



Lydia Snow North Halton June 2026 Newsletter

[Upcoming Lydia Snow Meeting: Wednesday June 10](#)



Location: [Beelane Hives](#)

Address: 7814 Stone Road East, Puslinch Ontario

Guest Speaker: Kate Petreny - 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Topic: [The Wonderful World of Bees](#)

Lunch: 11:45 a.m. at Chompin at the Bit Bar and Grille
18 Main St. N., Rockwood

Kate Petreny is a retired teacher from the Upper Grand. With her husband, she owns Beelane Hives. She wants us to know that: During your visit to our beekeeping operation, you'll gain a hands-on understanding of how a working apiary functions throughout the season. We'll explore the

fascinating life of the honeybee, including hive structure, the roles of the queen, workers, and drones, and how bees communicate and collaborate. You'll learn how beekeepers manage hive health, support pollination, and harvest honey responsibly. There will also be an opportunity to observe the bees up close in a safe and respectful way, giving you a deeper appreciation for their essential role in our food system and environment. And, of course, there will be an opportunity to buy honey and candles.

Directly after visiting Beelane Hives, we will head back to Rockwood and have lunch at a restaurant called Chompin at the Bit. To prepare for both the farm and lunch events, we need to know numbers by Mon. June 1.

Please let Jeanne Gray know by Monday June 1 if you plan to attend either the Beelane Hives event or the Chompin at the Bit luncheon or both! For the 27 of you that signed up during the May Lydia Snow meeting, you do not need to connect with Jeanne. Your name is already on the list.

You can connect with Jeanne at: jeannegray56@gmail.com or 905-877-3380

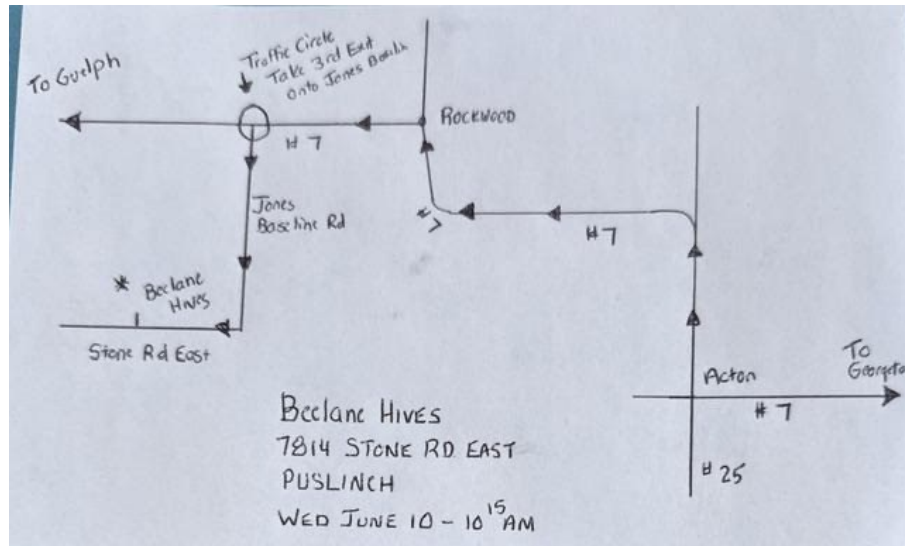
Some Recommendations:

Car Pool: We highly recommend that you make arrangements to travel with others on June 10. The trip to Beelane Hives takes approximately 38 minutes from Georgetown. If you need a ride, please let Jeanne Gray know as a carpool is being set up that will leave from the Gellert Centre.

Water Bottle: Please bring a water bottle or drink with you to the event. Light refreshments will be provided.

Honey Products: There will be honey products for sale. Our host Kate is able to accept cash, credit card or an e-transfer.

Map: See below. The Beelane Hives Farm is located 10 minutes to the west of Rockwood.



2026-2027 Program Brochure Can Be Picked Up at Our June Meeting

Our new Program Brochure has been printed and can be picked up at our meeting in June. For your convenience, the topics, dates, times and locations for all of our meetings are found below. It is best to mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on any of the exciting guest speakers that have been arranged for the upcoming year.

Wednesday, June 10 ~ Beelane Hives / Chompin at the Bit Lunch

Wednesday, September 16 ~ Acton Town Hall

Start Your Story: The Magic of Memoir

Anne Bokma & Pat Dickinson

Book and Puzzle Sale and Lunch

Tuesday, October 13 ~ Gellert Centre, Georgetown

Pelvic Health as We Age - Meryl DaCosta

General Meeting

Wednesday, November 25 ~ Granite Ridge Golf Club

Christmas Luncheon & Fundraising Raffle

Wednesday, January 13 ~ Zoom

What does AI mean to me? - Amanda Tkaczyk

Wednesday, February 10 ~ Zoom

Super Agers - Dr. Angela Roberts
Special Meeting for Outreach Vote

Monday, March 8 ~ St. John's United Church, Georgetown
Sleeping Children Around the World - Debbie Will-Dryden

Tuesday, April 13 ~ Acton Town Hall
A Life of Courage, Curiosity & Conservation -Dr. Anne Innis Dagg
Annual General Meeting Book and Puzzle Sale & Lunch

Wednesday, May 12 ~ Acton Town Hall
Healthy Aging and Wellness Fair

Climate Change SOS: Save our Syrup - held May 12

Brenna Bartly from the Halton Region Conservation Authority made a highly informative presentation on the changes in the Maple Syrup Industry in Ontario due to climate change.



Jennifer Cardwell, Jeanne Gray, Cathy Bennett, Margaret Beaudette, Daisy Radigan and Pam Soward sample the maple syrup at the Lydia Snow Meeting held at the Gellert Centre in May.

Membership Fees for 2026-2027

It's time to renew your Retired Women Teachers of Ontario - Lydia Snow North Halton Branch membership. The 2026-2027 membership fee is \$70 for a full membership and \$20 for Social Members. If you subscribe to the RWTO/OERO Manulife Insurance Plan, membership in Lydia Snow North Halton Branch (or other Branch) is required.

There are a number of ways that you can pay for your membership fees:

- Bring cash or a cheque made payable to the “Retired Women Teachers of Ontario - Lydia Snow Branch” to our June event, **or**
- Send an e-transfer to lydiasnow1999@gmail.com **or**
- Mail a cheque payable to the “Retired Women Teachers of Ontario - Lydia Snow Branch” to:
Jeanne Gray, 12 Nixon Cres, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 5K4

Norma Reid (1934 -2026)

Norma Marie Reid (nee Gratton), passed away peacefully on May 17, 2026, at the age of 92. She will be deeply missed by daughter Rosalyn Terri Reid (Henrik Leborg), son Gregor Reid (Sheri), and cherished granddaughters Brooke and Reagan Reid. Norma is predeceased by her husband, Don Reid, long-term partner Sid Clarke, and sister, Glenda Bathgate.



Norma grew up in Timmons, Ontario with Glenda and her parents, Ben and Marie Gratton. She went to Teachers College in Nipissing as a young adult and began her first teaching job in Port Burwell, Ontario. Shortly after, she moved to Toronto and met her husband, Don, at the Timothy Eaton Church Trident Club. There, they led an active social life, meeting many lifelong friends.

Norma and Don welcomed Rosalyn Terri while still living in Toronto. They later moved to Georgetown where Gregor was born.

Norma returned to teaching when her children were old enough for school. While raising a family and teaching elementary school, Norma attended York University part time, earning her Bachelor of Arts in 1979. Don passed away in 1988, but she was fortunate to find love again with Sid. She enjoyed a fulfilling retirement, initially doing some tutoring and then keeping busy with her various retired teachers' groups. In 2017, she moved to the Niagara Region to be closer to Rosalyn Terri.

Norma was a wonderfully caring person, with a great sense of fun and mischief. She inspired in her children a love of science and music while making the world seem like a magical place. She taught her family and students to appreciate every-day beauty. She absolutely adored her granddaughters who brought her great joy. She will be fondly remembered by those that knew her. A celebration of life will be arranged at a later date.

Contact Information:

We are updating our current membership list. If you have had a change of mailing address, e-mail address, phone number or emergency contact person, please share your new information with Jan Hassard hassardj1982@gmail.com or call Jan at 905-703-0005.

Email Issues: If you have heard of anyone who is not receiving our emails, please let Jan Hassard know so that some follow up can take place.

Care and Share:

Do you have any information on members that we should connect with through our caring and sharing? Please forward the information to Valerie Jordan, jordanheirs@yahoo.com or call Valerie at 905-877-3291.



**Yours in Caring and Sharing,
The Lydia Snow North Halton
2026-27 Executive**

Angela O'Drowsky - Secretary
Jeanne Gray - Treasurer
Cheryl Davidson - 2nd Vice President
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Jan Hassard - 1st Vice President
Tammy Somerville - Member-at-Large

Missing from the Photo: Past
President - LeAnne Taylor