

Provincial Update

Area 5 News

Area 5 members continue to knit and crochet squares at an amazing rate. Carol Nelson puts them together to produce the blankets we donate to shelters and other organizations for distribution to people in need of comfort.

Adrienne Johnson Area 5 Director

RWTO PROVINCIAL Convention 2015

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Arden Hotel in Stratford Ontario June 2, 3 & 4

See information in your RWTO Connections

Consider attending.

Please contact Judy Anderson for details.

Insurance

The Open Enrolment has been extended to DECEMBER 15!

Did you know that our insurance co-ordinates with your extended health care plan to pick up the 20% they don't cover? It also tops up your benefit when your other plan reaches its limit. Call me with your questions about how this works.

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Rendezvous Branch

Jean's Summer Holiday Part 3

All of these historic Canadian aviators, as well as others from all corners of the world were fondly remembered as I walked through the Forest on a lovely Saturday morning this past June 14th. Both nostalgia for the past, but also a tingle of pride for today's new inductees – and two in particular-propelled me back to the bandstand when I heard the call of trumpets and saw the unfurling of flags. A marching band with a colour party carrying the flags of every country represented by inductees, sure to stir the soul, was making its way to the bandstand! Amongst the group of new inductees were two familiar faces, both Canadian women pilots and both members of the First Canadian Chapter of 99s: Anna Pangrazzi and Marilyn Dickson.

Some RWTO members will remember Marilyn as a former FWTAO staff member, but also as a leader in the FWTAO Leadership Course for women teachers aspiring to positions of responsibility in education, and the innovator and first leader of the FWTAO Computer Leadership Course for women teachers. As the saying goes, "Once a teacher, always a teacher": Marilyn has become an active flight instructor in recent years, as well as the originator of our women pilots' Gold Cup Air Rally. For these and many other initiatives, she was a deserving choice for membership in the Forest of Friendship.

As Marilyn and Anna and other inductees stepped forward to receive their certificates, the clapping and cheering and vibrations of friendship rippled amongst the many guests and sister pilots in attendance. Sandra Magnus, herself a recent USA astronaut was amongst the inductees. Unrecognized before the ceremony, she had been wandering the pathways as we were, and offered to take our pictures standing beside the engraved paving stones. Later she gave the 'convocation' address, inspiring all of us with her wit and admirable spirit of adventure.

It was a heady occasion, a day to remember fondly at any time, and a beautiful place to return to physically in years to come. It is probably my favorite memory of the summer of 2014.

-by Jean Franklin Hancher

We will send two delegates to attend the convention in Stratford. Their expenses will be paid by RWTO/OERO. All members are welcome to join us for a few days of business and socializing.

The Rendezvous Branch will meet at 10:00 on Mon. Jan.12th at Christie Gardens, 600 Melita Cres. Toronto. Please RSVP Judy.

This is the 40th issue of our Rendezvous Branch RWTO/OERO newsletter.