

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 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 meets monthly. New members are most welcome. Need to spruce up a photo album, create a new one or have a special project in mind?

Contact Elaine Truman



Belleville and Area Branch met on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at Emmanuel United Church in Foxboro, Ontario. It was wonderful to see so many members in attendance at our first meeting of the 2015-2016 year.



President Kay Snedden welcomed everyone to our meeting. She expressed thanks to Judy Mewett and Wendy Bryson for accepting the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice President on the Branch executive.

Kay also introduced the members to the concept of “co-presidents” which Belleville Branch is experimenting with this year. Diane Fisher is working with Kay as the Co-president.

After the business portion of the meeting, the members indulged in a hearty meal and lots of fellowship at the tables.



Tables were also set up for each branch interest group. Members were encouraged to visit each table and sign up if they were interested in joining the group.



Here Jane and Marilyn are admiring the work of the Scrapbooking interest group.

Belleville and area Branch welcomed back 3 former members of RWTO. Six new members were welcomed into the Branch. We hope they will enjoy our meetings and take part in a variety of ways.



Welcome Donna, Sheryl, Thelma, Betty, and Marilyn.

Our fall altruistic project is to support the Adopt-a-Child program for Belleville. This program provides winter clothing and boots for children in the community up to age 12.

Members donated \$1300 for Adopt-a-Child at the meeting! Way to go!

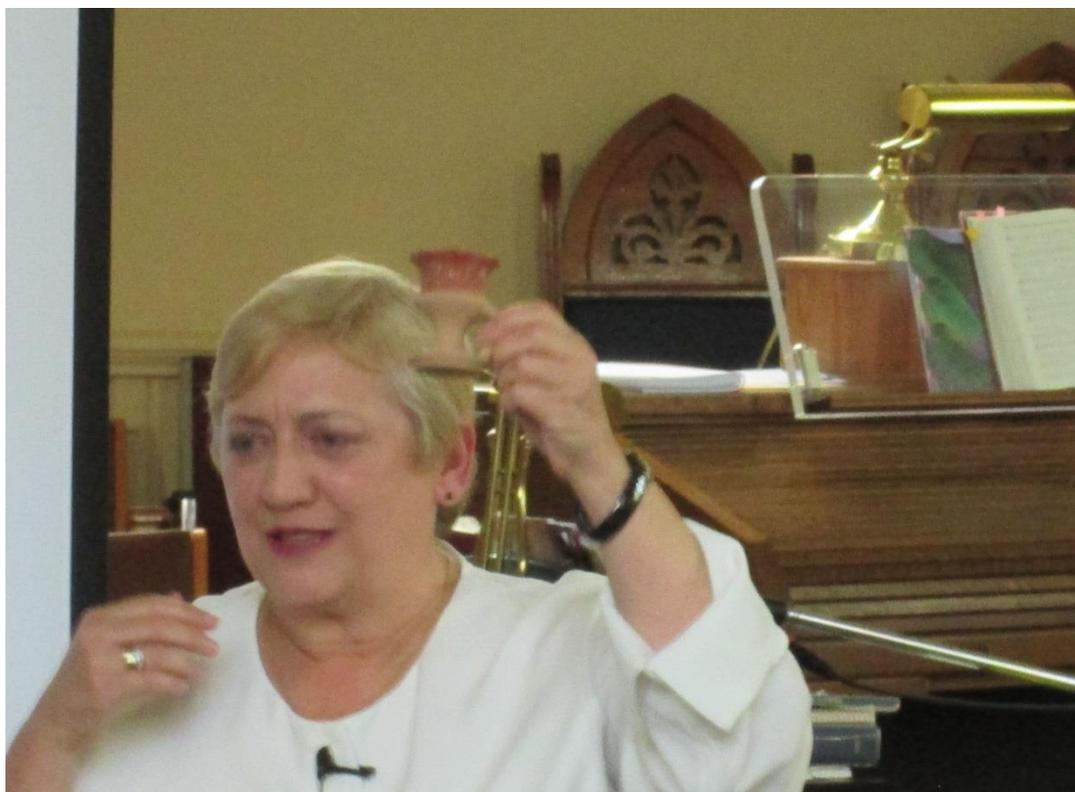
Archivist Jean Sowden provided a moving and informative memorial service for Kay Trumball and Orma Slack. Kay was born in 1910 and Orma in 1903. Jean honoured their memories by sharing the accomplishments and hardships that

each of these women faced throughout their teaching careers. They were both pioneers of our profession.



Lynda Sommer introduced the guest speaker for our meeting, Barbara Reimer. Barbara wore many hats in her various careers. She taught in Japan from 1994-1997.

She just recently returned from the United Arab Emirates where she and her husband taught from 2002-2014.



Using a power point presentation and artifacts from the U.A.E., Barb shared her teaching and personal experiences from her adventure in Arabia. Barb presented her information with humour and understanding of a culture very different from ours. Members had many questions for Barb about the lifestyle.



Our meeting concluded with our Early Bird draw. Congratulations, Pat Belyea for winning payment of her membership dues.

Congratulation also go to Phyllis May for turning 100 years old in September!

