

'CARING & SHARING'
RWTO/OERO NORTHUMBERLAND SOUTH DURHAM BRANCH
CHRISTMAS 2025 NEWSLETTER - ISSUE FIFTY-TWO



WHEN: Tuesday, November 18, 2025
9:30 -10:00 am – Registration and Social Time
Charities: The Giving Tree, Treats for Troops
Silent Auction during social time for gently used recent books - donations gratefully received.
Share the Wealth – please see Joan Putnam for your chance to win

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 - **\$30**
** Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.

PROGRAM 10:15 am - Business
Special Guest: Bob Moorcroft
Presentation of the Cora Bailey Award
Back by Popular Demand – Our Famous Christmas Quarter Auction
Carol Sing
12:15 pm – Lunch

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: ***Please bring a “gift” donation 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 giving is to be recorded in our provincial report.

REPLY: Before November 10th: 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 for the first time at Rural Faith United Church just north of Cobourg on September 4, 2025. Special thanks to Shirley Stewart for suggesting this venue – it was lovely! Our new President Sandra Nolte called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming out on such a soggy day. She acknowledged our Past President, Julia Esford and extended our branch's appreciation for the role that she held for six years. She presented her with flowers and a past president pin. Joan Putnam then presented our newest member, Berty Gibson with her membership pin.

Past president Julia provided us with a summary of the provincial convention that was held in June. President and Treasurer Sandra updated us on our membership. We have 44 paid members with two outstanding, and two lifetime members. 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.

Julia honoured Phyllis Symons with a beautiful In Memoriam service. Phyllis' two daughters joined us for the meeting, and Jan, Lynne and Lise provided homemade scones and jam (a treat that Phyllis was known for). Phyllis will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Our business meeting concluded with information for members on updates to our archives and branch constitution, as well as a discussion about the future use of social media.

We then enjoyed a very interesting presentation by our guest speaker David Tsubouchi who spoke about Japanese internment camps and his life growing up in Canada, before sharing in a delicious harvest lunch prepared by the church ladies.

AREA 7 SOCIAL

Date: Monday, April 20th

Location: Anglican Church, Brighton

More details to follow.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

November 18th - Executive Meeting after the Christmas meeting in Port Hope.

Spring Meeting –Tuesday, March 24th 2026, Ebenezer United Church, Courtice

June 2 - 4, 2026 - Provincial Convention to be held in London

June 2026 (third week, date TBA) – summer meeting to celebrate RWTO's 70th anniversary

Fall Meeting - Rural Faith United Church, date TBA

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