



RWTO/OERO

Owen Sound and Area



September Luncheon

'OH THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN!'

Wednesday, September 28th @ 11:45

Best Western Inn on the Bay

1800 2nd Ave East, Owen Sound

Cost: \$32.00 (includes tax & gratuity)

Guest Speaker: Tracey McKnight

Sales and Marketing Representative for Hanover Holidays

Slide presentation of holiday spots from our members

RSVP: Louise Lipsett by Sept. 23 rlipsett@outlook.com or 519-376-6722

PLEASE HELP US!!

At the end of our meeting , we will present a slide show tour of all the places our members have visited. Send a few pictures that could be included along with where they were taken, to Rebecca Hlynialuk at reb14@rogers.com . These can be places locally or far from home. Thanks for caring and sharing. Louise Lipsett

PLEASE NOTE:

If you RSVP and are unable to attend, you will still be responsible for the cost of your meal if you do not notify us 3 days prior to September 28.

We have a few decisions to make!

Welcome to the new 2022/23 RWTO/OERO year. We are looking forward to continuing our in person General Meetings which we have four times per year. They will be on September 28, 2022, November 23, 2022, March 22, 2023 and May 24, 2023. It is truly wonderful to be able to gather together once again!

This fall, as a local association, we have several issues about which we need to make recommendations or decisions. The first is with regard to a response to the provincial RWTO/OERO Survey on Membership Extension. This provincial survey had a very good response rate of about 40%. The survey question concerned opening up membership in RWTO/OERO to other groups in education such as educational assistants, child and youth workers, speech and language therapists and social workers who have worked in schools. The response to enlarging the membership was very positive with 75% of respondents either agreeing or strongly agreeing to opening up membership. Shrinking numbers of current RWTO/OERO members is the impetus behind the interest in opening up membership. If you would like to let me know your feelings on this issue please send me an email at slloyst@gmail.com. We will also have a discussion at our September 28th General Meeting.

Our local budget for 2022/23 will be discussed at our September 28th General Meeting. We need to consider our donations for the upcoming year. Typically we donate between \$600 and \$800 per business year. This past year our donation was to the Red Cross to support needs in Ukraine. In the past we have donated to the Royal Canadian Legion, the Hospital Memorial Fund, the Hospice, Georgian Riding Association for Challenged Equestrians, Grey Roots Museum, Canadian Mental Health Association Youth Program and Keystone Child, Youth and Family Program. Again, please email me at slloyst@gmail.com if you have any suggestions.

As part of our budget discussion we need to decide if we want to continue to meet at our current location – the Best Western Inn on the Bay in Owen Sound. After our past several meetings members indicated that they were happy with the venue room and food. However, because of rising costs we typically are short \$300 to \$350 at each of our meetings at the Best Western. There are several options. We could increase the price we charge for lunch – typically \$30 – to \$35. We could meet for breakfast meetings which would likely be less expensive. Or we could look for a less expensive venue. A further point to the meal cost is that we must give the venue our expected numbers several days before our meeting. We do that based on the personal commitment that members give us to attend the meeting. Unfortunately if a member does not give advance notice that they won't be attending or is simply a 'no show' we must pay for those meals. So it is a loss to our local association. If you are not able to attend please contact Louise Lipsett at rlipsett@outlook.com several days in advance. To do so is most appreciated.



Also at our September 28th meeting one of our Insurance contacts will be bringing us up to date on the Manual Life Insurance Plan.

In order to get through all the items on our agenda we will be starting our business meeting at 11:45.

We, your executive, look forward to seeing you very soon and wish you well for the upcoming year.

Yours in Caring and Sharing,

Sue Loyst,

President Owen Sound and Area RWTO/OERO

Marianne Ford grew up on a farm in Markham Township, happily attending a one-room school. After graduation from U of Waterloo in 1965, she began her teaching career, first in Guelph and later in Etobicoke, having interviewed for both jobs at the annual “cattle auction”. She taught 1979-2000 in Grey County, mostly at OSCVI..

Marianne is married to Frank with whom she has three adult children and five grandchildren. Activities, many suspended or modified during Covid, include Aquafit at the Y, book clubs, writing group, choir, CFUW, gardening, and a love/hate relationship with digital technology.

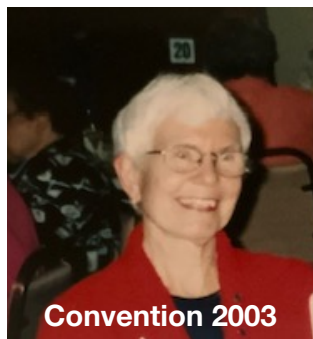
We are happy that you are joining us Marianne.



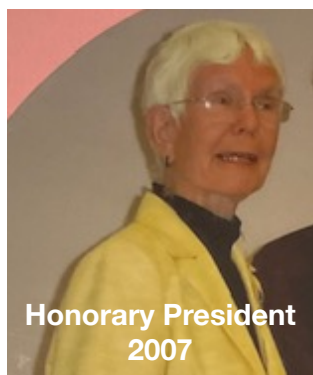
Cynthia Lemon is recently retired from an active and fulfilling career in public education. She has been a teacher, a teacher union leader at both the local and provincial levels, a school administrator, and a superintendent of education working in human resources and special education. Cynthia would profess to be somewhat of a political junkie and has been active in election campaigns, both municipally and provincially. She completed a four year term serving as a councillor for the Municipality of Meaford.

Cynthia is a service person at heart. She looks forward to serving with her colleagues in RWTO.

Welcome Cynthia, we are pleased that you are joining us.



Convention 2003


Honorary President
2007

Mary Monteith—Aug. 8, 1930 - Apr. 30, 2022

Mary was a steadfast member for many years. In 2009, Mary’s many contributions, at both the Provincial & Local level, made her a very worthy recipient of the Cora Bailey award.

She served as Area One Director from 1993-1997. Mary worked on several provincial committees. She was Provincial Archivist 2000-2002. She performed memorial services at annual meetings & kept records at the provincial level.

For our local Owen Sound & Area branch, Mary was President 1990-1991. She was on Program 1992-1997 & Social 1999-2000. Mary published our Newsletter for 5 years, 1999-2004. She made gift cards & was a good visitor to other members of our branch. For quite a few years, Mary made & donated address labels (which included the RWTO/OERO logo) to be used on cards sent by our Goodwill convenor. See below.

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These are the delegates from Area 1 at the RWTO convention in London, in June. Rebecca and Sue from Owen Sound, Joan, Maize and Sharron from Wiarton, Nancy and Judith from Flesherton. Beside Sue is our new Area 1 Director, Pat Emmerton from South Bruce and on the right is Connie Morris, outgoing Area1 Director.



Sue Loyst accepts a Barbara Bain Award at Convention in London for increased membership this year. A \$300 check came with the award!

INSURANCE MATTERS

We hope everyone had a relaxing and healthy summer.

If you have RWTO Hospital and Home Care Insurance coverage, it is important to pay your Branch Membership Fees in September to ensure continuing coverage and keep the Insurance valid.

The plan is available only to RWTO members and partners. It does not replace your existing extended health plan, but tops it up.

Newly retired teachers may enrol without a medical if they join within one year of retiring. Spouses/Partners will require a medical to join.

The cost of the Insurance is very reasonable: For Members — \$14.49 per month For Spouses/Partners \$15.57

For information booklets and application forms please contact:

Cathy McCoy 519-371-0122

MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2022/23 are due at our September meeting. The amount is \$50.00. If you retired before Aug. 31, 1980, the fee is \$25.00. If you pay the Provincial dues to another RWTO branch, then the amount for an associate membership with the Owen Sound Branch is \$10.00. We would appreciate it if you would please pay before or at the September dinner meeting.



2022





The Good Companions

Bruce Power

RTO
EROA better future,
together
Ensemble pour
un avenir meilleur

Legion



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Fun Seated Fitness Phone in 1-647-374-4685 !D 86980849744# Passcode 987999# or www.zoom.us Click on "join meeting". Input ID 86980849744. Click on launch meeting. Input passcode 987999 Phone in teleconferences on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday Phone toll free 1-877-806-9883, Guest Passcode 772270 followed by the number sign # Listen for the voice. Say your name followed by the number sign # (There is no trivia on Mondays in August.)				1 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Truth and Reconciliation - by phone in	2 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Laugh Yourself Healthier/Fun Seated Fitness by zoom	3 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Laugh Yourself Healthier/Fun Seated Fitness with Carolyn by zoom
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11	12 11:00 a.m. - 12: p.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Laugh Yourself Healthier, Fun Seated Fitness by zoom	13 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Let's Chat about Housing for Seniors by phone	14	15 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Phone in session with Sandra Hong "Dementia Friendly Communities"	16 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Laugh Yourself Healthier/Fun Seated Fitness by zoom	17 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Laugh Yourself Healthier/Fun Seated Fitness with Carolyn by zoom
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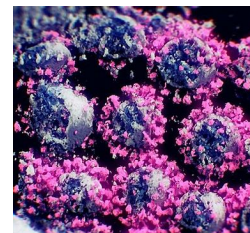
Contact Sharron Colter at contact nbpcsac@eastlink.ca on 519-793-3473 for information.

WHEN THIS IS OVER

May we never take for granted
 A handshake with a stranger,
 Full shelves at a grocery store,
 Conversations with neighbours,
 A crowded theatre on a Friday night out,
 The taste of communion, a routine checkup,
 A school rush each morning,
 Or coffee with a friend,
 A stadium roaring and each deep breath,
 A boring Tuesday, or life itself,

When this ends, may we find that we have
 become more like the people we wanted to be,
 We were called to be, hoped to be,
 And may we stay that way,
 Better for each other
 Because of the worst

L. K. Fanucci
 Shared by Phyllis Jolley





It has been some time since our last Newsletter. Many cards have been sent since then.

Easter cards were sent out to members over 90. Sympathy cards were sent to Gwen Duncan, the family of Mary Monteith, Janet Glasspool, Laurie James and Mary Prout. Birthday cards went to Lois Cook, Jessie Ross, and Verna Killam. Get Well cards went to Grace McPherson-Granger, and Ruth Kaufman. We sent a Thinking of You card to Barb Schwartz as her husband had surgery for cancer.

We want to remember our former member, June Waterton, who passed away in August, in British Columbia, where she went to be with her daughter.

We are in need of Thinking of You cards, if you have any to spare. We are still hoping to have a volunteer to assist with Goodwill – please volunteer!

Yours in Caring and Sharing
Lorraine Dunning
519-376-5017



We had a great turn-out to our First Day of School Breakfast. We met at Walter's Falls Inn on a beautiful day. It was wonderful to share time together, relate our news since we were last together, and feel normal again! Thank you Louise for organising the day.