

2025-2026

**Celebrating 64 years
1962-2026**

**Retired Women
Teachers of Ontario
Kitchener-Waterloo Branch**
www.rwto.org



**Provincial AGM
Western University
London
June 2-4, 2026**
**Our 70th anniversary as a
Provincial Organization 1956-2026**

OUR MISSION

The Kitchener-Waterloo branch of RWTO is committed to the provincial goals of caring, sharing and having fun by:

Celebrating and valuing retired women teachers,
Acknowledging the importance of our profession,
Recognizing the milestones of members,
Interacting and enjoying events,
Networking and keeping in touch, and
Giving back to our branch and community.

MEMBERSHIP & FEES

If you are a retired woman teacher, educational assistant, early childhood educator, child & youth worker/counsellor, audiologist, office support staff, psychologist, social worker, or speech and language pathologist who was employed by a Board of Education, private school, college or university from any part of the world, at any time during your career, we invite you to join **RWTO/OERO**. You are welcome regardless of your personal qualifications, the level of education or length of time you were employed, or whether or not you are collecting a job-related pension. Our organization offers many benefits: the opportunity to network, maintain or develop new friendships, and enjoy camaraderie, along with the opportunity to participate in various insurance plans which are available to our members.

The annual membership fee is **\$50**.
CHEQUE PAYABLE TO **RWTO** and
mailed to:

Anne Cameron
39 Kingsley Cres.
Waterloo ON N2L 1P8
Or by **e-transfer** to:
pay.kw.rwto@gmail.com

LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Dearborn Restaurant
105 Lexington Rd.
Waterloo, ON N2J 4R7

Cost \$35-\$40

Time: Arrival 11:00-11:30

Business: 11:30-12:00

Lunch 12:00-1:00

Speaker: 1:00-1:45

Prizes: 1:45-2:00

MEETING INFORMATION

***We meet the 4th Thursday of the
following months:**

September 25, 2025

**Chinese Lion Dance History & Demo
Presented by the Waterloo Kung-Fu
Academy**

Entree: Schnitzel \$35

November 27, 2025

**Christmas Music with Celtic Harpist
& Singer Elysha Vorstenbosch**
**Entree: Traditional turkey with
trimmings \$35**

March 26, 2026

**Rosa Bustamante, Sr. Planner, City
of Kitchener will do a presentation
on housing**

**Area 2 Director Colleen Robertson
will bring a provincial update**
Entree: Souvlaki \$40

May 28, 2026

**Provincial President Linda Sargeant
will preside over our year-end
ceremonies**

Entree: Salmon \$40

****Cancellations for attendance must be
made to Rose Suljak by Thursday noon
one week prior to the luncheon to avoid
payment. r.suljak@rogers.com
519-893-3547**

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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WE GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY:

- **Our 50/50 draw tickets are 3 for \$5**
- **At Christmas, donations of socks, mittens and underwear are distributed to any or all of the following locations:**
 - *YW Blockline Supportive Housing ywkw.ca
 - *House of Friendship houseoffriendship.org
 - *Community Health Caring KW healthcaringkw.org
 - *First United Church, Waterloo (meal & clothing program)
 - *St. John's Soup Kitchen theworkingcentre.org
- **Bikes for Cuba: Donate good, used bikes via Jane Sherk 519-635-3505 janesherk@gmail.com**
- **Pop can tabs are collected at each meeting. They are given to a family who is fundraising for the purchase of a child's wheelchair. Jane Sherk is the contact (see contact info above)**

INTEREST GROUPS with CONTACTS

We would like to start new interest groups. Please consider leading or being a member of a group that meets monthly or any schedule that works for you. Descriptions, sign-up sheets and announcements will be on-going this 70th Anniversary year!

Drum Circle: Anne Cameron 519-886-2930
annecameron99@gmail.com
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 2-3 p.m.

Memoir Writing: Kari Todd-Bustamante:
519-884-0754
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YOU CAN HELP

If you are aware of a member experiencing illness or dealing with bereavement of a family member, please contact **Liz Parsons** 519-886-3435