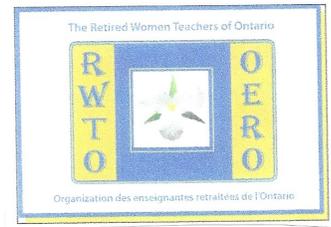




The Scoop

RWTO Newsletter
Chatham Kent Branch Autumn 2012
Donna Easter Editor



Garden Dreams Fashion Show May 2012

Caring and Sharing



Close to forty of our members signed up to attend our fashion show at the Glasshouse Nursery in Chatham. Our models had selected their outfits ahead of time and they were busy on the morning of the show picking out some of the outstanding accessories that are available at the boutique. Many thanks to Erin Van Raay who organized the fashions and Sue Van Raay who prepared snacks for our guests. Many of our members took advantage of the ten percent discounts offered at both the boutique and the nursery. I am sure that most of us put our gardens together the next day.

Lunch at the Churraseria following the fashion show was also very relaxing. Many thanks to all of the ladies who attended and to our beautiful models.



Our President for 2012-2013: Jane Cartier



Jane began her teaching career at Harwich-Raleigh P.S. in 1972 and also taught at Sprucedale, Indian Creek Road, Victoria Park and W. J. Baird Public Schools. During her teaching career she served on the Executive of FWTAO as well as being Collective Bargaining Consultant and Chief Negotiator for the teachers of Kent County. Upon the formation of ETFO, she was Union Steward until she became Vice President of ETFO IN 2001.

Jane is married to Dennis and has two children, Karen who was married in June, and Shawn who is currently a student at Algoma University. She has a 7 year-old Jack Russell granddog and a three year-old step granddaughter.

Jane is a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Erieau having served as Warden and Lay Delegate, the latter a position she still holds. She serves on Deanery and Diocesan committees. She is a member of the Friends of the Blenheim Library, canvasses for the Heart & Stroke Association, is an Honorary Life Member of ETFO and enjoys luncheons with her retired colleagues.

She enjoys scrapbooking with her daughter, making jigsaw puzzles, collecting stamps, gardening, reading and attending Bible Study.





2012 Annual Convention

Nine members of our Chatham Kent Branch attended the Annual Convention in Sault Ste. Marie this year. From the left top row in our picture you can see Ruth Anne Reid, Edna Madill, Beverlee Bodnar, Sharon Nicholson, Donna Easter, Pat Depencier (who is also on the Board of Directors), Sylvia Barnard, Marg Mazarek, and Nancy Stewart.



Annette Rhodes, President, welcomed all in attendance. . One hundred and thirty nine delegates were present.



The admission of non-teaching women retirees who had also worked education to the RWTO was studied by an AD HOC committee. It was determined that the unique nature of RWTO with its opportunities to network with former teacher colleagues, was acknowledged to be a large part of why members had joined our group. Members value this uniqueness. In summary, the committee recommends that our membership requirements remain the same.

Terry Kennedy presented the Financial Report from Manulife. She stated that the plan experienced another very successful year, that again, there will be no increase in the premium to members and that the transportation benefit has increased this year. This year's Profit Sharing cheque of \$44,189.00 is the largest to date. President Rhodes thanked Terry on behalf of all members for her terrific work on our behalf.



It was resolved that Provincial would provide branches with a free membership pin for each new member.

It was resolved that the motto for our group would be "Sharing and Caring".



It was resolved that Provincial would fund a lump sum grant of \$100.00 to small branches of 50 or fewer members to assist with their RWTO programming and operating costs.



RWTO Chatham Kent Branch Autumn Meeting

We held our most recent meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 26th at Charing Cross United Church. As usual, the food was fantastic and our members enjoyed a good time of fellowship before our luncheon began. We had 85 in attendance with 8 new retirees honoured.

Our entertainment was Jim & Lisa Gilbert who spoke about the war of 1812 with their focus on the proposed Tecumseh monument. The presentation was a timely one as we commence the bicentennial of the iconic War of 1812. It was very informative and well received by our members.

Our Christmas Meeting

November 28 - Countryview Golf Course

Guest Alexandria's Dance Studio

Registration - 9:30 a.m.

Buffet Lunch 12 noon - Cost \$15

We will honour our 90 year olds

Please bring donations for food banks, and knitted items.

Winter Outing December 5

"The Queen of Kincardine "

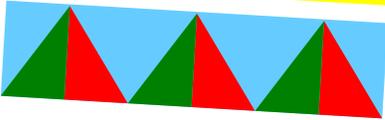
Dinner Theatre at the Oaks Inn. More info will be available at our November meeting.

The Cora Bailey Award

Cora Bailey, from the Peterborough Branch, was RWTO/OERO's first Executive Secretary-Treasurer. She held this position for eleven years until 1982 and wrote the History Book-OASWT 1956-1976. Beginning in 2003, this award was presented in her honour.

The Cora Bailey Award is recognition given from the local branch members to a fellow member for dedicated service to the local branch activities.

All Branch members are eligible for this award.



Second Vice President Sue Cummings:

I am delighted to be a part of the RWTO organization!

Here's a bit about me: Professionally, I taught in a number of schools all over the county in my 31 year career. My first year was spent at Harwich-Raleigh. After being declared surplus at HR the end of that year, I ended up at D.A Gordon for the next 8 ½ years. After many tries for transfer to be in Chatham, I landed a position at Queen Elizabeth where I spent 9 years and then my final 12 were at Gregory Drive. Even though my experience spanned K to grade 4, grade 3 was where I spent the most time. I loved it! Except for EQAO, that is.

Personally, my husband Jim and I raised 2 boys. Our oldest is married and has a daughter. My role as a teacher to one of being "Nana" has been such a fulfilling and easy transition. Our youngest son followed his mother's footsteps by completing Teacher's College and now looking for supply work.

No time for boredom, that's for sure! I keep busy with volunteering at 2 schools. I have joined May Court Club and glad to be a member of RWTO. Life is good!



Insurance News

It was great to hear from one of our members at our last RWTO Meeting. Unfortunately she had been involved in a car accident. She spoke on how grateful she was with her Manulife's Hospital and Home Care plan and explained many of the benefits that she was able to access from her plan (e.g., transportation to appointments, doctor forms ...)

Here are a few benefits that you receive with RWTO Hospital and Home Care Plan that are not included with RTO-ERO's Insurance: It pays a specific amount of money depending on the bone fractured (e.g., ankle - \$200; pelvis- \$350). Following a hospital confinement or outpatient surgery, if transportation of the insured person (other than ambulance) to and/ or from a hospital or doctor's office is necessary for treatment, the insured person may do so by taxi, scheduled air, bus or rail service, or by private automobile and will be eligible for reimbursement up to \$300 for any one injury.

Keep in mind that if a plan member or a spouse is not satisfied with the benefit amount paid, she/he should refer to their policy to determine if the correct amount has been paid. If not, the claim can and should be contested by her/him. To do this, the member/spouse can contact Manulife directly at 1-800-268-3763. If you are not happy with this means, then Terry Kennedy would be happy to intervene on her/his behalf. Terry can help with understanding the amount you are eligible to receive. (Do not forget to keep all of your receipts.)

Colleen Koehler

