



The Scoop



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The Early Years of Our Chatham-Kent Branch **President- Nancy Hrytzak**

When Chatham-Kent Branch had its beginnings, it was known as the “Kent” Branch, changing to Chatham-Kent in 1998. An organization meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Antaya on April 2, 1970. Guest speaker was Miss K.H.Chambers from St. Thomas who explained organization, procedures, and insurance benefits. 18 retired women teachers were in attendance. An executive was elected and it was decided that 50 cents would be the Annual Fee. 25 cents was collected at each meeting. Fast forward to 1984 when Lenore Graham from the Kent Branch was Provincial President. A few years later, in 1992, the Annual Provincial Convention was held in Chatham. Over the years, Chatham-Kent has strongly supported the best interests of our Retired Women Educators!

Next Meetings-April- RWTO/OERO 70th Anniversary Tea Party Luncheon- April 22, 2026
June- Celebration of Life Service and Annual Meeting- June 24, 2026

Membership-JoAnne Chrysler

Our current membership stands at 118 regular paid members and 11 Life Members. One of our Life Members, Shirley Houston, passed away on October 18th. She was 86. We have no new members or associate members this year and several former members have chosen not to renew their membership.

If you move or change your contact information, please notify me as soon as possible so that you will continue to receive your RWTO/OERO news in a timely manner.

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Marilyn Johnston and Wilma Noordam, of Ryan's Case for Smiles, with some of the many pillow cases gifted each year to children in area hospitals. Our members were pleased to donate to the "Pillowcase Ladies."



Insurance Report- Edna Madill

There was a very interesting article in the Issues and Concerns Column of the September Connections about falls and fractures. According to statistics, one in four people age 65 years old falls each year and the risk rises with age. I know that many members are already aware and are taking precautions to try to avoid falls.

The next three columns will be focused on different aspects of prevention and I'm sure will be very informative and interesting. If you have misplaced or deleted your copy of the September Connections, you can go online at rwto.org and find it under newsletters.

Diane Sinden, Issues and Concerns Convenor, closes with a statement that we should all take to heart, **"If you think something might be risky to do, don't do it!"** Edna Madill, 73 Dunkirk Ave., Chatham, ON N7L 5J5 or phone 519-351-1576; emadill@nexicom.net



Mary Alice Marchand received a "Feather in Her Hat" from Lynn Sulman, for her many years of volunteer work with Kiwanis and other CK charities and boards.



Nancy Hrytzak presented a "Feather in Her Hat" to Sue Marshall, recognizing her contributions to the Merlin historical plaque and various CK charities and organizations.

