

Belleville and Area Branch

Caring and Sharing and Having Fun

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The Belleville and Area Branch is seeking retired women teachers in Belleville and surrounding areas from Prince Edward County to North Hastings and areas in between!

Interested in joining our RWTO/OERO Branch? Call 613 962-7390

We meet in April, June, October and December. Our meetings include a social time, luncheon, business and entertainment.

Euchre Club Report:

The Euchre Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Richmond Retirement Residence on North Front Street. They have lunch at the nearby Tim Horton's at 12:00 noon. Sometimes the group plays bid euchre or regular euchre, depending on the number of players.

Come and join us for fellowship and fun.

Contact Lois Thompson

Chit Chat Club:

The Chit Chat club is a friendly, small group of RWTO members who meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month except for July and August. The meetings are held at Federation House, 114 Victoria Ave. Belleville at 1:30 pm. The group discusses current topics of interest. A light snack concludes each meeting. Twice a year the group dines out at a local restaurant. Interested in joining?

Contact Bev Pulver or Marilyn Stobbart

Book Club

The book club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. Favourite books are discussed and members may recommend the next read. It is an informal book club and not everyone must read the same book. Interested in joining the book club?

Contact Robin O'Connor

Bridge Club:

The Bridge Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1pm and they want you to join them as a regular or a spare. They finish playing around 4pm.

Contact Cathy Atkinson

Diners' Club

The name says it all. This group meets and eats! They dine out the 2nd Monday of each month at 12:00 pm.

Contact Carol Watson

Walking Club

This group meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and walks various trails throughout the city. It's a great way to get to know one another. The walkers are invited to bring along friends or family.

Contact Judy Galway

The Scrappers

This group meets monthly. New members are most welcome. Need to spruce up a photo album, create a new one or have a special project in mind?

Contact Elaine Truman



On Thursday, April 14, 2016 members of the Belleville and Area branch gathered at St. Mark's United Church in Cannifton, Ontario. Members caught up with one another during a time of fellowship. It was a beautiful spring day.



Members were greeted upon arrival. Membership forms were handed out and the treasurer's cheerful team of volunteer workers collected the luncheon dues. During the business meeting, our treasurer Eileen presented the 2015-2016 budget and moved for its acceptance. She also presented the proposed budget for 2016-2017 and moved for its acceptance. Both motions were seconded and carried.





Jean Sowden, our 2015 Cora Bailey Award recipient (right) presented our 2016 **Cora Bailey Award recipient, Nancy Shorey** with flowers and her certificate.

Nancy exemplifies the qualities of the Cora Bailey Award. She has contributed to the Belleville Branch immensely and upholds the ideals of caring and sharing. Nancy literally keeps us together as she has been the telephone convenor for the branch for years. She is a faithful member of the executive, offering insightful advice when asked.

Nancy is deeply involved in her church community. She is a pastoral visitor, nursery coordinator, organizer of church suppers, treasurer of the U.C.W. and a member of the communication team. Belleville Branch members are honoured to have Nancy as one of our members.

Nancy celebrated with her sister, Lynne who is also a vital branch member.



Hilda Denyes celebrated her 90th birthday with flowers and a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday from the members. Congratulations, Hilda!



Our guest speaker was naturalist Terry Sprague. Terry grew up in Prince Edward County and has an intensive knowledge of the natural areas and the diversity of the natural features of the Quinte Region.

Terry is also an author. His book is entitled Naked in the Sand!



Terry took us on an interpretive tour of the many natural areas in the region. His power point presentation was informative and enticed us to explore these natural areas even our own backyard. Terry also introduced us to native plants and various rock formations. Beauty in our local area is “Nearby and Natural”.

Our next meeting takes place at the **First Pentecostal Church in Belleville** on **Wednesday, June 15, 2016**. We look forward to visiting with our guests from Trenton Branch and Napanee Branch as we celebrate our 60th anniversary.

Members will be treated to **a joyous and hilarious musical drama** presented by Vickie and the Dafoe girls. It will be **a romp through 60 years of R.W.T.O.**