

Belleville and Area Branch

Caring and Sharing and Having Fun

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The Belleville and Area Branch is seeking retired women teachers in Belleville and surrounding areas from Prince Edward County to North Hastings and areas in between!

Interested in joining our RWTO/OERO Branchcall 613 962-7390

We meet in April, June, October and December. Our meetings include a social time, luncheon, business and entertainment.

Euchre Club Report:

The Euchre Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Richmond Retirement Residence on North Front Street. They have lunch at the nearby Tim Horton's at 12:00 noon. Sometimes the group plays bid euchre or regular euchre, depending on the number of players.

Come and join us for fellowship and fun.

Contact Lois Thompson

Chit Chat Club:

The Chit Chat club is a friendly, small group of RWTO members who meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month except for July and August. The meetings are held at Federation House, 114 Victoria Ave. Belleville at 1:30 pm. The group discusses current topics of interest. A light snack concludes each meeting. Twice a year the group dines out at a local restaurant. Interested in joining?

Contact Bev Pulver or Marilyn Stobbart

Book Club

The book club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. Favourite books are discussed and members may recommend the next read. It is an informal book club and not everyone must read the same book. Interested in joining the book club?

Contact Robin Gibbs

Bridge Club:

The Bridge Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1pm and they want you to join them as a regular or a spare. They finish playing around 4pm.

Contact Cathy Atkinson

Diners' Club

The name says it all. This group meets and eats! They dine out the 2nd Monday of each month at 12:30 pm.

Contact Carol Watson

Walking Club

This group meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and walks various trails throughout the city. It's a great way to get to know one another. The walkers are a friendly, easy going group.

Contact Jennifer Davis

The Scrappers

This group has meets monthly. New members are most welcome. Some are serious “scrapbookers” and others are just learning, while others just want to jazz up their photo albums. **Contact Elaine Truman**

The Belleville and Area Branch held their Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at the First Pentecostal Church in Belleville. We were so pleased to have 4 new members join our branch. The new members were welcomed by President, Kay Snedden and Area 7 Director, Karen Rynard.



Belleville and Area members exemplify “caring and sharing” at the Christmas luncheon by donating personal hygiene items to the Hastings and Prince Edward Learning Foundation. These products are given to students who find themselves or their families in urgent need of these supplies.

Elaner Pound, former chair of the learning foundation and the Belleville and Area Branch RWTO/OERO collected approximately \$1050 worth of products from our members.



Maribeth deSnoo from the Learning Foundation was on hand to thank the Belleville and Area members for their continued support of the students of Hastings and Prince Edward County Board of Education Student Emergency Program. Maribeth also shared with us several heartfelt stories of how these products make an enormous difference in the lives of students and their families.



Director for Area 7, Karen Rynard brought greetings. She shared with us the delightful story of why Canada Geese fly in formation and challenged each of us to take the lead and share our skills to make the journey easier for all.



Not only did the members enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings in an amazing seasonal setting, they were entertained by the DeJong Family , a group of 8 sisters ranging in age from 18 to 8 years. These delightful musicians performed expertly, using popular show tunes and Christmas selections in their repertoire. The very appreciative audience gave the DeJong sisters a well deserved standing ovation. Brava!!





Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, April 21, 2015** at St. Mark's United Church in Cannifton. The **Cora Bailey Award** will be presented at the April meeting.

The program is a slide show presented by the **Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre.**

We hope to see you there!