

## Belleville and Area Branch

### **Caring and Sharing and Having Fun**

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Program: Lynda Sommer/Patti Clapp

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 Branch .....call 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Belleville and Area Branch held their first meeting of the 2014-2015 year in Foxboro on October 8, 2014. It was a beautiful fall day and the venue, Emmanuel United Church reflected that theme.



Members enjoyed a time of fellowship before the business meeting. Our interest groups were displayed and members were invited to chat with the convenor of each group. Balloons marked the event.



Members generously supported a local children's winter clothing program, Adopt-a-Child. This has become an annual project for the Belleville and Area Branch.



Provincial President Marilyn Emmett brought greetings. She also spoke to us about the AdHoc Committee set up to look at expanding membership in the organization. Each branch is being asked to discuss the resolution and give their opinions to the committee by April. Individuals were also encouraged to send in their thoughts.



After a delicious lunch, we were led through a lovely and thoughtful memorial service by Jean Sowden, Branch Archivist. Margaret Hainer and Mary Margaret Graham were fondly remembered by Jean and president Kay Snedden.



Our guest speaker for the afternoon was Belleville Archivist, Sharon White. Sharon presented the history of the Hotel Quinte through photos and drawings. Hotel Quinte was a landmark in the city of Belleville until it burned down in December 2012. It had its beginnings in the early 1800's and most locals have a story to tell when remembering its existence.



Our next branch meeting is Thursday, December 4, 2014 at First Pentecostal Church in Belleville. Come and celebrate with us in a festive Christmas atmosphere. We will be entertained by The deJong Sisters, 8 fiddlers to amaze you!