

Friendship Activities

This is an open invitation for all members to attend, whether you participate in one or all of the events; enjoy meeting new friends and have fun. If you have an idea for an activity and wish to organize for a small group, please let us know. In the past we have had movie afternoons, theatre trips and additional lunches in interesting local restaurants.

MINI-GOLF - RAIN OR SHINE

On Friday, Sept. 11 meet at 10 am in the parking lot to play mini-golf at the **Tin Cup on Windermere Rd** by Adelaide St, followed by lunch at the Waltzing Weasel. If you are interested in joining the group for mini-golf and/or lunch, **contact Sandy O'Brien** 519-439-6210 or email sjobrien4846@gmail.com .

BREAKFAST SOCIALS

Shelley's Restaurant, The Lamplighter Inn,
591 Wellington Rd. S. 9:30 am
2026: Mon. Sep 14, Tues. Oct 14, Mon. Nov 9,
(Wed. Nov 11 is Remembrance Day), Wed. Dec 9
2027: Tues. Jan 12, Wed. Feb 10



CHOIR BEGINS REHEARSAL IN OCTOBER

Share your love of music and join the RWTO Choir. We meet every Tuesday 1:30 – 3:00pm, at **St John the Divine Church** – 390 Baseline Rd West, starting **Tuesday, October 6th** for 8 weeks, ending with a performance at our November luncheon. To **sign up, contact: Johanna Hurd** at johannahurd@rogers.com

BOOK CLUBS

Thursday Book Club

Our Book Club meets once a month on the **1st Thursday** of the month at 1 pm, all year. It is always interesting to hear what each member gets from our books. The topics are varied and each person's perception unique. **New members are welcome.**

Contact: Mary Jane Finn mimsterfinn@gmail.com

Wednesday Book Club

Our Book Club now meets on the **3rd Wednesday** each month at 10 am. Every member chooses a month when she will introduce a book or topic for our discussion. Our tastes are varied and discussions lively! **New members are welcome** to join our adventures in reading.

Contact Maureen Tipping m.maureen.tipping@gmail.com

President's Message

Welcome to a new year of luncheons, interesting guest speakers, friendship breakfasts and many fun activities planned for our membership. I am so proud of the leadership that the executive modeled in celebrating our Jubilee year (70th) of RWTO/OERO. Many members were engaged in sewing colourful tote bags and creating handmade cards for the 70 Sisters Project. We were able to fill 70 bags with 12 personal-care items for mothers living in social housing. They received the gifts before Mother's Day and were very appreciative of them. This project earned a "**Feather in Your Hat**" award at the convention in June.

We welcomed more new members last year and received the "**Barbara Bain**" award for increased overall membership. Barbara Bain was at the convention Wednesday evening to present the awards. She received a standing ovation from over 250 women in the room. The convention was a huge success and we have stepped up to convene and organize the **convention 2027 (June 15 to 17)** at the same location. There will be many opportunities for our members to be involved in planning and facilitating the convention for next year. The theme is "**RISE UP**".

Janice Thielenhaus and Cathy Harrison researched and compiled information of our **Branch's history** for the seven decades of RWTO/OERO. Every table at the Spring luncheons displayed cards with highlights of each decade. A digital copy of the first three cards was emailed to members in late May. The cards on the tables continue this Fall with a printed copy of all six cards available in November for members who wish to receive one, and a digital copy of the last three cards will be emailed to members.

Our guest speakers and the corresponding Outreach are booked for the 2026/27 year. I'm confident that you will enjoy and learn from these presentations. The executive is adding two new Members-at-Large - **Anita Renders and Linda Gaudet**. It's always beneficial to add new members with fresh ideas and energy to our executive.

Thank you to all of the executive and its committee members for their valuable contributions. A special recognition goes to Irene Gauvin and her committee of 8 members. They provide our six luncheons each year with a beautiful seasonal centerpiece on each table and created 40 centerpieces for the convention luncheons and banquets. Everyone contributing ensures success for our branch to continue to grow and thrive. We are well regarded in the province as a strong, successful branch. **You ARE the heart of London-Middlesex RWTO/OERO**. I remain open and available to any questions, suggestions or comments from our membership.

Linda Freeman, Branch President of London-Middlesex