

Interest groups 2025-26

BOOK CLUB

Linda Prodan

The Book Club consisted of 23 members this year. It had 10 meetings from September to June, meeting the third Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

The first meeting in September 2024 was held at Feeding Your Soul Restaurant. There, the group members suggested books and voted on titles. Members volunteered to then host one of the next nine meetings. This year, all meetings were able to be held in the hostesses' homes.

Each meeting consisted of discussing the book for the first hour and then socializing over tea, coffee and goodies for another hour (or more!)
All RWTO members are always welcome.

The first meeting will be at Mulligans Restaurant on Monday, September 15.

CRAFT GROUP

Cathy Bennett

Between weather events and scheduling conflicts, the craft group met only a few times over the last 10 months, always on the fourth Monday of the month.

We are a small group of seven, and I don't think we ever had our full complement at any given time. It was apparent that the gathering was primarily an opportunity for socializing and setting aside time for projects that had fallen by the wayside. Carol Neave focussed on her card-making, for example, while I made a few bookmarks, and a couple of people knitted, or did some repair sewing.

It was really just a nice opportunity to get together and visit and share some refreshments!

GAMES GROUP

Connie Bennett

Members will meet eight times a year from September to June on the second Tuesday to play a variety of board/card games. At our last get together in June, we decided not to schedule days in January or February since weather was a factor in cancellations this past year.

We meet at the home of the selected host for that month at noon and the host provides a light lunch and selects a game to play. Lunch starts at noon and then games follow at 1:00 and are usually finished at 3. This year a couple members co-hosted the activity and this seemed to work well.

We presently have 8 members; one member is a back-up member, so we are looking for at least

one more member.

Our last game day was held on June 10th and dates and hosts for each month were selected. It is the host's responsibility to remind members of the upcoming date and to email directions to her home as well as provide a light lunch.

The first Games Day will be Sept 9th hosted by Bonnie Williams.

Connie Bennett is the convenor for the group. It is the convenor's responsibility to distribute membership and phone list of participants to each member, as well as the Secretary and President, to establish dates and hosts for each activity and to liaise with the hostesses for help with lunch or selecting a game.

WALKING GROUP

Nancy Konzuk

Formerly the Hiking Group, the focus of this group has changed to try and appeal to more members. Several years ago, members hiked the Voyageur Trail in segments as well as trails in urban areas from Sault Ste. Marie to Blind River. Over the years many members have made the move to the Sault and the hikes were limited as far east as Iron Bridge and focused on flatter trails or rural/city roadways. The days of clambering over fallen trees and crossing small streams on a log have gone by the wayside. Also, several women sign up in the fall wanting to join on outings, but turnout has been slim. Life does that to us.

At our last hike in June, we decided to stick to sidewalks/ flat trails in places like the SSM hub trail, or country roads in Algoma.

We will walk at a gentle pace the second Wednesday of each month from September to December and April to June. Walks usually last 1 – 1½ hours. In the winter months, those, who wish, can join the Central Algoma Land Trust, formerly Kensington Conservancy, on their snowshoe hikes. They also have hikes in other months as well. Membership in the Land Trust is appreciated.

Our first walk will be led by Kaija and JP Breton on Wednesday, September 17 at 10 a.m. Destination to be decided by them.

Spouses, friends and pets are always welcome to join us.

THEME DINNER GROUP

Carol Neave

Nancy Konzuk

The theme dinner group meets four times a year at a member's home for numbers under 20 and at a local community hall for bigger groups. Last year we were able to meet in members' homes. We meet at 5 p.m. and mingle over appetizers before sitting down to a wonderful meal featuring different themes such as a country, a sports event eg. FIFA , interesting ingredients, or historical feature like Robbie Burns. Minimal cost is necessary to cover rental of hall if necessary.

First theme dinner will be Tuesday, October 28 at Nancy Konzuk's home.

Theme: LCBO recipes