

'CARING & SHARING'
RWTO/OERO NORTHUMBERLAND SOUTH DURHAM BRANCH
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FALL MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, September 17, 2026
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 me know if you have special dietary needs.

PROGRAM 10:00 am – Business
- In Memoriam – Remembering Barbara Peck and Barbara Northey
- Guest Speaker: Marilyn Morowitz from Jury Lands
12:15 pm - Lunch

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: - Jury Lands

REPLY: By September 7th. Please 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 no later than September 7th. 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!

Ride Share: We would like to make it possible for as many members as possible to join us for our branch meetings. If you would like to attend, but require a ride, please let Lynne know when you respond. The Executive will do their very best to make arrangements on your behalf.

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 March 24th. President Sandra welcomed our members and guests. She conducted a Convention 2026 Resolutions Vote, and will take our branch responses to the upcoming RWTO/OERO convention in London. Jan Engel

and Vicki Cubitt updated us on Social Justice. Information was shared about our upcoming 70th Anniversary Branch Celebration in July, and members were told they will receive a special invitation to our strawberry social. Our guest speaker for the meeting was Mandy Greening, Major Gifts and Planned Giving Officer from the Bowmanville Hospital Foundation. She provided us with very interesting information on the hospital, and plans for the future. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

OTHER NEWS

Area 7 Luncheon: The Area 7 Luncheon was held on April 20th in Colborne. Several members from our branch were in attendance.

June Convention: President Sandra Nolte and 1st Vice President Lise Jebson attended the RWTO/OERO 70th Convention which was held at Western University in London. They voted on our behalf, using the results of our branch vote in March, and enjoyed a number of Convention activities and events.

Theatre Outing: Thank you to Jan Engel for arranging tickets to the play “Liars at a Funeral” at the Port Hope Capitol Theatre on June 17th. A group of 16 ladies expressed interest in attending, and a good time was had by all.

Branch 70th Anniversary Strawberry Social: We gathered at the Brownsdale Community Centre in Newcastle on June 23rd to enjoy an afternoon of friendship, delicious strawberry shortcake and toe-tapping entertainment from the musical duo **Good to Go!** Thank you to the members of the executive who worked so hard to plan this special event. From the photos and memorabilia from years past, to the strawberry themed table décor and dessert (not to mention the fancy teacups!) – it was a memorable experience for all who attended.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Branch/Area Meetings

September 17th: General and Executive Meetings Rural Faith United Church, Cobourg

November 26th: General and Executive Meetings Rural Faith United Church, Cobourg

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

Summer Meeting – Date and location TBD

Third Thursday of Every Month - Social Event – Lunch - 12:00 noon Various locations in the western area of the branch TBD. Everyone welcome.

Social Events: Watch for information on other social events that may be organized by your Executive.