



**RWTO – Upper Canada East
Newsletter – Wednesday, April 18th, 2018
Welcome All!**

<u>Upper Canada East Groups</u>	<u>Your Executive for 2017-2019</u>		
Morrisburg/Winchester (Sept. 20th, 2017)	Past President:	Betty Lou Casselman	613-543-2661
#2 Mary Ellen Garlough	President:	Diana McKendry	613-543-2317
#3 Eleanor Allison	Vice President:		613-652-4568
#4 Lorna Holmes	Treasurer:	Colleen Howard	613-989-1514
#11 Lois Lannin	Secretary:	Lynda Leader	613-657-4763
Spencerville/Kemptville/S.Mountain (Nov.15th, 2017)	Insurance:	Sandie Decker	613-652-4759
#5 Sharon Richardson #8 Barb Mackey	<u>Your Convenors</u>		
Iroquois/Cardinal	Archives:	Marie Stephenson	613-658-5864
#1. Brenda Millard	Birthdays:	Joyce Millard	613-652-2350
#9 Sandra Decker	Goodwill Convener:	Bonnie Gaylord	613-925-3201
Prescott/Maynard/Brockville	Membership:	Mary Ellen Garlough	613-535-2402
#6 Elaine Bell	Communications:	Anne Presley	613-652-2688
#7 Lee MacIntosh			
#10 Sandra Shouldice			
<u>Provincial Executive 2017-2018</u>			
Provincial President	Lois Lockhart		
Director Area 8	Teresa Dorey		

1. Thanks to the **Iroquois /Cardinal** group for organizing today's activities at **Iroquois United Church** in Iroquois. A special thank you is given to the **Iroquois United Church Women** for catering this event. **Please remember that if you commit to coming to a luncheon, you are responsible to pay even if you elect to not attend.**

This is our Spring Luncheon. Guest presenter is Isabelle Delage. Other activities will include **Gift Sharing** and a **Book Exchange**. **Do not forget your donation for the local food banks.**

We Welcome our guests, Lois Lockhart, Provincial RWTO President, Teresa Dorey, Area 8 Director and Beryl Jacka , Vice President of the Napanee Branch of RWTO. We are also pleased to have some of our neighbours from the Brockville RWTO attending today's luncheon.

▪ **Membership:**

Our membership is currently at 71 members. This includes 2 Associate members and 2 Life members for a total of 75 members.



▪ **Needed Executive Members:**

Our group is in desperate need of individuals for the position of **President** and **Vice President**. While Diana is currently filling the position of our President, she would like to be free to pursue other avenues. . We need **you** to volunteer for these positions if we are to continue to be a vibrant organization that represents out members.

▪ **Financial Statement and Minutes:**

At the April 3, 2018 Executive meeting, Colleen presented the Budget for 2018 and 2019 as well as the Financial Report. Copies of the financial statements and minutes of the November 2017 meeting will be available for ladies without email addresses at the April meeting. We would respectfully request that those individuals who receive the agenda, minutes and financial statement via email, please read and print if you wish. Hard copies will be available the day of the meeting for those individuals who do not have access to email. Executive minutes of the April 3rd meeting are available upon request.



RWTO / OERO Insurance Plans: Diana and Sandie attended an Insurance Workshop at the Brockville Golf and Country Club last Oct.. Not a high number of our membership is enrolled in this Insurance Program but it does provide some additional health benefits.

In order to join you must be a member in good standing of RWTO. Sandie will provide an overview at the April 18th meeting. For those who have this Insurance, receipts were mailed the third week in March. The number to call if you did not receive your receipt is 1-800-268-3763.

Three of the new **enhancements** are:

1. **Transportation Benefit:** It now includes coverage for the cost of transportation by volunteer drivers for the Canadian Cancer Society to a maximum of \$100 (combined with other transportation benefits).
2. **Mobility Assistance:** This now includes ergonomic walking poles when prescribed by a physician up to a maximum of \$150 per injury or sickness.
3. **Hearing Aids Benefits:** This now includes coverage for charges or purchase of cochlear implants up to the current maximum of \$200 every four years.

For more information: 1-866-410-0550 (New Enrollments) 1-866-268-3763 (Currently insured)

Bursary Report:

A cheque for \$100 will be given to each of the following high schools; South Grenville District High School, North Grenville District High School, North Dundas District High School and Seaway District High School. This award is presented to a student who will be attending a college or university studying teaching, early childhood education or a field of work involving children. **Volunteers are needed to attend Graduation Ceremonies at these four schools to present the award. If you are available to give one of these awards, please let Brenda Millard know.

Convention Delegates:

Diana McKendry and Sandie Decker will be attending the Annual Convention from June 4 to 8, 2018 in Alliston, Ont. Each branch has been asked to donate a gift valued at \$50 which will go toward their silent auction. We will be donating 3 of Lynda Leader’s books.

2020 Convention:

The Lanark Branch has offered to host the 2020 Convention which will be held in Kingston. and we offered some assistance with this endeavor. More details will follow as planning meetings are arranged.

Naomi Family Resource Center

On Mar.8th 13 of the UCE branch attended the annual luncheon in celebration of **International Women’s Day**. It was a very informative day and many of us were glad we had attended. We presented Naomi House with some welcome bags that had been made over the past year. Since receiving word that Naomi has a good stash of bags, they are suggesting that we focus on other items like journals, children’s books and pjs. If you have any other suggestions as to how we might assist the Naomi Family Resource Center, please contact one of the Executive.



Upper Canada East Spring Celebration:

This event starts at 11:30 am with a social hour, lunch and musical entertainment. Entertainment will be provided by Jessica Lavallee Sylvester, a local musician who is known for writing songs about Newfoundland, Labrador as well as Country Music. Door prizes will include two tickets for the Upper Canada Playhouse as well as four gift certificates from Julie’s Clothing in Morrisburg. There will be a 50 / 50 draw as well. The colour theme for the day is blue and silver. So bring a friend and come and enjoy this special event!

 Mark your calendars

 Bring a Friend,

 **May16th, 2018**

 **Upper Canada East Spring Celebration**

 **Iroquois Golf Course**