

GWRWT SUMMER OF '24 NEWS

I think we'd all agree that GWRWT had a very successful year! We had lots of fun together at luncheons, helped out several charities and enjoyed activities in various Interest Groups.

Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who filled in the Questionnaire online or at the June Luncheon. The Executive was pleased with your thoughtful feedback and suggestions for next year. We discussed all your ideas at our Executive Meeting and were delighted to have so many suggestions for venues, entertainers and Interest Groups. Lack of volunteers for executive positions is still a concern.

Cora Bailey Award Winners

In considering worthy Cora Bailey Award recipients for excellent service to GWRWT, we realized we had fallen behind due to a lack of meetings during the pandemic. So, we chose to honour three members this year! Nancy Fulton's focus when President (2017-19) was to attract new members through the use of business cards and Facebook. Joan Berry (President 2019-21) led us through the pandemic with many Zoom Executive Meetings and a Zoom General Meeting. Lynn D'Alton was honoured for her work as archivist (designing scrapbooks), starting the Singing Belles Interest Group and helping on the Decorating/Luncheon Committee. Congratulations, Nancy, Joan and Lynn and Thank You from all of us!



Nancy Fulton



Joan Berry



Lynn D'Alton

Presenting the Cora Bailey Awards - Marion Kelly, Past President & Judy Steer, President.

RWTO/OERO Convention – June 4-5, 2024

Resolutions were passed to welcome five more groups into our organization: Retired Women Audiologists, Office Support Staff, Psychologists, Social Workers and Speech and Language Pathologists. The resolution to possibly change our name (Retired Women Teachers of Ontario) was deferred until next year. No resolution came forward to change the formula for the number of delegates each branch can send to conferences.

Interest Groups

Wouldn't it be wonderful to GROW our Interest Groups – more participants for established groups, new leaders for additional groups?! After all, Interest Groups are one of the perks of membership in GWRWT. At our September Luncheon, look for co-ordinators with Sign-Up Sheets and be ready and open to hear from members willing to offer new options. On the Questionnaire, Jane Nunan, Julia Burns, Cathie Harris-Thuerig and Judy Steer volunteered to launch new groups. If you would like to co-ordinate a group, please email Joan Chamberlain earlandjoan@wightman.ca at your earliest convenience.

Membership Dues

Thank you to those members who have already renewed their memberships for 2024-25. We encourage new and returning members to do so as soon as possible. You can mail your cheque for \$50.00 made payable to GWRWT to Mary Hermann, 109 Parkinson Dr., Rockwood, ON N0B 2K0. Cheques may be postdated to September 1st. If you prefer, you can alert Mary maryhermann@rogers.com that you plan to e-transfer the \$50.00 and then e-transfer the money to gwrwto@gmail.com.

First Luncheon of the Year

We will return to the ever-popular Victoria Park East Golf Club on Tuesday, September 24th. We have chosen a Tuesday again this year because there are fewer golfers (and their cars) on this day of the week. Look for your invitation with all the details in early August.

The Executive wishes you the very best and happiest summer, ever! Be safe and healthy!