



# The Scoop

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RWTO Newsletter

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## President's Message- Nancy Hrytzak

Connecting to the community is an ongoing goal of our Chatham-Kent RWTO/OERO Branch. At our September meeting, Wilma Hunnick gave a brief presentation about Noelle's Gift, which was followed by a tremendous outpouring of donations. Our Branch fund-raised over \$1000 for this cause where the money goes directly to schools. We continue to support local libraries by donating a book in honour of members who have passed away, to the library of the family's choice. At our Christmas general meeting, we gathered donations of food stuffs, clothing, and money to local food banks. In April, we learned about all kinds of "scams", from Aaron Watson, who works for Community Living. The "educators" were being educated! In return, we donated \$500 to Community Living. In June, we contributed \$500 to CK Hospice. And all year, many of our members connect to the community by donating their time and volunteering for many worthy causes. Keep up the good work!

## Membership Report- JoAnne Chrysler

Our total paid membership for 2024 – 2025 was 128 members and 7 Life members. Over the course of the year, we acquired 6 new members. Unfortunately, 10 members have passed away. One member chose not to return last year. Then, at our Brantford annual convention, we were surprised with the Barbara Bain Membership Award, Tier 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> place plus \$200, for an increase in membership during 2024-25.

For the 2025 – 2026 membership renewal period, fees continue to be \$50.00 cash or cheque made payable to RWTO. Fees are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not picked up your renewal form at the Branch meeting, it will be mailed to you, pending any postal disruption. Please indicate any changes to your address or privacy information on the form. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact me. Return your form and fees to:

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## Insurance Report- Edna Madill

I have enjoyed my first year as insurance convenor and have learned more about our Home and Health Care Insurance Plan. As you are aware, we had an Open Enrolment Period at the beginning of the year. I hope some of you were able to take advantage of this. There are two benefits in the plan that I would like to mention. The Fracture Benefit pays a specified amount when an injury results in a fracture of a bone. A fractured pelvis pays \$350, a femur pays \$300 and a fibula pays \$275. If you suffer another fracture or suffer a chip or hairline fracture, the plan pays \$125. If you have a fracture of several bones from the same injury, the plan would pay only one amount resulting from the multiple injuries.

If you are transported to hospital via ambulance, you can claim that expense under the Ambulance Benefit and you will need a receipt for your claim. If you took 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 illness, up to an overall maximum of \$135 per benefit year.

Our Provincial organization will receive a return of \$93,034.64 from Manulife this year! That goes into our general coffers to help defray expenses and allow programs to be continued. If you have any questions concerning our plan, please feel free to contact me by phone, text, mail or email and I will try to answer them or get the answer for you.

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Cathy Telfer, Lynn Sulman, Mark Peacock, CEO of LTVCA, Brenda Taylor, Susan Sparling Manuel were presented with LTVCA Volunteer Award, honouring many retirees for 18 years of work with the student Fall Water Festival.



Barbara Rose  
honoured at 90.



Jo Anne Chrysler accepted our  
Barbara Bain Award at  
Brantford Convention!



Jane Cartier, JoAnne Chrysler, Lynn  
Sulman at Brantford Convention