

BRRR...EAKING NEWS!

RWTO/OERO St. Catharines Branch

January 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: THINGS DESIRED (DESIDERATA)

As we face a new year, we need to skip all the regret and congratulate ourselves for getting here. Although we are unsure of the future, we must celebrate our accomplishments and plan for better times. Enjoy the journey because of its challenges.



We have continued to show our love of community in donations to Community Care and collections for Soles for Souls. We have cared for each other staying connected by phone and Zoom, sharing losses and easing fears. We have realized how much we have, and that what we need most is human connection. Virtual hugs cannot replace human touch, and streamed programming cannot replace live entertainment.

My wish is to freely hug my children and grandchild; to hold your hand and assist you to your seat; to join again in intellectual conversation, a shared meal and the arts. I am grateful for the ability to communicate with you in lockdown, but resolve to see us together again. I look forward to receiving the vaccine and accept that protections will continue to be needed to protect the vulnerable.

So as the planets of Jupiter and Saturn align, I resolve to be happy with the life that I still have; the good thoughts and good actions of others; and the collective sigh of relief that I can see change for the better.

As the consummate teacher voice in me says:

Face forward. Ask questions. Enjoy the interplay of ideas. Accept change. Show your love of others and feel fulfilled in return.

Thank you to the executive for all you do for others and for your support of accommodations made as we navigate this pandemic.

Moving forward,
Your president, Susan Lewis

Directory Changes - Submitted by Linda Foster, Membership Convenor

Addition

Barbara Jones 303-141 Vansickle Rd. St. Catharines L2S 0E5 905-688-5226 barbjones44@gmail.com

Corrections

New email: Sue Burnison sueburnison@hotmail.com

Postal Code: Lynda Gibson L2N 0B2 (not L2M)

Address: Tay Shiner 49 Ursula Ave L2T 1T2 (not 14 Ursula)

Karen Waterman 27 Nello St (not 227 Nello)

NOMINATIONS REPORT

Alice Bradnam and Donna Painter have decided to step away from the executive. We would like to thank them both for their years of dedicated service to our Branch.

Janis Harlos has taken over for Alice and will continue into the following year. ***Please contact her regarding any Goodwill matters.*** 905 892-8203 or jhalos6@gmail.com

We will be looking for an **ETFO Affiliate Representative** and a **2nd Vice President**. Please beat the bushes and help find some candidates for these positions. Contact Jan as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Harlos, Branch Past President/Nominations Chair/Goodwill Convenor

SOLES4SOULS: THE POWER OF USED SHOES

RWTO St. Catharines has partnered with BioPed Foot Care to collect Gently Used Shoes to aid the international organization, Soles4Souls.

To date, we have collected 434 pairs of women's, 86 pairs of men's and 20 pairs of children's shoes.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this project, as I have been able to work with VP, Kathie Dussome, and meet so many lovely, generous women on my pickups around the Niagara Region.

Our Outreach Program started October 6, 2020 and is still going strong until the end of February!

You can contact Linda Gaudet for pick up or more information: lgaudet7@gmail.com, call or text 289-687-4367. Please don't wait until there's a metre of snow on the ground!

Linda Gaudet, Branch 2nd Vice-President

SOLES 4 SOULS
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INSURANCE: A reminder to check the latest edition of 'Connections' which contains a paragraph giving information for filling in the claims form for cataract surgery or hearing aid purchase. No doctor signage is necessary but, in the space, provided on the form the claimant should give relevant info regarding date, which eye, both ears etc.

Chris Graham, Insurance Convenor