

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

FALL MEETING

- WHEN:** Thursday, September 4, 2025
9:30 – 10:00 - Registration/Meet & Greet, Share the Wealth
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:** Rural Faith United Church
7962 Danforth Rd. W. Cobourg (take the 401 to Hwy 18 in Cobourg, which is the exit for the hospital). Travel north and turn left when you get to Danforth Road.
The church will be down the road a bit on your left.
- MEAL:** Harvest Luncheon – ham, scalloped potatoes, apple crisp **\$30**
** Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.
- PROGRAM** 10:00 am – Business
- In Memoriam – Remembering Phyllis Symons (in Phyllis' honour, there will be scones and jam available during our coffee time prior to the meeting)
- Guest Speaker: Mr. David Tsubouchi
12:15 pm - Lunch

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: - Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Center

REPLY: By August 25th. Email: sneelynn@gmail.com if you plan to attend or to send your regrets. You may also call Lynne at 289-927-2307 and leave a message. **Please note:** The church ladies who will be hosting our meeting would like to know our final number of attendees by no later than August 25th. Please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you!

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, EA, ECE or Speech and Language Pathologist 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 at your earliest convenience.

BRANCH SPRING MEETING

Our spring meeting was held at Ebenezer Church in Courtice on May 6th. It was a lovely day and spirits were high as we gathered to conduct the business of our branch. President Julia welcomed our guests (a couple of whom were return visitors). She spoke about next year being RWTO's 70th and requested input into how we might celebrate as a branch. Our fourth meeting next year will be focussed on this celebration. She reminded members that the Area 7 Fall Social will be hosted in October by Durham North, possibly in Sunderland. She then read the

resolutions for the upcoming convention and asked members to vote on them. Finally, members voted on the recipient for this year's Barbara Moorcroft award.

Then it was on to Executive Nominations for our branch. There were a number of changes, as Sandra Nolte was nominated by Lise Jebson to become our next President. President Julia is now our Past President, Lise Jebson is our 1st Vice President and Karen Papaleo is our 2nd Vice President. Many of the other roles and responsibilities stayed the same, but two new roles were created – Interest Group Convenor (Vicki Cubitt and Jan Engel) and Members at Large (Sharron McMann and Judi Eakins). Past Past President Astrida Chalmers installed the new executive for the upcoming 2025-2026 year.

Jan Engel introduced our speaker, Dr. Julie Henry who practises Homeopathic Medicine. She provided us with a very informative presentation on how homeopathy impacts the body, and how effective it can be for a multitude of ailments.

We shared a delicious lunch and fellowship before leaving for the summer.

OTHER NEWS

June Convention: President Julia attended Convention 2025 in Brantford. She took the results of our branch voting with her and voted on our behalf.

Membership Fees: If you have not paid your **2024-25 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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Branch/Area Meetings

September 4th: General and Executive Meetings Rural Faith United Church, Cobourg

Area 7 Fall Social: Date and location to be confirmed

November Meeting – Date TBD: General and Executive Meetings St. Paul's, Port Hope

March Meeting – Date TBD: General and Executive Meetings Ebenezer Church, Courtice

June Meeting – Date and location TBD: RWTO 70th Anniversary Strawberry Social

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.

Theatre Events: Watch for upcoming information from Sharron McMann

