

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

SPRING MEETING

- WHEN:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017
10:00 am - Registration/Social 10:30 - 12:00 pm - Meeting
12:15 pm - Lunch 1:00 pm - Program
- WHERE:** Trinity United Church, 116 Church Street, Bowmanville - First street
north of King Street.
- MEAL:** Hot Full Course Meal & Dessert \$15
** Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.
- PROGRAM:** Installation of 2017-2018 Officers – Jennifer Davis, Area 7 Director
'Protect Your Money' - Christine Allum, Senior Advisor for Ontario Securities
Commission
Presentation of Cora Bailey Awards
Silent Auction during social time for gently used books (donations of books
gratefully received).
- CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- REPLY:** **Before April 25th** – Call Bonnie Greer – 905 372 5886, Elaine Doty –
905 983 5831 or Joan Smith - 905 885 2528 or email Joan
joan.charlie@sympatico.ca if you will be attending.

* **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. Thanks!

Please Note: Bring your **March 2017** copy of '**Connections**', the **provincial newsletter**, to this meeting so that we can look at the resolutions being presented at the June Convention. This will assist our delegates in making decisions when they are voting.

If you know of a retired woman teacher who is not yet a member of our RWTO/OERO branch, 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 whom you will be bringing with you. All qualified teachers who are retired are eligible to be members of RWTO/OERO regardless of whether or not they are receiving a teacher's pension. Teachers on Long Term Disability may become members.

CHRISTMAS MEETING

Our branch Christmas meeting was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope on December 8, 2016. President Sandra Boyko welcomed our guests – Provincial President, Peggy Stock, Judy Ann Tumber, the president of the Peterborough branch, Jean Axcel

the Peterborough branch, our auctioneer for the 'Quarter Auction', and Julie Stewart, new member. Sandra then capably handled the business part of the meeting. Judy Ann Tumber highlighted possible joint branch theatre trips through Mary Morton Tours (see info about the first trip in this newsletter). Jan Engel reported that she and Sandra had met with the two conveners for the 2017 Convention to be held in Ajax. We have been asked to decorate the vases for the three meals. Julia Esford, our branch treasurer, informed the branch that the branch donated \$150 to Victim Services of Durham from the provincial grant of \$250 that each branch had received for charities and advertising. She also reported that \$140 cash and \$295 gift donations were received for the 'Giving Tree'. Nominations were received from the members for the Cora Bailey award.

President Peggy Stock commended our branch for all that we do in our community, and gave a humorous talk about her life and her family's history in the teaching profession. She also mentioned the 'Follow the Dream' project which is describe further in this newsletter. Bonnie Brown thanked her and presented her with a beautiful wooden bowl made by Phill Boyko.

We were then delightfully entertained with Christmas music by members of the Burnham School Choir Alumni, directed by Julie Stewart. Bunny Wright was thanked for the beautifully decorated tea cups with Christmas greens and decorations, one at each place setting. After a delicious chicken meal, a time of laughter and fun was then enjoyed by all as Jean Axcel auctioned off the donated items brought in by the members. Jean's sense of humour made sure that the bidding was lively, raising \$164.55.

CONGRATULATIONS

At this year's convention in Ajax, the RWTO/OERO is honouring women in our organization who have set forth on a whole new adventure upon retirement – 'Follow the Dream'. Members were asked to submit a description about their dream and how one set about achieving that dream including challenges and obstacles along the way. Our branch is pleased to announce that **Bunny Wright's** submission was one of the ones chosen and Bunny will be honoured along with many others at the Convention. Well done, Bunny!

NEWS FROM VICKI CUBITT

Breakfast Club continues to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 am. We meet at Traditions Restaurant on the northeast corner of Simcoe Street, North and Beatrice Street in Oshawa. Be sure to join us and do bring a female teacher friend. For clarification call me at 905 723 5114 or email me at cobysummer@netscape.net.

Branch Choir News – Our branch plans to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday at our September 27th general meeting in Grafton. It is our hope to assemble a choir of retired women teachers for this occasion to sing a short collection of Canadian songs at this meeting. This would involve a once-a-week practice for the month of September. Please contact me (see above notice) by May 15th or speak to me at the May 2nd general meeting. Bunny Wright and I are hoping for a good number of volunteers.

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'GUYS & DOLLS'

A two-day theatre tour has been planned for our branch and the Peterborough branch with Mary Morton Tours for September 20th – 21st to the Stratford Festival Theatre.

Sept. 20th – 8:30 am – Tour begins – Peterborough, Port Hope & stops along the way with a stop for lunch on your own.

2:00 pm – ‘Guys & Dolls’ begins at the theatre – orchestra seats.

5:00 pm – Check in at the Best Western Arden Park Hotel. (pool and lounge)

6:00 pm – Buffet Dinner (price included)

Sept. 21st Tours - Costume Warehouse, Shakespeare Cheese & 10 000 Villages

Noon - Buffet Lunch at Festival Inn

7:00 pm – Arrival Home (approximate)

Cost: Twin - \$399 each Single - \$499 Prices include taxes. No Refunds.
Meals included in price – dinner & breakfast at hotel, lunch at Festival Inn.

Reservations: If you wish to attend, notify Sandra Boyko know by **July 20th**.
(905 885 7543 or woodturner.boyko@teksavvy.com)

Other Details:

You can invite other guests to go with you. We need a minimum of 35 and a maximum of 47 in order for the tour to be a ‘go’.

OTHER NEWS

Membership Fees: Fees for 2017-18 are due in the fall and will be collected at the fall meeting. Members involved in the RWTO group insurance **must** renew membership by that time. Membership cards will be distributed at that meeting. **Fees for the 2017-2018 year can also be paid at the May 2nd, 2017 meeting.** You may send your fees to - Julia Esford, 1268 Cherrydown Drive, Oshawa, On L1H 7T2.

Fees: Provincial RWTO Fee - Members retired before August, 1980 pay \$15.00.

- All other members pay \$40.00.

Branch Fee - \$5.00 per member.

Cheques: Please make out to RWTO/OERO Northumberland/South Durham.

Cora Bailey Award: Cora Bailey from the Peterborough branch was RWTO's first executive secretary-treasurer. Beginning in 2003, this award was presented in her honour. The Cora Bailey Award may be presented to a branch member(s) who has contributed outstanding service to her branch.

Branch Archives Form: Some members still have not submitted their 'archives form'.
If you have not, please contact Barbara Moorcroft (905 885 4895, bmoorcroft@bell.net).

Goodwill: The goodwill conveners send cards to members who are ill, for special occasions, to those over ninety and those who are in nursing homes or hospital. They send sympathy cards in cases of bereavement of a member's immediate family or someone very close to that member. They report the illness, death or important changes in a member's status to the membership convener. To do their job, the conveners need to

be informed if any of the above needs to be attended to as they do not know every member personally. If you know of someone that needs attention in some way, please contact:

West of Port Hope	Jan Engel	905 623 4071
Municipality of Port Hope, Hamilton Township & Cobourg	Muriel Bell	905 885 2882
East of Cobourg	Astrida Chalmers	613 475 1608
Visitation (shutins in their homes, and nursing homes)	Sandra Boyko	905 885 7543

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 (joan.charlie@sympatico.ca) in time for the fall issue.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Tues. May 2nd - after the spring meeting – **RWTO/OERO Northumberland South Durham Executive Meeting**

June 6th -8th - **RWTO/OERO 61st Annual Convention** - Ajax, Ontario.
Delegates: Jan Engel (provincial), Bonnie Brown(branch)

Third Thursday of Every Month – 10:00 am - Traditions Restaurant, corner of Simcoe St. N. & Beatrice Street, Oshawa. A social event - everyone welcome.

