



RWTO/OERO

Owen Sound and Area



On behalf of our Owen Sound and Area Executive I would like to wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year!

The phrase 'time flies' rings all too true as we grow older. It has been two years since our last Christmas General Meeting in November of 2019. Who knew at that time that our next Christmas meeting would be in 2021! Throughout the past two years we have stayed connected through newsletters, Goodwill cards and calls, and Zoom meetings. We have enjoyed inspirational speakers and the sharing of pictures of gardens, hobbies and other activities during this time of Covid isolation.

On November 24th we held our in person Christmas General Meeting at the Inn on the Bay. How wonderful it was to see so many old friends gathered together once again! Following all safety protocols we enjoyed a delicious meal. Sharron Colter, our Honorary President of RWTO, brought greetings from the provincial office. Penny McKay, our Membership Co Ordinator, welcomed new members. We were finally able to honour our Cora Bailey recipients of the past two years: Connie Morris, Rebecca Hlynialuk, Laurie James and Rhonda O'Reilly. A special Cora Bailey award was presented by Sharron Colter to Mazie Davies. Our guest speaker, John Hlynialuk, gave a very interesting and topical talk on 'The Christmas Star'. Thank you to our Social Committee for their work organizing the event, gathering door prizes and decorating in the Christmas spirit.

This December, as we move toward better times, take advantage of the bounty of this season. Enjoy the twinkle of lights, sip some eggnog, listen to Christmas music and watch favourite old movies.

May the spirit and blessings of Christmas be with you and your families now and throughout the coming year,

Yours in Caring and Sharing,

Sue Loyst, President Owen Sound and Area





This is my nutcracker collection. It took forty years of amassing this. I never started out to be a collector. Somehow it happened.

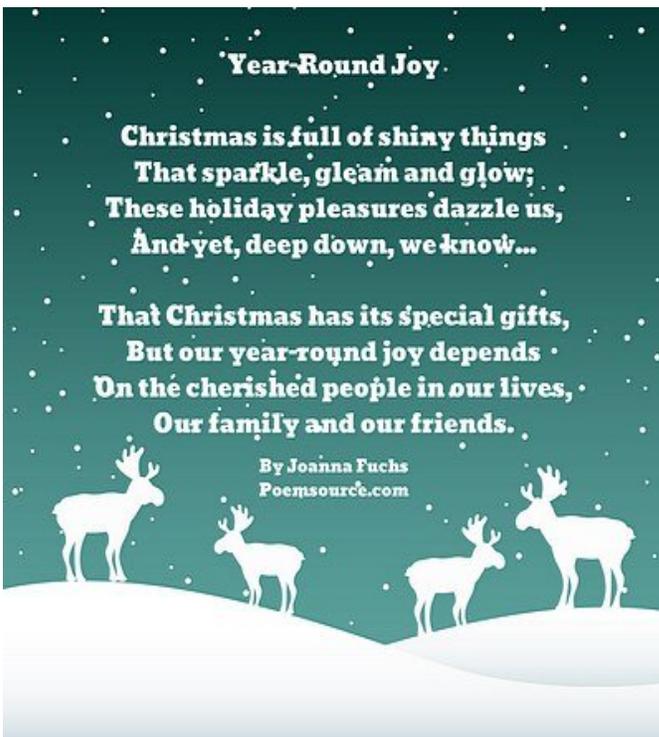
Rosanne Gallinger



These photos are from 2018, but the house will be pretty much the same this year.

Horse drawn sleigh rides remind Paul and I of our wedding, 25 years ago on December 21. On the afternoon of our wedding day, we went on a sleigh ride as a way of introducing our families to one another. Everyone had a great time. Our families ended up having a huge snowball fight. It was a wonderful way to break the ice. We were having so much fun that I almost forgot to pick up the flowers for the wedding.

Bobbi Harris



Year-Round Joy

**Christmas is full of shiny things
That sparkle, gleam and glow;
These holiday pleasures dazzle us,
And yet, deep down, we know...**

**That Christmas has its special gifts,
But our year-round joy depends
On the cherished people in our lives,
Our family and our friends.**

By Joanna Fuchs
Poemsource.com

I don't want to brag or make anybody jealous, but... I can still fit into the earrings I wore in high school.

Walking with Grandma
I like to walk with Grandma.
Her steps are just like mine.
She doesn't say, "now hurry up"
she always takes her time.
Most people have to hurry, they
do not stop and see. I'm
glad that life made Grandma
unrushed and young
like me.

Say Yes To Positivity

JUST KIDDING



Merry
CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER – CELEBRATION



By Louise Dobson (June 29, 2016)



The evergreen was standing in the corner of the class
 Its barren branches waiting for the decorating task
 The students used some class time to make symbols for the tree
 So every celebration would have something all could see



Winter Solstice, Festivus, Id al-Adha and Yule
 Omisoka, Hanukkah and Kwanza in the school
 Santa Claus and baby Jesus hanging side-by-side
 The students stood around the tree their faces full of pride



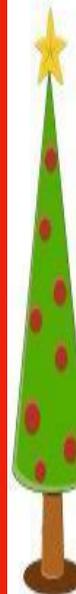
The teacher thought of how each child had made their little piece
 And now they all could celebrate at this December feast
 The students left the classroom for the holidays and fun
 But the teacher stayed behind to clean and get the marking done



Merry Christmas

From your RWTO executive

- Sue, Connie,**
- Louise, Cathy,**
- Lorraine, Mary H.,**
- Mary M., Jan,**
- Marilyn, Bobbie,**
- Rebecca, Penny,**
- Laurie, Barb,**
- Rhonda, Suzanne,**





This is the entry of **Connie Morris'** home. Christmas is coming, but no snowmen, skis or sleigh until the snow arrives!
Well, it's here now Connie!



Here is a way to reuse/upscale! Connie sprayed her dead mums with silver paint and added a few red ornaments! Love it!



Lorraine Dunning received this Christmas gift last Christmas. Catherine, shown with big sister Annabelle - was born at Christmas 2020. Catherine is her 3rd great granddaughter.

We care and share.

We hope that you are all doing well and looking forward to being able to see friends and family while still observing Covid protocols.

A number of cards were sent to members since our last report. A Thinking of You card was sent to Marg Abra as she recovered from knee surgery.

Sympathy cards were sent to Betty Ritchie and Donaldene Waugh at the passing of Betty's brother who was Donaldene's brother-in-law. A Sympathy card was sent to our President, Sue Loyst, at the passing of her mother. On a happier note, Mae Walker celebrated a birthday and a card was sent to her.

Keep well,

Yours in caring and sharing,

Lorraine Dunning 519-376-5017

Barb Schwartz 519-371-2474



"My mom is an English teacher and she says Santa's elves are subordinate clauses."

CHRISTMAS CHERRY BALLS

- 1 cup icing sugar
- 1 1/2 cups long coconut
- 1 tbsp milk
- 1/2 cup soft butter
- 1/2 cup graham crumbs
- 3 1/2 dozen Maraschino cherries
- graham crumbs

Mix first 5 ingredients in a bowl



Form a ball around each maraschino cherry using a spoonful of the mixture

Roll the balls in graham crumbs

Refrigerate

Enjoy!

This is a recipe from my mother and it has been enjoyed by our family for many Christmases.

Laurie James