



Lydia Snow North Halton RWTO/OERO March Newsletter

What a busy month March is this year! Saint Patrick's Day for those with Irish heritage, the beginning of Ramadan for our Muslim friends, the first day of spring (will it snow?), Easter chocolate and Celebrations, and preparation for the eclipse in April.

It is a busy time for Lydia Snow North Halton as well. Here is all the news you need to know.

1. You have already received an email about a bus trip to Quebec City, planned by the Mississauga Branch. If you have never been, Quebec City is like going to Europe, but close to home. Any questions you have about this trip should be directed to the Mississauga Branch. The deadline to register is March 31.
2. You have already received an email regarding the changed motion around the distribution of Outreach funds. You only need to respond to this email if you **DISAGREE** with the motion. We are assuming that the rest of our membership agrees with the motion.
3. Below you will find information about upcoming meetings and when and what events for which you need to send money to Jeanne Gray or to pay for at the March meeting.

Date: Monday March 18

Time: Coffee at 9:30; Meeting begins at 10:00 AM

Place: The Gellert Centre, 10241 Eighth Line, Georgetown

Topic: "Flying High" - Jim and Sharon Osborne.

Other Info: Book Sale - bring recently published books and your loonies and toonies. Beautiful Bookmarks will also be for sale, made by Dorothy Vandermolen's daughter. \$2.00 if you don't buy a book/ \$1.00 if you do. Proceeds from the bookmarks will go to SCAW

You can also pay for:

- Membership for 2024-2025- **\$60.00**. If paying by cheque, please **post-date to April 1**. Make your cheque payable to RWT of Ontario, Lydia Snow Branch.

If you are mailing your cheque, please mail to:

Jeanne Gray, 12 Nixon Cres, Georgetown, ON L7G 5K4

If sending e-transfer, check off **Pay on April 1** and e-transfer to lydiasnow1999@gmail.com

- The May 22nd Field Trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens \$25.00 (Pay by April 20 if you need to spread out your expenses!)
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Upcoming Events - Dates and Information:

1. The AGM will be held on Friday April 19 at the Acton Town Hall. Coffee at 9:30. Business meeting begins at 10:00. We will need to ratify changes to the Constitution (attached to this newsletter for your evening reading!), accept the reports from the various committees (attached to the APRIL newsletter) and install the new Executive. We will also have a Memorial Service for the four members we have lost since last April - Geraldine Barnes, Emma Lou Bradley, Frances Trowbridge. And most recently, Jean Somerbille.

The Shark Attack, an a capella group, will entertain us.

Cost for lunch will be in the April newsletter. Details are still being arranged.

A big thank you goes to Deb Rauch who has agreed to take on the role of Insurance Convenor for our branch. Deb has a broad knowledge of our wonderful insurance plan.

A huge thank you to Mary Shier for being our Insurance Convenor over the last several years. We appreciate your commitment to this important role.

We still need a willing and wonderful person to step up as Second Vice President. Without a full Executive, we are more stretched to provide what our branch needs. No one works alone - we work together as a team and willingly fill in when someone is away traveling or needs to look after personal issues. For the continued viability of our branch, please consider taking on this role if you haven't done it before.

2. We are going on a Field Trip - the Royal Botanical Gardens awaits! The date is Wednesday, May 22 - so the lilacs should be in full bloom. The RBG has a magnificent collection. Can't you just smell them! There will be many other delights of late spring to enjoy as well.

We will have a two-hour guided tour. The cost is \$25.00 which includes a guide for each group of 15 and your entrance fee. This will give us the opportunity to ask many gardening questions. You may stay as long as you like after the tour. We will do what we can to organize car-pooling. Lunch is on your own.

There are wheelchairs available on a first-come, first-served basis if mobility is an issue for you.

CELEBRATIONS:

Florence Riehl has been a stalwart at The Hillview Seniors Centre in Georgetown, and was deservedly recognized for her work and support of seniors with a Provincial Ontario Senior Achievement Award. Congratulations, Florence. We are proud that you are a part of us too.

December 2024 will be an important month for Lydia Snow North Halton as we come to the 25th anniversary of the inaugural meeting of our branch. We really want to celebrate this occasion, but we need members to step up to form a committee to plan this. It can be part of our Christmas event, but it would be wonderful if there was something different and special about it. We need a committee of members willing to do this planning, along with one member of the executive. Formation of the committee, if there are willing volunteers, will happen at the AGM

It has been several months since we have been together in person. We are looking forward to the warm chatter, hugs and community that we share together. We grow by inviting others. If you know a retired woman teacher, Early Childhood Educator, Educational Assistant or Child and Youth Worker, invite them to join us. We gain strength by diversifying and extending our welcome to other women who were educators.

On Behalf of the members of the Executive,
LeAnne