



Lydia Snow North Halton May 2026 Newsletter

Happy Spring Tidings to everyone!

Thank you to all those who helped make our Annual General Meeting on April 15 such a great success! There were over 50 members in attendance. During the meeting, we were able to present our Outreach funds to the **Halton Learning Foundation** and the **Halton Catholic Children's Foundation**. Both of these organizations support student needs in our community.

We received the following email from Marc Clare - CEO of the Halton Learning Foundation:

"It was very lovely to get to meet many of the retired teachers this week.

Thank you so much for the kind gift to support students in need and their journey of learning, and thank you for the chance to say a few words about HLF. Here is a recent application from an Acton school. We were able to help this young man thanks to community members like you. Well done!

"N. has been a member of the boy's touch football team. N. is new to our school and has found that his participation on the team has built social connections that have smoothed



his transition to our building. N.'s family has fallen on hard financial times and cannot afford his team fee.”

For information on The Halton Learning Foundation, Marc can be reached at 905-749-4453 or via email at ClareM@haltonlearningfoundation.ca.



We also received the following email from Victoria Craig Dekoninck of the Halton Catholic Children's Foundation:

Hello Retired Women Teachers of Ontario - Lydia Snow Branch,

You have really outdone yourself – thank you for helping Students in Need to succeed in school. Poverty remains a powerful factor in whether a student succeeds in school. Students require basic needs in order to learn and thrive. Your kind donation to the HCCF will help students like this one to succeed in school.

“This student has worn the same clothes for a few years and confided that some of the clothes are quite old including her shoes. She

had anxiety about how she would be accepted when she returned to a regular school next year. The new clothes and shoes will allow her to feel confident and avoid any stigma. She was very happy to shop online as she hasn't had any new clothes in a long time.” HCCSB Staff

If you have any questions, Victoria can be reached at (905) 802-0918 or at craigv@hccf.ca.

Our Annual Meeting also included a very informative talk by Gordon MacGregor on Wills and Estates.

We were also entertained by some wonderful dancers which included Lydia Snow members Angie O'Drowsky and Sandra Runalls-Lichty. If you are feeling inspired by their presentation and would like more information on

their group please contact Sandra at sandra@balilas.com or 519-853-5459.

[Upcoming Lydia Snow Meeting: Tuesday, May 12](#)



Location: [Gellert Community Centre \(10241 8th Line, Georgetown\)](#)

Refreshments: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Brenna Bartley - 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Topic: [Save our Syrup](#)

Brenna Bartley from Conservation Halton will discuss the issue of climate change through the real-life case study of the sugar bush at Mountsberg Conservation Area. Sugar maples are a tree species with very specific growth requirements. It is expected that these remarkable trees will feel the effects of climate change more acutely and sooner than many other tree species. Will the trees continue to thrive in Southern Ontario? Find out in this educational session!

Participants will also enjoy a maple syrup tasting and learn about the remarkable tradition of maple sugaring.

At our May meeting, we will also be discussing the Resolutions that will be voted on at the upcoming RWTO Convention in June. Please click on the following link and scroll to page 8 to see the Resolutions:

https://rwto.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Connections_March26_FINAL_E.pdf

A brief summary of the purpose of each Resolution:

Resolution 1 and 2 - clarification that retired administrators can be members of RWTO/OERO

Resolution 3 - reduce the use of “Retired Women” and list groups in alphabetical order for ease of reading. If Resolution 1 and 2 pass, “administrators” will automatically be added to the list.

Resolution 4 - wireless microphones will make it easier for members with mobility issues to speak at an AGM.

Resolution 5 - Honorary delegates will be given speaking privileges at the AGM.

Resolution 6 - a delegate's travel expenses will be reimbursed regardless of the distance travelled.

Resolution 7 - similar to Resolution 6 but reimbursement given regardless of distance travelled.

Resolution 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 - In recent years, many members have been coming to the Board of Directors in the role of Second Vice President with little or no Board experience. The Board would benefit from the expertise of an Honorary President. The role of this position is being divided up from the roles of other members of the Board.

Resolution 13 - Replace “Member at Large” with “General Membership”.

Resolution 14 - If there is no one for a position, the Board of Directors will appoint someone.

Resolution 15 - women who are on Long Term Disability could become “Interim Members” making people aware of our organization and possibly becoming full members upon retirement.

Resolution 16 - only one key issue per Resolution

Resolution 17 - indicate that RWTO/OERO is a Not-for-Profit organization

Membership Fees for 2026-2027

It's time to renew your Retired Women Teachers of Ontario - Lydia Snow North Halton Branch membership.

The 2026-2027 membership fee is \$70 for a full membership and \$20 for Social Members. **If you subscribe to the RWTO/OERO Manulife Insurance Plan, membership in Lydia Snow North Halton Branch (or other Branch) is required.**

There are a number of ways that you can pay for your membership fees:

- Bring cash or a cheque made payable to the "Retired Women Teachers of Ontario - Lydia Snow Branch" to our May Meeting or
- Send an e-transfer to lydiasnow1999@gmail.com or
- Mail a cheque payable to the "Retired Women Teachers of Ontario - Lydia Snow Branch" to:
Jeanne Gray, 12 Nixon Cres, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 5K4

Contact Information:

We are updating our current membership list. If you have had a change of mailing address, e-mail address, phone number or emergency contact person, please share your new information with Jan Hassard hassardj1982@gmail.com or call Jan at 905-703-0005.

Care and Share:

Do you have any information on members that we should connect with through our caring and sharing? Please forward the information to Valerie Jordan, jordanheirs@yahoo.com or call Valerie at 905-877-3291.

**Yours in Caring and Sharing,
The Lydia Snow North Halton Executive**