

'CARING & SHARING'
RWTO/OERO NORTHUMBERLAND SOUTH DURHAM BRANCH
FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER - ISSUE FORTY-FOUR

FALL MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, September 12, 2023
10:00 am - Registration/Meet & Greet
Silent Auction during social time for gently used recent books - donations gratefully received. **Please note: if your donated books DO NOT SELL, please take them back home with you until our next meeting. Thank you!**

WHERE: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope

MEAL: Harvest Buffet (Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Fall Vegetables, Salad & Dessert) **\$25**
** Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.

PROGRAM 10:30 am – Business
- Voting for our Branch Executive
- Speaker: Elaine Charel Handwriting Expert

*Once you confirm your attendance at our fall meeting, I will send a handwriting sample activity to you in a separate email. If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed, please print and complete this form. You may scan/take a photo/email it to Elaine at elainecharal@me.com or hand it to Elaine when you arrive at St. Paul's. If you email it back to her, Elaine will send you a Handwriting Profile and a fun Numerology Overview for the year. Having these forms completed in advance will be very helpful. Thank you!

12:15 pm - Lunch

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: - Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Center, Treats for Troops

REPLY: By August 31st: email: sneelynn@gmail.com or esfordjr@bell.net if you plan to attend. You may also call Lynne at 289-927-2307 and leave a message.

A Gentle Reminder: We are committed to pay for all meals ordered. If you are unable to attend as you indicated to Lynne or Julia, please cancel by contacting Lynne at least five days before the meeting. Thank You!

If you know of a retired woman teacher, EA or ECE who is not a member of our RWTO/OERO Branch, and would like to join, please invite her to come to the meeting with you. Your guest will receive a free lunch that day. Let the person that you contact know the person you will be bringing. All qualified teachers who are retired (including those on Long Term Disability) are eligible to be members of RWTO/OERO regardless of whether or not they are receiving a teacher's pension.

Branch Newsletter: To save postage and photocopying expense, the branch newsletter is sent by email to those who have given us an email address. If you received yours by mail and you **do** have email, please let the editor, Lynne Snee, know by November 1st for the Christmas issue (sneelynn@gmail.com).

BRANCH SPRING MEETING

Our spring meeting was held at St Paul's Presbyterian Church in Port Hope on May 9, 2023. President Julia Esford welcomed everyone to our first Spring meeting in four years – it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces back at St. Paul's, a venue where we all enjoying reconnecting and catching up with fellow branch members.

She introduced our special guests from Clarington Hospice – Jill Richardson, Marg Ford, Suzanne Robertson, Kirk Kemp and Marian Timmermans.

President Julia opened the business part of the meeting by updating us on the Area 7 Social, which will be held this fall. Our branch is hosting, and plans are in the works for an exciting get together. Please see the note below for items we are collecting for our over 80's members who will be attending this event.

Sandra updated us on our budget and finances, which are in excellent shape. President Julia reviewed the numerous resolutions being put forward at the RWTO/OERO June Convention being held in Kingston. She asked each member in attendance to complete the survey provided with their vote preferences for resolutions one through fifteen. Julia Esford, Astrida Chalmers, Jan Engel, Lynne Snee, Joan Putnam and Sandra Nolte will be attending.

Jan Engel presented the Cora Bailey award to Sandra Nolte, who has done a masterful job of managing our Branch finances since becoming Treasurer. Congratulations!

President Julia introduced the Barbara Moorcroft Award, which will be voted on at our upcoming meeting. Last year, the Provincial office asked each branch to come up with an award to recognize an outstanding branch member. Barbara was such a member, with her years of service, both locally and provincially to our organization, her strong skills as an orator and never-ending support of members. This award will be presented bi-annually.

Members enjoyed a wonderful presentation on Clarington Hospice by Marian Timmermans. Her years in nursing, sense of humour and advocacy of end-of-life care and rights came through in her speech about where Clarington Hospice began, and where is it going. Kirk Kemp (Liz Gibson's brother), who is the Chairman of the Hospice Fundraising Committee, told us that much fund-raising has been done, but there is still more to do as they prepare to break ground and build a much-needed facility that will bring humanity back to death by providing people with comfort, care, compassion, freedom and integrity. A donation of \$570 from our members and the executive was presented to Marian and Kirk at the end of their comments.

OTHER NEWS

From the RWTO/OERO PROVINCIAL BOARD:

A \$400 cheque was received by the branch to allow it to help continue the important work of the branch either through community outreach in the form of charitable donations or for advertising for the purpose of recognition, recruitment or retention of members.

June Convention:

This year's RWTO/OERO Convention was held in Kingston, and was attended by Julia Esford, Astrida Chalmers, Jan Engel, Lynne Snee, Joan Putnam and Sandra Nolte. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and music, combined with a business agenda. The voting delegates approved the opening up of our membership to EAs and ECEs

Membership Fees: If you have not paid your **2023-24 fees**, please do so by August 15th, as they are due to our Provincial office by August 31st. Members involved in the RWTO/OERO group insurance **must** renew membership. Membership cards will be distributed at the September meeting. Please see my previous email for instructions on mailing your cheque, or sending your payment by E-transfer.

Provincial Newsletter - To save the cost of postage, the provincial office is requesting that you have your provincial newsletter Connections sent to you by email if possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cobourg Dinner Theater – a Message from Sharron Mcmann

OCTOBER DINNER THEATRE TRIP

Everyone who signed up for the October Dinner Theatre, "**Clue**" on Friday, October 27th, (\$61.20 each) please check with the people who you are coming with and send me yours and their final confirmation that they are still attending by **email by September 8th.** samcmann@sympatico.ca

In the email include

1. The full names of **all** those attending in your party including yourself.
2. Who you want to sit with remembering there are only 8 seats at a table (If there is more than 8 in your party, how I should divide the group, and if wanting to sit with someone not in your group, make sure how many they have at their table)
3. Everyone's email, and phone number
4. Choice of entre: Grilled Beef Steak, **(B)** Grilled Chicken **(C)**, Glazed Salmon, **(S)** Grilled Vegetable stir fry, **(V)**
5. Food allergies

Thank you – Sharron

Social Outings Update – A Message from Sandra Nolte

Tea Party

We looked into the Edwardian Tea at the Bowmanville Museum which we have gone to in the past but decided that the \$70.00 per person fee was rather expensive. Instead, we have booked Tea at Tea Grannys and Friends in Newtonville.

Please join us on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 from 1 to 3 (doors open at 12:50)
5784 Newtonville Road

\$45.00 per person includes a 4-Course Afternoon Tea along with an educational, enjoyable experience that tells the history of the Victorian afternoon tea, in a serene, peaceful countryside setting in the rolling hills of Clarington, Ontario. Unfortunately, this event is not wheelchair accessible nor is it nut or gluten free. If you would like to attend please send your payment to Sandra Nolte by cheque or Etransfer. Make cheques out to RWTO Northumberland South Durham or send Etransfer to rwtonorthumberlandsd@gmail.com by September 10th.

How to Use an E-transfer to Pay Your Fees or For Outings

Use the e-mail rwtonorthumberlandsd@gmail.com to transfer fees through Etransfer. You will need to make up a security question since auto-deposit is not available on our account.

Send an email to our treasurer at sandra.nolte@outlook.com to let her know that you have sent the e-transfer and what the answer to your security question is. Since this account will only be used for e-transfers, Sandra will not know that you have sent the e-transfer unless you let her know in this email.

Time to Get Creative

I have booked a session at Crockadoodle in Cobourg for our members to meet together and be creative.

We will meet at the Crockadoodle studio at 169 Division St., Cobourg at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 1st.

How it works: We will each pick a piece of ready-to-paint pottery off the shelf (plate, bowl, mug, etc.). The prices start at \$20 and include studio time, paint, glazing, and kiln-firing. Once we have our pieces, we will enjoy some time together chatting and painting with the assistance of the Crockadoodle staff. When we are finished, we will leave our creations behind to be professionally glazed and kiln-fired. We will be contacted when our pieces are ready to be picked up and enjoyed.

I can't wait to meet and create with you! Please send me an email at sandra.nolte@outlook.com by October 24th, if you are going to get in on the creative fun!

Upcoming Branch/Area Meetings

September 12th: General Meeting, Executive Meeting
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope

Area 7 Fall Social October 17th: Best Western, Cobourg

Charities: Treats for Troops, Hospice

Special Request! Please consider donations of grocery store cards, soaps and hand creams for the gift bags for the over 80's members who will be attending the Social. In these challenging economic times, we feel that gifts such as the ones mentioned above, will be most appreciated. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this part of our planning.

December Christmas Meeting – Date TBD: General Meeting, Executive Meeting
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope

Spring Meeting – date and location TBD

Third Thursday of Every Month - Social Event – Lunch - 12:00 noon

The East Grill, 555 Rossland Rd., East Oshawa
(in the Rossland Square Plaza)
Everyone welcome.

