

'CARING & SHARING'
RWTO/OERO NORTHUMBERLAND SOUTH DURHAM BRANCH
CHRISTMAS 2024 NEWSLETTER - ISSUE FORTY-EIGHT



WHEN: Wednesday, December 4, 2024
10:00 am - Registration/Update of member information/Meet & Greet
Silent Auction during social time for gently used recent books - donations gratefully received.

WHERE: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 131 Walton Street, Port Hope
Use the south entrance. Parking in church lot south of Walton
Off Pine St. S. or at the front of the church on Walton.

MEAL: Chicken Breast Dinner - **\$25**
** Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.

PROGRAM 10:30 am - Business
- Special Guests: Lynda Sommer Area 7 Director,
Judy-Ann Tumber Peterborough Branch President, Jean Axcell
- Presentation of the Cora Bailey Award
- Back by Popular Demand – Our Famous Christmas Quarter Auction
- Christmas music
12:15 pm – Lunch

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: ***Please bring a “gift” donation (and the dollar amount) for our quarter auction, and of course, lots of quarters so that you can bid on your favourite items!***
***Everyone is encouraged to come dressed in seasonal festive colours and/or Christmas outfits.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: Northumberland Giving Tree – an unwrapped gift for a child or youth up to age 16 or a monetary donation. If you bring a gift, please let the treasurer know its value as the amount for our total charitable givings is to be recorded in our provincial report.

REPLY: Before November 27th: Lynne Snee 289-927-2307 or email: sneelynn@gmail.com

A Gentle Reminder: We are committed to pay for all meals ordered. If you are unable to attend, please cancel by contacting Lynne at least five days before the meeting. Thank You!
If you know of a retired woman teacher, EA, ECE or Speech and Language Pathologist who is not a member of our RWTO/OERO Branch, 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, EAs and ECEs 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 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 before the spring issue (sneelynn@gmail.com).

BRANCH FALL MEETING

Our fall meeting was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope on September 12, 2024. President Julia Esford called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone warmly. She provided us with a summary of the virtual convention that was held in June. She shared that Vicki Cubitt and Shirley Stewart visited Verna Templer in August to help her celebrate her 100th birthday. Sandra Nolte updated us on our membership. We have 46 members and two lifetime members. Astrida Chalmers let everyone know that there will be an open window for insurance in the Fall, and that she had new registration forms. Sharron McMann spoke about upcoming theatrical events at the Brighton Barn Theatre and at the Best Western in Cobourg, and encouraged members to purchase tickets and come and enjoy a night out. Jan Engel presided over an In Memoriam service for Martha Budd and Sharon Staples. Joan Smith spoke about Martha, and the contribution she made to both education and her community. Jan spoke about Sharon, and the impact she had on lives both in and out of the classroom. Both ladies will be deeply missed by those who knew them. Members then had an opportunity to enjoy a creative activity designing Zentangle Fall leaves, before sharing in a delicious harvest lunch prepared by Joan Smith and members of her church.

AREA 7 SOCIAL

This year's Area Seven social was hosted by the Belville Branch of RWTO on October the 28th at Emmanuel United Church in Foxborough. Guests were greeted warmly at the door and provided with name tags and the opportunity to take part in a silent auction and a 50/50 draw. Members from different branches in our area had a chance to get together and catch up on the news since the last time we saw each other. Each branch then had an opportunity to have one representative speak to the group about activities for our members and initiatives that we have undertaken. A delicious roast beef lunch was served with homemade desserts. Our time together ended with a delightful musical presentation in the sanctuary by Good to Go! a singing guitar/accordion playing duo.

PLAY NIGHT

On October 25th, several members and their spouses and friends attended a performance of Gibsons & Sons at the Best Western in Cobourg and enjoyed a full course meal. Thank you once again to Sharron McMann for providing this opportunity for us.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

December 4th - Executive Meeting after the Christmas meeting in Port Hope.

Spring Meeting – May 6, 2025 Ebenezer United Church, Courtice

Third Thursday of Every Month - Social Event - Lunch - 12:00 noon - The East Grill 555 Rossland Road, East Oshawa. Everyone welcome.

June 3–5, 2025 - Provincial Convention to be held in Brantford