

## RWTO Upper Canada East's Fall newsletter



Hello friends!

It's been a wee while since our last newsletter and we hope all has been well with you and that you are managing the heat of these long summer days. Soon enough winter will be coming!

Your executive met recently, and we have a number of items to share with you. Firstly, we are planning a fall luncheon. This will look a little different than our usual. Your phone lady will be in touch with you soon, but here are the details.



We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg on Wednesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Covid 19 measures for indoor eating at a restaurant will be in place. The Inn is offering a special lunch menu of three items from which you can choose, so there will not be a \$20.00 meal charge from the branch, as you will be responsible to pay for what you order. There is no business meeting planned, but after lunch we will be having our famous Quarter Frenzy, hosted by the one and only Betty Lou Casselman! So please bring with you an item to auction and lots of quarters. As in years past, we also ask for a donation of school supplies to help with the needs of our local children.



- At this meeting you can bring your membership dues for the current year. Please give these to Mary Ellen Garlough, our membership person. Membership fees are due September 23<sup>rd</sup>, so if you are not able to join us at the fall luncheon, you can mail your membership of \$40.00 to Colleen Howard, 10160 County Road 3, Mountain, ON K0E 1S0. Please make your cheques payable to RWTO Upper Canada East. One last favour regarding memberships. If you do not plan to join this year, please let Colleen ([choward585@gmail.com](mailto:choward585@gmail.com), 613.327.1343 ) or Mary Ellen ([greencrestfarm@gmail.com](mailto:greencrestfarm@gmail.com) 613.535.2402) know, so that we don't trouble you with a follow-up phone call. Thanks so much.

Earlier this year we donated a \$100.00 bursary to each of the four area high schools for a deserving graduate. In addition to this, the executive passed a motion to support the following charities: Community Food Share, House of Lazarus, Food For All, Girls Inc, Connect Youth, Madagascar School Project, Interval House and the House of Lazarus Back-Pack Initiative, for \$100.00 each. The South Mountain and Spencerville Agricultural Societies will receive \$50.00 each, totaling \$900.00. It is very heart-warming to be able to help these local charities and we thank you for your support.





We thank Pat Stewart and Jill Ryan for taking on the phone lady responsibility and are very grateful to Sharon Richardson and Elaine Bell for their help with this over the past years. It is very much appreciated.

And of course, many thanks to Jean Mills who has agreed to continue to see to our "over 90's" members with cards and flowers on their birthdays.



The executive has a few positions to fill for the upcoming year. We are looking for a Secretary, Communications Convenor and also a President. Diana has mentioned that she would take on the Communications position if a President could be found. If you have any questions or thoughts on this please speak to anyone on the Executive.



We held two events over the summer, one an outdoor picnic lunch at Diana McKendry's home with 13 members attending, as well as a guest, Joan Gamble, our Area 8 director. In August we arranged a lunch/winetasting at



Stonecrop Acres Winery enjoyed by 14 people. Both events offered great edibles and fantastic visiting! It was simply wonderful to catch up with all of you.



We are still in the Crisis Gowns business and if anyone feels so inclined to sew these items, please speak to Mary Ellen or Diana as there is some fabric that could be used. These gowns are taken to countries where there has been a natural disaster, or other event that have left people in need. Haiti comes to mind in view of the recent events there. These gowns are very much appreciated.

Workshops are being offered in the fall by Kathy Gallagher, our Provincial Communications Website Convenor on the following topics: Sept.29 -Computer Skills Desired, Oct.27<sup>th</sup> - Working with Images, Jan.26<sup>th</sup> - The Zoom Platform, and Feb.23 - Branch Facebook Pages. To register for any of these please visit- [rwto.org/branches/communication-convenors](http://rwto.org/branches/communication-convenors).



It is our hope that you all have been well and that we see you at our September luncheon at the McIntosh Inn on the 15<sup>th</sup>, ready for some Quarter Frenzy fun! Until then we wish you all the best for the rest of summer.

Your RWTO Upper Canada East Executive, Betty Lou, Sandie, Colleen, Mary Ellen, Lynda and Diana.