

Chatham-Kent "Feather In Your Hat"



Beverlee Bodnar was a valued member of our Executive as Program and Entertainment Convenor for years. She has also been very involved in her community. Among her endeavours, she has been a proponent of Canterbury Elder College. She has provided space on her property for the Community Garden project. Volunteering for Women Who Care, United Way Chatham Kent Women's Council, the OSPCA, VON Chatham Kent, Family Council for Copper Terrace, Meals on Wheels, the Ontario Lung Association and the Community Christmas Dinner makes one wonder how she managed to fit everything into her busy schedule. We're glad to have her in our Branch.



Lila Babcock volunteers with a number of organizations. She has 23 years at the local hospital and 25 years as an usher with the Chatham Cultural Centre. She has been a canvasser for Heart and Stroke as well as Cancer. She has been involved in plays at her local church. In Dresden she has worked with Meals on Wheels. Like so many of our members, she is involved with the 2018 International Plowing Match in Paincourt.



The Chatham Kent Branch decided to begin awarding its own “Feather in Your Hat” Award to deserving members of our organization. This award goes to a member who is involved in ongoing community activities. Two such awards have been handed out over the past year; one to Marsha Thorpe and another to Barb Sutor.

Marsha Thorpe volunteers at the local library, for the Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke and the Salvation Army’s Christmas Kettle. She also ushers at the local theatre and assists friends when needed. These activities are in addition to the work she does with the Chatham Kent RWTO Branch where she has served on the executive and is often the smiling face that greets people at the door as they enter buildings for our meetings.

Barb Sutor is a volunteer in Dresden at the school breakfast programme, the food bank and with teaching craft projects (bear making) at the local public school. In addition she volunteers with the Cancer Society as well as Heart and Stroke. She is a big support to her family. This is in addition to her work with The Chatham Kent RWTO Branch where she has been through the chairs, served as Insurance Convenor and Assistant Membership Chair.

The Chatham Kent Branch is very proud and grateful to our members who volunteer in our community by “sharing and caring” their skills and experiences. By recognizing their contributions, we can celebrate the benefits of volunteering and hopefully encourage other members to become involved in a cause that interests them. It’s a win-win!



Sharon joined our local branch when she retired and has been a member of our executive for the past 15 years. In her spare time she enjoys quilting. Several years ago she quilted the RWTO/OERO logo for us. We now hang this item on the podium for our general meetings. For our meeting celebrating Canada’s 150,

Sharon displayed the Canada quilt she made from a kit. We are so pleased to have Sharon share her talents with us.



Janet enjoys crafts. Several years ago she made small stuffed fabric reindeer as table centre pieces for to use at our Christmas general meeting. Another year she made new versions of the reindeer to give to our shut-ins at Christmas time. Now we have Christmas tree centre pieces. When Janet learned sewing machine embroidery, she embroidered lace snowflakes for our shut-ins. We are so pleased that Janet is willing to share her talents with all of us.

