



RWTO/OERO Owen Sound and Area

RWTO/OERO September Luncheon
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
11:30 am
Georgian Shores United Church
Cost: \$35.00

Our first guest speaker will be Angela Yenssen speaking on the topic of "Seniors and the Law"

Our second speaker will be LeAnn Taylor, who will be doing an insurance presentation

Spouses/Partners are welcome to join us at 1:45 for the insurance presentation as they are eligible to join.

RSVP by Sept 20- Sue Loyst 519-372-8660
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is the ninth month of the Gregorian calendar. Its name is derived from septem, Latin for "seven," an indication of its position in the early Roman calendar.

Born in September? You are either a Virgo (August 23-September 22) or a Libra (September 22 to October 23)



Virgos are diligent workers who excel at what they do but their lofty ambitions can lead them to be too critical of others. Virgos are notorious for being stubborn. They frequently believe that they know best because they are so committed and they are hesitant to modify their ideas or their ways.



Libras are known for being charming, beautiful and well-balanced. They thrive on making things orderly and aesthetically pleasing. They also crave balance, and they can be equally as self-indulgent as they are generous. Libras are also the kings and queens of compromise and they like making peace between others.



RWTO/OERO has new opportunities!

I still have back to school dreams! This last week I have awakened remembering the anxieties of going back to the classroom, the office, or the board office. It is interesting how despite some distance from our working lives, we still process them in our sleep just before everyone goes back to school! I hope that your "sleeps" have been a little less back to school dream filled!

RWTO/OERO is a wonderful organization of women. And we are welcoming more women into our ranks. At the Convention in June more resolutions were approved that open up our membership in more inclusive ways. As of now, the following may join us:

- Audiologists
- Child & Youth Workers/Counsellors
- Early Childhood Educators
- Educational Assistants
- Early Childhood Educators
- Educational Assistants
- Office Support Staff
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Speech and Language Pathologists



I would ask you if you know anyone who is a retired women from the list above to invite them to join our RWTO/OERO community. We would be delighted to have them with

us as caring and sharing women! Including these women and having them join us will help us to remain a sustainable organization into the future.

Insurance is an important benefit for us all. For those who currently do not have benefits through RWTO/OERO, you will have an opportunity to access insurance soon without any medical documentation required. There will be an Open Window that allows this access from September 15, 2024 to November 15, 2024. More information is available in this newsletter. As well you will receive a letter from RWTO/OERO on this topic very shortly. We will also be having a presentation on this at our September 25 luncheon. This access to insurance benefits will apply to spouses/partners as well.

There's lots going on within RWTO/OERO and lots going on with us in Owen Sound and area as well. My many thanks to our executive who does such a terrific job of planning great things for us. If you have any suggestions of events to offer, or would like to organize something for us, please let us know. All of us working together can do amazing things!

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

In caring and sharing,

Cynthia Lemon
President



BREAKFAST AT WALTERS FALLS INN





Manulife RWTO insurance is offering an Open Window starting mid September until November 15. If you would like any information and/or application forms for the insurance, I am happy to provide either.

DID YOU KNOW:

-benefits from RWTO insurance can be combined with other insurance coverage you may have

UNIQUE TO RWTO PLAN:

- Comfort Care of \$25 per day if in hospital for more than 3 days
- Convalescent Care of \$350 a month up to 6 months if in hospital for more than 3 days
- \$72.50 per week up to four weeks for Outpatient surgery of less than 3 days hospital stay

The RWTO Facebook page has further information.

Take Care,

Rhonda O'REILLY

RWTO Insurance Convenor

Owen Sound Branch

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The Importance of RWTO Insurance

Ladies, as someone who has sustained an unexpected injury recently (broken ribs), I want you to know how grateful I am that I have RWTO insurance. It is going to be a godsend as I recover. Please do not hesitate to sign up. You never know what might happen! This was most unexpected! I'm sorry to have missed the Walters Falls Breakfast and probably the September. Hope to see you at the November Mtg.

Connie Morris



Many cards have been sent since our last Newsletter and over the summer on behalf of our members,

Thinking of You cards were sent to Jan Chamberlain who continues to suffer from back pain and mobility issues. A card went to Sandy Houlgrave after being in hospital; to Jill Giancola after replacement surgery; to Laurie Wright as her family deals with medical issues; and to Sandy Houlgrave after learning of her cancer diagnosis.

Sympathy cards were sent to the family of our former member Linda Monck, to the family of our member Verna Killam; to Barbara Schwartz at the passing of her brother-in-law; to Joyce Davis at the passing of her husband, Gord; a card to Styn Furness, our caterer, at the passing of her daughter Mary, and to the family of our member, Donaldene Waugh who passed away in August.

A Congratulations Grandma card went to Marilyn Goldie as her granddaughter, Jillian Goldie, was chosen to play for Canada in the U20 Women's Field Lacrosse competition taking place in Hong Kong this summer. *Canada won the silver medal!

Get Well cards went to Marilyn Goldie after Hip Replacement surgery; and to Connie Morris who suffered injuries after a bad fall.

Please let me know if there is anyone needing a card, or a phone call.

Yours in caring and sharing,

Lorraine Dunning 519-376-5017



Lynda Monck
July 22, 1952
June 9, 2024



Verna Killam
August 24, 1925
June 30, 2024



Donaldene Waugh
December 30, 1927
August 12, 2024



The Retired Women Teachers of Ontario
Organisation des enseignantes retraitées de l'Ontario

Membership News!

Delegates at our recent 68th Annual Convention passed resolutions to extend our membership for Retired Women Educational Professionals.

Membership now includes the following groups in addition to Teachers:

- Audiologists
- Child & Youth Workers/Counsellors
- Early Childhood Educators
- Educational Assistants
- Office Support Staff
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Speech and Language Pathologists

It is time to share this great news!

The Provincial Marketing Committee has revised the membership brochure and created a press release that Branches are asked to share with local media. Individual members are also welcome to share the news by word of mouth, or on their personal Facebook or media accounts, or by sending emails to friends who may be interested in our organization. Perhaps add some information about your own Branch!

Important Health Care News for Branch Members!

Our Manulife Supplementary "Hospital and Home Care" Insurance Plan, is holding an "Open Window" event this fall, so that our members may join the plan, even if they have pre-existing health conditions. The plan will be available to members and their spouses from **September 15, 2024 until November 15, 2024** without needing a medical evaluation. Members applying must have

OHIP, and a secondary Health Care Plan, such as the RTOERO Health Care Plan - Entente, RTIP, a spousal plan, etc. Ours is a very low cost top-up plan - \$14.49 a month for a member and \$15.57 a month for a spouse!

Branches will be holding information workshops on the Open Window and what the plan offers to ensure members and their spouses understand the benefits. This would be an excellent opportunity for those who are already members in the plan to hear about the items they are entitled to request repayment for, as well as having potential insurance members learn the details of the plan. Many Branches are inviting your spouses to attend this event with you.

There is a special application form during the Open Window. You can pick up the brochure and the Open Window application form at the workshop. Branch Presidents and Insurance Convenors will have extra copies if you are not able to attend but would like to subscribe to the insurance plan.

Forms can also be mailed to you by contacting one of the people below.

If you have personal enquiries don't hesitate to call or email one of the Convenors or our Broker.

Insurance Convenors:

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Insurance Broker:

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We are a "Caring, Sharing and Fun!" organization.

Jan Murdoch

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"September is the other January." Gretchen Rubin

"All the months are crude experiments, out of which the perfect September is made." Virginia Woolf