

# CARING & SHARING

FALL 2022

Retired Women Teachers of Ontario—Windsor-Essex Branch



## President's Message - - Patricia Wales

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday Sept. 14th  
Book Chat

Thursday Sept. 29th  
Fall Luncheon

Saturday Oct. 1st  
**Membership Fee Due**

Thursday Oct. 6th  
Petrolia Trip

Wednesday Oct. 12th  
Executive Meeting

Wednesday Oct. 19th  
Book Chat

Wednesday Nov 9th  
Book Chat

There is a freshness to September for those of us who have worked in schools: the promise of new beginnings, working to learn new things and celebrating results while enjoying the company of others.

Will anyone admit to taking a stroll down the back-to-school aisles in stores, just to see what is new in school supplies these days?

This Fall, we hope to continue to safely meet in various ways whether at luncheons, in Zoom Book Chats or travel to Petrolia to see a play on Thursday October 6th.

As we begin this new term, I'd like to welcome Gina Marcon, First Vice-President and Lori Piazza, Second Vice-President, to your Executive. Both are willing and eager to meet you and come with many ideas to share that can join us together.

Over the summer, our Board lost longtime Goodwill Committee member, Pat Desmarais. Many of you may remember that Pat led our annual Memorial Service as well as prayers for members who passed away. We will miss Pat's dedication and insights.

Your Executive and Board members work tirelessly in the background on your behalf. In this newsletter you will find their names and contact information. Your suggestions for activities are welcome!

Details of our Fall Luncheon, an annual favourite, appear on the last page of this newsletter. It was not possible to return to our usual luncheon spot but we have secured a new venue at St. Mary's Hall, Maidstone that promises a wonderful turkey dinner with all the fixings. This has been our September tradition enjoyed by many of you for years. Bring along a new teacher retiree or some teacher friends and join us on Thursday September 29th.

Sharpen your pencils. A new year begins!



# RWTO/OERO Windsor-Essex Branch Directory 2022-2023

## Executive & Board

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## Committees

|          |                   |                |                        |
|----------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
|          |                   |                |                        |
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# *In Memoriam*



Wyonne McGinnis  
1934 – April 20, 2022



Donna Ryan  
1944 – May 19, 2022



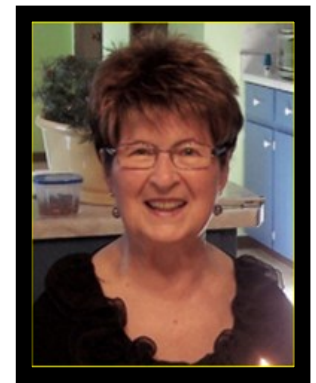
Patricia Desmarais  
1942 – July 7, 2022



Doris Rau  
1942 – July 11, 2022



Annie Nickel  
1923 – July 15, 2022



Elizabeth Sedlmeir-Scratch  
1932-August 23, 2022

*A life well lived  
leaves a gentle pattern  
on the hearts of all...  
And the world is a lovelier place because one  
person touched it with warmth and goodness.*

*~Jessica St. James*



On your behalf, we have reached out to the families of beloved Branch members who have recently passed away. Families were ensured of our gratitude for the service of these women and their connection to R.W.T.O. Windsor-Essex. A children's book will be donated by our members to a local branch of the public library in memory of each of these women.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

- - Gina Marcon

### ETFO's Charter Challenge against Bill 115 and Remedy Decision.

For any **Full-time or Part-time Public School teachers in Ontario who worked during the 2012-13 or the 2013-14 school year**, you are entitled to receive a one-time cash payment from the government settlement.

For more information, go to [ETFO.ca](http://ETFO.ca) to read the full account of the court case and decision.

ETFO states that all employees in Ontario will hear from them by Wednesday August 31, 2022. If you don't hear from them, go to [etfo.ca/objection115](http://etfo.ca/objection115) and submit the necessary form.

## Treasurer's Report

- - Karen Clark-Lauzon

### **\$50 Membership Fees are due.**

Your dues help our Branch to continue to plan activities and support our members for another year.

**Our GOAL is 100% paid by Saturday October 1, 2022!**

Thank you to all the members who used e-Transfer last year. We hope that more of you will use this easy mode of payment this year.


Send your e-Transfer to [rwto.treasurer6@gmail.com](mailto:rwto.treasurer6@gmail.com)

No security question/answer is needed!

**Please place your name and "DUES" in the MESSAGE section of your e-Transfer.**

Cheques payable to **RWTO Windsor-Essex** can be mailed along with the Membership Form to my address below or dropped in the mailbox on the porch.

Karen Clark-Lauzon  
266 Ramblewood Dr.  
LaSalle, ON  
N9J 3B3



See **Membership Article** for more details

Thank you for continuing your membership. We are now collecting fees for the 2022-2023 membership year. We presently have **270 members**, including **16 Life Members** and **8 Associate Members**.

*We are setting a new goal to have all our membership renewal completed by Saturday October 1, 2022.*

Please pay your **\$50.00 Annual Membership Fees**:

1) by **e-Transfer** to [rwto.treasurer6@gmail.com](mailto:rwto.treasurer6@gmail.com) (no security question/answer please)

\* No form required unless there are changes to your information

2) by **cheque payable to RWTO Windsor-Essex**, accompanied by the following form either mailed or delivered to our Treasurer's porch mailbox at:

**Karen Clark-Lauzon  
266 Ramblewood Dr.  
LaSalle, ON  
N9J 3B3**

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**2022 -2023      \_\_\_\_ Membership Renewal      \_\_\_\_ New Member**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* *Email addresses are not distributed but are used for RWTO/OERO communications only.*

I understand that I may appear in photos on RWTO/OERO website(<https://rwto.org/branch/windsor-essex>), in the Branch, or Provincial newsletters, or published in local media.

**The Annual Membership Fee for RWTO is \$50.**

**Luncheon and special events are "pay as you go" costs.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



***Thursday  
October 6, 2022  
Petrolia, ON***

**Cost:** \$125 per person (additional \$10 discount with 40 participants)

9 a.m.- Meet at Sears parking lot Devonshire Mall.

Coffee break along the way.

11 a.m. - Parks Blueberries to shop and lunch. (own expense)

2 p.m. - Enjoy the play

Chuck's Roadhouse Chatham for dinner (own expense)

8 p.m. (approx.) Return to Devonshire Mall parking lot.

**Please respond & pay before Thursday September 15, 2022**

*For further information contact:*

**Anna Campigotto:** 519-978-0652 or [campya23@me.com](mailto:campya23@me.com)

**PAYMENT**

1. e-Transfer to [rwtotreasurer6@gmail.com](mailto:rwtotreasurer6@gmail.com)

\*\*\*Indicate "Petrolia trip" in MESSAGE box

2. payable to: RWTO Windsor-Essex and mail to:

**Anna Campigotto  
796 Beneteau Dr.  
Amherstburg, ON  
N9V 3R3**



### *Birds, Butterflies and Rainbows*

Our ladies were dressed to impress at our 80+Tea held at Seasons LaSalle on Monday June 13th.

Food, fun, laughter and song were part of our exciting afternoon.

Twenty-three special ladies were honored with the help of our thirteen greatly appreciated volunteers.

Our beautiful ladies were greeted with a corsage, glamour shot and group photos, showing off their hats, fascinators and lovely smiles.

Each woman received a container of goodies, tea towels, chocolates and tea to take home.

What a fabulous day for such lovely ladies.

We are looking forward to "Sharing and Caring" again next year.



"A cup of tea  
is an excuse to share  
great thoughts  
with great  
friends."

## Insurance

- - Marilyn Harvey

Do you have ***RWTO/OERO's Hospital and Home Care Insurance Plan?***

If so, you are so fortunate to be covered for financial assistance for unexpected costs associated with getting well which includes a wide range of benefits.

If not, please consider looking into this excellent coverage from Manulife to supplement your provincial plan.

For a brochure with all the information please contact me.

On another note, those of you with the insurance plan are reminded that in order to keep your plan current, it is necessary to keep up to date with your RWTO membership dues. **Be sure you are paid up to date.**



- **Forget-Me-Nots**
- **Memoriam Service Leader**
- **Delivery of Collected Goods**

## Goodwill

- - Val Luscott

Our Forget –Me –Not group of volunteers continue to reach out, in spite of the restrictions and lock downs observed by nursing and retirement homes. We visit more than twenty of our members, bringing our motto of Caring and Sharing to them.

We continue to share greetings with our members regularly through the mailing of birthday cards.

We are grateful to our lost sister Pat Desmarais for her years of dedication as the leader of our Memorial Services.



### You Play a Part in Securing Your Information



Being cautious and concerned about your private information is priority #1. These suggestions may help you to be an **informed** participant since retirees are one of the largest groups targeted.

**NEVER** give your Social Insurance number to anyone.

Always check out charities through reliable sources.

1) **Telephone calls:** - Don't recognize the number?- let it go to voicemail.

If answered **give no personal information**. Contact the company the caller gave you. *Microsoft* will never call you about your computer.

2) **Phone Surveys:** Explain you don't do phone surveys. Tell them to mail it and you will complete it. **Give no personal information!**

3) **Sales Pressure / Free Gifts:** If it seems too good to be true—it probably is!

Once you **state you aren't interested, end the call**.

4) **Ignore Continuous callers or email messages** with words like: 'URGENT', 'last chance', 'expires soon', 'can you help me?' even with names you know.

In closing, if it feels wrong it usually is. Less talk or written words, more safety for you. A little suspicious concern is wise when protecting your privacy.

Scams can and do happen—don't be a victim!

## Puzzle Time

- - Linda White

1. What makes this number unique: **8,549,176,320** ?

2. If  $A + B = 3$   
And  $B + D = 6$   
What is  **$D + G = ?$**

Call or text Linda White at 519-969-7345 or [lindaawhite@cogeco.ca](mailto:lindaawhite@cogeco.ca)  
First correct response received will win a \$10 gift card.



*Time and good friends are two things that  
become more valuable the older you get.*



## Convention 2022 “Laughter Lifts Us Up !” - - Gina Marcon

**“Who invented the First Airplane that *WOULDN’T* fly?” .... “The Wrong Brothers”.**

Jokes, jokes and more jokes kept all the ladies on their toes.

The 2022 RWTO/OERO Provincial Convention was held at the Four Points Sheraton Centre in London, Ontario. Our hosts and sponsors were Area 3: Sarnia-Lambton, St. Thomas-Elgin, London-Middlesex, Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent. All delegates were met with bright yellow bags filled with information, both essential and fun.

Balloons of all types, colours and sizes were abundant and an actual hot air balloon basket provided the quintessential photo-op at the entrance door.

Our Windsor-Essex Branch was represented by Linda White, Karen Clark-Lauzon, Gina Marcon, Anna Campigotto and Betty Lee-Daigle. Provincial Communications Website Convenor Kathy Gallagher was also in attendance.



Our Windsor-Essex branch took on the daunting task of organizing the door prizes. Thanks to Karen Clark-Lauzon, Carole Kuli, and Nancy Johns-Root for organizing and packaging our contributions. Val Luscott and Emy McBride joined us to assist with the distribution of the door prizes. Lots of excitement among the winners could be seen on both evenings. A silent Auction was available in an adjacent room filled with donations from all branches.



Tuesday afternoon workshops included topics on Marketing, Insurance, A Treasurer’s Refresher and Helping Branches to Thrive. Wednesday afternoon’s activities included Yoga, a Drumming Circle, a bus tour to Port Stanley to take some to the theatre and others to a downtown shopper’s paradise. Delegates were dazzled and amazed on Tuesday night by Windsor Magician and Mentalist Ron Gudel and on Wednesday night by the music of The Elder Brothers.

The mornings were well spent deliberating over resolutions and reports. The resolutions were small in number but important in content. Our branch submitted Resolution #1 which increased the Provincial rebate from 25% to 30% per member. All resolutions were passed. Our newly appointed Officers were introduced to the membership Friday morning: And finally the Call to Convention 2023 was presented by the Eastern Ontario Branch hosts Areas 8 and 9. **“Cruising Down the Waters”** is the theme for next year in **Kingston**.

# FALL LUNCHEON 2022

**Thursday September 29, 2022**

**Social Hour** 11:00—11:45 am  
**Lunch Served** 12:00 noon  
**Location** St. Mary's Hall  
12016 County Rd 34  
Maidstone, ON  
N0R 1K0

**Cost** \$35

**Turkey Dinner with  
all the fixings**

**REMEMBER**  
**your Rewards Card and**  
**RWTO Membership Pin**



## **Support Our Mission of *Sharing & Caring***

Kingsville Food Bank—Non perishable food items

Leamington Salvation Army—Toiletries

St. Mary's Food Cupboard—Share the Wealth

As usual we will collect used eyeglasses and children's books

Tickets must be purchased by **Thursday September 22, 2022**

Sorry, no refunds after the deadline

### **Options for payment:**

1. **e-Transfer** to [rwto.treasurer6@gmail.com](mailto:rwto.treasurer6@gmail.com)—NO security question/answer

**You must indicate the Member information as below in the 'Message' section**

2. **Mail or porch drop your cheque** (no post dated cheques will be accepted) **along with the form**

**Below to:**

Karen Clark-Lauzon  
266 Ramblewood Dr  
LaSalle, ON N9J 3B3

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ First luncheon ? Y or N

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ First luncheon ? Y or N

Newly retired teacher ? Y or N

# \_\_\_\_\_ of lunches @ \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

***Our new member incentive will be in effect.***