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Hello Retired Women Teachers,

Well another summer is almost over and school has begun for a new year. Many of my perennials have finished blooming, but the Chrysanthemums are beautiful. It is that time of year when all the fall colours are emerging and I hope you are able to take time to enjoy their beauty. There are several special information items in this newsletter and I hope you will take note of them. I look forward to seeing many of you at our fall luncheon.



Thoughts from our President

Greetings! Well the summer sure flew by quickly and hopefully you all were able to enjoy the nice days and sunshine! I personally do not like to see the end of summer approaching but I do hope the Fall season brings more opportunities to socialize in a safe and healthy manner.

We were able to meet as a group in June at Cedar Valley Golf and Country Club for a luncheon and short business meeting. It was great to see 30+ members in attendance with both new members and past members enjoying each others' company and a delicious lasagna lunch. We were able to subsidize the luncheon with money we have inherited from former members who are now deceased and wanted us to continue to enjoy getting together. We are very grateful for this opportunity as many districts are struggling with finances but we are financially stable and should remain that way for a long time!



We were happy to host our Director, Joan Gamble at this luncheon.



We respectfully paid tribute to 5 members who have recently passed away - Beverley Clarke, Judie Wolfenden, Lillian Maud, Marion Duncan, and Rachel Kinch. Heartfelt messages of love and remembrance were given by Betty Bates, Connie Scott, Helen Earl, Maureen Bradley, and Laura MacAfee.

Our treasurer Helen Earl proposed that we purchase a transport chair for the Brockville General Hospital. It was seconded by Nora Taker and approved by all in attendance. The money has been received by the hospital and Helen has received a thank you card from the Brockville Hospital Foundation.

A survey was filled out by the attendees regarding upcoming get-togethers. Most felt that getting together 4 times during the year is still a good option with perhaps some guest speakers or entertainment if possible.

I would like to send a special thank you to Lynda McKittrick for putting together this newsletter; Laura MacAfee for keeping in touch with our members; our callers Pat Francom, Carmen Grant, Marilyn Irish, Linda Mahoney, Connie Scott, and Marcia Lombard; our treasurer, Helen Earl and our membership officer, Kate McLean. Also, a big thank you to Crystal May and Debbie Trembath for helping to set up for the lunch in June! I am looking forward to seeing many of you for lunch soon.

In closing I would like to say congratulations to the new Provincial President, Judy Drummond, who is a long-time, very active member, from the Lanark District. We hope to see Judy at one of our upcoming get-togethers.

Karen Kerr-Kennedy

Fall Luncheon and Registration

We will hold our **Fall Luncheon** at **Chateau Brock** (formerly C.Js) on **Wednesday, September 28th at 11 AM**. We will have a private room with 3 options for lunch- fillet of sole, hamburger steak, chicken souvlaki sticks with fries, hot vegetables, salad, rice or potatoes. Drinks and desserts will be available as well. The cost will be \$20 with our local funds helping to subsidize the costs. The callers will be phoning soon to clarify the details. If you would like a ride to the luncheon, please contact Karen Kerr-Kennedy at 613-342-3115.



This will be **Registration Day** for continued **membership in RWTO**. We have been very fortunate to have had our membership fees paid by our own group. However, we are not able to do this again this year as we will not be receiving a provincial grant. The cost is **\$40.00** which will be accepted at the luncheon in cash or by cheque. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, cheques, cash or an e-transfer can be sent to Kate McLean, our Membership Officer. An e-transfer can be sent to katemclean9@gmail.com. You may also mail a cheque made payable to RWTO. Kate's address is 795 King St., E., Gananoque, Ont. K7G 1H4. **Please pay your membership dues by Friday, September 30th, 2022.**

Treasurer's Report

Our current bank balance is \$1990.83. As of June 30, our investment is valued at \$8032.83. This is a drop of \$800 since March 31. Hopefully we will gain back what we have lost in the future.

A thank you has been received from Joan Simon on behalf of the Brockville and District Hospital Foundation for the Transport Chair we donated (\$2700). The hospital hopes to get enough of these chairs so that all 16 departments will have one. These chairs are easier to keep clean, won't rust, foot rests won't pop off, have an oxygen holder, are more comfortable and have a bar on the back so they can not be put in a car.

Ad Hoc Committee Report Membership Extension

You may remember filling out a survey regarding the extension of membership to include other females who have retired from an educational field. After reviewing the surveys, the following motion was passed at the May, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.

The motion states that the RWTO/OERO name will remain the same; the Provincial Membership Fee will be the same for all; all members will have equal opportunity within the organization at the Branch and Provincial levels; and Insurance programs will be available to all joining members.

We look forward to welcoming other educators to our group!

London Convention News

Kate McLean and Karen Kerr-Kennedy attended the London Convention- Laughter Lifts Us Up!

As delegates representing our Area 8, we enjoyed a great combination of informative workshops, meetings, entertainment and delicious food. We were fortunate to receive the Barbara Bain award for having an increase in membership during 2021-2022. A monetary amount accompanied the certificate which was used to subsidize the June luncheon. Well done Area 8! Let's see if we can get even more new members this year! If you know of any female who has retired from the education field who might be interested in joining, please invite them to our luncheon or have them call Karen or Kate.

The 2022-23 Convention will be held in Kingston and our area is helping to organize the events. Stay tuned for more details. I highly recommend attending as it is sure to be a lot of fun and not too far away!!

Introducing some New Members

Jean Gainford

Jean grew up and has always lived at the same address on Temperance Lake Road. Few people can make that claim! Her teaching career, teaching all grades, included positions at McIntosh Mills, Junetown and Mallorytown. The last 14 years were spent in kindergarten at Pineview. She has been retired for 25 years following a 43 year teaching career. Following retirement from teaching she spent 17 years as a line cook at Proctor and Gamble. Retirement has included trips to Niagara Falls, Washington and Cape Cod.

Dianne Johnson

Diane grew up in the Athens area. Her 32 year teaching career included placements at Commonwealth, William Hiscocks and Pineview. She retired in 2020. The family business, Jack Frost Ice, keeps her very busy especially in the summer. Ice is supplied to businesses from Prescott to Ivy Lea to Westport and many places in between. Her father is in St. Lawrence Lodge where she assists with his care three times a week. Dianne also has 2 rental properties in Brockville which she has been renting to overseas students. She is presently expecting a student from Brazil and has also had students from India and Viet Nam.

Leita Sheffield

Leita has had a varied career teaching at Lyn, New Dublin, Frankville and Pineview. One semester was spent teaching Grade 10 English at Athens High School. One year she worked as a transition teacher at the Board Office. Next came positions as Vice Principal at Toniata and Sweets Corners. She retired in 1998 as principal at Delta after a 32 year career. Retirement has been spent enjoying her grandchildren. She is a valued volunteer at Athens United Church. In the past trips were often made to Florida for March Break. She has also been to Hawaii and the East Coast.

