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PROVINCIAL UPDATE
Area 5 News

Area 5 Director's Report - Adrienne Johnson

1. Judy Anderson, Rendezvous Branch, is gathering together a committee and soliciting support to host the 2017 Convention in the GTA. I will be arranging a meeting of president's and other interested parties to gauge support for this venture.
2. An Ad Hoc Committee has been established by Provincial to survey members with respect to opening up the membership to other women retired from the education field. That survey will be distributed to Branches soon. A report of findings will be forwarded to the June 2015 Convention.
3. **Hospital and Home Care insurance**
An Open Enrolment window is currently underway. The window closes Nov. 15, 2014. Members not enrolled in the plan received a mailing from Broker Terry Kennedy. Spouses are also eligible for coverage without providing proof of insurability (medical). Those members whose spouses are not already enrolled may also take advantage of the window.
4. A business card template will be made available to Branches soon.
5. Stratford Convention 2015—make your reservations soon.

RWTO PROVINCIAL Convention 2015
Arden Hotel Stratford Ontario June 2, 3 & 4
See information in your RWTO Connections
Consider attending.
Please contact Judy Anderson for details.

INSURANCE WINDOW STILL OPEN!

Our RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care Plan



has improved and the cost remains the same! You and your spouse will be accepted with no medical questions asked.

Retired Women Teachers of Ontario

All interested retired women teachers are invited to join us at our RWTO/OERO Fall Meeting on Mon. Nov. 10th at Java Joe's on Dundas near Royal York Rd. Join us at 10:00 am for coffee followed by a brief business meeting. We will include information on Insurance. Bring your knitting. RSVP

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My Summer Holidays Part 2

While called a forest, it is more than just a lot of trees. Most noticeable that it is a memorial to pilots is the strikingly tall and elegant statue of Amelia Earhart situated near the entrance. Honouring significant aviators by inscribing their names on paving stones which are embedded in winding pathways throughout the park-like forest is how inductees are remembered. Each year in mid-June, a weekend of celebrations is proclaimed. Several months before, the committee which administers the Forest receives nominations for potential inductees from all over the world. From these, approximately twenty of the most worthy are selected and contacted so they can make preparations to attend the very formal induction ceremony. If by chance an inductee is coming from a country never represented in the Forest before, then I can only imagine an order is put out to that country for a young tree that is considered to be its national tree. Because that is what the living part of the Forest of Friendship is made up of: trees from every country in the world from which aviators have been chosen to be honoured. You can be sure that Canada has long been represented by a statuesque maple tree, and in its shade is the pathway containing the names of several famous Canadian aviators. Names like Eileen Vollick, Canada's first licensed female pilot, and Vi Milstead Warren, one of only four Canadian women ATA pilots in WWII and the first Canadian

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female bush pilot are just two of the familiar names there. Male pilots' names are there too, and they are particularly prominent in the astronauts' section, along with Roberta Bondar and Julie Payette.

To be continued...

Jean Franklin Hancher

This is the 39th issue of our Rendezvous Club/ RWTO newsletter. Find out what is happening here at Rendezvous and throughout the province. Judy