

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 613 967-1863

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

These **interest groups** run throughout the year.

Diner's Club meets every 2nd Monday at 12:30 p.m. in various locations throughout the region.

Euchre Club meets every 3rd Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at The Richmond Retirement Residence in Belleville.

Chit Chat Club meets the 4th Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Federation House in Belleville.

Bridge Club meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Belleville.

Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in Belleville.

Walking Club meets every Wednesday at 9:30 in Belleville.

The Scrappers meet monthly.

Euchre Club Report:

The Euchre Club meets on the 4th 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.

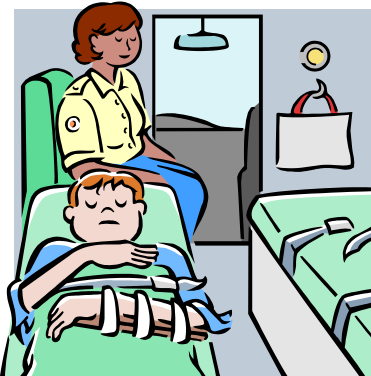
Contact Donna MacKenzie

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

Judy's Insurance Tips



1. Know your plan and put in a claim.
2. Save all bills and receipts related to the claim.
3. Remind others who have the plan to submit a claim.
4. Make sure someone you trust has access to your

insurance policy numbers.

Judy Vanleeuwen is Belleville and Area Branch insurance convenor. Got questions? Contact Judy.



The Belleville and Area Branch met on October 29, 2013.

We held our memorial service to celebrate the lives of Hasna Way and Alexandria (Sandy) Gilmour. Jean Sowden led us through a lovely tribute to both of these women.



Our guest speaker was Belleville Branch Member **Lynda Rollins**. Lynda is instrumental in helping families in the Dominican Republic have better lives. She has designed and built houses and provided appliances and furniture to families.

Lynda is focusing on raising money for school uniforms for the children in her “adopted” families. Education is free in the Dominican Republic but children must wear school uniforms and the cost of the uniforms is often prohibitive.

Her power point presentation introduced us to the country and its beautiful tourist destinations but more importantly, she took us beyond the expected beauty to the reality of living in the Dominican Republic for most citizens.



The Branch members found Lynda’s presentation to be awe inspiring! Lynda was presented with an honorarium from the Branch to help with the cost of school uniforms. Individual members also made donations to the Dominican Family Fund.

Our altruistic endeavor at the fall meeting is to raise funds for a local winter clothing program for children of the area. The program is called Adopt-a-Child. The members of the Belleville and area Branch donated \$1850.00 to Adopt-a-Child. Way to share and care!!!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at First Pentecostal Church in Belleville, Ontario.

We will celebrate new members and members 90 and over. Donations of personal hygiene products for the Hastings Learning Foundation will be accepted.

Presentation: Big Brothers/Big Sisters on their school mentoring program.

Program: Bridge Street Ringers, hand bell choir

Thursday, April 10, 2014 at St. Paul's United Church in Stirling, Ontario we will celebrate our Cora Bailey Award winner.

Our provincial president, Ann Graham will be our guest.

Program: Farm Town Park (Stirling Agricultural Museum)

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at First Pentecostal Church in Belleville, Ontario we will celebrate the installation of executive officers.

Program: Mad Hatters' Tea Party

11:00 a.m. fellowship 11:30 a.m. business 12:00 p.m. lunch