

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

SPRING MEETING

- WHEN:** **Tuesday, May 6, 2025**
9:45 - 10:15 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: chicken and rice casserole, hot vegetable, broccoli and cauliflower salad, apple crisp, blueberry crisp, juice tea, coffee - **\$25**
*** Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.***
- PROGRAM** 10:15 am – Business
- Welcome – land acknowledgement and introduction of guests
- O Canada, Sisters
- Reports: President Julia
 - Barbara Moorcroft Award
 - Resolutions 2025
 - Area 7 Luncheon October
 - Ad Hoc Committee update
 - Executive Nominations
 - Presidents' Webinar
 - Suggestion Box
- Treasurer – Sandra Nolte – Treasurers' Webinar
- Communications – Lynne Snee
- Insurance – Astrida Chalmers
- Recruitment – Joan Putnam
- Goodwill – Vicki Cubitt, Shirley Stewart, Astrida Chalmers
- Archives – Lynne Snee, Sandra Nolte
- Upcoming Events

- Induction of the Executive for 2025 – Lynda Sommer – Area 7 Director

11:15 Power Point presentation on Homeopathic Medicine – Dr. Julie Henry
12:15 pm – Lunch

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: Cash only please for the local Food Banks

REPLY: Lynne Snee - 289-927-2307 or email: sneelynn@gmail.com by **April 28th** if you plan to attend. Our number of guests needs to be submitted to the church no later than **April 30th**.

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, please invite her to come to the meeting with you. Your guest will receive a free lunch that day. Let Lynne know the name of 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 fall issue (sneelynn@gmail.com).

BRANCH VALENTINE MEETING

Due to inclement weather in December, our Christmas meeting for 2024 became our Valentine meeting for 2025. Many members came dressed in pink and red and many brought decorative items for our inaugural Valentine's Quarter Auction, hosted by Sandra Nolte and Linda (Vanna) Hansen. A fun time was had by all as the bids flew. A total of \$111.25 was raised.

Sharron McMann was presented with the Cora Bailey Award for her service to the RWTO organization, and our branch – thank you for all that you do!

Karen Papaleo was presented with her new member pin – we are happy to have you as a member!

A number of business items were discussed including social justice, our branch's financial health, the upcoming provincial convention, insurance and membership. Members were asked for suggestions on social activities that we might present to our branch. They were also asked about the possibility of adding a fourth meeting to our yearly calendar (this meeting would be just for fun). More discussion to come.



OTHER NEWS

Membership Fees: Fees for 2025 – 2026 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 May6th.

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**

Branch Fee - \$5.00 per member

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

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.

Barbara Moorcroft Award: Barbara Moorcroft was an active member of RWTO: holding positions of Archivist, first Vice President, President and Past President and achieving the Cora Bailey Award. She exhibited many attributes of leadership: diplomacy, gentle mentorship, encouragement, and the recognition of the contribution of others. Barbara realized many achievements for our branch by utilizing an outstanding ability to orally express her ideas; all the while demonstrating a wide spectrum of knowledge and experience about RWTO.

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
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Municipality of Port Hope, Hamilton Township & Cobourg	Shirley Stewart	905-372-2361
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East of Cobourg	Astrida Chalmers	613-475-1608
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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.

