

Cora Bailey Awards

Sault Ste. Marie Area: 11 2019

Brenda Ostaff

Brenda Ostaff joined the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario Sault Ste. Marie Branch on October 11, 2013. Immediately, Brenda demonstrated that she is a committed, supportive and caring member of the branch. She shares her time and talents with members, and as a result we all have more fun.



Since April 2016, Brenda has been a Member at Large on the Sault Ste. Marie Branch Executive. In this capacity, she attends the executive meetings regularly, listens attentively and offers her opinions and ideas on topics discussed.

Brenda attends most general meetings. She participates fully in activities by dressing in costumes when asked, wearing festive accessories for holiday themed meetings and bringing supplies for crafts and fundraising activities.

Brenda assists in setting out the light lunches at each meeting, filling boxes of cookies for shut-ins at Christmas and cleaning the kitchen after meetings.

As a caller, Brenda calls or emails members on her list to remind them of meetings and collects information from them such as lunch choices.

In 2019, Brenda planned a well-organized Games session which was well-received by the members who participated. She plans to present another Games session on April 22, 2020.

It is without hesitation that we name Brenda Ostaff as a recipient of the Cora Bailey Award.

Margaret Walker



Marg joined The Ontario Association of Superannuated Women Teachers in June 1996 and got involved right away.

Marg was a board member for the newly formed Retired Women Teachers of Ontario for many years working her way up the ranks from Second Vice President to First Vice President and then President for the year 2008-2009. As President, Marg fulfilled her duties conscientiously and completed her year in this capacity.

Marg has attended many of the R.W.T.O. Conventions around the province over the years, paying for registration fees and her share of room and gas costs out of her own pocket. She assisted with the R.W.T.O. Conventions in 1997 and 2102 hosted by Sault Ste. Marie.

Marg continues to regularly attend General Meetings supporting activities and dressing up according to the occasion. She is a good sport about having her photo published in local newspapers. To take part in fieldtrips outside of the city and to participate in Joint Central Algoma and Sault Branch Meetings, Marg is willing to drive. Marg participates in the Breakfast Club regularly meeting with fellow members the second Friday of each month.

With her quiet presence, Marg is a faithful member of our organization. It is with pleasure that the Sault Unit recognizes Marg Walker as a long overdue recipient of the Cora Bailey Award.

Brenda Gallander



Brenda Gallander retired in June 2012 and joined RWTO in September of the same year after receiving a recruitment invitation letter. Immediately Brenda brought her energy and skills to the forefront. In 2013 she offered to become the Communication and Recruitment chair. Each spring Brenda has written a letter to new retirees in the area inviting them to our first general meeting and asking them to give serious consideration to joining our organization. A newsletter evolved and became an annual occurrence. Members looked forward to seeing local pictures and write ups. As a result, Brenda graduated to two newsletters per year, a fall-winter edition as well as a spring one.

In 2015 Brenda moved into the position of Second Vice-President as well as continuing on as communications chair.

During the summer of 2016, besides moving into the position of First Vice-President, Brenda worked with provincial and the unit president in order to have the Sault Ste. Marie unit on the provincial website. Hours were devoted to keeping our section current and dynamic.

Yes, one person can make a difference. Brenda is definitely an example of this. Four years ago she initiated a book club which meets once a month from September until the end of June. Two years ago Brenda initiated a Scrabble Club which meets once a month in a senior retirement home. This offers an opportunity for some of our seasoned members to stay actively involved!

It is evident that Brenda shares her time and talents with her sisters in the Sault Ste. Marie unit of R.W.T.O. As a result of her caring and sharing we all have more fun.

It is without hesitation that we name Brenda Gallander as a recipient of the Cora Bailey Award.

Carol McFarlane



In September 2006 Carol McFarlane joined RWTO. She attended her first meeting at Sandy Fulcher's home and has been present at almost every scheduled meeting since that time. Carol is a loyal member, often working in the kitchen at the end of a meeting. She is always willing to help out in any way she can.

In June 2010 Carol was elected secretary and attended her first executive meeting on July 21st. For seven years Carol has continued to

work diligently for the unit in this capacity, recording detailed minutes for our archives. In 2012 Carol was a member of the planning committee responsible for entertainment, tours and transportation connected with the RWTO Convention hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie unit and Central Algoma. Carol meticulously costed transportation for the various convention tours. She provided input to the core planning group in order to offer tours at a reasonable rate for the convention participants. In the Call to Convention at Niagara Falls Carol was a life sized Loonie. (The loonie had been created by our local artist Robert Carmichael.) It was also Carol who assumed the role of tour director for our city bus tour during the convention. Our ever busy Carol was highly visible throughout the convention working in the silent auction room.

Carol McFarlane is a busy, helpful, caring person. Indeed we are proud to call her sister!

It is without hesitation that the RWTO Sault Ste. Marie unit celebrates Carol McFarlane as a recipient of the Cora Bailey Award.

Cora Bailey Award Recipients

- 2015-2016 [Rita Wagner](#) And [Bernice Whalen](#)
- 2014-2015 Carol C., and Sherrill D.
- 2013-2014 Paula H.
- 2012-2013 Sandy F., Beverley B., and Josie V.
- 2011-2012 Mary K., Joyce MacK., Joyce M., and Betty W.
- 2010-2011 Gerry Y.