

September 23, 2021



Dear Members of RWTO, St. Thomas/Elgin;

As fall surrounds us, we are optimistic that better times are ahead. While we plan to follow prescribed Ontario COVID safety protocols in order to meet in-person, we will also be ready to pivot back to ZOOM meetings and e-news, should that be deemed necessary. Your paid-up membership card has been included in this package. Please see the back of this letter for the planned dates and program information. Updates and changes will be communicated by email or Canada Post where necessary. Our callers will be contacting you before each event, to confirm your attendance so we can verify numbers with our venues. *Venues are requiring proof of double vaccinations and masks, so please have yours ready to upon entry.*

We are also providing an invitation letter that you can give to another retiree who has not attended one of our meetings. Please reach out to any woman who has recently retired from teaching, or who may have let their membership lapse. If you bring a friend to our first meeting (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>), your names will each be entered into a raffle draw for a lovely basket of goodies. Join us for “Bring a Teacher Friend” for coffee at our Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting. They can decide after this meeting if they wish to join as a paying member.

I would like to thank our wonderful executive for their positive support during the past two years. We managed to set up ZOOM meetings, donate funds to local charities and provide electronic news to keep our members up to date. A big thank you to Lynn Christie, Susan Jakob and Diane Pease who served with excellence beyond their terms of RWTO executive roles, while our new executive grew. Please check for updates on our website at <https://rwto.org/branch/st-thomas-elgin/> We look forward to seeing you this fall!

Sincerely, Sue Bandeen, President, (on behalf of our 2021-22 Executive)

Sue Bandeen (Pres.), Lynn Christie (Past Pres.) Cathy Gardiner (1<sup>st</sup> VP) Rita Demcheson (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Susan Grieve (Sec.), Millie Gremont (Treas.), Judy De Groote (Insurance Convenor), Karen Auckland (Communication Convenor)

*You're invited*

