



Retired Women Teachers of Ontario / Organisation des Enseignantes Retraitées de l'Ontario

President's Message

I am already in the second half of my term as President; I am enjoying all the challenges of the job. Thankfully I have a fabulous and talented group of women on the Executive and the Board of Directors that I can turn to at any time. My favourite activity though is going to the Branches and meeting the members and learning about how their year is going. When I went to Peterborough, I was impressed with their inaugural Christmas Market. Members who had become entrepreneurs brought their products for all to see. I started my Christmas shopping and bought stocking stuffers. Then it was on to Mississauga where I participated in their Silent Auction. Mississauga members participate in over 20 different fun activities and each group, from Bid Euchre to gardening submitted baskets for the auction. Two excellent fundraisers. In London-Middlesex I purchased two books from the gently used book table, an additional successful fundraiser.

2026 will be our Platinum Jubilee year. We have secured a large venue in the hope that Branches will be able to have additional members alongside their delegates, able to attend this special Convention. We have come a long way in the past 70 years and it is time to celebrate

our successes together. Hopefully through fundraising we can raise the funds to subsidize our additional members. If members go to the Branch resource page on the website you will find pictures of the events at Peterborough and Mississauga. While visiting London Middlesex I had the opportunity to hear the Branch Choir; they were amazing. Their director Tracey McIntyre and their accompanist Johanna Hard have agreed to create a medley of songs for the Jubilee Celebration. Plan to attend to hear them in person.



Jan Murdoch,
Provincial President

Respectfully submitted
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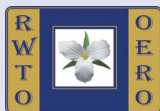
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Issues and Concerns

Fraud and Scam Alert

Cyber Security is the set of practices that you have in place to protect your devices and personal and financial information. Cyber criminals target individuals to gain information that they can exploit to steal money from you.

We all know about having strong passwords that are changed regularly, and here are a few more tips to increase your cyber security:

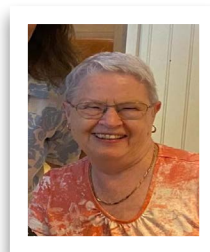
- If you choose to use public Wi-Fi, don't use it to log into sensitive accounts.
- Be aware that when using a search engine, fraudsters often pay to be at the top of the list. Go down to the 3rd or 4th listing to find what you're looking for.
- Never click on a social media ad or pop-up; this can lead to a rogue website and possible inadvertent installation of malware. Instead, use your browser to go to the retailer's website.
- When using sites such as Facebook Marketplace or Kijiji, verify your buyer or seller by getting a phone number or address. Ask to meet in a public place such as a Tim Horton's or police station parking lot.
- Never click on a text about a missed delivery; no legitimate company will ever reach out to you by text message.
- Be aware of QR code quishing, which is tricking

someone into scanning a phony QR code with their phone or device. The fake QR code is linked to a malicious website. Make sure to verify the QR code's web address before following the link, and make sure it is not a sticker on top of another QR code. Do not download from a QR code.

- Check the address of the site. There should be a symbol that looks like a padlock followed by https, the s meaning "secure". If it is http without the s, be aware that it is not secure. To verify a hyperlink without clicking, hover your mouse over it. Carefully check if it is accurate.
- Be aware that fraudsters are creating fake websites, often using the logo, phone numbers and/or email addresses of legitimate businesses.
- Watch for spelling or formatting errors, which are sometimes hard to spot.
- Protect your devices by installing anti-virus and anti-malware software on them and keep this software up to date.

For more information visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre-centreanti-fraude.ca

Diane Sinden
Area 12 Director



Board Reports

Archives

Thank you for the photos of the deceased members. They will be included in the "In Memoriam" service in June.

If you have not forwarded them, I will accept the photos until March 31st, 2025.

Remember to prepare the Cora Bailey binders for

the display at the convention in June, 2025.

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Board Reports

Membership

This year we are happy to invite all retired women teachers, educational assistants, early childhood educators, child and youth workers/ counsellors, audiologists, office support staff, and psychologists, who have been employed by a Board of Education, private school, college or university, anywhere in the world, at any time in their career.

When women get together they enjoy talking, sharing and having fun. If your group has come up with a unique idea which demonstrates these qualities please notify the Membership Convener by email at rwtomembership2425@gmail.com. Then submit a hard copy of your project to the membership Convener Joan Gamble at 239 Lower Oak Leaf Road, Lyndhurst, ON, K0E 1N0.

A big “thank you” to all of the Branches who have submitted entries in the past for the “Feather in Your Hat” award. The Membership Committee is looking forward to reading the current year’s submissions. Please go to the RWTO/OERO Provincial website under “Awards” for the procedure and the criteria required when submitting your project.

I would like to thank the Committee members who have worked with me this year. They are Linda Gaudet (St. Catharines) and Brenda Johnston (Lanark). It has been a pleasure working with you!

Joan Gamble
Membership Convener



Provincial Program

It is March – heralding a season of renewal – and ushering in a very busy time for you! Check your Timelines for Presidents, as March is full of deadlines for important tasks, including the end of your fiscal year.

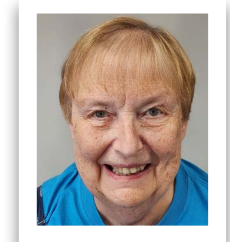
You received your Membership Information and Delegate Form in the middle of January and my Convention 2025 Bulletin not long after. These documents both contain very important information regarding Convention 2025. It is strongly encouraged that you review and print the Convention Newsletter for easy reference.

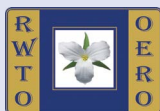
The final piece of vital information for your Branch is the list of resolutions included in this

March 2025 issue. It is imperative that you, your executive and Branch members become familiar with the content of the resolutions and discuss them as a group. This will enable you to have a clear understanding of the intent and context of each, and to provide a clear direction for your delegates who will be representing your Branch at the AGM.

Hope to see you at Convention in Brantford... this time we will be attending the “Grand Get-away”. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Margaret Geare
Provincial Program
Coordinator





Insurance Matters

Now that the rush and fun of Christmas is over, we've settled into the doldrums of winter. Many of us feel as though we are hibernating until the better weather, while others embrace winter sports such as skiing and ice skating. This is a suitable time for us to give some thought to cleaning house! It is an opportunity to shed ourselves of superfluous documents while gathering receipts for our tax returns. Shortly, Manulife will be issuing tax receipts for those members who have not registered their ID cards online, so please ensure you have advised Manulife if you have changed your address. For those members who prefer to access information online, your tax receipt will soon be available online to download.

As most of you are aware, the window for the Open Enrolment Period recently closed. We faced a great challenge due to the postal strike. Manulife has advised that they are honouring any applications signed and dated before January 1, 2025, and will issue a policy to those enrollees. If you enrolled in the Hospital & Home Care Plan during the Open Enrolment Period, but have not yet received your enrolment package from Manulife, please contact Terry Kennedy at 519-583-0098 or via email at tkennedy34@bell.net. She will investigate with Manulife.

We recently had a few questions about our Fracture Benefit that we thought we should clarify. The Fracture Benefit pays a specified amount when an injury results in a fracture of a bone. For example, a fractured pelvis pays \$350. If you have a fracture of several bones from the same injury, the plan will pay only one amount (the largest) that results from that accident. To give you another example, if you fractured your femur and fibula, the plan will pay \$300 (the amount for a femur). A fibula alone pays \$275. If you suffer another fracture than those listed in the policy, or suffer a chip or hairline fracture, the plan pays \$125.

Remember too, if you are transported to hospital via ambulance following that accidental fracture, you can claim that expense under the Ambulance Benefit. You will need your receipt for your claim. If you were to take a taxi to or from the hospital rather than an ambulance, you can claim that expense, but you will need a receipt from the taxi company. Ambulance/

taxi benefits are reimbursed up to \$45 for any one injury or sickness, up to an overall maximum of \$135 per benefit year.

And finally, it would be an excellent idea to talk to your family, Power of Attorney and Executor about your "End of Life" plans. This information will also be necessary for them to have in the event you are incapacitated. Show them where your important documents are located: your Will, your insurance documents, your banking and investment documents, your pre-paid funeral documents, if you've got them. Don't forget to show them where your health care receipts are for your posthumous tax return. If you are unsure about what documents you have that you should be discussing with these important people in your life, you may find a guide available through a local funeral home or law firm, often at no charge. These guides enable you to list these items and their location, along with websites and passwords. Yes, this is a difficult conversation to have, but it is an important conversation and one that your family will appreciate when the time comes to act upon your final wishes.

Stay safe, stay warm, and embrace all that winter offers...be it hot cocoa by the fireplace or zipping down a ski hill!

LeAnne Taylor
Insurance Convenor

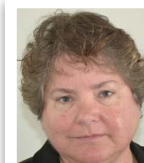
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Resolutions for 2025 Annual General Meeting

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH SUPPORTING RATIONALE PROVIDED BY AREAS & BRANCHES

Resolutions #1-3 - Submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing Resolutions 13 & 14 from 2023, with supporting rationale from the following Areas and Branches: Area 7 (Belleville, Durham North, Northumberland - South Durham, Peterborough, Trenton & District); Area 8 (Brockville, Gananoque, Kingston, and Upper Canada East) Haldimand, Hamilton-Wentworth, Mississauga, Warton.

(Please note that the rationale below applies to all three resolutions.)

Resolution #1

Be it resolved that Voting and Election Procedures Handbook IV. Who Can Vote? A. Delegates

“b. Provincial Delegate - The first voting delegate from each and every Branch is called the Provincial Delegate.

c. Branch Delegate - All other voting delegates are called Branch Delegates. Only Branches with 51 or more members, not including Life Members, qualify to send one or more Branch Delegates.

d. Alternate Delegate - The alternate delegate replaces the Provincial Delegate on the floor of the AGM when the Provincial Delegate is unable to serve. Only Branches with a membership enrollment of 50 or less are qualified to send an Alternate Delegate to the AGM” be amended to read,

“ b. Provincial Delegate - The first voting delegate from each and every Branch is called the Provincial Delegate.

c. Branch Delegate - All other voting delegates are called Branch Delegates. Each Branch qualifies to send two or more Branch Delegates, depending on the number of their paid members, not including Life Members.” (Note - delete d. The position of Branch Delegate will replace the Alternate Delegate that Branches with up to 50 members were previously sending to the AGM Convention.)

Resolution #2

Be it resolved that Policies and Procedures Article X: Annual General Meeting (AGM) 5. Branch Delegates

b. Delegate Categories

“i.) Provincial Delegate - The first voting delegate from each Branch.

ii.) Branch Delegate - All other voting delegates. Only Branches with 52 or more members, not including Life Members, qualify to send Branch delegates.

iii.) Alternate Delegate - This applies to Branches with 50 or fewer members. This delegate is one who can replace the Provincial Delegate on the floor of the AGM when the Provincial Delegate is unable to serve.” be amended to read,

“i.) Provincial Delegate - The first voting delegate from each Branch.

ii.) Branch Delegate - All other voting delegates. Each Branch qualifies to send two or more Branch Delegates, depending on the number of their paid members, not including Life Members.”

Resolution #3

Be it resolved that Constitution: Article X Annual Meeting 5. Voting Delegates

c) Each Branch is entitled to eligible delegates according to the following formula:

Up to 50 members 1 delegate; 51-100 members 2 delegates; 101-150 members 3 delegates; 151-200 members 4 delegates; 201-250 members 5 delegates; 251-300 members 6 delegates; 301 members + 7 delegates; be amended to read,

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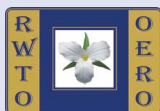
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Rationale:

All Branches deserve the right to independently bring a resolution to the Convention floor under their Branch name. A mover and a seconder are needed to present a resolution at the Convention. If every Branch has a Provincial and a Branch Delegate a small Branch will no longer need to ask another Branch for a seconder.

A minimum of two members from each Branch could provide a travel partner, roommate and table partner for all, which is comforting - especially the first time

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Resolutions - continued

attending.

It is easier to get a delegate than an alternate. There is little purpose to attending the Convention when you do not have an opportunity to participate and vote.

Small Branches presently have a limited voice; therefore, less enthusiasm and opportunity to remain viable in a large organization. With this amendment, smaller Branches would have more incentive to remain active participants in the larger organization.

Some Branches may not attend Convention, possibly because there is only one delegate. An alternate is not the same as a delegate with a voting voice. Currently, the delegate and the alternate do not sit at the same location on the Convention floor, so it is not possible to discuss the issues with one another. This is critical when resolutions come from the floor and require immediate discussion and action.

Currently the voting delegate and the alternate delegate are funded by RWTO/OERO. This change would allow each small Branch to send two delegates, and each would have full participation /voting privileges and the ability to fully participate in the business of the AGM. This would, therefore, be a no-cost item in the Provincial Budget. At the Kingston Convention, June 2023, nine alternate delegates attended of the eleven eligible small Branches. They were reimbursed as Branch delegates even though they did not have a vote.

It is a more equitable voting strategy that will give a greater voice to more of our Branches.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE BRANCHES

Resolution #4 - Submitted by Area 7 (Belleville, Durham North, Northumberland - South Durham, Peterborough, Trenton & District)

Be it resolved that Constitution: Article X Annual Meeting 6. Delegate expenses b. & c.

“ b. RWTO/OERO Provincial Office will reimburse one Branch Delegate from entitled Branches (more than 50 members) for the Convention Package Fee (registration and meals). Travel will be paid for only the distance that exceeds 800 kilometres return.”

“ c. RWTO/OERO Provincial Office will reimburse

one Alternate Delegate from entitled Branches (up to and including 50 members) for the Convention Package Fee (registration and meals).” be amended to read,

“b. RWTO/OERO Provincial Office will reimburse one Branch Delegate per Branch for the Convention Package Fee (registration and meals). Travel will be paid for only the distance that exceeds 800 kilometres return. (Note: delete C, changing subsequent lettering.)”

Rationale:

This change is consistent with Resolution 1. Alternate Delegates have been eliminated; all Branches will now have one Provincial Delegate and one Branch Delegate.

Current funding for the Convention will be maintained and will not cause an increase in Provincial funding requirements.

Resolution #5 - Submitted by Hamilton-Wentworth

Be it resolved that Constitution: Article III Membership and Fees be amended to include the addition of, #5 Branch Social Member: (moving Fees to #6)

“a. A Branch Social Member shall be a Woman Educational Professional who is currently employed in the workplace, and who could potentially become a Regular Member upon retirement.

b. A Branch Social Member:

- must contact the Branch Executive and give them contact information.
- may be asked to pay a Branch Membership Fee only, to be set by the Branch Executive and paid to the Branch Treasurer.
- may attend Branch activities and events when available, and are encouraged to volunteer assistance.
- will receive Branch emails, newsletters or other communications.
- may access Provincial information and newsletters by accessing the Provincial website, rwto.org, or Facebook.

c. A Branch Social Member shall not become a

Provincial member until retirement, and her name will not be submitted to the Provincial Office until that time, or be placed in the Branch Provincial database.

d. A Branch Social Member shall not hold a Provincial or Branch Executive position, vote in elections, be a delegate at an Annual Meeting, or be eligible for the insurance plans of RWTO/OERO until retirement.”

Rationale:

- increase awareness of our organization and encourage future membership
- youthful outreach into schools
- growing the fun factor

Resolution #6 - Submitted by Haldimand, Hamilton-Wentworth, and London-Middlesex)

Be it resolved that Constitution: Article III Membership and Fees 1. Regular Members a. iv “Retired Women Child & Youth Workers/Counsellors” be amended to read, “Retired Women Child & Youth Care Workers/Counsellors”.

Rationale: While working on the 2024-2025 membership brochure the RWTO/OERO Marketing Committee researched and discovered that The Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care (OACYC) uses this terminology to describe themselves. Many jurisdictions, Boards of Education as well as Educational Colleges providing certification also refer to the program as CYC - Child and Youth Care.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Resolution #7 - Submitted by The Social Justice Committee, Supported by the Board of Directors

Be it resolved that Constitution: Article VIII Duties and Structure of Provincial Committees A. Standing Committees be amended with the addition of:

10. Social Justice Committee - The Social Justice Committee shall:

- a. Be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors.
- b. Consist of at least 3 members from the Board of Directors and invited/interested members-at-large,

the number determined by the committee.

c. Research and provide information, including position papers, about issues affecting the livelihood of our membership, and the welfare of women and children in general.

d. Make connections and develop relationships with like minded organizations to enhance our educational and advocacy base.

e. Determine ways to engage elected officials at the federal, provincial or municipal level, to advise them about the needs of senior women.

Rationale:

- This committee had a focus on Social Change in Long-Term Care.
- Senior women in Long-Term Care are a rapidly growing segment of the population.
- A Position Paper was developed expressing the type of homelike care every member deserves.
- Partnerships were developed with CARP Ottawa and CanAge.

The Social Justice Committee has already:

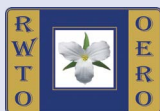
- Invited all members of RWTO/OERO to the launch of the Position Paper.
- Provided follow through suggestions for Branches to initiate.
- Composed questions for the Ontario Election to ask all candidates.
- Met with government officials to discuss the Position Paper.
- Encouraged Branch members to start a discussion in their local community.
- Invited suggestions of other Social Actions to be addressed.

The Social Justice Committee’s Future Plans:

- Social issues to be addressed: Mental Health of Educational Professionals, Safe and Healthy Schools, The Staffing Crisis in Education and Healthcare, Providing the resources and supplies for success in Education and Healthcare, Community Awareness, Healthy Living for Senior Women, Health Issues for Senior Women.

Social Change requires continuous Public Awareness!

Resolutions #8-11 - Submitted by The Ad Hoc Committee for the Revision of Article XIV: Financial in the Policies and Procedures document, Supported by the Board of Directors



Resolutions - continued

Revisions to Resolutions 7 - 10 are being made in the Constitution for the purposes of clarity and consistency and alignment with the Policies and Procedures document.

Resolution #8

Be it resolved that Constitution Article V Duties of the Board of Directors 1. Executive:

f. “prepare a preliminary budget at the spring meeting.” be amended to read, f. “discuss, amend as necessary and approve a preliminary budget prepared by the Finance Committee.”

Rationale:

The Preliminary Budget is prepared by the Finance Committee and then approved by the Board of Directors.

Resolution #9

Be it resolved that Constitution Article VI Duties of the Executive Officers:

1. Past President: be amended by the addition of: h. “be a member of the Finance Committee.”

2. President: be amended by the addition of: j. “chair the Finance Committee,” k. “chair the Audit Committee.”

3. First Vice-President: be amended by the addition of: e. “be a member of the Finance Committee”, f. “be a member of the Audit Committee.”

4b. Second Vice-President: “be a member of the Policies and Procedures, Audit and Financial Committees” be amended to read, “b. be a member of the Policies and Procedures Committee, c. be a member of the Audit Committee, d. be a member of the Finance Committee” (Thus changing the current ‘c’ into “e”).

Rationale:

Only the Second Vice-President has membership on the Finance Committee on their lists of Duties in the Constitution currently. This brings the Constitution into line with Policy and Procedures. Audit Committee duties need to be added to the President and the First Vice-President. There are no

duty changes for the Second Vice-President, only the structure of the phrases have been changed to match the style used for the other Executive Officers.

Resolution #10

Be it resolved that Constitution Article VI Duties of the Executive Officers:

9. Executive Secretary-Treasurer: d. “prepare a preliminary budget for presentation to the Executive and Board of Directors at the May Executive and Board of Directors meetings,” be amended to read,

d. “Prepare, along with the Finance Committee, a preliminary budget...”

Rationale:

The Executive Secretary and the Finance Committee prepare the preliminary budget together.

Resolution #11

Be it resolved that Constitution Article VIII Duties and Structure of Provincial Committees A. Standing Committees 4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall:

a) be chaired by the Provincial President,
b) consist of the members of the Executive, prepare a preliminary budget for the May Board of Directors Meeting. (note: “c” is missing in the document) be amended to read,

a) be chaired by the Provincial President,

b) consist of the Past President, President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer,

c) prepare a preliminary budget for the May Board of Directors Meeting.

Rationale:

b) currently states “consist of members of the Executive”, but four other members of the Executive are not part of the Finance Committee - clarity)

Resolution #12 - Submitted by The Ad Hoc Committee for the Revision of Article XIV: Financial

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in the Policies and Procedures document, Supported by the Board of Directors

Be it resolved that Constitution Article X Annual Meeting 6. Delegate Expenses

d. “Reimbursement for public transportation (i.e. bus, air, train) will be calculated on the lesser amount of the regular mileage rate paid on the applicable distance or the actual fare” be amended to read,

d. “Reimbursement for public transportation (i.e. bus, air, train) will be calculated on the regular mileage rate paid on the applicable distance between the member’s home and the Convention venue using Google Maps.”

Rationale: All mileage claims going forward will be based on Google Maps as per Policies and Procedures Article XIV: Financial, 9. Travel a.)

Resolution #13 - Submitted by The Ad Hoc Committee for Branch Organization and Leadership, Supported by the Board of Directors

Be it resolved that Constitution Article IX Branch Organization 4. “The Executive shall be responsible for all Branch activities.” be amended to read,

“The Executive will be responsible for overseeing all Branch activities with the assistance of Branch member volunteers who may be delegated to share responsibilities i.e. event planning. Branches may have Executive members who work in pairs, or as teams. Other Branch members may volunteer at specific times. Each Branch can decide what works in their situation.

Rationale:

This resolution will make it easier to fill Executive positions since both time and the responsibilities are being shared.

Sharing responsibilities will make it less daunting and allow more members to be involved in their Branch.

It will allow members to “try out” positions before they become more involved in the running of Branch business and activities.

The Executive does not need to meet every month. Each Branch can determine the number of Executive meetings they need.

Nominations Report

As of January 31st we have not had any candidates come forward for the position of 2nd Vice-President for our RWTO/OERO organization. Any delegate may make a motion at the Annual General Meeting for this position when the elections are being conducted.

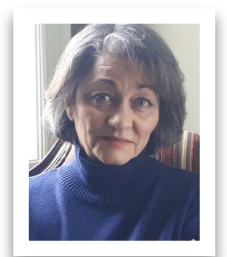
If more than one candidate is nominated for any of the executive positions, then a secret ballot shall be held. Election of these candidates shall be by majority vote of the delegates present at the Annual General Meeting. Constitution, page 10, Elections #4b.

Nominations Committee:

Sandra Salerno, Chair

Judy Anderson, Area 5

Brenda Johnston, Area 9





Candidates for RWTO/OERO Provincial Board

LeAnne Taylor

Lydia Snow North Halton
Nominated for Recording Secretary

I am currently a member of the Provincial Executive of RWTO/OERO as the Insurance Convenor. I have been a member of the Board for six years, first as Area 12 Director, and then as Insurance Convenor. On the Board, I served as Chair of the Membership Survey Committee, Chair of the Ad Hoc Financial Policies and Procedures Alignment Committee, and Co-Chair and Secretary of the Virtual Convention Committee for 2024, among other duties. Working on these committees has been helpful in expanding my skills in taking minutes, communicating with other members, facilitating discussion and clarifying points, as well as expanding computer skills, including using the various elements of Zoom to improve recording of discussions and verifying accuracy.



As a member of the Lydia Snow North Halton Branch, I am completing my third round on the Executive team. I also sit on the Constitution Review Committee, which is revised every two years. I was a recording secretary for a number of years.

The smooth operation of the Board of Directors depends on accurate, clear and concise minutes. The Recording Secretary plays a role in assisting the President and all other members so that important decisions are not lost. I am looking forward to serving RWTO/OERO in this capacity.

Claudia Stewart

BurlOak Branch
Nominated for Assistant Insurance Convenor

My reason for applying for this position is that I fell and broke my wrist and two fingers in 2022 and used the RWTO/OERO insurance program so I believe I should help others if I can.



- Currently President of BurlOak Branch. Served as 2nd VP, and VP liaison with Program committee
- Member of Book Club, Travel Club and Tea Room Tours group.
- Attended four RWTO AGMs both in-person and virtual
- Part of the Amalgamation Committee to unite Oakville and Burlington Branches 2023
- Member Advancement of Women Halton, Health and Seniors committees
- 2022- present Political Advocacy Chair District 15 Halton RTOERO
- 2018-2019 Past President RTOERO District 15 Halton
- 2015-2016 Membership Chair D15 Halton RTOERO
- 2016-2017 2nd VP District 15 Halton RTOERO
- 2017-2018 1st VP District 15 Halton RTOERO
- 2010-2012 Secretary for Halton ETFO
- 1998-2013 member Status of Women Committee ETFO Halton

News from the Branches – "Sharing Social/Interest Activities Offered to Members"

Cambridge

Our Branch of about 55 active members has two book clubs, two genealogy clubs (novice and advanced), a hiking club and a puzzle exchange group. One book club recently celebrated their twentieth anniversary. Their members have remained faithful over the years. The second book club has been meeting for 16 years. In 2018 our genealogy club started with nine members. Over the years some have become adept at preparing powerpoint presentations. Both clubs get together for a social time twice a year. In 2024 some new members wanted to join and it was decided their best interests would be met by creating a second group. The book clubs and genealogy groups meet once a month. We also have an active hiking group who walk every week. Through our special interest groups our members who worked for different boards have an opportunity to get to know each other.

Submitted by Mary Jane Novak
Branch President

Guelph-Wellington

As well as their specific responsibilities at Guelph-Wellington Retired Women Teachers, our hard-working executive plans and attends three intensive executive meetings and four amazing luncheons each year! Our 152 members have the opportunity to join one or more of our many interest groups which meet monthly. These cover a wide range of interests from book clubs, movie groups, lunch get-togethers, travel club to singing, conversational french and games clubs. The new additions in 2024-2025 were a second singing group, a walking/hiking group and a gluten-free gourmet club. We always promote our interest groups at our September Luncheon, but members are welcome to join at any time. They are a great way for new members especially to get involved in our Branch, meet new people and learn more about the things that interest them.

Submitted by Judith Steer
Branch President

Kitchener-Waterloo

At this point in the year, our Branch has 80 members of which nine are life members. An on-going project has been to contact elderly members 85 years and on to gather information to write a biography. Two high school office managers have joined as new members because of knowing members in our Branch and they wished to hear LeAnne Taylor's insurance presentation. Another new member joined for the same reasons and she and her husband entertained us at our November luncheon. We enjoyed singing and the ukulele playing. We also did our yearly collection of mitts and socks to support seven various shelters and centres in the Waterloo Region.

Our members will continue to enjoy our four interest groups into the spring: drum circle, knitting, lunch and cards, and memoir writing groups.

Submitted by Brenda Wiegand
1st Vice President

Palmerston and District

The members of the Palmerston Branch of the RWTO are an active, social bunch. In addition to our regular luncheon meetings our members support an annual drive for back to school supplies and backpacks for local students. Palmerston also has an active walking club as well as a busy book club.

At Christmas our members organize and participate in a "Live Auction." All proceeds raised are split between the local food banks of Palmerston, Harriston, Listowel and Mount Forest. Sleeping Children Around the World is a charitable organization that our Branch has supported for many years, and represents our interest in supporting youth in other areas of the world

New this year is our "In Our Own BackYard" program organized by our travel liaison. The first group activity was a bus trip to Castle Loma in December. The seasonal lights and grand landmark

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were enjoyed by all who participated.

The Palmerston Branch is most certainly a busy and wonderful group of retired women.

Submitted by Laura Aitken
Branch President

Stratford

At our September meeting, our members enjoyed learning something new and having fun with Anne Cameron, a retired elementary school teacher, who presented a one hour interactive belly dance lesson. The workshop included a brief history of this art form. Coin belts, veils and hip scarves were given to each participant to wear while we learned the dance steps. Anne's enthusiasm energized all of us and her fee is a means of fundraising for the Teacher's Salary Project of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan (CW4WAFGHAN) www.cw4wafghan.ca

After our "follow the leader" dance lesson, members also enjoyed the "Lucky Leaf Fun-raiser". We chose a numbered leaf that corresponded with a numbered envelope which contained a description of a prize worth at least \$20 or more. Donations for prizes from our Interest groups included acts of service, culinary talents, board games, knitting or gift cards. Our fall meeting was definitely one of laughter, friendship, caring and sharing!

Submitted by Patti Brine
Branch President

Chatham-Kent

Connecting to the community is ongoing at Chatham-Kent. At our September meeting, a retired woman teacher from our area spoke of an historic connection of her family to local black history, with documents in the Mackenzie House in Toronto. Retired educators are always interested in the education system where we taught. Our Branch

fundraised over \$1000 to Noelle's Gift to Children, where money goes directly to schools to help students in need. To support local libraries, in honour of members who have passed away, our Branch donates a book to the library of the family's choosing. We fundraise each fall to the local hospice. Caring and sharing is our objective with many cards sent to members for birthdays and visits to members who are not able to attend our activities. Since we now include other professional educators, our Branch has welcomed our first speech and language specialist.

Submitted by Nancy Hrytzak
Branch President

London-Middlesex

It is inspiring to learn of the activities offered to members in various Branches of RWTO/OERO. They are diverse and inclusive for women of all abilities and interests.

Our outreach focuses on charities that will serve women in the community of London and surrounding counties. One such group is Karen's Place. This home enables women over 50 to get a start with housing, cooking, social skills and re-entering, potentially, the work force.

We offer day trips to the theatre in Port Stanley and Huron Country Playhouse, mini-golf in September, two book clubs and monthly breakfasts at a local restaurant. All are invited to join us where new members are encouraged to come and meet other women. It's a great venue to connect with familiar faces and welcome new members to our group. We also survey the membership to find new suggestions for activities and guest speakers for luncheons.

Submitted by Linda Freeman
Branch President

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St Thomas-Elgin

September celebrated our long-standing backpack program funded by our generous members and a partnership with Golden K Kiwanis. October was a time of remembrance and recognition of the Dutch families who immigrated to our region in the post-war years, and how back in the Netherlands they lovingly tend our Canadian soldiers' graves to this day. In November, we gathered for our popular annual Christmas celebration with a silent auction, a quarter auction and a great turkey dinner. Our generous members also contributed to Christmas Care in cash and goods totalling approximately \$2000. We are very proud of our Branch and its wonderful members who do so much to support our community.

Submitted by Shelly Sturk
Branch President

Windsor-Essex

Here in Canada's most southern shores, we enjoyed 2024 and all it had to offer. We began our year at a Paint Night with local artist Julia Conlon. She taught us how to create a truly beautiful watercolour. On St. Patrick's Day at a local Irish pub, we wore our green garb, ate a bit of corned beef, and of course, a pint of Guinness or two. Everyone found their groove at a 50's & 60's musical revival at the downtown theatre. We are particularly proud of our 80+ Tea that happens every June. Our ladies enjoy a lovely lunch, and a wonderful take-home gift bag. Finally, many ladies came out on a cold December morning for our yearly Shop Hop. Along the Detroit River, in a town called Amherstburg, we visit the local speciality shops and cafes. We end our day together at a lovely well-loved restaurant and wish everyone a happy holiday.

Submitted by Gina Marcon
Branch President

Lanark

Lanark has 71 members this year. We are excited to have our first non-teacher member and look forward to welcoming many more. We continue our monthly luncheons and are planning a February Valentine's Zoom celebration. These luncheons allow our members to socialize and have some FUN with old and new friends. Our community outreach this year is for Interval House, a shelter for women and children, while we continue to support local food banks, Big Brothers Big Sisters and our own members. At our Christmas luncheon we had a speaker and gathered \$950 and many boxes full of needed items for Interval House. This continues into the New Year. At our delicious Christmas turkey dinner, we had beautiful poinsettias for our over 80 members and Christmas cards for all our members. Besides our regular luncheons, we enjoy book exchanges, picnics in the park, cottage visits and various social outings. Caring and Sharing are alive and active in the Lanark Branch.

Submitted by Anne Graham
Branch President

Ottawa-Carleton

As our members become older and less mobile, most of Ottawa-Carleton activities revolve around lunch and conversation. In October we celebrated our over 80s with a special lunch and a speaker on women's heart health. Friendship was the theme in February. Local mystery writer, Barbara Fradkin, shared her latest novel. Monthly breakfast and conversation, summer afternoon tea at a local heritage home and lunch overlooking the canal remain popular. Our book club is thriving. We offer a variety of activities – a fall walk in the forest, a summer visit to a nursery and display gardens, visits to local museums and craft and chat workshops. Members unable to attend events appreciate a call from our Telephone Committee. It helps them feel connected. Our focus this year is on Sharing the Warmth as we support The Breakfast Program of the Ottawa

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Network for Education and Debra Dynes Family House.

All of our activities offer opportunities to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

In caring and sharing,

Submitted by Sharon Chop and Marg Dempsey
Co-presidents

BurlOak

Tea room tours, knitting club, euchre club, card making club, book clubs, book exchange, puzzle exchange, lunch bunch, travel club are just a few of the fun activities our members participate in outside of our five luncheons during the year. We collect purses and products to offer women in need in December. A group of dedicated volunteers fill backpacks with food for children in need through Food for Kids. Our members make individual monetary donations over \$3500 (2024) to various food banks in our communities. We raise money monthly at our luncheons and donate half of that amount to a designated charity. This year it is the Camisole Project, to support women recovering from Breast Cancer. BurlOak members are a very generous and caring group of women.

Submitted by Claudia Stewart
Branch President

Lydia Snow North Halton

Lydia Snow North Halton Branch meets ten times a year, with eight in-person meetings and two Zoom meetings (Jan. and Feb.) to avoid weather-related cancellations. Coffee, tea and goodies are offered at all of the meetings and some even include lunch. Currently, we do not run interest groups.

Our Branch celebrated its 25th Anniversary this year. To honour this occasion, eighty members

attended a Gala Christmas Celebration. The tables were decorated with poinsettias and silver and blue accents. A PowerPoint featured photographs from the planning stages through to the present day. Included were photographs of every President and Executive, Cora Bailey winner, Outreach presentation, and member who has passed away since 1999. Members donated items for the silent raffle which raised over \$1000 for Outreach projects. Donations were collected for Halton Women's Place, which provides emergency shelter services for women and their families. We are very proud of our Branch.

Submitted by LeAnne Taylor
Branch President

Mississauga

One of the reasons that women are drawn to join the Mississauga Branch is the variety of interest groups that we are able to offer. Currently we have almost thirty different groups in operation. Our members can play euchre, bridge, scrabble or mahjong. If they want something more active they can join a walking group, a gardening group, or go bowling. Creative types can belong to a craft group, do beading or knitting.

Do you like to read? There are book clubs. Do you enjoy the theatre, art galleries or movies? We have groups for all that. How about a day trip to Stratford, St. Jacobs or Niagara-on-the-Lake? These are all available.

Our luncheon group gets to explore many varied restaurants.

We feel very lucky that our location and the large number of members we have can contribute to a fun retirement with old and new friends.

Submitted by Marie Solarski
Branch President

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Peel North

Peel North has a long tradition of keeping social connections going outside of our general membership meetings through a variety of interest groups. We have two euchre groups, one being a bid euchre group. They meet monthly at two different Cora's Restaurants to enjoy a meal and a fun afternoon of playing euchre. Our movie group meets monthly, the latest movie we enjoyed was *Wicked*.

Two new interest groups were started this year, the Day Trippers and the Travel Group. The Day Trippers are planning an outing to a winery as well as a

scenic drive to the historic Mrs. Mitchell's house for a luncheon. The Travel Group are presently exploring opportunities to travel abroad.

As we do not meet during the winter months, in order to keep connected we gather for a time of fellowship and lunch each month at favourite local restaurants.

We value the new and enduring friendships that have been made through membership in RWTO.

Submitted by Kathy Cunnington
Branch President

In Memoriam

Adair, Bonnie
Adderley, Margaret
Basset, Henriette
Bell, Catherine
Bjorgan, Patricia
Blanchard, Velma
Blight, Marilyn
Boss, Kay
Bradley, Joyce
Braman, Goldie
Broker, Hazel
Brooks, Carol
Bryan, Bonnie
Budd, Martha
Burmester, Grace
Chambers, Lois
Chisamore, Josephine
Christon, Shirley
Clark, Marian
Clingsmith, Brenda
Connop, Barbara
Copeland, Gloria
Cutler, Joyce A
deRyk-Tavani, Margaret
DeWitte, Denise
Donnellan, Anna
Dries, Elizabeth
Dunn, Joan

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Corunna
St Catharines
Sault Ste. Marie
Bobcaygeon
Merrickville
Burlington
St. Catharines
Orleans
Ottawa
Hamilton
Trenton
Welland
Port Hope
Richards Landing
Kitchener
Scarborough
Sarnia
London
Bright's Grove
Camlachie
Wardsville
Oakville
London
Blenheim
Scarborough
Chatham
Ottawa

Upper Canada East
Sarnia-Lambton
St. Catharines
Central Algoma
Lanark
Lanark
Hamilton-Wentworth
Haldimand
Ottawa-Carleton
Ottawa-Carleton
Hamilton-Wentworth
Trenton
St. Catharines
Northumberland South Durham
Central Algoma
Kitchener-Waterloo
Scarborough
Sarnia-Lambton
London-Middlesex
Sarnia-Lambton
Sarnia-Lambton
Chatham-Kent
Mississauga
London-Middlesex
Chatham-Kent
Scarborough
Chatham-Kent
Ottawa-Carleton



In Memoriam

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Branch</i>
Ecclestone, Elizabeth	Guelph	Guelph-Wellington
English, Janet I.M.	Mississauga	Mississauga
Farrow, Anna	Allenford	Wiarion
Fenton, Sarah	Allenford	Wiarion
Fitzpatrick, Eileen	Chatham	Chatham-Kent
Gaborko, Emily		Sarnia-Lambton
Germain, Denise	Cobourg	Ottawa-Carleton
Gill, Corrine	Sarnia	Sarnia-Lambton
Grant, Arlene	Hannon	Hamilton-Wentworth
Grant, Judy	Mississauga	Mississauga
Haggith, Pat	London	London-Middlesex
Haney, Merle	Fergus	Kitchener-Waterloo
Hayes-Root, Lori	Welland	Niagara South
Hibbins, Marilyn	Mississauga	Mississauga
Holmes, Jane	Tecumseh	Windsor-Essex
Houlgrave, Sandy	Kemble	Owen Sound
Howard, Marion	Smith Falls	Lanark
Innes, Jean	Mississauga	Mississauga
James, Edna	Dundas	Hamilton-Wentworth
Janzen, Irma	Leamington	Windsor-Essex
Janzen, Martha	Dunnville	Haldimand
Jennison, Jean	Waterloo	Kitchener-Waterloo
Joynt, Carol	Smiths Falls	Lanark
Juhola, Ruth	Thessalon	Central Algoma
Kane, Ethel	Kingston	Kingston
Kent, Alia	Ottawa	Ottawa-Carleton
Kerfoot, Eleanor	Toronto	Rendezvous
Kernohan, Ruth	Lambton Shores	Sarnia-Lambton
Ketola, Maire	Brampton	Peel North
Killam, Verna	Bognor	Owen Sound
King, Joanne	Windsor	Windsor-Essex
Kolkea, Bernice	Collingwood	Blue Mountain
Korber, Pauline	Huntsville	East Parry Sound
Lavender, Madeline	Nepean	BurlOak
Leavitt, Charlotte	Milton	Mississauga
Lekx, Miriam	Sepringville	Stratford
Lumsden, Shirley	Lombardy	Lanark
MacDonald, Margaret	Sarnia	Sarnia-Lambton
MacDougall, Shirley	Hamilton	Hamilton-Wentworth
MacKenzie, Theresa	Mississauga	Mississauga
Mahoney, Jane	Wallaceburg	Chatham-Kent
Marentette, Rose Ann	Belle River	Windsor-Essex
Mathers, Margaret	Gananoque	Gananoque
McGirr, Beth	Huntsville	East Parry Sound

In Memoriam

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Branch</i>
McIntosh, Josephine (Jo)	Collingwood	Blue Mountain
Mckenzie-Leighton, Margaret	St George	Cambridge
McNaughton, Julia	Ilderton	London-Middlesex
Mitchell, Sherril	Brockville	Brockville
Morgan, Mary Ann	Wallaceburg	Chatham-Kent
Neill, Maureen	Fort Erie	St. Catharines
Newman, Linda	Amherstburg	Windsor-Essex
Nolte, Charmaine	Guelph	Guelph-Wellington
Nussey, Eileen	Tilbury	Windsor-Essex
Osborne, Caroline	Kent Bridge	Chatham-Kent
Ostermeier, Pat	Cambridge	Guelph-Wellington
Packard, Gloria	Sudbury	Sudbury
Parker, Linda	Dundas	BurlOak
Parkhill, Donna	Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls
Peterbaugh, Beverly	London	South Bruce
Pischedda, Tiina	St Catharines	St. Catharines
Ratz, Joyce	Iron Bridge	Central Algoma
Regan, Shirley	Dundas	Hamilton-Wentworth
Rice, Dianne	Theford	Sarnia-Lambton
Rigg, Diann	Oakville	BurlOak
Robinson, Jean	Peterborough	Kingston
Rundle, Colleen (Kelli)	London	London-Middlesex
Seibel, Mildred	Waterloo	Kitchener-Waterloo
Silvester, Evelyn	Etobicoke	Rendezvous
Simmons, Nola	Uxbridge	Trenton
Slingerland, Joan	Burlington	BurlOak
Smith, Hazel	Guelph	Guelph-Wellington
Snider, Ann	St Catharines	St. Catharines
Somerville, E. Jean	Milton	Lydia Snow North Halton
Stewart, Doris	Mississauga	Mississauga
Symons, Phyllis	Kingston	Northumberland South Durham
Tait, Barbara	Brockville	Ottawa-Carleton
Thompson, Christine	Chatham	Chatham-Kent
Tone, Annie	Arthur	Guelph-Wellington
Van Velzer, Sylvia	London	St. Thomas-Elgin
Vaughan, Ruby	Sault Ste. Marie	Central Algoma
Waters, Pat	Waterloo	Kitchener-Waterloo
Wagh, Donaldene	Owen Sound	Owen Sound
Westcott, Wendy	Beaverton	Orillia
Woehl, Janice	Fort Erie	Niagara South
Wright, Ada	Blenheim	Chatham-Kent



TUESDAY AFTERNOON FREE WORKSHOPS!

INSURANCE WORKSHOP

with **LeAnne Taylor**

Demonstration and hands on practice filling out forms on the Manulife website. If possible, please bring a tablet or laptop that is fully charged.

1:30 pm - Ballroom A

MARKETING WORKSHOP

Serenity Creative Agency

will present a workshop about using social media to recruit new members.

1:30 pm - Ballroom B

BRANCH TREASURERS' WORKSHOP

with **Linda Huffman**

Suggestions for setting up Branch Books and Budgets.

2:30 pm - Ballroom A

SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

"Music Care Room 217"

will present a fun and interactive workshop about using music training to change the culture of care in LTC.

2:30 pm - Ballroom B

REGISTRATION

Register on the website if possible, using the Convention tab at the top of the home page, and a **password** that your Branch President will have. Payment can be made securely online. You may also download and print the form if you wish.

To register by Canada Post, please send your form and cheque made payable to: **2025 RWTO/OERO Convention** to:

Marisa Di Censo
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You may send an **e-transfer** to the email address above also. The name to use for your e-transfer is **2025 RWTO AGM**.

If your e-transfer needs a security question set up, use any you wish - when the e-transfer is actually sent, you will see it is not required.

WEDNESDAY TOURS!

Tour 1: BELL HOMESTEAD

National Historic Site

On the banks of the Grand is the home of Alexander Graham Bell, revamped for the 150th anniversary in 2024. Tour the furnished home of the Bell family, see the first Telephone Office and interactive exhibits. Make a call on the 1930 phones! Includes a movie and gift shop. Lunch first at the Sherwood Restaurant.

Cost \$60 - Limit 44 - Moderate

Tour 2: BRANTFORD CITY TOUR **Travel Through History.**

Lunch at the Sherwood Restaurant. Tour will include many historic places, including the Woodland Cultural Centre and the Mohawk Chapel. We see many highlights of "The Telephone City", home of A. G. Bell, Wayne Gretzky, Pauline Johnson, James Hillier, Lawren Harris and Phil Hartman to name a few.

Cost \$80 - Limit 44 - Moderate

Tour 3: CRUISING THE GRAND

Designated Canadian Heritage River Learn about the historic Grand River, past and present, from the Captain during a leisurely 3 hour cruise. Enjoy a full-course luncheon.

Cost \$90 - Min 30 - Max 44 - Easy

Tour 4: GLENHYRST - A SPOT OF TEA, PLEASE!

Enjoy an amazing afternoon tea at The Golden Teapot, located in the Glenhyrst Art Gallery and Gardens on the Grand River. Tour the art gallery with its permanent collection of 600 pieces and a pottery gallery. Wander the gardens enjoying river views.

Cost \$60 - Limit 22 - Easy

Tour 5: CANADIANS in PAREE

Paris on the Grand

"The Prettiest Little Town in Canada". Eat at famous Stillwaters or Capeesh Restaurants, overlooking the Grand. Tour and shop the delightful boutiques, markets and unique stores.

Cost \$55 Limit 44
Easy or hard, it's up to you!



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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON STAYCATIONS!

Event 6: CREATING A DREAMCATCHER

with **Diane Ford**

Be guided through the creation of your own dreamcatcher while hearing about indigenous folklore and beliefs from Diane. She has run lessons and workshops in indigenous communities throughout Canada. All materials supplied.

Cost \$40 - Limit 20 - Easy

Event 7: ANCESTRAL MEDICINE WOMAN - Make and Take

Gail Whitlow, renowned Medicine Woman owns Ancestral Voices Healing Centre on Six Nations of the Grand River. Gail will lecture about many aboriginal and historical ways to support women's health. She has over 200 ancient botanical medicines. You will make and take home some Rosehip Tea and Hawthorn Tea, with many health benefits. Botanicals can be ordered.

Cost \$25 - Minimum 15 - Easy

Event 8: THE POWER OF HEALING WATERS and AQUAFIT

Instructor **Wendy Fowler** will be at the Hampton Inn Pool, speaking for 30 minutes about the use of water to assist healing muscles with heat, stretches and exercise. A 30 min aquafit lesson for seniors follows. Bring suit and towel.

Cost \$10. Min. 10 - Max. 20

Moderate

Hotel Information is found in the last two Connections newsletters, in the "Call To Convention" video on the website, in Convention information on-line, or by contacting your Branch President, who receives updates from our Program Coordinator.



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION	COST	MY COST
Full Convention Package Early Bird Rate – Received by April 15 3 Day Registration, Coffee Breaks, Hospitality, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Banquets with Entertainment Thursday Luncheon, AGM Meetings and Workshops. <i>(Does not include Tours and Staycations.)</i>	\$325	
Full Convention Package – After April 15	\$350	
Tuesday Banquet & Entertainment	\$90	
Wednesday Single Day Registration (AGM, Break, Hospitality, Banquet, Awards & Entertainment)	\$170	
Wednesday Banquet, Awards & Entertainment	\$100	
Thursday Single Day Registration (In Memoriam, AGM, Break, Banquet Luncheon, Installation of Board of Directors)	\$130	
Thursday Luncheon	\$70	
Wednesday Tours & Staycation Events Number by Priority ~ Pay for your first choice. Adjustments will be made later, if necessary. (Top Priority) Tour/Staycation # _____	\$_____	
TOTAL ENCLOSED No Post-dated Cheques Please	X	\$_____
Tuesday Workshops (information on the attached page) Circle 1 choice for each time slot: 1:30 p.m.- 1A 1B 2:30 p.m.- 2A 2B	Free	Free

CANCELLATION: Registration fee refundable, less \$25.00 service fee, on receipt of written notification before May 1, 2025. After May 1, refund will be considered if possible.

Check your role at this Convention:

- Provincial Board of Directors
- Provincial Past President
- Provincial Delegate (Voting)
- Branch Delegate (Voting)
- Alternate Branch Delegate
- Member
- Guest

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Mobility/Other: (Please specify)

Dietary: Please list dietary needs on a separate page and attach it to this form or email the registrar.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TOURS & STAYCATION EVENTS

Number by Priority: (Lunch Included)

- ___ Tour 1 Bell Homestead \$60.00
- ___ Tour 2 Brantford City Tour \$80.00
- ___ Tour 3 Grand River Cruise \$90.00
- ___ Tour 4 Glenhyrst Tea \$60.00
- ___ Tour 5 Afternoon in Paris \$55.00

Staycations: (Lunch not included.)

- ___ Event 6 Dreamcatcher \$40.00
- ___ Event 7 Ancestral Medicine
 Woman Make & Take \$25.00
- ___ Event 8 Healing Waters \$10.00

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS - Free

- 1:30 Hall A - Insurance Workshop
- 1:30 Hall B - Marketing Workshop
- 2:30 Hall A - Treasurers' Workshop
- 1:30 Hall B - Social Justice Workshop

Information about how to register is found on the attached Convention Information Page.

I understand that I may appear in Convention photos or videos posted on the RWTO/OERO website, Facebook, or in Branch or Provincial Newsletters.

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