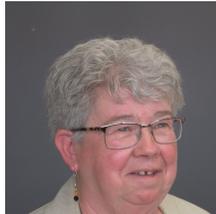




Central Algoma 2018/19 Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



We have enjoyed another successful year of planning and getting together to enjoy each other's company, to care for each other and reach

out to others in our communities. We have an enthusiastic executive who give so willingly of their time and talents to plan the upcoming year's program.

Last September we celebrated Canada 150 with a party in Little Rapids and invited area retired teachers for lunch and a chance to learn more about our organization. It was a great success and we were pleased to welcome four new members. The provincial executive offers awards to groups who attract new members and we were pleased to receive a "Barbara Bain Membership Award" which was presented at the Convention this past June at the Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston. We had six members attend and a good time was had by all. Plan to attend next year in St. Catherines.

Our funds from Petunia Pig went to Echo Bay library this year and next year Thessalon Library will be the recipient. We were pleased to support the Echo Bay Public school in their plan to support literacy through music. Maureen Gooderham presented an award at the CASS graduation and we were able to respond to a request by a local student for help to attend a leadership camp.

We look forward to a new "school year" in September. Our social convenors are busy planning and coordinating our meetings. This is our year to host the joint meeting with the Soo group. It will be held at the

Lighthouse in Bruce Mines on October 17 and we will welcome our incoming provincial president, Sharron Coulter. As I write this we are enjoying a summer heat wave. Each time I am tempted to say it's too hot, I think "February" and change my mind! I look forward to being with you all as we gather together again in September.

Margaret MacKay

EXECUTIVE 2017-19

Past President:	Gayle Manley
President:	Marg MacKay
1 st Vice President:	Jean Campbell
2 nd Vice President:	Cathy Pirrie
Treasurer:	Anne Wildman
Secretary:	Maureen Gooderham
Insurance:	Marlene Falls
Publicity:	Carol Neave
Social:	Suz Humphreys Cathy Bennett Dorothy Motluk
Telephone:	Joyce Duncan
Newsletter:	Nancy Konzuk
History:	Mary Jane Thompson
Goodwill:	Kathy Greening
Area 11 Director:	Joyce Ratz
Phone callers:	June McDonald Marny Pollard Lily Ritchie Cathy Pirrie

SHARING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

CASS \$200 Scholarship: Mariah Campbell
\$100 Book Board: Echo Bay Library
\$100 Book Board: Janice Christie
\$200 Literacy Award; Echo Bay School
\$300 Tate Hartley, OELC camp



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

If you have any questions about RWTO, our branch or your insurance, please contact one of the following:

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WHAT'S ON OUR WEBSITE

www.rwto.org

You will find information about all the branches, what is going on at convention, insurance issues and most importantly, a copy of this newsletter. You can also read the Provincial newsletter, **Connections !**

Easy to use and full of information! Try it! You may even find a picture of yourself on our Branch News page.

CORA BAILEY AWARD WINNERS

Honouring exceptional contributions to our branch

2006 Marg Snider
2007 Shirley Kent
2008 Martha Summers
2009 Glenis Johnstone
2010 Ruth Juhola
2011 Marny Pollard
Alice Ward
2012 Ruby Vaughan
2013 Nancy Konzuk
2014 Joyce Ratz
2015 Marlene Falls
Carol Neave

2016 Verna Lapish
2017 Muriel Hornby
Kathy Greening
2018 to be announced in September 2018

RWTO 62st ANNUAL CONVENTION Alliston, Ontario June 5-7, 2018

Adventure at Nottawasaga Inn Resort

This was my first experience as an attendee at an RWTO/ OERO convention and I must say it did not disappoint. Held at the prestigious Nottawasaga Inn Resort and Convention Centre in Alliston, the venue was able to accommodate all 327 participants with ease. The convention was hosted by several small branches including: Beaver Valley, Dundalk-Highpoint, Flesherton, Owen Sound, South Bruce and Wiarton and East Parry Sound. The logistics of working together with so many groups must have been daunting but the outcome was awesome.

The theme chosen was "New Adventures Await. Inspire, Share, Create". Central Algoma received the Barbara Bain Award as recognition for our 4 new members. Hopefully this recognition will spur us on to even more new members in the upcoming year. The Feather in Your Hat Award gave us some ideas of what dedicated members can do to reach out and assist in their local communities. Your executive would like to have some ideas so that Central Algoma could participate in and possibly win this award in 2019. We certainly have the dedicated members.

Six members from Central Algoma attended. These included: Joyce Ratz, Margaret McKay, Cathy Pirrie (all voting participants), Muriel Hornby, Marlene Falls and Jean Campbell. Muriel and Margaret received recognition as Mother/Daughter participants. Muriel was amongst the "Over 90" participants. Way to go Muriel.

The Silent Auction included a number of interesting items. The Central Algoma group participated with enthusiasm. Several of us came home with the results of winning bids. Tours were run to the Honda Plant, Holland Marsh Winery, Simcoe Country Museum, Tangerine Outlet Mall and the Banting Home. From all

reports everyone enjoyed the tours. I certainly enjoyed the Honda Plant visit and the Holland Winery participants seemed to enjoy theirs.

Submitted by Jean Campbell

The 2019 Convention will be in St. Catherines and the theme is "Roll Out The Barrel". The St Catherine's branch gave us a rousing introduction and it has the promise of being a fun Convention. Think about attending – June 4-6, 2019

GO TO THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

www.rwto.org

Click on convention.

RWTO GOODWILL COMMITTEE

Congratulations! All of you, our Central Algoma Retired Women Teachers are honorary members of the Goodwill Committee. You will be the "feet on the ground" so to speak, that will enable our committee to send birthday congratulations, thinking of you cards to those ill and/or in hospital and to extend sympathy to our members and their families. I would appreciate hearing from you. Please call me at 705-949-5876 or send an email to kgreening@shaw.ca. I thank you for your help.

Continue to care, share, and celebrate with our members,

**Submitted by
Kathryn Greening**

INSURANCE MATTERS

As our OHIP and other insurance programs covers some of the costs of recovery after an accident or illness, the RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care Insurance has a plan that covers

so much and costs so little. This plan helps you pay for many of the expenses as you are recovering.

If you apply within one year of your retirement and become a member and retain membership in RWTO/OERO or you wish to join now, here are a list of contacts:

Your local insurance convenor: Marlene Falls
705-256-1681

Your Provincial insurance convenor—Donna Hemeon at 519-538-3707 email Donna at donna.hemeon@gmail.com

Your assistant insurance convenor: Anne Wilde at wildeanne@rogers.com

OR our broker Terry Kennedy of Dolphin Consulting Group at tkennedy34@bell.net
Phone : 1-519-583-0098.

Submitted by Marlene Falls

Calling on a "Few Good Women"

As the new year in RWTO begins, I know it is important not only to look at our leadership and thank them for all their work on our behalf, but also to fill any vacancies that might be in our future, in particular for 2019-2021.

We are always very happy if people want to continue in their positions on the Executive, in particular, for Secretary, Treasurer and the Convenor positions. It will be important to let the Past President, Gayle Manley, know if you do not want to continue in any of these positions for 2019-2021.

Assuming that the President and First Vice-President positions will be filled by those who will move up to new positions, then we will need a Second Vice-President for 2019-2021. Here is the job description according to our branch handbook:

Second Vice-President:

- 1. Participate in planning of meetings.***
- 2. Co-ordinate fundraising activities as determined by executive. Take charge of Petunia Pig and nametags.***
- 3. Act as Interest Group convenor, providing sign-up sheets for the September meeting. Ensure that there are no***

overlapping dates for general meetings and interest group activities.

4. Attend Executive and General meetings.

If you would be interested in joining this great group of women as Second Vice-President, let Gayle know by December 1st. (gmanley@shaw.ca or 705-949-4614)

Submitted by
Gayle Manley

ARCHIVE AND HISTORY COMMITTEE

We have happily relocated our historical albums to the Bruce Mines Museum over this past year. New book shelves have been built and placed in the museum in a good spot for people to review these comprehensive albums. Check with Connie Bennett first if you want to view these outside of museum hours.

This past year, we received the Barbara Bain award for getting the greatest percentage of new members. This award will be placed on the wall at the museum with the albums.

This year there were 80 members over the age of 90 at the convention luncheon. One woman was over one hundred years old.

The History committee wants pictures of meetings and interest groups to be sent to Mary Jane Thompson for the local archives as well as to Nancy Konzuk for the RWTO website.

Our membership group is aging and there is a significant number of retired teachers who are not able to attend meetings. When I talk to Marg Snider, she is always interested in what is happening to the Central Algoma group.

Submitted by
Mary Jane Thompson

INTEREST GROUPS

Craft Group

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The "Crafty Group" meets at 1:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month (except December and June)!

We meet at volunteers' homes, bringing our personal crafts to work on for the afternoon - along with pleasant chatter, beverages and treats! We plan a special lesson, agreed upon by the group, for one of our meetings.

The first meeting will be on Thursday, September 27th at 1:30 pm at the Sowerby Hall (Hwy 17 - turn left at Basswood Lake Rd. - white building on right, one block north!) We will plan our meeting venues then.

We welcome all new members!!

Games Group

Connie Bennett
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The Games Group currently has nine members that meet at 1:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month from September to June. We gather at the home of the designated host to play board /card games, laugh, have fun and participate in friendly competition. Sometimes new games are introduced but often we play old favorites such as "Mexican Train". The host chooses the games we are to play, contacts members to remind them of the date, and gives directions to her home. The host also provides light refreshments.

At our June 5 meeting the hosts for each month were decided.

Book Club

Linda Prodan
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The RWTO Book Club meets the third Monday of the month from September to June at 1:30 pm. Some members volunteer to host the Book Club in their homes or they arrange a public place to host it. Discussion of the book lasts about an hour, followed by a social hour.

At the September meeting, we all suggest books to read for the year. Then by loose

consensus we choose 9 to read for the year.
We try to choose a variety of genre.

This September, the first meeting will have all of us meet Monday, September 17th at 1:30 at the Sault Main (Centennial) Library in the Story Book Room downstairs, hosted by Linda Prodan. (There is an elevator.)

Hiking Group Nancy Konzuk
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The RWTO Hiking Club meets at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month, except February. We take turns deciding the route and then organizing us as far as meeting place and what to bring or if we are going out to eat afterwards. The latter defeats the purpose of the walk, but adds depth to the outing. Usually 1 ½ - 2 hours on an easy trail or streets and back roads satisfies us. Our speed or lack of it varies each time. Spouses, friends (two and four legged) are welcome.

The first hike will be 10 a.m., Thursday, September 20 when Marg McKay will show us her favourite trail at Basswood Lake.

Theme Dinner Anne Wildman
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Our Theme Dinner Group meets **4 times a year – October, December, early May and mid-June.** We attempt to have varied and interesting menus by setting a theme for each dinner. Together the group members set the theme, date and location and decide who will host each dinner. Some prefer to host in their homes while others will secure a local hall and the cost, usually minimal, is divided among the group.

The first theme dinner this fall (Oct. 18) will have a Hallowe'en Theme. Bring your favourite Hallowe'en food (pumpkin everything?) or foods with black and/or orange colours. December 7 we will celebrate Sinterklaas (St Nicholas) and feature foods of the Netherlands. On May 2 and

June 13 the themes will be Grandmother's Recipes and LCBO magazine recipes, respectively.

We are looking for some new hosts for this year's dinners as many of the hosts have volunteered for the past several years. Usually there are a couple of people who share the hosting and they decide if they want it in their home or at a public venue. Cathy Pirrie has volunteered to host our June dinner at her home but I'm sure she would appreciate some help.

Responsibilities of Host(s)

Arrange for a hall if necessary. This should be done well ahead of time.

Set the time and call or email group members a couple of weeks ahead of the date to remind people of the Theme and to ask whether they will be attending and what their dish will be.

Let group members know how many will be attending and if there will be any hall costs.

Set up tables and or decor as required

If there are any members who would like to join us, we'd love to have you! Gathering and socializing over food is always fun and relaxing.

And of course spouses are always welcome.

MEETING DATES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

We're All Abuzz

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Bar River Hall

Cost: \$15

Guest Speaker: Mary Eaton. – her bees
Members bring a potential member who will receive a free lunch.

Wear -Just Bee yourself.

Bring food for Echo Bay Food Bank.

Sign up for interest groups

Caterer: Bar River UCW/WI

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Joint Meeting with Sault branch

Time: 11 a.m.

Place: Puddingstone Lounge at Lighthouse, Bruce Mines

Speaker: Provincial President: Sharron Colter

Caterer: Fred Falls

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Celebrating a Snowflake Christmas

Time: 11: 00 am

Place: Zion United Church, Thessalon

Cost: \$15
Bring a contribution so we all can do some
Christmas shopping at our Silent Auction
Wear white and bring your singing voices for our
carolling..
Bring an article of food for Thessalon Food Bank
also
Caterer: Zion United Church Women

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

It's all in the Cards

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: Sylvan Valley Hall, Hwy 638
Cost: \$15
Speakers: Kathy Greening will instruct in Card
Making
Caterers: Red Door Catering

Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Nuture Nature

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: Desbarats United Church
Cost: \$15
Guest Speaker: Kensington Conservancy
Craft; Create a china tea cup bird feeder
Wear; Floral Bonnet
New executive takes over