



RETIREMENT MATTERS

President's Message



BurlOak branch is looking for a charity to support through Share the Wealth. We supported The Camisole Project for the 2024-25 year, and the Angel Project in the previous year. Some suggestions we have received for our next charity are The Halton Women's Place, Food For Kids, Sleeping Children Around the World, and Covenant House. If you have other suggestions please contact me or any of the other Executive members.

I am delighted to announce that Linda Macdonald has agreed to join the Executive of BurlOak Branch of RWTO as Vice President. I am personally very grateful that she will be joining us. Linda has experience as a former President in Oakville. We appreciate her willingness to volunteer and the energy and enthusiasm she will bring to our group.

Last year our membership fees went up by \$10, from \$40 to \$50 for the portion that goes to the Provincial coffers. We used money from the investments to soften that increase rather than ask you for an additional increase to the Branch portion of our fees. We are asking for a \$5 increase this year, making our membership fees \$65 for 2025-2026. We will be investigating the costs for luncheons and predict that cost will also increase. However, we will endeavour to keep the costs for luncheons at a minimum. The luncheons were heavily subsidized this year. We tried to balance the more expensive meals with more modest meals to keep costs as reasonable as possible.

D&T Catering is required to give 15% of their earnings to the City of Burlington. **They** do not charge us a venue fee, unlike other locations we investigated within Burlington and Oakville. Your luncheon fees cover the costs of food, HST, and gratuities for the staff. We budget for entertainment or a speaker as a budget line under the Program committee.

On Saturday March 22, 2025, within 25 minutes time Retired Women Teachers BurlOak Branch served 125 seniors in Burlington at the Community Breakfast at the Seniors Center. Special thanks to Janet Carter-Wright, Kathy Lanc, Mary Lyons, Bonnie Folkard, JoAnne Tregunno, Betty Doyle and Cecile Leach for giving up their Saturday morning, getting up early, and wearing our RWTO aprons.

By serving a lovely breakfast to hungry seniors, they demonstrated our commitment to our community. Everyone was entertained by the students in Burlington Student Theatre who sang and led us in a sing along. Rotary Club exchange students and high school students registered and welcomed the seniors who signed up to attend the breakfast.

The in person Provincial RWTO-OERO Annual General Meeting is just about 6 weeks away. You may read the 13 resolutions in the recent Connections Newsletter which you can read online (at RWTO.org) or may have received by mail. Please read over the resolutions and provide feedback so we can vote to represent our Branch in Brantford in June. We will discuss the resolutions at the May 5, BurlOak AGM.

February Chocolate Bingo - Cecile Leach

On February 12, 2025 , we came together to play Bingo. The winners received bags of Lindt chocolates and delicious Austrian chocolate bars which our President Claudia had purchased on her trip there in December. I wanted one of those and I was lucky enough to win the last one! It's still in my refrigerator because I said I would keep it to share with my sister when she came for a visit. I can hardly wait!

Bingo was followed by a delicious lunch of lasagna and Caesar salad and a yummy dessert.

Thank you, Mike, for being our "mysterious guest caller"!



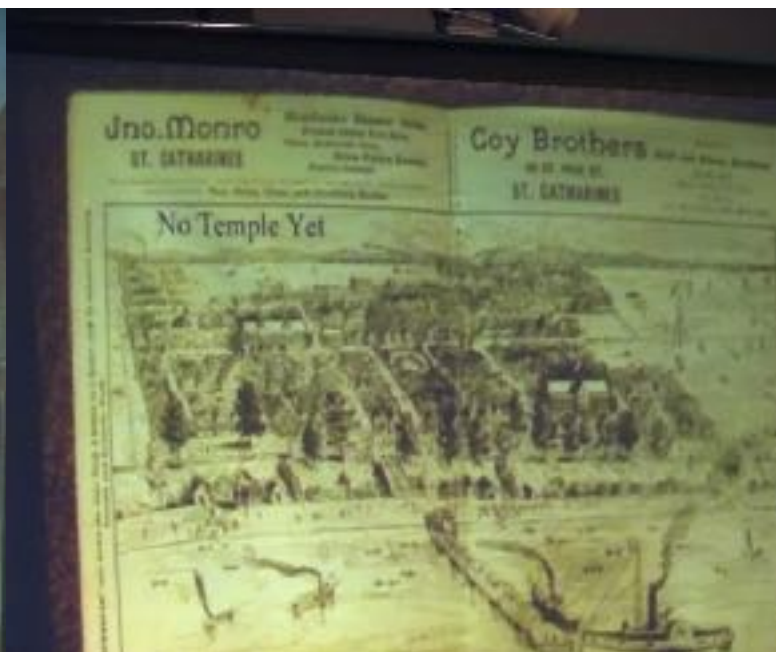
On Monday, March 24, we gathered at Tyandaga Golf Club for our luncheon. Greeters were Bev Balch and Laura Hay. President Claudia Stewart introduced Barb Daize, owner of the BodyMed Boutique who was present to receive our donation cheque of \$600.00 for the Camisole Project. This was money accumulated during 2024-25 from our Share the Wealth Draw at each luncheon. Our next year's recipient will be declared at our May AGM. Lunch consisted of beef sirloin tips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and carrots, followed by a delicious cheesecake and caramel sauce.



Barb Daize receives a cheque for \$600.00 for the Camisole Project



Our guest speaker was history buff John Allan who gave us a peak at the history of the "Painted Ladies" cottages of Grimsby Ontario with a talk and slide show.





COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Membership Report - Moira Plexman

After much discussion at our recent board meeting, it was determined a fee increase of \$5 is required to cover anticipated increased costs. As you are aware, costs in all aspects of our economy have been steadily climbing and we need to ensure we will generate sufficient funds to run our programs.

The membership fee for 2025 – 2026 will be \$65.

BurlOak has some membership renewal incentives to offer:

- If you pay your membership fee *before or on the day of* our May 5 AGM, your name will be entered in a draw to win your September 2025 lunch. (Please note: The September lunch prize is only good for the September luncheon.)
- To make this option more enticing we will draw 2 names as winners of the September lunches.
- Finally, **ALL** membership payments received by the treasurer *on or before July 31*, will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a membership.

If none of the above options appeal to you, **September 1 is the deadline** to pay your membership. I will be calling to offer you a friendly reminder if you have not paid by then.

Your program committee has been working hard to generate an interesting 2025-26 year of activities. You must be a member in good standing to participate in any of our Branch lunches, programs, or Interest Groups. Renew your membership so you do not miss out.

Important reminder to RWTO Insurance members: To participate in the insurance plan, you must be a paid-up member.

Membership Forms

Membership forms will be available at the AGM if you need to make changes to what we have on file. If you have no changes, there is no need to complete another membership form.

Membership Payment \$65

Associate Member \$15 (belonging to another branch)

Payments may be made either by e-transfer or cheque

E-transfer rwtoburloak20@gmail.com

Cheque: Bring your cheque to the AGM or mail by Canada Post
Carolynn Blake, Treasurer
406-5070 Fairview Street
Burlington, ON

Archives Report

It is my pleasure working as the archivist for the past six years or so. In continuing to do so for our BurlOak Branch, I would appreciate any help, no matter how small.

You will see me taking pictures at the luncheons but not at many of the interest groups. Consequently, I do not have access to any photos from the various groups. I would appreciate receiving any materials the interest groups would like to share.

I look forward to gathering and sharing the information in our archives.

Peggy Blair

Program Committee-Mary McCully

Mary McCully (chair), Norma Brown, Maureen Downey, Helen Elmer, Betty Doyle. Each member of the committee convenes a luncheon meeting. They look after the event from start to finish arranging greeters, thank you notes, payments, and all the little details that make your experience as fine as possible.

As a committee, we try to put together a program that our members will find interesting, informative, entertaining, and/or fun. In co-operation with the Executive, we plan meeting dates, locations, menus, and some recurring activities. These include the Book Table, Share the Wealth, the Purse Project, the Penny Auction, and the gathering of hats, mittens and socks, etc.

Planning the program is a big and ongoing process. If you have an idea that you would like to share with the committee, please feel free to speak to one of our members. We try to take into account the wishes of the group. With that in mind it has been decided that there will not be entertainment at the Christmas Luncheon or the AGM. Both of these meetings have aspects that make them time consuming on their own. We will try this for a year and evaluate at the end through comments from the membership and Executive.

Goodwill

This year we sent over 150 cards to members. Congratulations to Gail Cargo and Kathleen Hunter who both celebrated their 100th Birthdays! We also had four members who turned 90 - Carol Martin, Marilyn Branch, Marilyn McClure, JoAnne Oatridge. We also found out that Mary Em Kenner was over 90!

“Thank you” to everyone who kept me informed of “significant events” in our members’ lives. Please remember to contact me during the summer months as well, if there is a need to send a card, make a phone call or a visit. It could be for a special birthday, anniversary, get well, “Thinking of You”, or a sympathy card. We don’t want any of our members to be overlooked.

Virginia McKee
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Visiting

Our mandate as an RWTO group states we are a Caring & Sharing Organization. It is never more obvious how important this is than when you see a smile on the faces of those we visit. Please help us to keep in touch with any member whom you think would benefit from a visit or phone call. If we do not know about an illness or any need for help or a visit we are unable to help. **PLEASE** make sure to contact Pam or Virginia if you see or hear of a need from any of our members. This is a very enriching & rewarding time for everyone. We must keep a link with our members.

Pam MacDonald 905-689-3493

Virginia McKee 905-335-8723



Telephone

Telephone calls are made to those members without e-mail access to remind them of luncheons and upcoming events and sometimes just to have a pleasant chat.

Virginia McKee - 905-335-8723

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Communications- Diane Sinden



Communicating with the members of our BurlOak Branch is accomplished by several members. Diane Sinden is the Communications Chair and sends out the information emails as directed by the Executive. Bev Hilton is the Newsletter Editor and Cecile Leach prepares the Newsletter Layout and Design. Virginia McKee phones the members who don't have email to keep them informed. Sharon Jenkins keeps our Facebook page up to date.

Diane Sinden

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Treasurer's Report

The Branch Treasurer is responsible for collecting Annual Membership fees and forwarding payment and updated membership information to RWTO/OERO Provincial. An audited year-end report is also sent to RWTO/OERO Provincial by April 30th. It is shared with the BurlOak Branch members at the Annual General Meeting in May. At that time, our Branch also presents a proposed budget for the following year which members are asked to review and approve. We encourage all members to attend the AGM meeting in order to provide input into the running of your Branch.

RWTO/OERO Provincial increased their Membership fees for 2024-2025 to \$50.00, thus our Branch membership fee increased to \$60.00 last year. We subsidized the Branch increase of \$5. Unfortunately, as everyone is aware, costs continue to rise for everything. This year our the membership fee will be \$65.00

The Treasurer is also responsible for collecting Luncheon payments from members.

RWTO BurlOak Branch offers E-transfers for membership, luncheons, and activity payments. The email for this process is rwtoburloak20@gmail.com. Please **delete** any other email addresses that you might have used in the past.

We will continue to accept cheques for payments as well but we ask that you email the Treasurer at carolynnablake@gmail.com to let her know that you are sending a payment by "snail mail" as delivery of mail has not always been reliable. Carolynn will let you know when your cheque has arrived.

The Branch focus for both the 2023-24 and the 2024-2025 years was Donations. At the Christmas Luncheon we encouraged our membership to donate personally to various Food Banks in both Burlington and Oakville as the need for these services continues to be high. We collected the cheques from the members who chose to participate and dropped them off to the Food Banks personally. All were very grateful for these personal donations.

Again, in February, when times were leaner for organizations, our Branch followed up with a \$200 donation to each of Burlington Food Bank, Compassion Society, Kerr Street Mission, Food for Life, Food Bank and Food4Kids Halton.

We also donated \$600 to the Camisole Project as a result of our "Share The Wealth" draws at our Luncheons. Two of our members also chose to donate their "winnings" to this very worthwhile cause.

If you have any suggestions for organizations that might benefit from our "Share the Wealth" draws, please forward suggestions to any Executive member.

Carolynn Blake, Treasurer

Nomination Report- Mary McCully

The current members of the Executive were polled to determine who would be willing to return for another year of service. At this time, the following members are willing to serve on the Executive and Standing Committees:

The proposed slate of Officers is:

Executive

- President:** Claudia Stewart
- Past President:** Mary McCully
- First Vice President:** Linda Macdonald
- 2nd Vice President:** Vacant
- Secretary:** Lynn Haniuk
- Treasurer:** Carolynn Blake
- Insurance:** Lynn Johnston

Standing Committees:

- Membership** Moira Plexman
- Program** Mary McCully
- Archivist** Peggy Blair
- Communication** Diane Sinden
- Goodwill** Virginia McKee
- Visitation** Pam MacDonald

Member- at- large Vacant **...duties include:**

- Be prepared to offer any assistance to the executive as needed.
- Be a member of the Program Committee.

Please don't wait for a phone call – volunteer to serve on your executive. It is possible that several of the positions can be shared by two people! It's fun and interesting, and besides – we're nice!

Please call or email:

Claudia Stewart at stewartcj@me.com or (905) 320-6639

Mary McCully at mmcully888@gmail.com or (905) 632-7589



**Won't You Please
Volunteer to Help Us ?**



Travel Club

The Travel Club met on March 20th. It was a smaller group this time so everyone fit into my apartment. Members shared their adventures and highlights of Costa Rica, Mexico, and Hawaii.

Two members will be travelling separately to the War Memorial celebration in Appledorn in the Netherlands and both will travel on to Amsterdam in this spring. Topics such as insurance, currency, and best places to see, best bargains, and tour operators are always part of the discussion. There was so much to share we didn't get to hear from everyone. I do hope our Amsterdam travellers are able to see the amazing tulips at The Kuekenhof Gardens. Our next meeting is Friday June 20. Marji Pegler will be hosting.

Bev Balch bbalch1@icloud.com

RWTO Book Clubs



Our two book clubs meet monthly at 1:00 in each other's homes. The Wednesday group meets on the second week of the month. Both clubs read a variety of books

chosen by the members. The Tuesday group meets usually on the first Tuesday of the month. We also have social gatherings, such as a visit to a winery, pool party, or lunch meeting in a member's home or at a restaurant. New members are welcome.



Books read by the clubs this year:

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- 100 Years of Lennie and Margot* by Marianne Cronin
- Sophie Go's Lonely Hearts Club* by Roselle Lim
- The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
- The Colour of Our Sky* by Amita Trasi
- Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan
- The House Across the Lake* by Riley Sager
- The Phoenix Crown* by Kate Quinn and Janie Chang
- The Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin

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- All the Colour in the World* by CS Richardson
- Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano
- Son of Elsewhere* by Elamin Abdelmehmoud
- James* by Percival Everett
- Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout
- The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn
- Jennie's Boy* by Wayne Johnston
- The Laundryman's Boy* by Edward Y.C. Lee
- Who We Are* by Murray Sinclair

If you would like to join contact:

Heather White at 905-639-2922 or dheatherwhite@gmail.com.

Tea Room Adventures

Our Afternoon Tea Adventures take us to a number of local tearooms. Over time we have acquired some favourites and we have become familiar with the owners. This year we made repeat visits to **The Escarpment Tea Room, Abigail's, The Golden Tea Pot, Tea on The Grand and Tea at the White House.**

These adventures are open to any member of our RWTO BurlOak. Watch for email announcements for information about each adventure. We usually go to tea during the "safe driving" season – generally May to October.

Over the winter we have discovered a few new ones that we may add to our list that include a bit more of a drive. We're always happy to pool transportation so if this appeals to you, be sure to ask for a ride.

Each tea experience is a bit different from others, and it's fun to enjoy those differences. Watch for the emailed invitations. We will announce our first adventure in the coming weeks.



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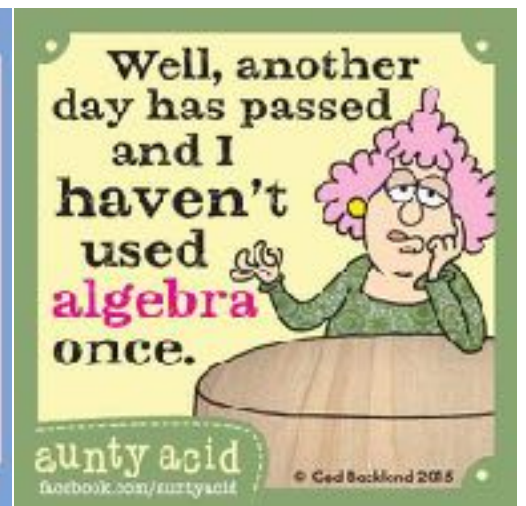
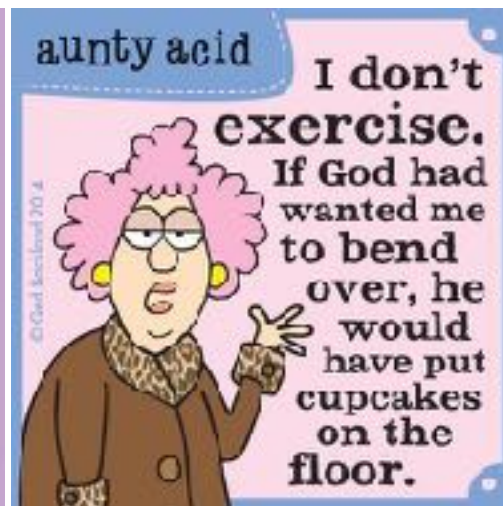




Paper Crafting

Our small, but industrious group met the second Thursday of most months this year. Attendance varied dependent on the health or travels of the group members. We met at the Haber Community Centre from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm and usually completed 3 or 4 cards. Thanks to all who have attended.

We hope to continue next year. If you are interested in joining us contact : Bonnie Folkard bonnie2@sympatico.ca



Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch has had several interesting culinary experiences at various restaurants in the area. Probably the most intriguing was lunch at Narenj on Kerr Street in Oakville. This restaurant offered a fusion of Syrian and Asian deliciousness on the menu, including some items which we had to google to discover what they were!

Next on our list of restaurants to visit is Mythos Greek Cuisine on Fairview Street in Burlington, on Friday, May 30 at 1 pm. If you would like to attend this last lunch bunch outing of the year, please email Maureen Downey at mgdowney@live.com and let her know.

Maureen Downey - mgdowney@live.com



Knitting group

The knitting group meets monthly in member's homes and show off current projects, and try some new ones. Some members crochet and some knit. We help each other with new techniques when needed. A lot of chatting and a bit of knitting happens! We would welcome new members.

**For more information contact:
Norma Brown -905 632 4774
normabrown2000@yahoo.ca**



Food 4 Kids

During our 2024-2025 RWTO year, BurlOak members have packed food for needy children in both October and April. We will have 2 more packing sessions, one in May and another in June. On April 16th eight of us packed 567 bags of food for school children in Oakville and Burlington. That means we each went around the table 70 times, filling a bag each time! It used to take 1 hour, now it takes over 1½ hours because the number of kids who need assistance has dramatically increased. Of course, praise goes out to our dedicated volunteers. We could always use more volunteers, especially younger members!

Those packing on April 16th from left to right in the group picture were Leslie W., Betty D., Joyce M., Bev H., Helen E., Diane S., Barb L., Marjorie J.

Diane Sinden diane.sinden@bell.net

Our last two dates for the year are May 7th and June 11th.

Please contact diane.sinden@bell.net if you would like to help.



Senior Breakfast at the Burlington Seniors Centre - Cecile Leach

Once a year, RWTO BurlOak is invited to serve breakfast at the Seniors' Centre. Seven ladies volunteered for this event.-Janet Carter-Wright, Betty Doyle, Mary Lyons, Cathy Lanc, Bonnie Folkard, Claudia Stewart and Cecile Leach. We set anew record - so they said - we served 125 plates in 25 minutes! Now I call that Teamwork!

Unfortunately we were so busy, that nobody thought of taking photos until the service was over and we were all relaxing ! Oh yes and we had breakfast too! After breakfast we were entertained by the Burlington Student Theatre Group.




Flower Arranging Workshop - April 18



The Purse Project

The Purse Project will be active again next year. Donations will be accepted at both the September and October luncheons only. The idea is to fill a purse with practical items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. These are collected by the *Purse Project Network* and distributed to needy women via agencies such as the Good Shepherd Centre and Halton Women's Place. Please consider collecting items for the purse donation throughout the summer. Perhaps you could get together with a friend and divide the products between you. For more information and a list of items to include in the purse, please check out the Purse Project Network on Facebook, or email Maureen Downey at mgdowney@live.com.



The Purse Project Network
Fill a Purse with LOVE ...
and a Woman's Heart
with HOPE

What is The Purse Project Network?

The Purse Project Network exists to bless & encourage women in need in our communities

Annually, in the fall, we collect new or gently used purses that are filled with essential personal care items which we donate to local charities to hand out to the women they serve. Every purse also includes a "Card of Blessing", which is a hand-made, hand-written card of encouragement.


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"This is such a great idea! A purse is a symbol of dignity for a woman and gives her a sense of belonging in society. And the Card of Blessing in each purse is the "icing on the cake" as it makes this donation very personal for the women when they realize that others really do care about them."
- from a local charity

There are many different opportunities for you to get involved with this project!
Contact us to join our team & make a difference in the lives of women in need in your local community!

Purse Guidelines

<p>10 ESSENTIALS!</p> <p>Our Organizations have asked that donated purses include ONE of EACH of these following items:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toothbrush 2. Toothpaste 3. Body or Hand Lotion 4. Deodorant 5. Hand Sanitizer 6. Shampoo (OR 2-in-1 shampoo/conditioner) 7. Body Wash (OR bar soap with plastic holder) 8. Socks 9. Hat OR Scarf 10. Mitts OR Gloves
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The Purse Project Network


After you have the ESSENTIALS in your purse, you may add any of the following **optional** items:

- Coffee, Walmart or Dollar store Gift Card
- Journal & Pen
- Facial Cleanser
- Gum or Mints
- Snacks or Protein Bars
- Mascara or Eyeshadow
- Lipstick or Lip Balm
- Nail Polish
- Nail File, Emery Board
- Nail Clippers
- Foot Scrubber
- Rain Poncho
- Face Mask
- Purse-size Tissues
- Hair Conditioner
- Purse-size Feminine Products
- Makeup Case
- Dental Floss
- Body Spray
- Bath Scrubby
- Smell, Umbrella
- Makeup Remover Pads
- Small, On-the-Go Package

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:
ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW - NO USED PRODUCTS

- Ensure purse is CLEAN inside & out, and in VERY good condition
- NO evening bags, overnight bags, school-type backpacks
- Remove or cover all price stickers
- NO empty purses
- NO super-sized containers
- NO glass jars, vitamins, medications, essential oils
- NO mouthwash, razors, nailpolish remover, books

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BurlOak Branch lost 3 dear friends this year. We will honour them at our BurlOak In Memoriam Ceremony in May and they will also be honoured at the In Memoriam Ceremony held at the Provincial Convention in June.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and held so dear.*



LAVENDER, Lowes Madeline "Maddie" (Bomberger)



Passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at the age of 96. Beloved wife of the late Emerson Lavender for 56 years. Loving mother of Janet Lavender (Eric Roston) of Calgary, Susan Lavender of St. Marys, and Beth Lavender of Ottawa. Cherished grandmother of Sarah (Andy), Emily (Justin), Scott and Jack.. Maddie graduated in 1949 from the University of Toronto with an honours degree in French and English. She taught in Huntsville, Coburg, Richmond Hill, Toronto, and at Sheridan College in Oakville. Maddie was active in her community. She was one of the leading forces behind the Citizens Committee for Pollution Control that was responsible for creating one of the first recycling centres in Canada in the early 1970s.

As a member of Save the Lakeshore Association, Maddie fought to maintain public access to the Lake Ontario shoreline. She was also an active member of many clubs, including the BurlOak Retired Women Teachers of Ontario and PROBUS Women's Club of Burlington. She delivered Meals on Wheels for 15 years, was on the Board of the Burlington Branch of the Red Cross and served as president of the Gemini Rock and Mineral Club from 1992 – 1994. Maddie was an ardent environmentalist and mineral collector who enjoyed lapidary and gardening.



PARKER, LINDA (nee TAYLOR) 1944 - 2024



Linda passed away peacefully, on August 23, 2024, at St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas. Loving wife of Dale for 59 years. Her memory will be cherished by her daughters, Amy Zuccolo (Derek), and Kate Holloway (Mark); grandchildren, Taylor, Parker, Alexander, and Sophie; and brother, Robert (Carolyn). Linda had a wonderful career teaching the primary grades, giving so many students a solid start to their education. Linda wishes to thank her many colleagues and students for great memories of a life well lived. Our family wishes to thank the staff on 2 East at St. Joseph's Villa for their care and kindness.





Diann Rigg 1933-2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Diann Rigg, who left us after a brief illness on Sept 23 2024 at the age of 91. Survived by her daughters Carolyn, Nancy, Janice (Murray Spackman) and two brothers Bob (Cathy) and Wayne (Jerry) Predeceased by her beloved husband of 51 years Doug Rigg and brother Glenn Hogaboam. Diann was born on a farm near Brockville, where she developed her passion for music. This led her to the University of Toronto where she received her Degree in Performance Singing from the Royal Conservatory of Music in 1973. She spent her working life teaching music in Public Schools & Privately. Diann was very proud of the Elementary School Bands she organized and conducted over many years through many competitions.

She was a long time member and multi term President of the Retired Women Teachers Ontario. Her efforts earned her the prestigious Cora Bailey Award in 2008. Her work included organizing events such as her signature themed backyard Pool Parties which will be remembered fondly by all who attended. Diann called Oakville home for 60 years and was very active in the Community, her efforts gained her recognition through nominations and awards such as the Oakville Spirit Award in 2006. Also, Diann was a very prominent member in Hopedale Presbyterian Church, as a Social Leader and the Choir Master. She continued her active, social lifestyle into retirement. Traveling with her husband was a big part of her busy schedule. They traveled extensively to many Countries.



Muriel Peachey- 1930-2025

It is with deepest sadness that we announce the passing of Muriel Alice Peachey (nee Collier) on March 29th at a great age of 94 years. She is predeceased by her husband James and her son John. Muriel leaves behind her children, Susan, Jan, Doug, Rob, John and Laura, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Muriel received her Teacher certification at Lakeshore Normal School in Toronto during the last year it was at that location (1969). She then did a co-op with Halton Board of Education and was hired in 1970, to teach at Laurie Smith P.S. Muriel continued teaching at Laurie Smith until its closure. She moved to Strathcona and later, Wellington Square P.S. Muriel then took Library and Computer Courses for additional qualifications and went from teaching in the Junior Division to become a teacher-librarian which included teaching Computers to students. Muriel retired in June 1987.

Muriel was very active in her community. She was a Brownie and Guide leader and co-created the Brownie Pack at Appleby United Church. Along with her husband, she was involved with the Burlington Teen Tour Band in the late 60's to the mid 70's. She belonged to the University Women's Club as well as Probus until just recently. Muriel was also active in the Wellington Square and Appleby United Churches and contributed and participated in a variety of groups within RWTO. Muriel was a Charter Member of the Curling Club, as well as a member of the Quilters Guild in Halton. She loved to knit, sew and baked wonderful pies and desserts. Muriel maintained a lifetime relationship with her high school girlfriends. They played monthly bridge games, attended theatre productions and went travelling to many exotic places and enjoyed many cruises abroad!



A Mother's Love

*No gift on earth is greater
No treasure held above
The joy that comes from knowing
a Mother's endless Love*

*In spite of how it's tested
It grows from year to year
Providing strength and comfort...
It gently draws us near*

*It warms and it protects us
And guides us from afar
Shedding light upon us
Like a bright and shining star*

*And when all things are measured
No one shall rise above
Or be compared in value
To a mother's Endless love !*

Happy Mother's Day !

