



EAST PARRY SOUND BRANCH SPRING NEWSLETTER

Is it really Spring? Winter never likes to give up gracefully, does she! But, Spring is determined to get on with the business of longer, warmer days. The snow is melting away, our birds are filling the woods and gardens with their cheerful birdsongs, and I'm getting ready to put away my winter coat. How about you?

I hope that you're excited to welcome this wonderful season.
I know that I am.



Provincial News

By now you've all received your copy of our RWTO/OERO Provincial Newsletter "Connections". There's lots of information about the Annual Convention and AGM in Kingston. Our Branch is entitled to send one Delegate and one Alternate. In the past a number of our members have attended. These Conventions are always enjoyable, interesting and informative. It would be wonderful if again this year, a number of us wanted to go. We have always had a great time. Debbie Dobbs will be attending as our Provincial Delegate and Kathy Pike will be our Alternate. Thank you to both these ladies for representing our Branch. You'll do it in style, we know!

Contact Information: Our Branch and Provincial always want to make sure that your address, phone number, email address are up to date. If/when there are changes, please let Susan Rose by e-mail, mumkat1@icloud.com know. Keeping in touch with everyone is so important.

Caring and Sharing and Having Fun What's happening with our Members?

Several of us visited with *Joy Gutjahr and Beth McGirr* at Traditions Residence in Huntsville early in February.

Ruby Jenkins is off to Mexico for a month!

Liz Bradley and Barb Niles are proud grandmothers these days. Ask to see pictures of their beautiful babies. You won't be disappointed.

Please remember *Lisa Fry*. If you'd like to send her a card at her home address, Lori will read them to her when she visits.

Liz Bradley has also been busy sending out Birthday Greetings. Do you know of a member who needs some cheering up, is facing challenges or health issues? Please let Liz know and she will pop a "Thinking of You" card in the mail.

To everyone who has been ill at times this winter, I hope you are on the mend. To all those who have had some happy events, I am smiling for you, and if you can, please let me know, so that we can all smile with you.

Branch Executive News

Our Branch Executive got together at Eleanor's home on March 8, for our workspace and luncheon.



Our biggest discussions centred around these three very important topics:



- 1. filling executive positions**
- 2. program ideas for 2023-2024**
- 3. project ideas for ways to contribute within our communities.**

Despite the fact that Executive Meetings are always a lot of fun, I have to tell you that it was rather a serious discussion. Most of the Executive are completing their terms in June, and thus, our Branch needs to fill the following positions going forward.

President
Secretary
Insurance Convenor
Communications Convenor
Program Convenor

How You Can Help

These positions can be each be filled by one member, or by two members or even by a team of members. For example, a few members could plan and execute one monthly meeting. Or, perhaps, three members could take on Communications. Or, two members might consider job sharing the position of President as Eleanor and I have done. There will be always be lots of support from the retiring Executive members. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. As teachers, we learned to work as a team, and this continues with RW.

The health and future viability, and yes, even the very existence of our Branch depends on all of us. We need each member to put on her 'thinking cap' and her 'I can help with this' T-shirt. With that in mind, if you have any suggestions, and if you feel that you can volunteer to join the executive, please contact Eleanor or Peggy



Our Upcoming Get Togethers

Please mark your calendars. You'll hear details very soon.
It feels wonderful to have times and dates again, and to have our meetings in the planning stages.

Date: **Thursday April 20, 2023** **Look for your email invitation on April 5th!**

Time: **10:00 a.m.** Registration and Coffee, lunch details are still in the works.

Location: **South River Seniors Friendly Circle**

Program: *Quilt Trunk Show Sandra Train will display her beautiful quilts
Judy Drummond, our RWTO/OERO Provincial President will be with us, too.
Come out and join in on a great social outing!*

Date: **Thursday May 18, 2023**

Time: **10:00 a.m.** Registration and Coffee, lunch details and program are still in the works.

Location: **South River Brewery**

Date: **Thursday June 15, 2023**

Time: **10:00 a.m.** Registration and Coffee, lunch details, location and program to follow.

And that's all for now. Enjoy this day and this month. Hoping to see you on April 20th.

**In caring and sharing,
Peggy**

