

'CARING & SHARING'
RWTO/OERO NORTHUMBERLAND SOUTH DURHAM BRANCH
FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER - ISSUE THIRTY-THREE

FALL MEETING

- WHEN:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017
10:00 am - Registration/Meet & Greet
(Optional - Wear red & white.)
(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
10:45 am - Memorial Service – Cora Bailey Award – Branch Choir
Speaker – Lynne Templar '150 Years of Fashion'
12:15 pm - Lunch
1:00 pm - Branch Choir – Mini Fashion Show & Hat Tree

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre

REPLY: **Before September 21st:** Call Elaine Doty - 905 983 5831 or Joan Smith - 905 885 2528 or email: [{HYPERLINK "mailto:joan.charlie@sympatico.ca" }](mailto:joan.charlie@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 Bonnie, Elaine or Joan, please cancel by contacting Joan 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 are eligible to be members of RWTO/OERO regardless of whether they are receiving a teacher's pension. Teachers on Long Term Disability may become member.

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, Joan Smith, know by November 1st for the Christmas issue (joan.charlie@sympatico.ca).

BRANCH CHOIR
(from Vicki Cubitt)

To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, our choir has been asked to sing some Canadian songs at our September general meeting in Grafton. In order to prepare for this event, Bunny and Vicki have selected a varied selection of easy songs. We would like to have a choir of at least ten (10) ladies to sing. Any retired female teacher can join us, so please consider coming along with a teacher friend. **Practices** will start on **Tuesday, September 5th at 1:00 pm at Vicki's house**, 479 Rembrandt Crt., Oshawa. The practices will continue every Tuesday to prepare for the Wednesday, September 27th meeting. You do not need to be a RWTO/OERO member to join our group, but we need a commitment by **September 5th**. If interested, please call or email Vicki at 905 723 5114 or cobysummer@netscape.net

BRANCH SPRING MEETING

Our spring meeting was held at Trinity United Church, Bowmanville on May 2, 2017 with 34 people attending. President Sandra Boyko welcomed everyone and capably handled the business part of the meeting. The treasurer's report showed that the branch finances were in good shape and that the 2016-17 books had been reviewed. Book sales at this meeting raised \$24.50 for branch expenses and \$125.00 was contributed by the members to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Branch membership is now 57, plus two life members. Discussion was held on the resolutions being put forward at the RWTO/OERO June Convention being held in Ajax which our two delegates, Jan Engel and Bonnie Brown, will attend. Cora Bailey awards were presented to two members of the executive, Sandra Boyko and Bunny Wright. Sharon Staples is also to receive the award at the fall meeting. These women have worked tirelessly over the years for the branch and richly deserve the honour. Congratulations! Thanks were expressed to Bunny Wright for the lovely 'strawberry' 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.

After a delicious lunch served by the women of the church, our guest speaker, Christine Allum, Senior Executive with the Ontario Securities Exchange (OSE), and her assistant, Allistair Fields spoke on 'Protecting Your Money Plus'. Christine explained that the OES is a government regulator and helps with financial concerns – retirement, health cost and income loss. Allistair spoke about investment fraud, giving examples of investment scams, such as the Ponzi Scheme and Double Dipping, and warning signs to watch for. We learned much worthwhile information.

'FOLLOW THE DREAM'
(by Bunny Wright)

At our Christmas, 2016 meeting, Peggy Stock, our provincial president, informed us about the 'Follow the Dream' project that the RWTO/OERO was having to honour women in our organization who have set forth on a new adventure upon retirement. Bunny Wright's submission was one of the ones chosen and honoured at the June, 2017 Convention.

(Follow the Dream – Cont.’d)

The following is what Bunny submitted.

Five years ago, I attended a ‘Fibre Arts’ showcase in Oshawa. I noticed two handmade dolls covered in strange patterns. I was told that they were ‘zentangle’ patterns. At home that evening, I looked up ‘zentangle’ and discovered that it was a form of art meditation, easy and inexpensive to do but with amazing results and benefits. I was hooked! An artist by nature and an amateur cake decorator as well as a teacher, I became immersed in this lovely form of art. The teacher in me said, “Teach it!”

My ‘dream’ was to travel to Providence, Rhode Island and become a Certified Zentangle Teacher.

In November, 2014 I was able to realize that dream. I met the founders and spent four wonderful days, meeting other like-minded people from all around the world and received my certification.

BRANCH 2017-18 EXECUTIVE & CONVENERS

Executive:

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

Conveners:

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

OTHER NEWS

From the RWTO/OERO PROVINCIAL BOARD:

A **\$300** 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. At its meeting held in August, the branch executive made a motion to send a \$50 donation to the Palliative Care Unit at Northumberland Hills Hospital in memory of Lee Beech who recently passed away.

June Convention:

For the RWTO/OERO Convention held in Ajax, our branch created 40 stunning centrepieces for each meal, thanks to Jan, Sandra, Julia, Bonnie and Vicki. Bunny Wright represented us well in the ‘Follow the Dream’ project. There were 84 women recognized for this award.

Other News (continued):

Membership Fees: If you have not paid your **2017-18 fees**, they will be collected at the **fall meeting, September 27th**. 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 much 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 27th - Executive Meeting after the fall meeting in Grafton.

December 7th - Christmas Meeting - St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope
- **Executive Meeting** to follow.

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

April 24, 2018 - Spring Meeting – Trinity United Church, Bowmanville

June, 2018 - Provincial Convention – Alliston, ON

