

'CARING & SHARING'
RWTO/OERO NORTHUMBERLAND SOUTH DURHAM BRANCH
FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER - ISSUE THIRTY-SIX

FALL MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, September 26, 2018
10:00 am - Registration/Meet & Greet
Silent Auction during social time for gently used **recent** books - donations gratefully received.

WHERE: St. Andrew's United Church, Old Danforth Road, Grafton

MEAL: Harvest Buffet (Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Fall Vegetables & Dessert) **\$15**
** Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.

PROGRAM 10:30 am - Business
- Memorial Service
- Speaker – TBA from Victim's Services of Durham
12:15 pm - Lunch

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre
We will also be accepting donations of cash or gently used items to support Victim's Services of Durham, our guest organization for this meeting. The following items will be gratefully accepted:

- *old cell phones that work with chargers
- *reusable water bottles
- *new/like new hair brushes
- *full-size shampoo/conditioner/soap
- *toothbrushes/toothpaste
- *new/like new makeup
- *compact mirrors
- *used purses
- *Shoppers Drug Mart gift cards

REPLY: **Before September 17th:** Call Elaine Doty - 905 983 5831 or Jan Engel 905-623-4071 or email: ludi.engel@sympatico.ca if you plan to attend.

A Gentle Reminder: We are committed to pay for all meals ordered. If you are unable to attend as you indicated to Elaine or Jan, please cancel by contacting Jan at least five days before the meeting. Thank You!

If you know of a retired woman teacher who is not a member of our RWTO/OERO Branch, please invite her to come to the meeting with you. Your guest will receive a free lunch that day and you will receive a book for bringing her. Let the person that you contact know the person you will be bringing. All qualified teachers who are retired (including those on Long Term Disability) are eligible to be members of RWTO/OERO regardless of whether or not they are receiving a teacher's pension.

Branch Newsletter: To save postage and photocopying expense, the branch newsletter is sent by email to those who have given us an email address. If you received yours by mail and you **do** have email, please let the editor, Lynne Snee, know by November 1st for the Christmas issue (sneelynn@gmail.com).

BRANCH SPRING MEETING

Our spring meeting was held at Trinity United Church, Bowmanville on April 24, 2018. President Jan Engel welcomed everyone warmly and introduced Jennifer Davis, our Area 7 Director. She also mentioned our loss of Joan Anyan, and the tragedies in Humboldt and on Yonge Street in Toronto. We paused in remembrance.

The business part of the meeting went smoothly. The treasurer's report showed that the branch finances were in good shape. Julia thanked Joan Smith for helping her review and organize the 2017-18 books. Branch membership is now 57, plus two life members. \$100.00 was contributed by the members at the meeting to the Girls Inc. organization.

Jan reviewed the resolutions being put forward at the RWTO/OERO June Convention being held in Alliston which our two delegates, Jan Engel and Lynne Snee, will attend.

The Cora Bailey award was presented to Joan Putnam, who has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically over the years for the branch. Congratulations!

Thanks were expressed to Bunny Wright for the lovely "parasol" table favours.

Nominations for members of the branch executive and conveners were closed and voting was conducted. Area 7 Director, Jennifer Davis, from Belleville installed the new executive. Vicki Cubitt introduced our guest speaker, from Girls Inc., Yvette Nechvatal-Drew. The Girls Inc. organization is 146 years old. Their goal is to empower girls to be the agent of change for the future through believing in themselves and reaching their full potential. They provide the tools that girls need to achieve this goal. Each year, 1600 girls take part in the Girls Inc. initiative. The message to these girls is "Strive, drive and mutual respect." Yvette shared her family background and focussed on her mother and her journey. She also discussed how damaging social media can be to girls' self-esteem, as they feel pressured to be perfect. Women's rights are human rights. Girls Inc. is a champion for girls. Yvette encouraged us to participate, spread the word, and volunteer in organizations that support positive messages for girls. Sandra Boyko thanked Yvette for her important message.

The meeting concluded with a delicious lunch served by the women of the church, and a Springtime musical presentation by Vicki and Bunny.

BRANCH 2017-18 EXECUTIVE & CONVENERS

Executive:

President:	Jan Engel	Past President:	Sandra Boyko
1 st Vice-Pres.	Julia Esford	2 nd Vice-Pres.	Bonnie Brown
Secretary:	Lynne Snee	Treasurer:	Julia Esford

Conveners:

Archivist: Sandra Boyko/Barbara Moorcroft	Communications: Lynne Snee
Goodwill: West – Vicki Cubitt	East & North - Astrida Chalmers
Centre – Muriel Bell	Visitation – Sandra Boyko
Insurance: Astrida Chalmers	Issues & Concerns: Jan Engel
Membership: Joan Putnam	Program/Social: Executive
Table Favours: Bunny Wright	Website: Jan Engel/Lynne Snee

OTHER NEWS

From the RWTO/OERO PROVINCIAL BOARD:

A **\$400** cheque was received by the branch to allow it to help continue the important work of the branch either through community outreach in the form of charitable donations or for advertising for the purpose of recognition, recruitment or retention of members.

June Convention:

For the RWTO/OERO Convention held in Alliston, Jan prepared biographies for our over 90's members. She and Lynne were delighted to see our three members and their daughters attend the special luncheon, complete with a piper, piping them into the banquet hall!

Membership Fees: If you have not paid your **2018-19 fees**, they will be collected at the **fall meeting, September 26th**. Members involved in the RWTO/OERO group insurance **must** renew membership. Membership cards will be distributed at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please send your fees to the treasurer by **September 30th**.

Julia Esford, 1268 Cherrydown Drive, Oshawa, On L1H 7T2.

Cheques: Make out to **RWTO/OERO Northumberland South Durham**.

Fees: Provincial RWTO/OERO Fee - Members retired **before August, 1980 pay \$15.00.**
- All other members pay **\$40.00.**

Branch Fee - **\$5.00** per member.

Rebate: The provincial rebate to each branch is based on **\$10.00** per member paying the \$40 fee and \$8.00 per member paying the **\$15.00** fee.

Provincial Newsletter - To save the cost of postage, the provincial office is requesting that you have your provincial newsletter Connections sent to you by email if possible. Contact Gloria Drake info@rwto.org.

Provincial Website - The website contains a wealth of information about the organization. Make sure you check the Northumberland/South Durham Branch section - Sandra, past president has a well-written introduction to it (www.RWTO.org).

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

September 26th - Executive Meeting after the fall meeting in Grafton.

November 29th - Christmas Meeting - St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope
- **Executive Meeting** to follow.

Spring Meeting – Date and Location TBA

Third Thursday of Every Month - Social Event - Breakfast - 9:30 am -
Traditions Restaurant 1053 Simcoe St. N. Oshawa. No business.
Everyone welcome.

June, 2019- Provincial Convention – St. Catharines, ON

