



**May Luncheon & General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 11:30**  
**Georgian Shores United Church**  
**Guest Speaker - Dominic Etynkowski**  
**"Bonsai Gardening"**  
**Cost: \$35.00**  
**RSVP - Please call or email - Marcia Masuda before March 17,**  
**[marcia.shimoda@bmts.com](mailto:marcia.shimoda@bmts.com) or 519-708-1111**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

- Wed. July 17/24 – Summer Picnic in Marjorie Davison’s garden in Meaford. You will be able to order lunch again this year or bring your own.
- Wed Sept 4/24 –“ Back to School Buffet Breakfast” at The Falls Inn in Walters Falls at 9:30 am. Cost is \$27 with tax and gratuity included.
- Wed Sept 25/24 – RWTO General Meeting – Guest speaker is Angela Yenssen speaking on the topic of “Elders and the Law”.



**RWTO/OERO Owen Sound and Area** has women with much heart! As I have perused some of the binders from our archives, I am awed by the women who have given of their time and heart to serve RWTO both locally and provincially over the years. We are so fortunate to have so many share their hearts to keep our small but mighty branch up and running. I am very thankful for the executive and committee members who are dedicated to ensuring that our members are informed, entertained and provided with ongoing learning opportunities. When you have an opportunity, I hope you will share your gratitude and thanks with them for all that they do.

**We** are always delighted to have more women share their hearts with us! We are in need of a second vice-president at our executive table. This is a wonderful learning and giving opportunity for an interested volunteer. The executive is incredibly supportive. We work as a team, collectively and collaboratively. We hope that someone will come forward and join us in leading Owen Sound and Area Branch into the future. Only with a full and vibrant executive will we be able to have longevity and sustainability as an organization. If you are interested please contact me and I would be delighted to chat with you regarding the possibilities.

I hope that you all are enjoying the lovely transition into spring and soon summer!

**In caring and sharing,  
Cynthia Lemon  
President**

Heartfelt **THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

**What** a beautiful time of the year! The tulips, daffodils, grape hyacinths, and other spring flowers are blooming. The flowering trees are coming into bloom and the birds are returning from their winter homes.

**Since** our last newsletter, I have sent several cards on behalf of our members. A Get Well card was sent to Joan Downie who had surgery after a fall, which broke her hip.

**Thinking of You** cards went to Pat Graham who was having mobility issues; another to Joan Vassella who was undergoing radiation treatments following lung cancer; and another card to Grace McPherson-Granger who had undergone surgery for thyroid cancer. We hope that these ladies are doing well and enjoying life.

**On** a happy note, a birthday card went to Lois Cook on her 97th birthday.

**Yours in caring and sharing,  
Lorraine Dunning  
staydun@sympatico.ca 519-376-5017**



Birth Flower for May is Lily of the Valley



**Continuing from the book Dear Teacher**

**Optimism followed.** The boys were back, the war was over, a new world was being born. Its name? The Roaring Twenties!

**On** the political scene, farmers and workers were organizing. Canadian women now had the right to vote and in 1920 an Ontario country school teacher called Agnes Macphail became Canada's first woman Member of Parliament.

**These** were boom years: jazz, motor cars, prohibition, strange new politics, movies. But the frantic activity and optimism were all swallowed up in 1929 with the stock market crash. The roaring twenties became the dirty thirties.

**By 1931**, millions were out of work all over the world. In Ontario, teachers' salaries were tumbling and desperate teachers were underbidding to get jobs. A 1935 survey showed that sixty-one per cent of new Normal School graduates had no jobs.

**The** Ottawa Women Teacher's Association gave money to buy shoes for Ottawa School children and Toronto's women teachers gave one per cent of their salaries for assistance to the city's single, unemployed women.

**And** the rest of Canada rallied to help the West, where disastrous crop failures and year after year of dust and hunger turned the Depression years into the Dirty Thirties.

**Mary Mackenzie - Archives Rep**



**Our** May General meeting is the time to pay membership dues. (\$60) If you can't attend, please send a cheque to our treasurer, Mary Hall at 359522, Bayshore Road, Annan, Ontario N0H 1B0



**June 12, 2024**

**Showplace Entertainment  
Kitchener**

**It's** a 50's Rock 'n Roll Party. A rock and roll flashback to the 50's and 60's with the most memorable songs from the most exciting era. From Elvis and Jerry Lee Lewis to Connie Francis, Fats Domino and Bill Hailey.

Featuring a special guest appearance by the great Jeff Scott as Buddy Holly.

**Price \$150 based on 30 attendees**

**\*Bus costs** have gone way up. If we don't have enough participants to charter the bus we could still purchase group tickets and perhaps car pool.

Includes: coach, show, buffet lunch, tip for driver and lunch.

**Please** make cheque out to:  
**District 10 RTO Travel**

**Send** to Jan Chamberlain  
189 Somers St., Owen Sound, ON,  
N4K 6V5

**Email:** shop\_a\_holic@rogers.com

**Owen Sound** pick up at Staples, other pick ups TBD once we have a list of participants.

**Cheques** will not be cashed until I see if we have enough people to charter the bus. Please include your name, email address, home address and phone number in the envelope.