

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I want to thank again, all our crafters and those who helped with putting on our Craft Sale last month. It was a spectacular show of talent and creativity! Our November Luncheon is a reminder that Christmas and the Holiday Season are fast approaching. For some, this season is sad a reminder of loneliness and loss, for others it's a time of frantic busyness. As you reflect on the year that is passing, I hope that the Rendezvous Club has brought you joy and renewed friendships. Whether you are a new or returning member, I hope that Rendezvous activities will be regular dates in your 2014 calendar. Warm wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season! In January we will be entertained with music and song by drummers from the Native Women's Resource followed by retired teacher, Victoria Martin. Victoria will share what she learned as a teacher in Attawapiskat and Moose Factory, about community, creating family and living outside of one's own culture. Marion Stephens.  
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**Club Business**

A Candle collection for the needy in South America will be held in January. Bring your candles, all sizes, to the January luncheon. Members are reminded that their luncheon choices cannot be changed at the luncheon. Thank you to members who made and purchased items at the Club Table during the October Craft Show and to Harolyn who staffed it. \$270.00 was raised, all of which was given to Rendezvous Club. Congratulations on returning 55 Christmas boxes filled with items that will brighten the day for many children, who will also love the 75 soft stuffed animals and the 30 sweater/hat sets. Thank you Carol Nelson and Mary Theuma for your skillful contributions to these Rendezvous projects.

**GOODWILL**

Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday to Clara Lahmer who plans to celebrate with her friends at Cedarbrooke Residence on Jan. 1 2014. We are saddened to hear that Barbara Gorgan's husband passed away. She is the former Captain of Team 15.  
Lynn Southward Goodwill  
Convenor 905-615-8042

**FAMOUS PEOPLE PLAYERS** Wed., Jan. 8, 2014, 12 noon- \$59(group price)The FPP is celebrating its 40th year and are now in their new theatre at 343 Evans Ave. just east of Kipling. There is free parking or take the Bloor subway to Kipling and transfer to #15 bus southbound. Lunch includes chicken supreme and salad, followed by an excellent winter production. We end the day with dessert and tea/coffee. Vegetarian menu on request at time of registration. Deadline for registration is Dec. 31, 2013.

**CIRQUE DU SOLEIL** 2014 Sun., Sept. 7, 2014, 1:30 p.m. - \$85 Under the Grand Chapiteau at Port Lands, Commissioners and Cherry Streets in Toronto. In order to get this special group price the registration DEADLINE is Jan. 30, 2014. Our seats are directly behind seats that sell for \$160. Paid parking near the theatre or take the #72A bus from Pape or Union subway stations. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope as your tickets will be mailed next summer.

**COOKING & GARDEN HOLIDAY** June 13-22, 2014. \$4195 each sharing or \$4495 single. Join cooking sessions on Quick and Easy Parties; Taste of Christmas; British Gourmet Dinners; Sauces, Sweet & Savoury. Tips on cooking for 1 or 2 as well as using herbs and spices to make your dishes outstanding are included. We holiday in Kent, England known as the Garden of England. In June the beautiful and renowned gardens we visit are at their best..For info on any of the trips, or to receive a registration form, contact me:  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan. 27 Victoria Martin & First Nations Drummers
- Feb. 24 Sussana Danelon Mexican Mardi Gras
- Mar. 24 Elvis Tribute Artist Shane Jeffery
- Apr. 28 Fashion Show Ray Parady (piano)
- May 26 AGM Lenny Graf Trio Jazz and Pop

Continue to bring in news and pictures of you for the **Club Members News** board at the door. "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. "  
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**TRAVEL**



# RETIRED WOMEN TEACHERS OF ONTARIO/ORGANISATION DES ENSEIGNANTES RETRAITEES DE L'ONTARIO

## PROVINCIAL UPDATE

### Area 5 News

Area 5 members continue to knit and crochet squares at an amazing rate. We will distribute our first bundle of blankets in January to Linus Foundation and local Women's and Youth shelters.

Rooms may be booked now for the Ottawa Convention being held June 3, 4 & 5 2014 at the Travel Lodge Hotel. The contact information is in the current newsletter. Rooms can be cancelled as the time of the convention draws nears and final plans are made. Let's get a group together and take the train.

Provincial President Anne Graham, who lives in Lanark near Ottawa, will attend the February luncheon.

Adrienne Johnson

Area 5 Director

### **RWTO PROVINCIAL Convention 2013**

***RWTO PROVINCIAL Convention 2014***  
***Travel Lodge Ottawa Ontario June 3, 4 & 5***  
See information in your RWTO Connections  
Consider attending.  
Please contact Judy Anderson for details.

### INSURANCE

[Did you know that our insurance co-ordinates with your extended health care plan to pick up the 20% they don't cover? It also tops up your benefit when your other plan reaches its limit. Talk to me at the RWTO/OERO table in the hall to see how this works.](#)

Judy Anderson

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Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday to Clara Lahmer who plans to celebrate with her friends at Cedarbrooke Residence on Jan. 1 2014. I first met Clara when Pauline Milne and I interviewed her for the RWTO book 'Chalk Challenge and Change'. You can read her story on Page 301. Clara retired the year I began my teaching career! She was President of Rendezvous in the 1970's and again during the 'Year of the Presidents' in 1986. It was a pleasure to have Clara attend the luncheon at the Old Mill this week. We had a lovely day with lots of laughs as we shared stories of our students on the drive home.

Judy Anderson

### RENDEZVOUS BRANCH

Jean's Summer Holiday Part 3

A break in the rain and fog did come on the fifth day. The five remaining women literally jumped into their planes and took off in a westerly direction for the mainland. Once again for me there was the trepidation of flying over the open ocean water, but by now the sun was dazzling on a sea full of icebergs below us. Safe on the mainland side, we breathed easier. But for over a week, a low pressure cell had been sitting on the Great Lakes area causing low visibility along the whole length of the St Lawrence River. We couldn't advance very far west even though we were heading home. How could we guess that it would still take us another ten days to get there! We hopped from small airport to small airport as conditions cleared. At one town, the local Surete de Quebec gave us a ride to the nearest hotel when we discovered the only taxi in town was non-operational because the owner was ill. We spent Canada Day at Trois Rivieres and experienced muted celebrations, but the most delicious maple syrup ice cream cones. We also endured three days of drizzling rain and low ceilings. One of our small group had emails from her daughter that she and her fiance had decided to be married by the end of August; so now, just to fill in time, we even went shopping for a wedding dress for the mother of the bride. We sure laughed a lot! Finally, more than three weeks after setting out, we arrived home. We felt so 'chuffed' about our accomplishment of flying to Newfoundland and back. And as always, we were left with delightful memories and a heightened appreciation of our wonderful country. Canada is truly awesome!"

We will send two delegates to attend the convention in Ottawa. Their expenses will be paid by RWTO/OERO. All members are welcome to join us for a few days of business and socializing.

The Rendezvous Branch will meet in the New Year on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the home of Stella Lachoski near Markland Woods at 10:00. Please RSVP Judy for complete directions.

This is the 32nd issue of our Rendezvous Club/RWTO newsletter. Find out what is happening here at Rendezvous and throughout the province.

Judy

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