

Retired Women
Teachers of Ontario



Organisation des
enseignantes
retraitées de l'Ontario

You are invited to
our final meeting for this
school year.

Thursday June 16th/22

Somerset Ballroom, Best
Western Stoneridge Inn,
6675 Burtwistle Lane
London; Registration opens:
11:30 Program starts: 12:00
with the *Induction of our
New Executive* for 2022-23.

Meal: Plated Tuscan
chicken meal with green
salad, wild rice, dessert,
coffee/tea. Cash Bar
available.

Fashion Show featuring
Durkees Fashions to follow
lunch. Come enjoy!



Meeting Fee is \$30. You
can e-transfer to
rwto.ste@gmail.com

Please let us know if you
would like to attend the
meeting on June 16th and
can offer a ride to another
member in your area. OR,
if you need a ride, please
let your caller know that
too! We will do our best to
help match riders to
volunteer drivers.

Thank you to our many
members who have already paid
their fees for 2022-23!

*We will have a proposed budget
available at your meeting table
on June 16th, for your viewing.*

For this year, the Branch dues
remain the same at \$45. Here
are several options for
payment:

1. E-transfer to rwto.ste@gmail.com
No password required; the
money is deposited directly to
our branch account and you will
receive instant confirmation of
your transfer.
OR

2. Mail a *cheque* payable to
RWTO St Thomas -Elgin to
12 Mary Bucke St.,
St. Thomas ON N5R 5J6

3. If you are planning to attend
our June meeting and intend to
e-transfer your meal payment
ahead of time, **please feel free
to include your dues with that
transfer.**

4. Bring your cheque to the June
meeting.

On behalf of our branch
executive,

Sincere thanks!

Millie, your treasurer

Your 2021-22 Executive:

President: Sue Bandeen

Past Pres: Lynn Christie

1st VP: Cathy Gardiner

**2nd VP and Phone Tree
Convenor:** Rita Demcheson

Treasurer: Millie Gremonprez

Secretary: Susan Grieve

Communications: Karen
Auckland

**Convention Tour and Insurance
Convenor:** Judy DeGroot

Archivist: (open position)

We will be accepting
donations for our Back
Pack Project for the
Violence Against
Women Shelter in St.
Thomas at our June 16th
Meeting. We welcome
mail in or e-transfer
donations for this project
as described here.



RWTO Believes:

- History is important.
- People make history.
- The women who have gone before us have made our history.
- We remember them.
- Today, we remember them and celebrate their life and work.

On May 19th, we paused to remember our members that we have said farewell to since 2020.

Jessie Turner
Shirley Millington
Frances McCallum
Sue Parkinson
Elsie Parish
Cheryl Hill
Lorna Lozon
Grace Hoshal
Nancy Little
Carole Watson
Marion Marr



A message of thanks to our Membership Branch!

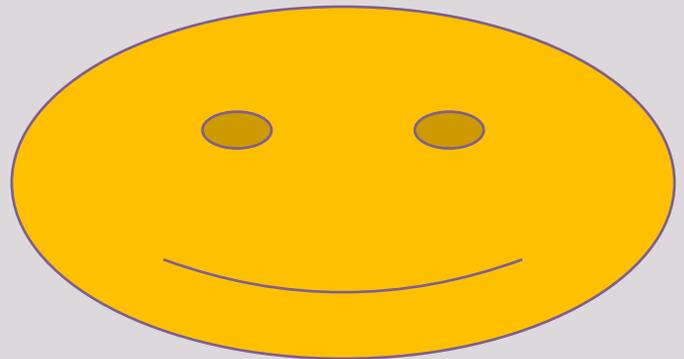
Our Branch donated \$500 to send two children (siblings) to SARI therapeutic riding camp this summer. Here is an excerpt from their family thank you letter,

"Thank you so much for this very generous gift. Cameron and Olivia both have drug resistant epilepsy. Cameron's seizures continue and he faces many challenges in his daily life. Olivia is still undergoing tests to determine the best plan of treatment for her epilepsy. Spending a week participating in therapeutic riding at SARI will be an amazing opportunity for both of our children. Our hope is that they fall in love with the horse and that the calming aspect of being with them will provide a huge benefit in both their physical and emotional health. We look forward to sharing some pictures with you this fall."

To the members of
St. Thomas - Elgin RWTO.

It really meant a lot!
Thank you so much for assisting
our children Cameron and Olivia
with a week of Therapeutic
Horse Back Riding Camp at
Sari. We are so thankful for
your kindness and generosity.

Kelli, Dan, Cameron and
Olivia DeAthe





BusyTeacher.org

15 funny facts about REAL TEACHERS

- ✓ Real teachers will eat *anything* left in the teacher's lounge.
 - ✓ Real teachers grade papers in the car, during commercials, in faculty meetings.
 - ✓ Real teachers never sit down without first checking the seat of the chair.
 - ✓ Real teachers have disjointed necks from writing on boards without turning around.
 - ✓ Real teachers understand the importance of making sure every kid gets a Valentine.
 - ✓ Real teachers can "sense" gum.
 - ✓ Real teachers know the difference between what *ought* to be graded, what *should* be graded, and what *should never* see the *light of day*.
 - ✓ Real teachers know that the 1st class disruption they see is probably the 2nd one that occurred.
 - ✓ Real teachers have never heard an original excuse.
 - ✓ Real teachers give themselves away in public because of the dry erase pen marker smudges all over their hands.
 - ✓ Real teachers know that dogs are carnivores and not "homework paperavores."
 - ✓ Real teachers do not take "no" for an answer unless it is written in a complete sentence.
 - ✓ Real teachers are solely responsible for the destruction of the rain forest.
 - ✓ Real teachers know the value of a good education and are appalled upon seeing their paychecks.
- AND FINALLY.....
- ✓ Real teachers hear the heartbeats of crisis; always have time to listen; know they teach students, not subjects; and they are absolutely nonexpendable.

~author unknown

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Special thanks to Karen Auckland, our roving photographer!

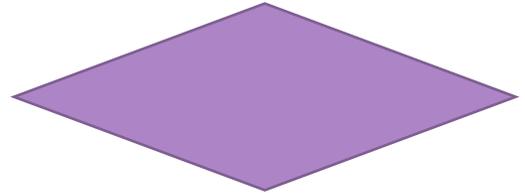


HAPPINESS IS



...meeting up with old friends
after a long time apart.

facebook.com/itssthehappyday
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Memories
are made when
gathered around the table.

1st VP Cathy Gardiner and President Sue Bandeen welcomed our guest speakers Kimberly Howcroft (Elgin Hospice) and Annette Anderson.



Our after-lunch speaker (Annette Anderson) provided us with Tips and Tricks for Container Gardening. May 19th was a busy and interesting session!



We also thanked our Convention Tour Committee, led by Judy De Groot.

(L-R); Wendy Thompson, Judy DeGroot, Rita Demcheson, Cathy Gardiner and Monique Wood (absent). Thank you, for creating a wonderful plan for a bus full of visitors to Elgin County!



In May, our speaker Kimberly Howcroft, shared some key messages to help us learn about Elgin Hospice.

Hospice supports people at end-of-life through provision of care that combines the 'just like home' experience with palliative expertise. Hospice provides the wrap around care and support for individuals, caregivers, and families. Loved ones come from all age groups, and in that way, Hospice has the potential to touch every one of us. We all want our loved one to be comfortable and well cared for. Currently there are no dedicated palliative care beds in Elgin County. Everyone deserves the care and support for their end-of-life journey, everyone deserves a better ending, and this is why a Hospice in Elgin County is essential.

What is Hospice?

- Hospice is a healthcare facility providing 24-7 expert palliative care in a welcoming home-like environment. It is being built at 2 Edgeware, at the top of the hill in a wooded area of Waterworks Park, here in St. Thomas. Construction will begin Fall 2022.
- Hospice palliative care is about relieving pain and suffering while improving the quality of life for those who are living with and dying from a life-limiting illness
- The goal of hospice palliative care is to support individuals and their loved ones, as end-of-life and death are part of a complex and emotional journey for everyone

Our vision for Hospice includes:

- A 16,000 square foot healthcare facility with private suites
- A palliative care clinic, supporting individuals and families within the community
- Caregiver support and respite

Who will Benefit?

- Within the first year of operations more than 500 individuals will receive care and support at home, in the community, and at Hospice
- Accounting for loved ones, 3,000 people or more will be impacted by a death every year
- Within five years, Hospice will support 15,000 individuals
- Within a generation, almost everyone in Elgin County conceivably will be impacted by Hospice

Community Benefit

- Hospice is the missing link in Elgin County, and with an aging population, the pressure on the healthcare system continues to grow
- Single seniors are an important vulnerable group in Elgin County. There are over 3,000 persons aged 65+ living alone, which is a greater proportion (25%) of seniors living in private households than the provincial average (12%)
- Expanded healthcare services with specialization in palliative care to support care providers including family physicians, long-term care facilities and the hospital

Why is Hospice so important? Hospice is a matter of life and death. How we support individuals at the end-of-life is not only a healthcare issue, but equally important, a matter of building a healthy caring community. How people die remains in the memories of those who live on, impacting the fabric of our community for generations to come.



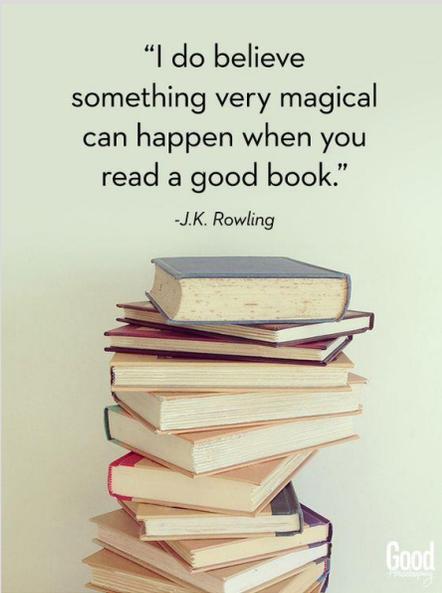
Thank you to our members' generosity for donating \$1411 to Elgin Hospice!

We asked you to share your suggestions for favourite books. Enjoy the list of books that has been sent as a separate attachment in this email.

Contributed by RWTO Branch Members; Compiled by Susan Grieve



For the Love of Reading!





*From President,
Sue Bandeen*

I would like to take a moment to thank the members of St. Thomas Elgin Branch of RWTO, for your trust and support over the past year. While pandemic pressures challenged our executive in our planning for this past year, I am very proud of the team work, collaboration and stewardship this fine group of women provided for our group. Being a fairly new member of the group, I was supported by Lynn Christie and Judy De Groote who helped our executive make decisions that benefited everyone. We all continue to work together to plan programs and events that will be of interest to our long-standing members as much as our new retirees. To grow, we need to keep adapting as much as we need to honour our traditions.

One constant experience I proudly share with my friends outside of this organization is how extremely caring and sharing our membership is. Over the year, our Branch has generously supported our Women's Shelter, Christmas Care, East Elgin Food Bank and the Elgin Hospice. We have tried to add some good food, great fun and lovely social times along the way, while learning about these important causes and sharing topics of interest.

Our new executive for the upcoming year is listed below. You will see that we do have two open positions. Please consider nominating a friend, or volunteering if you can help out. The old adage of "many hands make for light work" really is true as this is the most organized and enthusiastic team, I have worked with..... but without our members filling these roles, our branch can not exist. So please, consider joining our amazing executive team. We meet once a month (most months) and we work well together.

On June 7/8/9, we have three delegates (Sue, Rita, Cathy) attending our Provincial Convention in London. We look forward to learning, networking and representing our branch to the best of our abilities. Please join me in thanking this year's Executive for the St. Thomas-Elgin Branch and welcoming in our new executive for the 2022-23 year.

Sincerely, Sue Bandeen

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2nd VP: open position

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Communications Convenor: Karen Auckland

Telephone Convenor: Patty Legault

Goodwill Convenor East Elgin: Linda Laforge

Goodwill Convenor West Elgin: Ginny Barfatt

Goodwill Convenor Central Elgin: open position

Archives: Sue Bandeen



A message from Judith Bennoch, RWTO Provincial Office

To all RWTO members:

I am extremely pleased to announce that there will be 'LIVE STREAMING' of a number of events at Convention 2022 this year. These events are available FREE OF CHARGE this year. We recognize that COVID-19 is still a concern for many of our members who, under different circumstances, may have attended in person. To participate in the live Streamed events, we are using the same type of process as we did for our Virtual Convention 2021.

You are required to REGISTER on the RWTO.org website, individually, for each event you wish to attend. The Live Streamed events include:

Tuesday afternoon - *Marketing Strategies* and *Helping Our Branches Thrive* Workshops

Tuesday evening - *Magician* at 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday evening - *Awards and Entertainment*

Thursday morning *In Memoriam* and afternoon *Closing Ceremonies*. (One registration covers both)

Full details are available on the rwto.org website.

TO REGISTER: Click on the following LINK to go directly to the **Password Protected** Registration page <https://rwto.org/convention/convention-2022-livestream-registration/>

- Once you **CLICK** on the **LINK** you will find yourself at the page called 'Convention 2022 Live Stream Registration'
- Enter the following **confidential** password, exactly as printed here: **LS4pts (it IS case sensitive)**
- You will find a Poster appear with the details of the **Events**
- To **Register** - **CLICK** on the '**TITLE**' of the event you wish to attend in the poster OR scroll down to the bottom of the poster and **CLICK** on the '**TITLE**' located there.
- Another page will appear with boxes for you to complete your registration
- Once you complete all the information required, **CLICK** on '**Register**'
- Another page will appear with your **Confirmation** and the **ZOOM LINK** for the event that you will use to JOIN. *Please be sure to SAVE this ZOOM LINK (print, copy, or save email) to be sure you will have it when needed.*

YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THIS PROCESS FOR EACH EVENT YOU WISH TO ATTEND.

Instead of using the link in this email you may also go directly to the rwto.org website. **CLICK** on 'CONVENTION' and then 'CONVENTION 2022 REGISTRATION'. From there follow the directions given above. **NOTE:** *There will also be individuals available to assist with any connection difficulties prior to the start of each event. HOTLINE information is available on the Registration page. A huge thank you to these volunteers! (fyi: Millie Gremont from St. Thomas Elgin is one of them!)*

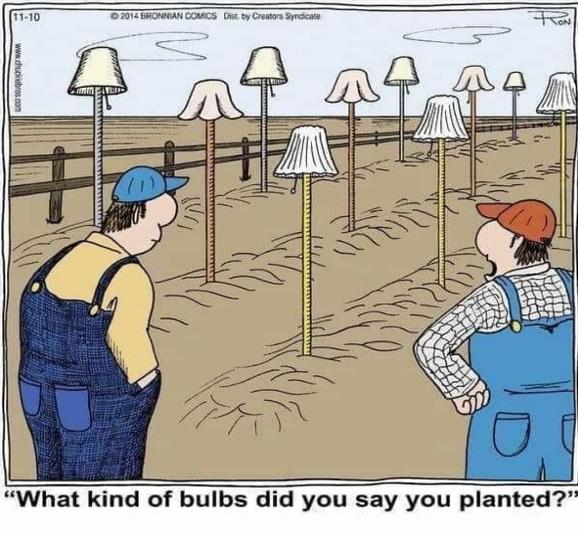
Also: The '**Annual Report 2022**' containing all of the information to be presented at the AGM along with the '**Financial Report 2022**' can now be found on the rwto.org website.

- These documents can be found by **CLICKING** on the **ABOUT** tab
- Next choose '**GOVERNANCE**' from the dropdown list and **CLICK** on it
- Choose the document you wish to read - 'Annual Report 2022' or 'Financial Report 2022' and **CLICK** on it
- Your next step is to enter the **confidential Password UPF@1948** and the document will appear. *Please be patient as these documents may take a few seconds to load on your computer.*

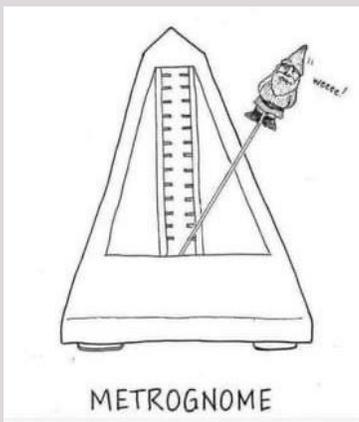
And now...just for fun.....



Our May speaker Annette, inspired us with her tips and tricks for container gardening and now...



FOR OUR MUSIC AND TECHNOLOGY TEACHERS



the original smart board

