

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Gibbs**

**Bridge Club:**

The Bridge Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 12:30 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 a friendly, easy going group.

**Contact Jennifer Davis**

**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**



Belleville and Area branch held their June general meeting in Belleville at the First Pentecostal Church on June 17, 2015. President Kay Snedden welcomed members and guests to the meeting.



Lilyan Flinn will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in July of this year. Members sang a hearty “Happy Birthday” to her and presented her with a gift. Lilyan expressed her thanks to the branch. What a wonderful celebration!



During the business portion of the meeting, Jennifer Davis, past president and branch delegate to the annual convention in Stratford gave a report. She highlighted the activities and brought members up to date on the resolutions and important issues raised at the convention. Kay Snedden, president and Lynda Sommer, publicity/program convener also attended the convention.



The Branch executive for 2015-2016 was installed. Members were reacquainted with the goals of RWTO/OERO and pledged to support one another as well as the executive.



David Conley entertained us with his piano styling and eclectic song selections. David sings in piano bars across Europe and has entertained on cruise ships. He was received well and his renditions enjoyed immensely by the members.



Marion Irwin was one of our lucky door prize winners. Congratulations!



Lynda Rollins established the Dominican Family Fund to buy uniforms for children in the Dominican Republic who could not afford them. In order to attend school, a uniform is required.

Lynda is also raising funds for Hilda's School, a nursery school in Agua Negra/Playa Oeste, a barrio of the city of Puerto Plata. The school is in need of student chairs

and school supplies. Lynda is returning to Puerto Plata in July to purchase these items for the school with the amazing help of the members of Belleville and area Branch who donated over \$600.00 at the June 17 meeting. Lynda is a member of the Belleville and area Branch and is our Trips and Travel Convener. Well done!



The members of the Belleville and Area Branch of RWTO support the Hastings and Prince Edward County Learning Foundation and their programs such as Food for Learning and the Student Emergency Fund with our donations of monetary support and personal hygiene products.



On June 14, several members of the Belleville and Area Branch joined with Trenton and Area Branch for their June meeting in Brighton. We enjoyed fellowship, a delightful luncheon, and an excellent guest speaker. Napanee members were also present. We look forward to inviting Trenton and Area Branch as well as the Napanee Branch to our June celebration next year.