



## RWTO/OERO Ottawa-Carleton Branch New Year Update January 2021

### Happy New Year!

We hope that you have all been able to relax and rejuvenate over the holidays and share a laugh with family and friends via a virtual connection. Our hope is that the new year brings much joy and peace to us all.

As we move into 2021, we want to keep you up-to-date on what is happening in RWTO/OERO. We hope you are finding strategies to stay active and engaged as well as finding simple pleasures that brighten your day - phone calls, virtual visits, good books to read, crafts, puzzles, and cooking up a storm!

Thank you for your positive responses to the Christmas cards and tea. One member wrote "I received your card and Christmas package of tea earlier this week. The executive must be commended for all the work that they are doing to keep in touch with members with the COVID restrictions. It makes me feel like a valued member." It is always great to hear from our members. Please continue to let us know how you are doing, and let Marilyn Adair, our Goodwill Convenor, know if anyone is in need of a card.

In caring and sharing, we wish you good health and the vaccine in 2021!

Your Executive



### Stirring Up Memories



There are lots of stories about how food has become a focus for people as they deal with the pandemic. To give our members something to think about for RWTO/OERO, we have a plan to create our own little cookbook which will be a memoir of this unusual time.

You are invited to submit a recipe that can be included - a family favourite handed down through the ages, a special comfort food that has meaning for you, or a dish that has become special in your life at this time. It would be great to have the recipe accompanied by a little story about how or why this recipe came to be selected for the cookbook.

Please send your recipe and story as a Word document, or include it in the body of your email message, to Martha Summers at [mar.bob.summers@gmail.com](mailto:mar.bob.summers@gmail.com) before February 15.

### Meeting Virtually??

Another way in which groups such as ours have been getting together is via ZOOM or Skype, using computers, tablets, or phones. Business meetings, speakers and special presentations, learning how to do something new, sharing ideas and projects members have been doing, or just catching up on news are a common focus. If you would be interested in participating in one of these with our branch members, please contact one of the Executive members to pass on your thoughts - e.g. yes or no re participation, suggestions for a topic or type of presentation. If there is sufficient interest, we will do our best to make it happen!



## Book Club

The monthly book club is continuing virtually via ZOOM in 2021. The great thing is we don't have to worry about the weather, parking or what to wear!

On January 4, the title discussed was ***The Gown*** by Jennifer Robson, a story about the embroiderers who worked on Queen Elizabeth's 1947 wedding gown. Sharon Chop showed her mother's 1944 wedding gown as a reminder of what gowns looked like back in those days.



Please let Joy Phillips-Johansen know if you would like to join in the book club's ZOOM get-togethers.

The booklist for the next few months is as follows

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| Feb. 1 Adam Shoals - <b><i>Beyond the Trees</i></b>       | May 3 Amor Towles – <b><i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i></b> |
| Mar. 1 Shirley Dickson – <b><i>The Orphan Sisters</i></b> | June 7 Ann Hui - <b><i>Chop Suey Nation</i></b>         |
| Apr. 5 Natalie Morrill - <b><i>The Ghost Keeper</i></b>   | Jul. 5 Jojo Moyes – <b><i>The Giver of Stars</i></b>    |
| Aug. 2 Glynis Peters – <b><i>The Secret Orphan</i></b>    |   |

## In Memoriam

We regret to inform you of the passing of one of our very active members, Lynne McCarney, on December 25, 2020. She joined RWTO in 2007. She was First Vice-President from 2007 to 2008, President from 2008 to 2010, and Past President for the next five years. Lynne received the branch Cora Bailey Award in May of 2015 in honour of her dedicated contributions to the branch. We will miss Lynne very much.



## Cora Bailey Award Update

In response to the December newsletter in which the Cora Bailey Award was described, our member, Barbara Clark, sent the following:

“I am always happy when I see an article re the Cora Bailey Award - a recognition still held in a prominent position in our history.

Cora Bailey was a highly respected teacher at Prince of Wales School in Peterborough, Ontario at the time that I was a child attending Prince of Wales. I can see her to this day, smiling at students in the halls, always displaying concern and care for all. My first teaching job was at Prince of Wales, and therefore I knew her as a professional as well. She was such a role model for us young ones!

It is wonderful to see that she is still "with us" ! Long may it be!”

Thank you, Barbara, for sharing this. It does make the award even more meaningful!

## Directory Update

Please add the following to the Branch Directory distributed in December:

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