

BRRR...EAKING NEWS!

RWTO/OERO St. Catharines Branch

January 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Gaudet, Branch President

What a wonderful year it has been so far! RWTO/OERO St. Catharines welcomed nineteen new members: Heather Armstrong, Maureen Atkinson, Liz Bryers, Judith Delahunt, Shirley Duffy, Monica Forbom, Nancy Haaf, Margo Halfyard, Marg Jarvis, Wendy Kuenzel, Barbara Linton, Barb McArthur, Annalea Masiello, Anne McCloskey, Laura Schmitt, Vicki Schindel, Peggy Tytaneck and Lou Zanatta. Carol Morningstar, Area 13's new Director, who so enjoyed the October luncheon to which she was invited as a guest, has also joined RWTO St. Catharines as a Social Member.



Since the October Newsletter, we have had a luncheon at Amici's in Thorold with a very entertaining musical Elvis tribute by Cameron Caton, and a Christmas buffet at the Holiday Inn with accompanist, Sharree Eidt, who led us in some rousing holiday songs. Our esteemed guest of honour, Betty Lou Souter, Director of Community Care St. Catharines and Thorold, brought a few to tears when she graciously accepted our cheque for \$9,645.



I sincerely hope that you had a happy, healthy, peaceful holiday season. I look forward to meeting more of you at our luncheons in April and May.

Best Wishes for a wonderful New Year!

Mark Your Calendar

April Luncheon

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Four Points Sheraton,
3530 Schmon Pkwy, Thorold, ON

May Luncheon

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

George's Greek Village Restaurant,
535 Queenston St., St. Catharines



Goodwill Report: Janis Harlos, Goodwill Convenor

Happy New Year Everyone.

Goodwill had a busy fall/winter in 2022. Eighty-five Holiday greetings were prepared and delivered, hopefully reaching their destination before the close of 2022. Thank you, Linda Gaudet and Margo Smith, for helping make this happen.



Goodwill took on a new endeavour in December. We created Christmas treat boxes for our Forever Young members. Patti Malkiewich, Elaine Reimer, Wendy Waind, Pat Wilcox, and Verna Leger shared their baking talents. They met at my house to fill boxes with an assortment of mouth-watering treats. We each took a few boxes to deliver personally to our members. Goodwill received several notes of appreciation from the recipients. I think this project will become an annual event. Please let me know if you are interested in sharing your baking talents for next year.



We lost the following RWTO members: Betty Adams and Kathleen Black in October 2022, and Debbie Brown and Bonnie Hollender in January 2023. A donation will be made by RWTO St. Catharines on their behalf in the Spring to the 'Rankin Run for Cancer'. Condolences were sent to the families.

I continue to encourage you to contact me at jharlos6@gmail.com or (905) 892-8203 if you know of someone who has lost a family member, is in the hospital, or is in need of a little TLC.

Yours in Caring and sharing, Jan

Membership Report - Clara Warden, Linda Foster, Membership Convenors

Happy New Year everyone! We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays, and we hope that 2023 will be a great year for all of us.

We are happy to report that our Membership numbers have grown steadily, and we have welcomed some new members to our group this year. Please remember that we are always looking for new members, so if you are aware of a retired teacher who might be interested in joining our organization, you can contact Linda Foster, Margo Smith, Marilyn Emmett, or Clara Warden. We would be happy to hear from you. Our best advertisement is through word-of-mouth, and we rely on you to help promote our organization.

Wishing you all the very best until we meet again! Clara

Christmas Luncheon 2022



Interest Groups

Out & About: Shaw Festival Performance of **GYPSY**

To the 30 ladies who have already expressed their interest in attending a 2023 show at the Shaw Festival Theatre, I am happy to tell you, I **have** secured our tickets!

On **Friday, June 2nd at 2pm** we will be seeing **GYPSY** !

A Landmark Broadway Musical

More details will be emailed to the participants shortly.

Kathleen Bradley, Interest Groups Convenor



Friday Afternoon Walkers

Our amazing group of ladies enjoyed some excellent adventures this fall.

We walked in various wooded spaces, along the Port Dalhousie Pier and the Merritt Island walk in Welland. Our final walk of the season was in Niagara-on-the-lake where we also enjoyed lunch together at the Irish Harp Pub. Hope you might join us in January for our winter schedule of walks.

Christine Honsinger, Walking Group Leader

Bridge

Our bridge players have at this present time, the necessary information to be able to contact other players that have signed up to play. Games can be scheduled as each team chooses, with an equal number of home games and away games. Our final bridge party is held in June, and usually at the Port Dalhousie Yacht Club.



Helen Self and Sharon Thorne, Bridge Leaders

St. Catharines Branch RWTO Interest Groups

Kathleen Bradley, Convenor

Beading

Creative Cooks

Out and About

Book Club -- Revolving Book Club

Dining Divas

Breakfast Bunch

Other Activities

Book Club – Let's Chat About It

Euchre Group

Singing For Fun

Book Club -- Let's Chat About It -
Chapter Two

Euchre Group Two: Let's Play
Euchre Again!

Travelogue

Bowling

Golf

Morning Walkers

Bridge

Lunch Bunch

Friday Afternoon Walkers

RWTO Fun Times

Friends and New Friends . . .
through Luncheons and
Interest Group Activities

