



The Scoop



RWTO Newsletter

June 2026

Ed. Lynn Russell

70 Years of Celebration! President - Nancy Hrytzak

Since the first formation of the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario, times have changed. Women educators of today take many things for granted... working conditions, salary, pension funds. All of these were hard-fought battles to gain equality with men. And through all of this, the women teachers who were retired continued to care and share with each other. How do you squeeze 70 years of “caring and sharing” into one year? By recognizing our members who give their time above and beyond, both in the local community and at the Provincial level. By remembering our members who have passed. By donating to worthwhile charities and food banks. And by having a big “tea party” where we wear beautiful hats and dresses, and eat mini sandwiches and desserts. May we continue to celebrate 70 more years, caring and sharing with each other!

From Jean Elliott (90 years young) on attending RWTO meetings, a quote, “I always enjoy our ‘gatherings’, to chat with ‘old’ and ‘new’ friends. I guess there are a lot of people out there who don’t know what they are missing!”

Membership- JoAnne Chrysler

Our total membership for 2025 - 2026 was 118 paid members and 11 Life Members. One of our Life Members, Joyce Sinasac, passed away on February 22, 2026. Last year at our June 2025 general meeting, a motion was made and seconded to reinstate a social fee of \$10 per member, effective this year. The motion was passed unanimously. I am currently collecting your RWTO/OERO membership fees of \$60 (Provincial plus social fee). This year, we have a new payment option of e- transfer. The address is ckrwtotreasurer@gmail.com. Our branch account has autodeposit so a password is not needed. You may still pay by cash or cheque to RWTO if you prefer. Please complete your membership form and submit to: JoAnne Chrysler, 745 Towanda Blvd, Blenheim, ON N0P 1A0 rjchrysler@xplornet.ca 519-676-8640



Attending 90 year honourees' luncheon at our London convention were Nancy Hrytzak, JoAnne Chrysler, *Barbara Rose, *Jean Elliott, *Joan Anderson, Jane Cartier, Lynn Sulman.

Insurance Report – Edna Madill

In this report I would like to highlight a few of the benefits of our Home and Health Care Insurance Plan. **The Home Nursing Benefit covers:**

1. It pays for 80% of the incurred expense for nursing services at home, as a result of an injury or illness.
2. It has a \$1500 maximum for any one injury or illness.
3. It must be recommended by a physician.
4. Services are to be provided by a Registered Nurse, Practical Nurse, or a Personal Support Worker (cannot be a relative).

You must have prior authorization from Manulife to obtain this benefit.

Forms are available on the RWTO provincial website or on the Manulife Secureserve site.

Submit the form as soon as you are aware that you require the benefit.

In case of emergency please call Manulife at 1-800-268-3763.

Our Provincial organization will receive a return of \$100,000 from Manulife this year.

If you have any questions concerning our plan, please contact me at **Edna Madill, 73 Dunkirk Ave., Chatham, ON N7L 5J5 or 519-351-1576, emadill@nexicom.net**



Nov. 2025- Mary Maxwell, Area 3 director's visit, 80th honoree, Charline Farrell, Christmas games



June Convention *delegates,* Lynn Sulman, Mary Douglas, *Nancy Hrytzak,*JoAnne Chrysler, Lynn Russell, Parliamentarian Jane Cartier

April 22, our 50th Anniversary Tea Party, with our “Queen for the Day,” Brenda Hoyles, leading her parade. Sue Marshall spoke of her experience attending the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.



Enjoying our April 22, 2026 Tea Party

A delicious "Royal Tea" 70th Anniversary luncheon, with games, quizzes, prizes and much socializing!



November 19, 2025, Lynn Sulman and Lynn Russell were each honoured with a Cora Bailey Award and pin, for contributions to our CK Branch. Joanne Chrysler and Jane Cartier made the presentations.



