

**'CARING & SHARING'**  
**RWTO/OERO NORTHUMBERLAND SOUTH DURHAM BRANCH**  
**SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER - ISSUE THIRTY-EIGHT**

**SPRING MEETING**

- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 1, 2019  
10:00 am - Registration/Meet & Greet  
Silent Auction during social time for gently used recent books - donations gratefully received.
- WHERE:** Northminster United Church, 676 Simcoe Street N., Oshawa  
Use the south entrance door, to the left of the stairs up to the main sanctuary entrance. Parking in church lot on west side of church or on Carnegie Ave.
- MEAL:** Springtime Meal - **\$20**  
\*\*\* Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.
- PROGRAM** 10:30 am – Business  
-Installation of 2019 – 2020 Executive – Sharron Colter, Provincial President, Judy Ann Tumber, Area 7 Director  
-Presentation on Monarch Butterflies – members are asked to wear something to complement our butterfly theme (eg. a pin, earrings, scarf)  
- Presentation of Cora Bailey award  
12:15 pm – Lunch

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** Denise House – an Emergency Shelter for Women and Children located in Oshawa

**REPLY:** **By April 22nd:** Call Elaine Doty – 905-983-5831 or Lynne Snee – 905-435-5356 or email: [sneelynn@gmail.com](mailto:sneelynn@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

**A Gentle Reminder:** We are committed to pay for all meals ordered. If you are unable to attend as you indicated to Elaine or Lynne, please cancel by contacting Lynne at least five days before the meeting. Thank You!

\*\*\*Please remember to bring your **March 2019** copy of **Connections**, to this meeting so that we can look at the resolutions being presented at the June Convention. This will assist our delegates in making decisions when they are voting.

**If you know of a retired woman teacher who is not a member of our RWTO/OERO Branch, please invite her to come to the meeting with you. Your guest will receive a free lunch that day and you will receive a small gift for bringing her. Let the person that you contact know the person you will be bringing. All qualified teachers who are retired (including those on Long Term Disability) are eligible to be members of RWTO/OERO regardless of whether or not they are receiving a teacher's pension.**

**Branch Newsletter:** To save postage and photocopying expense, the branch newsletter is sent by email to those who have given us an email address. If you received yours by mail and you **do** have email, please let the editor, Lynne Snee, know before the fall issue ([sneelynn@gmail.com](mailto:sneelynn@gmail.com)).

## **BRANCH CHRISTMAS MEETING**

Our meeting was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope on November 29, 2018. In President Jan Engel's absence, First Vice President Julia Esford welcomed everyone, and Second Vice President Bonnie Brown read a message from Jan. Julia introduced our guests of honour – Judy Ann Tumber, Director of Area 7, and Jean Axcell, who was present to conduct our quarter auction. Julia also extended a special welcome to Bonnie Greer, who joined us after a long illness. Members welcomed her back warmly.

Julia updated us on her Treasurer's Report. We currently have 57 members and 2 life members. We have 2 - \$15.00 members and 53 - \$40.00 members. Our current bank balance is \$3 367.85 with all bills paid.

Members filled out ballots for the Cora Bailey award for 2019.

Jean Axcell conducted a lively quarter auction – a good time was had by all! There was a lovely assortment of items up for auction, and members were very generous with their bids. Facey's of Port Hope donated a Michael Korrs set of gloves, scarf and toque to Sandra Boyko for our auction. This item, due to its value, was bid on in loonies rather than quarters. After all of the bids had been won, Julia reported that we raised \$185.20 for our branch. Way to go ladies! A delicious Christmas luncheon was followed by an enjoyable carol sing, led by Vicki and Bunny.

Julia concluded our meeting by thanking Bunny for her delightful table favours, and telling us that a total of \$395 had been raised for the Giving Tree (\$115 in cash and \$280 in donated goods). Once again, our branch members showed their commitment to "Caring and Sharing", especially at this time of year.

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Membership Fees:** Fees for 2019 – 2020 are due in the fall. You may pay your fees in one of three ways:

1. You may pay your membership fee at the upcoming spring meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. You may send your fees to:  
Julia Esford  
1268 Cherrydown Drive  
Oshawa, Ont.  
L1H 7T2
3. You may pay your membership fee at the fall meeting on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Members involved in the RWTO group insurance must renew their membership by that time. Membership cards will be distributed at this meeting.

Fees are as follows: **Provincial RWTO Fee** – Members retired before August, 1980 - \$15.00  
All other members pay \$40.00

**Branch Fee** - \$5.00 per member

Cheques: Please make cheques payable to RWTO/OERO Northumberland/South Durham

**Cora Bailey Award:** Cora Bailey, from the Peterborough branch, was RWTO's first executive secretary-treasurer. Beginning in 2003, this award was presented in her honour. The Cora Bailey award may be presented to a branch member who has contributed outstanding service to her branch

**Goodwill:** The goodwill conveners send cards to members who are ill, for special occasions, to those over ninety and those who are in nursing homes or hospital. They send sympathy cards in cases of bereavement of a member's immediate family or someone very close to that member. They report the illness, death or important changes in a member's status to the membership convener. To do their job, the conveners need to be informed if any of the above needs to be attended to, as they do not know every member personally. If you know of someone who needs attention in some way, please contact:

West of Port Hope	<b>Vicki Cubitt</b>	905-723-5114
Municipality of Port Hope, Hamilton Township & Cobourg	<b>Shirley Stewart</b> <b>Shirley Minifie</b>	905-372-2361 905-342-5308
East of Cobourg	<b>Astrida Chalmers</b>	613-475-1608
Visitation (shut ins in their homes and nursing homes)	<b>Sandra Boyko</b>	905-885-7543

**Breakfast Club:** continues to meet on the third Thursday of each month and 10:00 am. We meet in Traditions Restaurant on the northeast corner of Simcoe Street and Beatrice Street in Oshawa. Be sure to join us and feel free to bring a female teacher friend. For clarification, please call Vicki Cubitt at 905-723-5114 or email her at [cobysummer@gmail.com](mailto:cobysummer@gmail.com).



### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**Wed. May 1st - Executive Meeting** after the spring meeting in Oshawa

**Meeting Dates for 2019 – 2020:** Wed. Sept. 25, 2019 Grafton  
Thurs. Dec. 5, 2019 Port Hope  
Tues. Apr. 28, 2020 Location TBD

**June 4 - 6, 2019- Provincial Convention** – St. Catharines, ON  
Members are welcome to attend as non-voting observers.