



**RWTO/OERO**  
**Owen Sound and Area**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**



**RWTO/OERO MAY LUNCHEON**  
**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**  
**11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Georgian Shores United Church**  
**Special Entertainment**  
**Shoreline Chorus**  
**Cost: \$35.00**

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# Come celebrate with us!



**RWTO/OERO** has been enjoying a year of celebration of 70 years as a retired women's teacher and educational worker organization. 70 years is a BIG anniversary. A 70th anniversary is known as a Platinum Jubilee or Platinum Anniversary. It marks seven decades of existence as, in this case, platinum represents our durability, strength, and endurance. It is a rare milestone.

**Our** archivist Mary MacKenzie shared her many binders with the history of RWTO/OERO Owen and Sound and Area when I stepped into the President's role. It is a wonderful documentation, in narrative and in pictures, of our history. It depicts our durability, our strength and our endurance as a united group of women. We have been blessed with amazing members, and wonderful leaders, women who have taken on the roles required to sustain us for 70 years. Without the leadership, we would cease to exist.

**Our** hope for RWTO/OERO is many more years of existence. To sustain our Branch, we require your involvement. There are many at the executive table who have served for many years, and who would like to step back to enjoy and take on new adventures. That means we need you! In May of 2027 we will need some new volunteers for Executive positions. Please consider taking on a leadership role. Help us to

have many more years as an organization! Please see me if you are interested. You could start at our table anytime now and be mentored into a role.

We will be having a special luncheon on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 with a special meal, a special cake, special picture displays, and a special choral presentation. We hope that you will join us to celebrate!



To many more years as RWTO OS and Area!

**In caring and sharing, Cynthia**

Reminder:

You can pay your membership dues at our May meeting. The cost is \$60.00 per member.



**Our guests** for the May luncheon, to help us celebrate our 70th Anniversary, will be the Shoreline Chorus. They are a community choir and are in their 28th season.

**They** present several concerts throughout the year, including concerts in the spring, summer, fall and Christmas. They perform in Owen Sound, rural communities in the area, such as Clarksburg and Meaford and in Kitchener. Every two years they travel abroad to share their love of music and to experience other cultures. They have just returned from France.

**At** our luncheon you will hear some of the songs from their spring concert, called *At the River*. It will be at Georgian Shores on May 30, at 7:30 p.m.



Easter cards were sent to our over 90 ladies.

A Get Well card was sent to Mary Milne who is experiencing some health issues.

A Birthday card was sent to Lois Cook for her 99th birthday on May 10th.

## If you need help after a hospital stay...

**Remember** that your RWTO dues for our group must be paid in order to access your services in the RWTO Insurance Program. You may pay them at the May meeting.

A reminder to members who may come home from a hospital stay and require services of a Personal Support Worker, Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse, access to this benefit must be pre approved by Manulife. If your need for this service is urgent, you can call for verbal approval.

1-877-222-7340 or Terry Kennedy 519-583-0098  
If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Take Care,  
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**Owen Sound and Area**



**Do you have pictures** from the past that you would like to share with the group at our anniversary meeting? We would like to show pictures from RWTO's past, that tell the story of who we were during the last 70 years. Please take a look and send them to me at [lauriejames@bmts.com](mailto:lauriejames@bmts.com) I will make a PowerPoint presentation to show at the meeting. Please send your photos no later than May 15th. Thanks.



1. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
2. If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
3. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
4. Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
5. When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
6. Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?
7. Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?
8. Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
9. Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?
10. 'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?
11. If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
12. I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks so I wondered if Chinese mothers use toothpicks?
13. Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the postmen can look for them while they deliver the post?
14. You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
15. No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.
16. Ever wonder about those people who spend two dollars each on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards:
17. Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?
18. If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea, does that mean that one enjoys it? **Submitted by Mary Hall**

# WHY IT'S GREAT TO BE RETIRED!



## TEACHING IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT JOB NOW

What's actually going on in schools right now...



Behavior is **OUT OF CONTROL**  
and consequences don't exist



Parents don't parent  
and still **blame the teacher**



Admin micromanages **EVERYTHING**  
and backs **NOTHING**



The **WORKLOAD DOUBLED**  
but the time never did



You spend more time  
**PROVING YOUR JOB** than  
**DOING IT**

I'm not sure it has really changed that much. L.