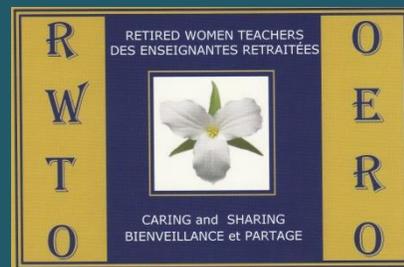


# South Bruce RWTO/OERO Newsletter

## September 2021



### President's Corner

Happy back to school everyone. I'm enjoying learning about my new duties as president of our branch. I am thankful to have been vice-president last year to begin the learning curve and feel fortunate to have a great team working with me.  
Lynda Cerson

### Treasurer's Report

At the August 19 executive meeting via Zoom, Carole Machan reported a bank balance of \$979.58 with an outstanding cheque for \$250.

We don't yet know how much we will receive from provincial from insurance profit-sharing and may want to set money aside to renew the branch Zoom license. Therefore, it was decided the South Bruce Branch will temporarily suspend charitable donations.

### Membership Dues

Payment of dues is owed to the provincial treasurer in mid-October. If you haven't yet paid, drop off or mail to Carole Machan, 736 MacKendrick St, Kincardine, N2Z 3A4. Fees are \$40 + \$5 or \$15 + \$5 if you retired before 1980.

### September 10<sup>th</sup> Gathering

It was a picture perfect day for a picnic in Pat Emmerton's yard! Sixteen ladies enjoyed visiting and



catching up. They also made donations to the food bank and stocked up on books and jigsaw puzzles.

### Goodwill

Dianne Simpson really appreciates address updates, member updates, etc. and encourages everyone to contact her with news or information of a member who might appreciate a visit, phone call or card.

([simpsond@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:simpsond@hurontel.on.ca), 519-395-5362)

Many of our older members, especially those experiencing health challenges, enjoy connecting with former colleagues. Please consider reaching out with a phone call or visit.

### Becoming a Life Member

During the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> gathering, Carole Machan made a motion to award Life Member status to every member of the South Bruce RWTO/OERO branch on their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The motion was seconded by Dianne Simpson and the members in attendance voted in favour. We need to hear from the rest of the membership.

**Please indicate your vote by emailing Christine:**  
[roberts@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:roberts@hurontel.on.ca) or by phoning Lynda: 519-389-8965.

### Thank you

Dear South Bruce RWTO/OERO Members  
This is to thank you for the lovely butterfly bush that I received from you at our meeting in June. It is in our perennial garden and hopefully, in spite of me, it will flourish!

When I took on the position of president five years ago, it was the most challenging thing to date that I

had done. Never having held any executive position in an organization before, it was a leap- for me and for you! Thanks to all of you for the support and encouragement you gave me.

My next project (because apparently one should always have one to stretch oneself!) is gardening. I am surrounded by friends who are wonderful gardeners so I will be leaning heavily on them. If when you visit next year, you see that the large garden has been sodded over, you will know without asking how my newest project is going. :)

Many thanks, Pat

## Zoom Update

Last year our Zoom subscription was paid for through a grant from the provincial office and expires near the end of October. We're hoping for financial support again but, in the meantime, Pat Emmerton has generously offered to host the November meeting on her account.

We feel this virtual meeting platform worked well for our needs but would like to hear from you whether we should renew our subscription regardless of extra provincial funding. It costs approximately \$200/year.

## Future Meetings

**October 21** – 12:30 pm via Zoom  
RWTO/OERO Provincial President, Nancy Bell, will be our guest speaker.

**November 18** – via Zoom  
This will be our Christmas Tea meeting.

Details, times and invitations will be communicated closer to the date.

## Member Directory Project

Our South Bruce Member directory is intended to help us become better acquainted. Similar to an "All About Me" project, members are asked to provide some biographical details with a focus on education and their teaching career.

Pat Emmerton and Cathy Ellis have received several submissions but are looking for more. They will report on this project during the October 21 Zoom meeting.



**Bring Your Own Everything September 10<sup>th</sup>:** A socially distanced lunch, new books and puzzles and food bank donations.



### Before you go...

- 1) **Please indicate your vote on the motion to automatically award Life Member status to members on their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.**
- 2) **Please take the time to write/type out some personal information for our Branch Member Directory and return it to Pat Emmerton or Cathy Ellis.**
- 3) **Should we renew the branch's Zoom subscription? Let us know.**