



Hamilton - Wentworth Happenings!

January ~ February 2022

Greetings from Linda's Lair!

Timing is everything! Our Branch held two highly successful events in 2021 ... our concert at the West Avenue Cider House and Celebration @ the Station. They were possible because Covid-19 numbers were low in our area at the time, and because we have a dedicated Executive team!

Nancy Bell, our Provincial President, drove in from London to join us for our Celebration, and presented important information for our membership during her remarks. She kindly provided a copy for this newsletter, to reach more of our membership, as one-third of our members were able to join us for our gathering. It was wonderful to hear from our Provincial Past President, our own **Nancy Papiez**, as well.

Check out the photo collages and information about the Celebration event in this newsletter!

Some of our members had their own special celebrations recently! It was great fun visiting with **Hazel Broker** who turned 100 in November, and **Betty Coombs** and **Millie Green** who turned 90 in December. Congratulations!!!

Many thanks to **Mardie Panabaker** and **Karen Kasik** for helping greatly with this newsletter. Karen is now the contact person for newsletter Interest Group information, and Mardie provided the creative Christmas collages

and the Interest Group info pages. Of course, the collages were only possible because folks provided the photos! **Anna Iskat, Jan Lukas, Lynn Anderton** and I provided them for this edition. Remember – anyone who owns a cell phone is an RW photographer! Please send your Interest Group event photos to me for the next newsletter – don't forget some Zoom shots!

Although our wearing of New Year's party hats are possibly memories from years past, we need to make great memories of current times also ... so we need your help! Please send your ideas for Branch Zoom gatherings to Lynn or me – let us know the types you would like to participate in, or perhaps some people to contact for presentations or entertainment. Perhaps you know of a class or virtual tour that some of our members might be interested in viewing. A tremendous thank you to our **Interest Group Contacts** who have been able to carry on their gatherings during the pandemic using Zoom!

A very special thank you to the members of our **Branch Executive** for volunteering their time and expertise in helping our Branch to thrive. You are a wonderful team!

Wishing everyone beautiful moments, treasured memories, good health and happiness!



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If it didn't bring joy just leave it behind
Let's ring in the New Year with good things in mind.
Shed every bad memory that gave heartache and pain
Let's turn a new leaf, enjoy the smell of new rain.
Forget past mistakes, make amends for this year,
Send out some greetings to bring hope and cheer.

Author unknown

Happy New Year!

Now here's a 'kid' who knows
how to celebrate!!

Pat Williams cheers CFL Award Winners



Pat Williams & friends -
CFL Canadian Player of the Year, Bo Lokombo,
CFL Rookie of the year, Jordan Williams.

Health Insurance News!

Have you sent in your health receipts to your insurance provider for 2021? Here are some timelines to follow ... if you have a different company, it is worth the call to find out what their deadlines are!

RWTO/OERO – within one year from the time the service was provided. If you have a receipt from March 28th 2021, send it in so it arrives at Manulife before March 28th 2022.

RTOERO – the end of the following calendar year. Your receipt from March 28th 2021 must be received before December 31st, 2022.

RTIP/OTIP – a change for this year only, as they are changing the provider for their RTIP plan. All receipts from 2021 must be submitted by March 31st, 2022.

Nancy Bell Provincial President

One third of our membership was able to join us at our Celebration @ the Station event on December 8th. We asked Nancy to share her words of wisdom with the entire membership, and she kindly provided her speech for our newsletter. Many thanks, Nancy!



Thank you, Hamilton-Wentworth, for your wonderful hospitality. You can always feel the vibe of a group when you walk in the door and your Branch is such a warm, friendly and inviting group. I can see you were excited to see each other with the buzz and chatter in the room.

Over the years, I've met many of you through Conventions and on the Provincial Board, particularly Nancy Papiez and Sandie Bender, having worked closely together for the last 3 years. Mardie Panabaker, Lynn Anderton and Hope Leon I've met through several Conventions and during the 60th anniversary year of RWTO/OERO. It feels like coming home seeing so many other familiar faces.

I bring you warm greetings from the Provincial Board of Directors. It is a privilege being part of this hard-working team, full of energetic, bright, innovative women who give of their time so generously on your behalf.

As the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario, how do we as a provincial organization keep the momentum going to sustain us into the future while honouring those who have come before us?

Socrates once said, "The secret of change is to focus all energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

We must continue to embrace technology, each of us at our own pace, reach out to each other across our Branches to get to know each other, while maintaining that fun, safe, social setting and place of joy in all of our home Branches. Our newer retirees are

tech savvy, seeking out new groups or activities to join as they check out retirement opportunities on the internet. How many of us have had steep learning curves using Zoom or other new programs this year? For me, the grandkids were lifesavers! I now enjoy a video game or two to challenge my reaction time to these fast pace challenges! Are we, as an organization, keeping up with these technological skills to encourage newer retirees to join us? Well, we're trying.

Several workshops have been organized by Provincial to help you:

- Ideas and support for newsletters offered by Jan Murdoch
- Learning the features of Zoom for interest groups and programs presented by Kathy Gallagher

One of our Branches plays bingo online with each other while others have tried travel and fitness groups for fun. The creativity of programs is inspiring. I see that Hamilton-Wentworth offers a broad variety of interest groups that are inviting and ongoing. Well done!

Sustainability also involves maintaining a modern, informative website and interesting newsletters are important considerations when keeners are looking for retirement opportunities. Outdated information upon initial contact, deters potential new members from proceeding any further. Your website is phenomenal. Congratulations!

We all play a role as part of this team, to contribute to our Branch events, take some pictures, suggest program ideas or speakers. The Hamilton-Wentworth Branch members are leaders in this area and have generously shared their ideas with others, province wide.

Have you visited the Provincial website home page recently to view a new promotion to attract potential members? Branches are also encouraged to post their activities on the Provincial Facebook page to inspire others, so check out our page for a wealth of interesting information. Watch for trivia questions about RWTO/OERO in the December Connections newsletter and see if you can find the answers using our website and Connections.

Sustainability for any organization means that members want to be involved in meaningful activities and seek out groups with charities that touch them personally.

Your branch is exceptional in the numerous Outreach projects that you support:

- Afghan Projects - hand made baby blankets for babies for Grace Haven House, and adults through Good Shepherd
- Living Rock Ministries - for teens
- City Kidz – gifts for inner city kids and youth
- Food 4 Kids
- Hamilton Police - carry warm blankets in cars, esp. for seniors
- Children's Aid Society
- Dr. Bob Kemp Pediatric Hospice

These kinds of charities resonate with former teachers who want to make a difference as they recall children, women, and families in dire circumstances during their career.

Groups that are sustainable offer friendship, support and a welcoming atmosphere to new faces. Each of you are ambassadors from the moment a new member steps in the door or joins you at a luncheon table. Do we personally invite them to participate in our interest groups, introduce them to others and ask how they were attracted to RWTO/OERO? The Hamilton-Wentworth Branch receives an A+ in this area.

Your Provincial Board has taken on several initiatives this year to keep the momentum going and to remain viable for the years ahead.

1) Our Marketing Committee

This group is highly tech savvy and now creating RWTO URL links to the Wikipedia websites in your area. When potential members, anywhere in the province, search women's activities and groups in your area, our provincial website will pop up and take them to information about our Branches. Provincial will be expanding the use of Branch Gmail accounts to offer added security for our Branch executives. Information will be sent to an email that is not linked to you, personally. As executives in the

Branch change, information will automatically go to the person in the new position. I see that your Branch has already taken this step with enthusiasm.

2) A Common Initiative

We asked each Branch to share with us their charities supported over the last 5 years. What an impressive list, provincially! Members have wondered "What is it that we do? What are we all about? What sets us apart from other groups?" We're looking for a Provincial Initiative that is fresh in approach, workable, and honours the intent of our Caring and Sharing motto. An Ad Hoc Committee is currently examining possibilities.

As part of our viability, it's important that we recognize one of our key Provincial goals: "To establish a visible, outward looking presence among teachers and the public in general, to improve the lives of women and children in general." A common initiative will help to identify the contributions of the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario and to familiarize current teachers and the public with our organization.

3) Cost Saving Measures

We all must live within our financial means. What must we do to remain sustainable by looking at our financial picture? A new Ad Hoc Committee was formed to look at our budget lines and see where further savings could be realized, including the impact of Conventions down the road. Manulife Insurance does provide some return of premiums, but funds are not guaranteed. Our only guaranteed source of income is from new memberships and membership renewals.

4) An All-Member Survey

An Ad Hoc Provincial Committee has been working behind the scenes developing a very simple survey as to whether the membership is ready to consider the extension of membership to other women educators. During the New Year, a short survey will be emailed to you, or for those who need a paper version, it will be mailed. Your honest feedback is appreciated. The information will then be summarized and

results shared with the membership. It is then up to the Branches if they wish to proceed any further, as this will not be a Board decision.

Sustainability means we maintain an active membership. Declining numbers over the years must be addressed. Will extending our membership be a way that we invite new people to work on our committees or share the leadership role in our branches?

We need you to offer your leadership skills as part of our executives. Working in pairs is fun. Calling a speaker, phoning members, delivering charity contributions, selling tickets for draws, taking photos, help lighten the task. We all love the activities, but please take a turn at your local or provincial level.

5) Supporting our Branches

We recognize that our branches are the grassroots of the organization. The Caring and Sharing programs, visits to shut ins and interesting programs all stem from a strong, vibrant Branch in each area. Viability requires an innovative, creative and organized plan within each Branch. This also requires financial resources to implement such programs.

Following the Annual General Meeting this past June, the delegates made an amendment for an Ad Hoc Committee to look at rebates returned to Branches. This group was formed from small, medium and large sized Branches including both Board and Branch members. For the past 6 months, this group has worked tirelessly to determine a concrete and reasonable solution to support our Branches.

Pending approval from the Board of Directors in early January, a Power Point presentation has been created and will be shared with our Board of Directors, Branch executives, potential delegates and interested members.

As requested by delegates at the 2021 AGM, this information is intended to educate our members about Provincial finances and how it impacts decisions made for our organization. There will be new resolutions proposed at the next AGM which we feel are fair

and will help provide for the sustainability of our organization in future years.

6.) Sustainability Over the Years

We are 66 years young Provincially, and much of this is due to a strong network of compassion, friendships and our Caring and Sharing approach in everything that we undertake. Conventions and AGMs are the hallmark of fun while completing the business of RWTO/OERO.

Conventions help us make personal connections with each other across this beautiful province, as we listen to each other and learn about our struggles and successes. Supporting our colleagues and participating in significant outreach causes enhances the interest and viability of RWTO/OERO.

Area 3 is hoping to host Convention 2022 in London. We're crossing our fingers and toes that we can proceed when the Provincial Board makes a decision in February. The health and safety of our membership are priorities and we will adhere to the Provincial and Ministry of Health guidelines.

"Laughter does indeed lift us up" and we're all ready for one gigantic celebration together! Do consider joining us in London for Convention 2022, either as one of the delegates or a member attending parts of the convention either in person, or on Zoom, if necessary. Enjoy the entertainment, banquet, workshops and "all things convention." You are a vital part of this team. Let's make a difference and build a future that includes our past as well as ongoing generations of retired women teachers.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas, or however you celebrate this holiday season, and look forward to a joyful New Year with you.

Thank you.

**Nancy Bell,
RWTO/OERO Provincial President,
2021-2022**





Hamilton-Wentworth



Danielle Chouinard

This amazing woman joined RWTO in 2000, and has been a continuous member for 21 years! She joined the Branch Executive in 2003 and began volunteering her time. In fact, she had so much fun that she never left and has remained an integral part of the Executive. Her smiling face is often one of the first you meet at your events, as you collect your name tag. Over the years, she has volunteered in many positions; as an event facilitator, coordinator of the Interest Groups, leader for Citizenship Celebrations, and the manager of golfing's "Nine & Dine" activities. She has set up event tables, overseen donations, handled door prizes and organized the "Share the Wealth" draws. During our 2013 Provincial Convention she used her experience with seniors to look after the reception of the Over 90's Provincial members who attended a special luncheon. Her giving heart, happy chuckle and charitable deeds, are welcomed by all, and this award is long overdue. Congratulations to our Coral Bailey recipient, Danielle Chouinard

Cora Bailey Award ~ '20 -'21

Three Cora Bailey Awards may be presented annually by each Branch. But we had some catching up to do!

Presenting a Cora Bailey Award is the highest honour a Branch can bestow on one of its members for their dedicated service to the Branch. Congratulations!



Hamilton-Wentworth

Pinky Moro

This Pinkylicious lady with a fabulous laugh joined our Branch in 2001, and began attending almost every function that we had to offer! She soon linked with Liz Verrall to initiate our Scrapbooking Group and continued on to share her formidable talents with the Card Making Group. In fact, she has been an on-going member of many of our Interest Groups over the years, including Book Club, Lunch Bunch, Euchre, and the Monday Movie Group. In 2015, she joined our Executive and handled membership event payments for several years. That duty required the competent handling of many details and she tweaked our procedures for better efficiency. No task too small, she often lends a helping hand at branch events. Her friendly personality and sharp wit are always a delight! Congratulations, Pinky Moro, for living and demonstrating the spirit of Cora Bailey with your caring and sharing.

Cora Bailey Award ~ '20 -'21



Hamilton-Wentworth

Linda Sargeant



Blow your trumpet, bang your drum! This Cora Bailey Award winner joined our RWTO Hamilton-Wentworth Branch shortly after her retirement in 2011. Kathy Shields asked her to join our Executive and she then put her many talents to work. She joined several Interest groups, was a Travel Group co-ordinator and started the iPad Group to assist many of us with our skills. She tweaked the way we ran the Be Our Guest event with tremendous success, and started our Mohawk Trails School Interest Group. She assisted Mardie Panabaker with printing duties when Hamilton organized the 2013 Provincial Convention, and has organized our Wellness Symposiums with RTOERO. This recipient brings inspiration and creative ideas to many Executive meetings! She designed our Cora Bailey Pin, which she will now have the honour to wear, and which was then adopted provincially. She has been moving through our Presidential Chairs since 2013! Often the first to arrive and last to leave our events, our Branch has benefited so much from her computer, graphic, printing, organizational and people skills, and she impresses us with her verve, energy and drive! Other organizations also rely on her, such as Scouts Canada, Socks Canada and RTOERO District 13! Always giving of herself, we are now so pleased to give Linda Sargeant a well deserved Cora Bailey Award. Congratulations!

Cora Bailey Award ~ '20 - '21

Cora Bailey, from the Peterborough Branch, was RWTO/OERO's first Executive Secretary-Treasurer. She held this position for eleven years until 1982 and wrote our history book, OASWT 1956-1976. Beginning in 2003, this award was presented in her honour. Hamilton-Wentworth Branch first began presenting this award in 2005. By the way, OASWT stands for the original name of our organization, **Ontario Association of Superannuated Women Teachers**. Aren't we glad it was updated? Sooo... I looked up the definition of superannuated ... the second one made me ponder ...

1. to retire someone with a pension
2. **obsolete through age or new technological or intellectual developments**
3. belonging to a superannuation plan

Hmmmmmm ...

DID YOU KNOW???

This is **RWTO/OERO's 66th** year as an organization, and the Hamilton Branch was created one year later. Wentworth later amalgamated with the Hamilton Branch.

So ... this is our

65th Anniversary!

Congratulations to us!!

We usually present our Annual Cora Bailey Awards at our AGM in May ... we decided to present some at Christmas, as 2 of our 3 recipients attended our Celebration ... hopefully our May AGM will be possible, and we can do our final presentation!



Hamilton-Wentworth

Lynn Anderton



While many of our members use the phone or email to discuss events and activities, this Cora Bailey recipient just ZOOMS from one event to the next! Two years after joining our Branch in 2011, she began her Executive service as our Recruitment Convenor, developing new techniques for reaching out to new retirees. She also helped run the Hospitality Room at the 2013 Provincial Convention held in Hamilton. A participant in at least 8 Interest Groups, she joined the Presidents' Team in 2015, and capably handled each of the Presidential roles, chairing committees, establishing initiatives, and providing an organized approach for creating new events and activities. She has chaired important committees like our Wellness Symposium and Diamond Jubilee Celebration with its "RWTO Retrospective Through The Decades" performance, not to mention our "Red & White Wine Tour" for Canada's Sesquicentennial Celebration. As the Interest Group Leader of the Art Appreciation & Tours Interest Group, she has organized multiple in-person workshops and events, and during Covid-19 arranged many virtual tours around the world. The Executive has worked continuously during the pandemic, under her leadership, as she organized Zoom Executive Meetings and many workshops for our members. Our recent concert at the West Avenue Cider House is a tribute to her expertise. Lynn Anderton, it is a privilege to present you with this Cora Bailey Award.

Cora Bailey Award ~ '21 - '22



Hamilton-Wentworth

Patty Alexander



This cheerful and helpful member took over the creation & publishing of our newsletters, 6 years ago in 2015, joining the Branch Executive. When asked to take on this role, she started exploring the icons on her computer, and was astonished to discover the multitude of graphics, that let her creative mind loose. She has always handled this duty marvellously, adding dimension to newsletter pages with cheery borders and details. Bless her heart, this organized person always stayed calm, even in the face of lost files and last minute changes by others. A living example of the Cora Bailey spirit, this member is also greatly involved in community outreach with those less fortunate, handles tasks for her Condo Board, drives friends to cancer treatments and looked after an elderly neighbour for many years. Patty Alexander, we so greatly appreciate your support of our Hamilton-Wentworth Branch over the years! Congratulations on receiving your Cora Bailey Award!

Cora Bailey Award ~ '21 - '22

Congratulations!



Happy



Hazel!



105 RW Birthday Cards - Awesome!

Teachers' College Class of 1940



Hazel Broker's 100th Birthday!

Hazel certainly celebrated her 100th birthday in style ... in fact, all of her gatherings took days! A party with her relatives, another with her seniors' home friends, and then her RW birthday experience!

Hazel's nephew suggested that what she might enjoy most would be to go for a drive, and out for lunch – so that was the plan we followed! Lynn Anderton, Dorothy Gruggen (an RW & church friend) and I drove her by her last teaching school – Holbrook – where she readily recognized the similarities and differences from her final teaching days in 1977! We then headed down to Westdale, to visit the home she lived in for decades until her mid 90's, Westdale United Church, and the community. Then we were off to see the decorations in Dundas, the Driving Park, and one of the RBG parks before heading for lunch at the Admiral Inn, across from Dundurn Castle. The restaurant treated her to pie & ice cream!

Hazel was very pleased to receive her Christmas amaryllis and special RW 100th birthday certificate (now sitting beside her certificate from Prime Minister Trudeau), but her eyes lit up when she saw her new stuffie owl, which she has named Hoot! (Hazel's apartment is decorated in birds!) Her most surprised look however, was when she saw the large plastic container filled with **105 RW birthday cards!!!** Thank you all, for making Hazel's birthday special!

One additional surprise ... volunteering at the HWDSB School Archives has its advantages! I called Ben Dymont, and asked if he could use Board directories to find out which schools she had taught at and when. Within hours, he had her complete school teaching history starting with Teachers' College, (with photo), a copy of her 1945 payroll card (\$1000 for the year!), and a retirement article from the Apple News. Wow!

Truly a memorable birthday indeed!

Linda Sargeant

90 Years Young!

A lovely treat for RW Executive members is visiting our "senior seniors" and homebound members for special occasions. December brought 2 special visits for members who turned 90 – an opportunity to deliver both their Christmas gifts and flowers to celebrate their milestone birthdays.

It was an honour to visit with **Betty Coombs** and **Millie Green!** I had taught with Betty for 3 years at the 'old' Queen Mary from 1977-1980 ... while I have aged tremendously, it seemed that only Betty's hair colour had changed in the last 40 years! I met a new friend when I went to visit Millie! Although she lives on her own in the home her family owned for decades, her daughter and son-in-law were visiting from the west coast and we had a lovely visit! Both of these bright articulate ladies were likely teaching by the time I was born ... but at this point in our lives the varying decades don't seem to matter! These ladies are great fun!



Betty



Millie



Hamilton-Wentworth

In Memoriam



Dorothy Kerr

1925 - Sept 6, 2021

Dorothy Kerr began her teaching career at the age of 35, teaching primary students for the Public Board for the next 29 years. She earned her University degree and Masters of Education while teaching. Dorothy greatly enjoyed the friendships developed through teaching and her church, and her world travels to South America, China, Japan, and Hawaii were memorable. Dorothy found our RWTO luncheons to be special events, which she greatly enjoyed attending.



Kathy Shields

1943 - Oct. 28, 2021

Kathy was a well-loved vibrant kindergarten teacher during her career with the Public Board, but we knew her best for her amazing contributions to RWTO. This Past President (2011-2012) and Cora Bailey Award recipient (2015) was noted for her welcoming manner, enthusiastic and skilful leadership style both with the Executive and our Interest Groups, and was noted for being one of the organizing team members who made our Convention 2013 a success.



*Welcome to
our new
members*



New Members!

Our Branch is pleased to have had 12 new members join us since the pandemic began. It is difficult to reach out to new retirees when their Locals' in-person retirement celebrations have not been held for the past 2 years. We usually give out invitations at these events.

Our own "Be Our Guest" events have also not been possible, so we tried a new welcoming event in November. Seven of our new members were able to join Lynn Anderton and Linda Sargeant for brunch at a local restaurant, just to visit, and chat about our Branch. They are a vibrant group! Unfortunately, we forgot to take some photos!

Seven new members were able to attend our Celebration @ the Station gathering in December, and were presented with their membership pins. Hopefully the rest of our new members will be able to attend a luncheon in the near future, and receive theirs as well.





Nancy Bell
Provincial President



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*Celebration
@ the
Station*



Anybody need a
President?



2020-2021

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+1 to be presented



Lynn Anderton



Linda Sargeant



**RWTO/OERO
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Celebration at the Station 2021



We greatly enjoyed our luncheon in the Grand Central Ballroom this year.

Just over 1/3 of our membership was able to join us for this special event.

Covid-19 protocols were in place, with 6 to a table that were widely spaced apart, and yes we did wear masks, that we removed briefly for photos and to enjoy our meal.

The turkey dinner with all the trimmings was delicious, and the Liuna staff was fabulous!

We enjoyed a singalong with MixDup an A Cappella Quartet, and line dancing by our Motion to Music Interest Group.





Interest Group Activities



Bumper Babes Bowling

We are hoping to restart our bowling on *Friday, February 18, 2022*, and Gwen will contact you to confirm. Imagine, it has been almost 2 years after our last outing. I don't know about the rest of you, but bowling with the Wii just isn't the same. However, know that I am keeping close track of Covid numbers and will confirm with members whether the meeting will happen.

Our plan is to meet at 11:00 at Mountain Lanes at 335 Upper Wentworth. The cost for 2 games and shoe rental is \$10.00. There is parking on both sides of Upper Wentworth and a pay lot on E 21st Street which is one block past Wentworth. Upper Wentworth is a snow route but it is unlikely that we would be bowling in conditions that require a snow route.

We are always looking for new bowlers so if you are interested please contact Gwen Kirkpatrick at kirkpa@cogeco.ca or 905-689-8975. I will send out an e-mail to everyone on my list a week ahead of each bowling date to get an idea of how many are able to attend. I will also watch for any changes in restrictions due to Covid. At this point all bowlers must be double vaccinated. Kevin will be checking vaccination certificates and ID, as well as recording names and phone numbers for contact tracing. Hope to see you there. - Gwen Kirkpatrick



Scrapbooking - We meet monthly on zoom. Contact verrall@sympatico.ca if interested.

The *Cardmaking* Group meets the 4th Thursday of the month via zoom. Anyone interested in joining, can contact Theresa at theresalinger1@gmail.com.

The
*Knitting &
Crocheting*
Group

The yarn deliveries have
been made ...



... and everyone is at home
working on squares and afghans.

For more information, Contact Dalia at ladybggg@gmail.com



"FIRST CUP @ SECOND CUP" is unable to meet at this time due to the severity of Omicron.

Hope plans to email members when the first meeting will occur. It is a fine opportunity to make new friends, socialize and exchange ideas. If you want to join the email list please email hleon@bserv.com or call 905-528-2348.

Art Appreciation & Tours

Our members continue to find and share interesting articles, links and videos about a variety of art topics.



We recently found out that the **Van Gough Immersion Display** in Toronto is coming to Hamilton and will send information links.

If you wish to be included in our group emails, just sent a note to Lynn Anderton, rwtolynn@gmail.com 905-308-1133



The Zoom Movie Group

We Zoomers use the free online movies using Hamilton Public Library's Kanopy and Hoopla sites. In December we had much to discuss about the film Monsieur Lazhar, wherein a refugee substitute-teacher works with a class dealing with a major loss.

We will kick off the New Year on January 17 at 1 pm and chat about the mystery called *The Oxford Murders* on Kanopy. For more information contact Mardie at mardiepan@gmail.com

