



In 2018 Guelph Wellington won the Provincial Barbara Bain Award. See below what that is all about.

Barbara Bain Membership Awards

This provincial award was named in honour of our long-time member, Barbara Bain, who served on the Provincial Board of Directors for 11 years. Barbara served as an Area Director, Assistant Insurance Convenor, Insurance Convenor, 2nd and 1st Vice-President, President, Past President and Honorary President. Barbara was also the first Membership Convenor for RTWO/OERO. Barbara continues to be an active member in the London-Middlesex Branch.

Since its inception in 2006-2007, the provincial Barbara Bain Award has traditionally been given to the three branches, one in each tier, with the largest percentage increase in the number of regular paid-up members. In 2015, the formula was changed: the actual increase is now calculated on how many new members join, less the number of existing members who did not renew during the April 1 to March 31 period. Awards of \$300, \$200 and \$100 will be given in each tier, based on actual increase in membership. So now instead of 3 awards of \$200 being awarded, we have 9 provincial awards, 3 for each tier, totaling \$1800.

Barbara Bain Awards 2018

2nd place— \$200 – Guelph-Wellington, net increase 19

Past Barbara Bain Award Recipients

Procedure

The membership increases are calculated by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Cora Bailey Awards

Cora Bailey from the Peterborough Branch was RWTO/OERO's first Executive Secretary-Treasurer. She held this position for eleven years until 1982 and wrote the History Book – OASWT 1956-1976. Beginning in 2003, this award was presented in her honour.

Criteria for Cora Bailey Award Recipients

The Cora Bailey Award may be presented to a Branch member who has contributed outstanding service to her Branch.

GUELPH WELLINGTON CORA BAILEY AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Service to the Branch

2019- 2020

Kerry Detlor



Kerry Detlor is an excellent example of our motto “caring and sharing”. She is diligent in her job as the Goodwill Committee Chair. She is quick to send cards of condolences and well wishes as needed. She is also always willing to pitch in and help wherever she can. Kerry has a very approachable and welcoming nature and treats everyone with kindness and respect. She has been a very valuable member of Guelph Wellington Retired Women Teachers for a number of years and we hope she will continue to serve on our executive for many years to come. We are pleased to recognize and thank her for her contributions by presenting her with this award.

2019

Jane Rocher



Jane Rocher has been a very valuable member of GWRWT and our executive for a number of years. As the head of the decorating committee, Jane welcomed a large group of women into her home a number of times each year to plan and create decorations for luncheon meetings at “working bees”. She supplied materials for doing this, and often went out to buy additional supplies when last minute changes were needed. Jane’s group also organized information cards at each place setting, resulting in beautiful and welcoming venues for us to meet in.

Jane is currently coordinator of our Games Group and a member of other Interest groups. As an active member of the Joy Group, Jane embodies “caring and sharing” as she faithfully visits an elderly member of the GWRWT community.

Jane has been described as patient, considerate, and caring; using positive, cheerful motivation as a leader. GWRWT is fortunate to count her among our membership, and we are proud to award her the Cora Bailey Award.

Brigitte Turner

GUELPH WELLINGTON - 2018



Cora Bailey Award - Brigitte Turner

Brigitte Turner was our Branch President from 2015-2017. As President, Brigitte organized some very memorable luncheons for our members. She worked very hard to organize a fashion show featuring a clothing store in Elora which has become a favourite of our members. She also worked hard to organize a special "Queen for a Day" luncheon which featured a high tea and a really interesting fashion show which featured hats throughout the ages. Brigitte strongly supported our Sleeping Children Around the World and Women in Crisis initiatives. She was President when Retired Women Teachers celebrated our 60th Anniversary and worked on the committee that hosted a special luncheon and produced a special commemorative booklet. That year too, our Area 2 hosted the Convention and Brigitte served on the organizing committee and in particular helped with the committee that organized the special luncheon for members over 90. Before she was President, Brigitte was instrumental in organizing our decorating committee where she shared her creative skills by designing centre pieces for our tables and thematic decorations for our luncheons. Brigitte is a very calm, approachable person who encourages ideas and supports members in attempting new initiatives. She continues to serve on the executive, helping wherever she can.

2017

Anne Smith



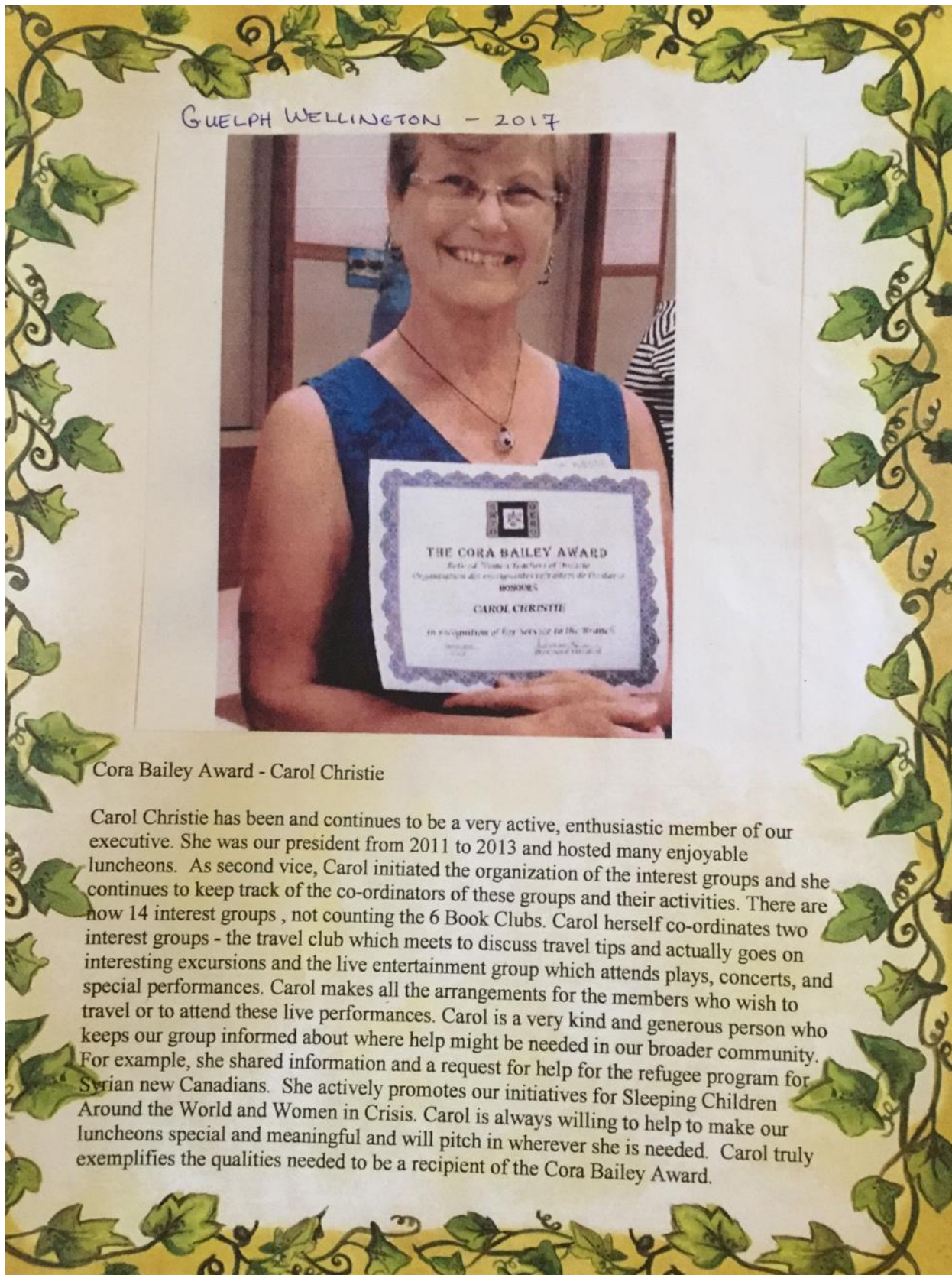
Cora Bailey Award - Anne Smith GUELPH WELLINGTON - 2016

Anne Smith has contributed her considerable technical skills and artistic talents to our Branch executive for the past number of years. For 8 years, Anne was our treasurer. As a "master of the excel spreadsheet", Anne organized our finances into a very orderly and easily managed system. In addition, she organized our membership lists onto an excel spreadsheet and made it easier for our membership committee to keep track of our membership renewals and new members. Anne continues to support our current treasurer and is now a member of our Membership Committee. Anne uses her many creative skills to design attractive notices and pamphlets for our luncheons and projects which she then emails to our members. When we celebrated our 60th Anniversary, Anne was very instrumental in helping the committee to produce a booklet which featured our history and the articles of the memories of our members who taught in 1953. Anne is always willing to help in all of our projects and more than willing to share her expertise and creativity with our group. Anne truly exemplifies our motto of "Caring and Sharing."



Marina Howlett GUELPH WELLINGTON - 2016

Marina Howlett was our Guelph - Wellington President from 2013 to 2015. Even before becoming President, Marina was a valued and hard-working member of our executive. When our region hosted the Retired Women Teacher's Fiftieth Anniversary Convention in 2006, our area presented a fashion show of clothes that teachers wore throughout the years. Marina was not only instrumental in organizing this show and acting as a model in the show but she also provided many of the outfits worn by the participating members from her treasure trove of vintage clothes. Ten years later, after her tenure as President, when we celebrated our 60th Anniversary, Marina was our branch's 60th Anniversary Chair and she worked hard to develop a Commemorative booklet of our district. She contacted all of our members who had taught in 1956 and asked them to write about their memories. These precious articles along with other historical information about our branch were compiled into a booklet which was distributed at a very memorable and enjoyable luncheon which she also organized. In addition, in 2015, our Area 2 hosted the June convention in Stratford and Marina organized and hosted the luncheon for members who were over 90. As President, Marina always worked hard to make our luncheons special and inviting to both current and new members. She always organized our yearly trip to Drayton Theatre as part of our May luncheon. Marina continues to organize this very popular outing and currently works on our membership committee which tries hard to both recruit new members and engage current ones. Marina is a very valued member of our Branch executive and a very deserving recipient of the Cora Bailey Award.



Cora Bailey Award - Carol Christie

Carol Christie has been and continues to be a very active, enthusiastic member of our executive. She was our president from 2011 to 2013 and hosted many enjoyable luncheons. As second vice, Carol initiated the organization of the interest groups and she continues to keep track of the co-ordinators of these groups and their activities. There are now 14 interest groups, not counting the 6 Book Clubs. Carol herself co-ordinates two interest groups - the travel club which meets to discuss travel tips and actually goes on interesting excursions and the live entertainment group which attends plays, concerts, and special performances. Carol makes all the arrangements for the members who wish to travel or to attend these live performances. Carol is a very kind and generous person who keeps our group informed about where help might be needed in our broader community. For example, she shared information and a request for help for the refugee program for Syrian new Canadians. She actively promotes our initiatives for Sleeping Children Around the World and Women in Crisis. Carol is always willing to help to make our luncheons special and meaningful and will pitch in wherever she is needed. Carol truly exemplifies the qualities needed to be a recipient of the Cora Bailey Award.

2015

Betty Mottin

Cora Bailey Award – Betty Mottin
April 8, 2015



Betty Mottin is a very deserving recipient of the Cora Bailey Award. One of the reasons that the Guelph Wellington Retired Women Teachers (GWRWT) is such a wonderful organization is because of members like Betty. She has devoted countless hours to caring and sharing with members who experience sickness or loss but also to celebrate, congratulate and recognize their accomplishments. Betty always made time to send a cheery get well card or make a thoughtful telephone call to let members know that someone was thinking about them in troubled times.

Betty has also been an active member of the Joy Club, arranging visits to members who find it impossible to attend GWRWT functions. At Christmas time, she arranged for special gifts to be delivered to our shut-ins. Members who served on the Goodwill Committee shared some of their personal reflections of working with Betty.

- "In 2007, Betty responded to the Nominating Committee and willingly accepted the Goodwill position to serve members in Guelph."
- "Betty quickly became involved in the activities of GWRWT, taking part in the interest groups and helping to organize a Fashion Show depicting how teachers dressed through the decades from the 1950's to 2000 and beyond. This Fashion Show was presented at the 50th Anniversary Convention in 2006."
- "Betty was well suited for her role as Goodwill Convenor. Each card was carefully chosen and the personal message was written with such warmth and meaning that the recipient felt recognized and valued."
- "When a member turned '90', Betty would personally deliver a birthday gift on behalf of GWRWT."
- "Betty demonstrated empathy, kindness and genuine concern for others."
- "Betty is such a caring, gentle and compassionate person – the perfect demonstration of our motto, Caring and Sharing."

2013 – Brenda McGinnis, Beth Taylor

2012 – Lynda Gillham

2011 – Judy Palmer