



February 2025 Newsletter

We hope that everyone is keeping well and warm. The recent appearance by our Groundhog Friends means that Spring is on its way!

February Meeting

We hope that you will be able to join us for our next meeting on Thursday February 13 at 1:00, via Zoom. Since our meeting is so close to Valentine's Day, feel free to wear red.

Our guest speaker will be Mark Robinson who will be telling us about his experiences with the organization "Friends of Orphans" (Fotocan). This organization has been helping change the lives of orphaned, abandoned and at-risk children in Latin America since 1954. Mark Robinson has been on a variety of "mission" trips since 2003. During our Zoom presentation he will tell us how he first became involved with Fotocan with a focus on his most recent trip to Nicaragua.

Meeting ID: 833 6583 7106

Passcode: 588313

Phone: 647-374-4685

Be sure to check your email for the Zoom Link that will be sent out a few days prior to the meeting.

After our guest speaker the Outreach Committee will present the following motion for consideration and a membership vote:

Moved by Nadine Eaton, seconded by Mary Shier that:

\$1500 be allocated to Outreach for use as follows:

\$450 to be added to the GIC for Townsend Smith, and the remainder of the funds be allocated to Food for Life at \$350 for each of Acton, Georgetown, Milton.

To reach quorum, we must have 30 members participate in this vote. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, but would like to have your vote counted, please send your proxy: "I am in favour of the motion presented by the Outreach Committee" or "I am opposed to the motion presented by the Outreach Committee" to LeAnne Taylor (905-877-7030 or clareleanne.taylor@gmail.com) by Wednesday February 12.

Help Wanted

Thank you to Pam Soward, who has volunteered to be one of our Auditors and to Cathy Bennett who has volunteered to be one of the members of the Refreshment Committee. **We still need people to fill a number of positions.**

If you would be interested or would like more information about any of the following positions, please contact any member of the Executive. No experience is required and you will be supported in your new role by many helpful and knowledgeable people.

Second Vice President

- Attends Executive meetings
- maintains a membership list of Lydia Snow members
- maintains an all-member Emergency Contact List
- responsible for having updated name tags at every meeting
- maintain the Registration Forms binder
- maintain the Awards Binder for Cora Bailey Award recipients and other RWTO Provincial recognitions

Member at Large

Participate on the Executive providing support, as determined by the Executive and according to the needs and goals of the Branch.

Fundraising Committee

Coordinate the organization of fundraisers, including the recruitment of volunteers, to support the ongoing business of the Branch and Outreach Projects.

S.C.A.W. (Sleeping Children Around the World) Convenor

Oversee the collection of S.C.A.W money and work with the Treasurer to purchase bed kits and keep a record of monies collected.

Refreshment Committee

- maintain required supplies and utensils
- maintain a list of volunteers who would provide refreshments at meetings
- plan refreshments for designated meetings

March Meeting

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday March 18 at 1:00 PM** when we will be holding our first in person meeting for 2025 at the Gellert Centre in Georgetown. More information about this meeting will be given closer to the date.

Yours in Caring and Sharing,
Jennifer Cardwell
On Behalf of the Lydia Snow North Halton Executive