

Hello Members,

It has come to the Provincial Board's attention that a number of members are not receiving their electronic version of the '**Connections**' Newsletter. Since this is an important tool for sharing information about our organization we want to be sure that everyone has access. Click here to subscribe: <https://rwto.org/newsletters/>



Items Needed:

- We'll be collecting donations at our Christmas Luncheon for Halton Women's Place. Suggested items include gift cards, knitted hats and mitts (no scarves please), gifts for teenagers and feminine hygiene products. We will also accept monetary donations and will purchase gift cards on your behalf.
- At previous Christmas Luncheons we have always included a raffle table and it has been quite a lucrative activity for our community Outreach. This year we thought it advisable to alter our focus slightly as membership donations to Penta were quite generous. It is a common mantra in our age group that we do not need more "stuff". Hence, we are suggesting that donations this year be consumable or time limited. Some ideas which fall into this category are a seasonal plant, wine, coffee, baking, something that is intended to be shared with a friend or a gift certificate from a local store perhaps. You get the idea and with your creative brains engaged we know the table will be most interesting. Submitted by Anne & Dorinne

If you're unable to attend our December meeting and would like to donate items for Halton Women's Place or the raffle table, please respond to this email or call Jeanne at 905-877-3380 to make arrangements. You can also eTransfer donations to lydiasnow1999@gmail.com Please advise what your donation is for in the message section of the eTransfer. Thanks!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, December 1st - Christmas Luncheon

\$45.00 is due by Thursday, November 10th

Location: Carl's Catering Wedding and Events Centre, 1857 Queen St. W., Brampton

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

eTransfer payment to lydiasnow1999@gmail.com or make cheque payable to RWT of Ontario-Lydia Snow Branch. Mail to Jeanne Gray, 12 Nixon Cres., Georgetown, ON, L7G 5K4. With this fast approaching deadline, please advise Jeanne that your cheque is in the mail by phone 905-877-3380 or by email jeannegray56@gmail.com by November 10.

Please reply to this email if you require a ride to the event or have any dietary restrictions.

Don't forget to bring items for Halton Women's Place and the Raffle Table

Tuesday, December 13th - Zoom Happy Hour 4:00 p.m.

Dress: Festive (don your antlers or ugly Christmas sweater)

Libation: Your choice!

There will be prizes again this year!



A Zoom link will arrive in your inbox on December 12th. Some members join us by telephone if they're not able to use Zoom. To do this, dial **1-647-374-4685**. You will be asked to key in the **meeting ID 810 0224 3132** and **passcode 829292**.

Learning About Executive Positions - Part 3:

The Responsibilities of President

My turn to encourage membership to join executive! I'd like to applaud the women of Lydia Snow who have put together binders for each executive position. Inside are tabs with information such as program ideas generated from members or other branches. As Lydia Snow events are set up, an ongoing Planning Chart is circulated among the executive keeping track of dates, speaker information and venue details for monthly meetings. There is also a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws in each binder. During my tenure as President, the most useful document in the binder was the Timeline. This Timeline chart is set up month by month and outlines what should get done and who should be looking after it. Preparing an agenda for executive meetings is easy peasy with this chart beside you!

Guidance also comes from the RWTO/OERO Provincial Calendar. Presidents will receive occasional emails from the Program Coordinator if information needs to be shared with membership. There is also an Area Director who can be contacted at any time. LeAnne Taylor, one of our executive members, was the previous Area 12 Director. Her wealth of knowledge is very much appreciated.

After holding the reins for eight months and with assistance from the rest of the executive, the President arranges details for the AGM in April. This includes collecting reports from our wonderful volunteers on our Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and preparing an In Memoriam Service if needed. The last of a President's responsibilities is getting organized for the Provincial AGM in June. Such a fantastic event to attend with other members from our branch.

My three years on executive flew by! Observing and participating for two years as Second & First Vice President assists you in learning the ropes and becoming more comfortable for your term as President. As Honourary President, you are asked to serve as an advisor to the executive and attend Executive meetings as desired or requested.

Being part of the executive is similar to a great team teaching experience with the ability to gel and work together with very supportive individuals. Please reach out to any member on the executive if you'd like to attend an executive meeting to see what it's all about. We meet in person or use Zoom depending on what's best for us.

Submitted by Deb Rauch

We'd like to thank our membership for helping with Penta 2022. We appreciated your donations, the busy bees who assisted with prep work and those who volunteered on the day of the event.

Hope to see you at a December event!

Yours in caring and sharing,

Deb