unprecedented times. We are always looking for suggestions on how best to use the funds so, if you have any ideas, please pass them along to any of the Executive members.

Our **membership** is currently at 53 members, 2 Life Members and 3 Associates, with a few more coming in. We're very happy to see the return of so many in this unusual year.

Thanks to all who participated in the **Fall Challenge**. Diana has prepared a beautiful collage that you can view on the RWTO UCE webpage. It's now our Home page photo.

The Executive recently held a Zoom meeting to *brainstorm ideas* that might be used over the next few months. We have decided to try a virtual **"Christmas Tea."** We have set aside *four dates* for this event, one day for each group or area and our goal is to have as

many ladies as possible participate in this unique event. There will be no business or reports during these gatherings, just a time to visit and catch up with each other.

The **dates** are as follows:



- **Tuesday Dec 8th, 1:00 p.m.** Morrisburg/Winchester/Chesterville
- **Thursday Dec 10th, 1:00 p.m.** – Iroquois/Cardinal
- **Monday Dec 21st. 1;00 p.m.** – Prescott/Maynard/Brockville
- **Wednesday Dec 23rd, 1:00 p.m.** – Spencerville/Kemptonville

Diana will send you a Zoom meeting invitation by email prior to the event. Here are the **steps to connect YOU** to the meeting via Zoom.

- **Download the Zoom app** to your device...computer, laptop, tablet, ipad or phone. It's free!
- In the email Diana sends you there will be a **link (in blue letters)** to join the meeting. At or a few minutes before the time, **click on that link.**
- A message will appear asking you **to join with video**, click **yes**
- If your internet is a bit slow or you don't have a camera on your computer you can join with *audio only*. We won't see you nor you us, but you'll be able to listen to what's going on and join in the conversations.

If you have **questions** please call or email Diana or Colleen. We sincerely hope you give this a try; it would be absolutely wonderful to see you there.

We were also looking at **activities** for next year. A Winter Challenge, A Valentine virtual event, an outdoor picnic, and an afternoon at a local winery are some of the ideas being considered. Much of this will also depend on what is happening with the Covid 19 situation. With news of a vaccine being made available early in 2021, perhaps we can see some of our regular luncheons coming together in the latter part of next year. We sincerely hope this will be so.

In the meantime, the Executive wishes everyone a safe and healthy **Christmas season** and all the best in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Betty Lou, Sandie, Mary Ellen, Lynda
Diana and Colleen



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