

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

SPRING MEETING

- WHEN:** **Thursday, May 9, 2024**
10:00 am - Registration/Meet & Greet (*Please see note below re annual fees in the **Other News** section of this newsletter)
Silent Auction during social time for gently used **recent** books - donations gratefully received.
- WHERE:** **Ebenezer United Church**
1669 Courtice Road, Courtice
Directions: From eastbound or westbound 401, exit at Courtice Rd. and head north, away from the lake. Ebenezer is located at the corner of Courtice Rd. and Bloor St., two traffic lights north of the 401.
If you are coming along highway 2 from Oshawa or Bowmanville, turn south, towards the lake, when you get to Courtice Rd. The first traffic light is at Bloor St., and the church will be on your left at the corner.
- MEAL:** Springtime Meal: Shepherds pie, coleslaw, dinner rolls, assortment of desserts, juice tea, coffee - **\$25**
*** Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.
- PROGRAM** 10:15 am – Business
- Reports
- Discussion of Resolutions to be presented at the virtual Convention in June – please read the resolutions in Connections and bring your copy to our meeting
- Celebration of Life
- Induction of the Executive for 2024
- Insurance Presentation
- Spring Zentangle

12:15 pm – Lunch

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: Bowmanville Hospice, Treats for Troops

REPLY: Lynne Snee - 289-927-2307 or email: sneelynn@gmail.com by **April 30th** if you plan to attend. Our number of guests needs to be submitted to the church no later than **May 2nd**.

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

If you know of a retired woman teacher 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 and you will receive a small gift for bringing her. 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 before the fall issue (sneelynn@gmail.com).

BRANCH CHRISTMAS MEETING

Our meeting was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope on December 5, 2023. President Julia Esford welcomed everyone to our Christmas gathering and introduced our special guests: Barbara Moorcroft's husband Bob, Jean Axcell, Judi-Ann Tumber, Alison Boyko and Lynda Sommer. She spoke about the success of our Area 7 Social at the Best Western in Cobourg, in October and how much everyone enjoyed the event. Looking ahead, she asked the members in attendance if they would like to have an insurance presentation at our Spring meeting. It is very challenging to submit a claim online and members are getting frustrated. Everyone agreed that a presentation from Terry Kennedy would be a good idea. Then it was time for the presentation of the Barbara Moorcroft award. Bob Moorcroft spoke warmly about Barbara and how much RWTO had meant to her. He reminded us of the roles she had undertaken and the contributions she had made to the organization. He then presented the inaugural award in her name to Joan Smith – who was both shocked and delighted. She shared a close friendship with Barbara, and was deeply touched to be honoured with this award. It was a very special moment for both Joan and Bob, as well as the members in attendance. Jean Axcell led us in a spirited quarter auction. Members had donated some lovely items, and bidding was brisk. Jean's sense of humour and skill as an auctioneer made for a most enjoyable event. Linda Hansen was a wonderful helper. We thoroughly enjoyed this time of fellowship. Our meeting concluded with a delicious Christmas luncheon.



OTHER NEWS

Membership Fees: Fees for 2024 – 2025 are now due to our Provincial Office by **August 31st**. As this date is prior to our Fall meeting, please consider paying your fees at our Spring meeting, so that our treasurer, Sandra Nolte, may submit our payment in a timely manner. You may pay your fees in one of three ways:

1. You may pay your membership fee at the upcoming spring meeting on May9th.

OR

2. You may mail your fees to:
Sandra Nolte
20 Strathmanor Drive
Bowmanville, Ont.
L1C 4L3

OR

3. You may use the email rwtonorthumberlandsd@gmail.com to transfer your fees through

e-transfer. You will need to make up a security questions 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.

Fees are as follows: **Provincial RWTO Fee** – Members retired before August, 1980 - \$20.00
All other members pay **\$50.00** *Please note that **this is an increase of \$10.00 over last year.**

Branch Fee - \$5.00 per member

Cheques: Please make cheques payable to RWTO/OERO Northumberland/South Durham

Area 7 Social: Plans are in the works for the next Area 7 Social, to be held this Fall. The Belleville Branch will be hosting this event on Monday, October 28, 2024 at The Dugout in Belleville, from 10:30 – 2:30. The cost of the meal will be \$25.00 - \$30.00 (approximately). This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time and connect with other members from branches in our area. President Julia will have a sign-up sheet at our upcoming meeting. Please let her know if you would like to attend, as the organizers are hoping to have a tentative number of attendees by May 31st so that they can finalize their plans.

Cora Bailey Award: Cora Bailey, from the Peterborough branch, was RWTO's first executive secretary-treasurer. Beginning in 2003, this award was presented in her honour. The Cora Bailey award may be presented to a branch member who has contributed outstanding service to her branch

Goodwill: The goodwill conveners send cards to members who are ill, for special occasions, to those over ninety and those who are in nursing homes or hospital. They send sympathy cards in cases of bereavement of a member's immediate family or someone very close to that member. They report the illness, death or important changes in a member's status to the membership convener. To do their job, the conveners need to be informed of any of the above needs to be attended to, as they do not know every member personally. If you know of someone who needs attention in some way, please contact:

West of Port Hope	Vicki Cubitt	905-723-5114
Municipality of Port Hope, Hamilton Township & Cobourg	Shirley Stewart	905-372-2361
East of Cobourg	Astrida Chalmers	613-475-1608

Lunch Club: continues to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. We meet at The East Grill, 555 Rossland Rd. East Oshawa (in the Rossland Square Plaza). Be sure to join us and feel free to bring a female teacher friend. For clarification, please call Vicki Cubitt at 905-723-5114 or email her at victoriacubitt@trentu.ca.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meeting Dates for 2024 – 2025: September 2024 TBD
December 2024 TBD
Spring Meeting 2025 TBD

