



Hamilton Wentworth Branch 2017 June Newsletter

Letters from Linda's Lair ...

Greetings, All! ... Happy Sesquicentennial!!!

It is an interesting time of year in an RW Branch ... the Executive is gearing up for the coming year, as many of the individual Interest Groups and events may be winding down for the summer! It is also a time of decision making for the individual members ... renewing your membership for the upcoming year. To assist in your deliberations, a few notes of interest ...



We listened to your concerns about the Breakfast in the Valley Annual Meeting in May! We have changed the event to become a **luncheon**, and the new venue will be the **Courtyard by Marriott**, on Upper James near the Linc. They have a lovely outdoor garden area for us to wander during our 'meet and greet' and we hope you enjoy the menu selection! Join us for the new **Courtyard Cuisine** Event!

With thanks to Beatrice Dabolins, we have a new Interest Group starting in October – a **Scrabble and Board Games** group that will meet the first Thursday afternoon of each month at the Main West Fortinos.

We would like to add a few more mini-events to our schedule, and **would like your suggestions**, please! For example, we would like to have a Christmas sing-a-long at the Mohawk Trail School Museum, at the end of November. (This will warm you up for our Celebration at the Station Event in December at Liuna Station, where our very own Elaine Aikman and her Twenty Place Choir, will regale you with music of the season ... be ready to sing!) What else would be of interest to you? Art workshops? Local tours? Active motion sessions ... exercise, balance, skating? Speakers ... trips, wills, handling retirement? Check out the **Hamilton Walking Tour in July** information in this newsletter!

Our positive relationship with RTO District 13 (Hamilton & Haldimand) continues to flourish – RW members are invited to attend RTO Day Trips (whether or not they are RTO members), and we will be working together on a **Health Symposium** for next spring!

Seven Hamilton-Wentworth members served as your delegates at the Provincial Annual Meeting in Ajax this month. Many thanks to Lynn Anderton, Marion Brooks, Lynn Gillie, Marion Jutzi, Hope Leon, and Annette Rhodes, who joined me for this adventure! We were also well represented at the Provincial Level, with Sandie Bender, serving as Director for Area 4, Mardie Panabaker, completing her term as Communications Convenor, and Nancy Papiez, Program Coordinator. Thank you for your time and effort!

Our new Executive for the 2017-2018 year held its first meeting, and we are pleased to welcome Emily DeBenedictis and Ann Louise Gloyn to the group! Anna Iskat, Mary McCracken, and Sue St. Michael, will be missed, as they move on to new endeavours! Their efforts were greatly appreciated! The Hamilton-Wentworth Branch accomplished many great things during the past two years under the leadership of Hope Leon. New events, activities, and initiatives were added to our repertoire! Hope has now graduated to the position of Past President, and we will appreciate her guidance for the next two years. Lynn Anderton takes on the role of 1st Vice President, and Gwen Kirkpatrick has formally been voted into her role as Secretary, with thanks!

The Executive would like to add **three additional Member-at-Large positions**! Come and join the decision making team, and help out with occasional activities and events, as you see fit! One of the great things about retirement, is that you can choose your chaos!

I hope you have some wonderful activities planned during the summer, especially for this, our Canadian 150th anniversary! Get out and enjoy some new adventures!

In caring & sharing! Linda Sargeant, **Prime Minister!** rwto.linda@gmail.com 905-575-3831

"Life's an adventure, and you've got to seize the moment and make something of it!" (Joan Weir, Cdn. author, 1928 -)

RENEW NOW!

Your RWTO membership renewal is now due. Please help me do my job even better by sending in your RWTO membership form along with your membership dues as soon as possible.

Marion Jutzi



Goodwill

Many thanks from Peppy Tew and Eileen Collins to the ladies who have delivered the gifts to our Over-90's and Shut-ins this year. In an effort to update the list that Peppy works from when preparing the gifts, we would like to hear from you about how the member you delivered to is doing. We send to all members who are over 90 years old and to members whose health concerns do not allow them to join us for our events. Extra gifts are made available for members who may be experiencing short-term difficulties. We also always appreciate hearing about anyone who needs a Thinking of You card or a card celebrating a special event.

We are particularly interested to hear if members on our list still need to be there and if members who were short-term now need to be added. Please take a moment to send an e-mail to Eileen at eileenc@quickclic.net or call [\(905\)387-6849](tel:905387-6849) with a brief message to let us know about your visit and about any changes that should be made.

Once again, thank you for your help. We couldn't do this without you.

Cheers!

Eileen Collins

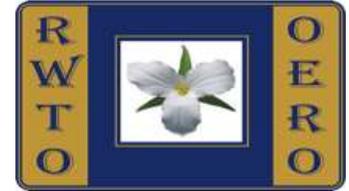
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OUTREACH

A tremendous thank you goes out to the wonderful ladies in RW. You continue to show your "caring and sharing" in a very generous way. There was great reading material to exchange. From the sale of the books, 50/50 draw, and table envelopes, we raised \$1220 to be split between Alzheimers Society and Bob Kemp Hospice. Thank you very much. I have appreciated your wonderful donations at all of our events and I know that you will continue with Lynn Gillie. You made the job easy as you helped others in our community. Have a wonderful summer. Mary McCracken

You are cordially invited to attend our...



Retired Women Teachers of Ontario
Hamilton-Wentworth Branch

“Be Our Guest” Event

Wednesday September 20th, 2017 1:30–3:30 pm

Please contact
Pinky to let her
know you are
attending!

Members \$10.00 ~ Complimentary for Guests

**Mount Hamilton Christian Reformed Church
1411 Upper Wellington Street
Hamilton, ON L9A 3S9**

This event will include...

... an opportunity to have a cup of tea and socialize
with your friends...
... booths highlighting many of the 22 different
interest groups organized for and by our own members...
... light refreshments, activities, great prizes...

Register early ... limited to 150 participants!

Please RSVP by September 6th

to Pinky Moro

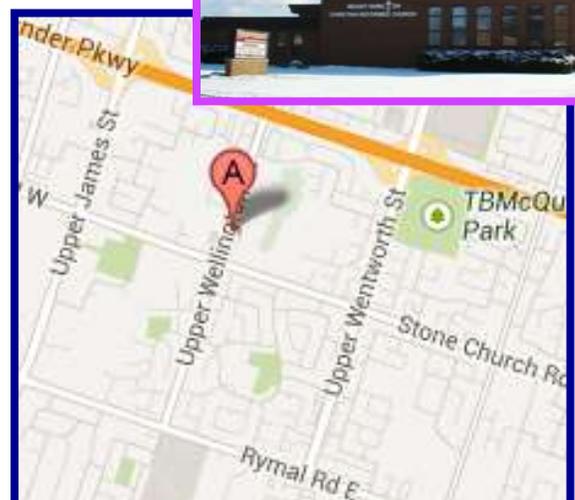
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Cheques: RWTO Hamilton-Wentworth

At each of our major events, we support local
charities. Please bring toiletry items for two of our
secondary schools' Walk-In Closets,
*Cathedral High School – Wilma's Place, and
Sir John A. Macdonald High School* or monetary
donations for *Living Rock Ministries*.

**Please feel free to invite non-member
retired women teachers to attend!**

Please speak with our new guests about your
favourite RW activities – make them feel
welcome! They will be wearing
yellow name tags.





Linda Sargeant
President



Hope Leon
Past President



Lynn Anderton
Vice President



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In Caring and Sharing



Mardie Panabaker: RWTO Honorary Member Award!

Mardie is a remarkable woman, who proved that she also has exceptional talents in the area of developing RWTO Communications. For three years, she worked industriously with the Branch Presidents and Communications Convenors, developing the Provincial website and newsletter ... and a year ago, the massive duties were split, becoming the roles of two women. Mardie continued for a fourth year with the newsletter portion, developing the Connections Newsletter into the fine document it has become, under her care. As a tribute to her dedication and expertise, the Hamilton-Wentworth Branch submitted her name for consideration of an Honorary Membership, which was approved and presented at the recent Provincial Annual Meeting. We are pleased that Mardie's sister, Mary Jane, was able to join her for the formal presentation at the Awards Dinner in Ajax.



Great volunteers rarely retire, however, they just change gears ... next fall, Mardie will again help with Branch communications, by arranging for the Canada Post editions of this newsletter to be sent to our members who do not use email. Welcome back, Mardie!



Your Provincial Conference Team Hamilton-Wentworth Delegates & Provincial Convenors

Sandie Bender (left), Annette Rhodes, Nancy Papiez, Lynn Anderton, Marion Jutzi,
Marion Brooks, Linda Sargeant, Mardie Panabaker, Lynn Gillie, Hope Leon

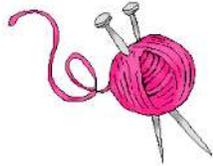
RWTO 2017 Convention



"Did You Know???"

It's been fun writing this column all year to honour our many interest groups and their leaders. Here's a quick review, and I hope you start planning your wonderful and exciting 'personal program' for 2017-18. Retirement should be loads of fun! Enjoy!

Hope :o)



'Golf Club' 'Knitting & Crocheting'

'Art Appreciation' 'Acrylic Painting'

'Mohawk Trail School Museum' 'Scrapbooking'

'Monday Matinee Movie' 'Lunch Bunch'

'Theatre: Players' Guild of Hamilton'

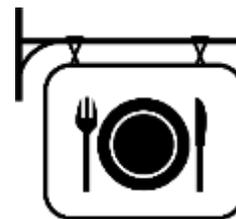
'Citizenship Court' 'iPad Club'

'Book Clubs' 'Euchre East Club'

'Bumper Babes Bowling Club' 'Euchre West Club'

'Walking Club' 'Bridge Club' 'Writing Club'

'First Cup @ Second Cup'



150 years!!!

Celebrating Canada's Red and White

RWTO Red and White Wine Tour

Beautiful weather prevailed for our wonderful wine tour on May 31st. The group had such a wonderful time. The selection of wineries were so interesting, each being unique in their own way, whether through the history of the farm and repurposing, or their growing of



Our RWTO Great Canadian Trivia Trip

Over the course of our RWTO 2017 Newsletters we will travel in our mind's eye from coast to coast across our great country, enjoying some trivia tidbits. Hopefully we will learn more about our wonderful nation or recall some facts you really did know! Hope you enjoy.
Lynn Anderton

As the summer solstice has arrived, let's trek north to visit our territories bordering the Arctic Ocean, during the season of the midnight sun!

partner crops, like the blueberry fields and lavender. The owner/ hosts were all so hospitable and informative.

Our lunch was to die for. The chef prepared not only home made from scratch, but many ingredients were home grown!! Even the delectable Waldorf salad had her home raised chicken in it, and her homemade soup used stock from her chicken. FABULOUS!! We have many good memories from a great day!

Nunavut

Nunavut is the largest territory and has one-fifth of the land in Canada.

It is made up of a mainland and many islands in the Arctic Ocean. Baffin Island and Ellesmere Island are two large islands. "Nunavut" means "our land" in the Inuit language of Inuktitut.



Nunavut is the home to about 25,000 people, and with 52.1% of the entire population under the age of 20, this makes Nunavut statistically youngest region in Canada. There are about 26 settlements in Nunavut, and it's capital is

the largest community of **Iqaluit**, (ee-kha-lu-eet), with a population of 7,250. "Iqaluit" means "the place of many fish". It is located on the southern tip of Baffin Island and was an airbase in the 1940s. Iqaluit was called Frobisher Bay until 1987.

The airport in Iqaluit is painted a cheerful yellow. Regularly scheduled flights service Iqaluit from Montreal, Ottawa, Yellowknife, Edmonton, Rankin Inlet and Kuujuaq, primarily on Canadian North and First Air. Prepare to remortgage your house to pay for the flight.

The Inuit requested their own territory, and Nunavut joined Canada on April 1st, 1999, no joke! Since then the territory has slowly been catching up to the rest of the country in some regards, 85% of the population is native and 60% do not really speak fluent English, 18% graduate high school, 11% attend post-secondary school. The territory is run by elders who do not care to join any Canadian politics, they govern themselves in a democratic way and do their best to take care of one another. The Inuit are the aboriginal people who make up 85 percent of the population. Inuktitut is the language of the Inuit.



The land and water are frozen most of the year. The Arctic waters are covered with ice flows. Icebergs break off from the glaciers and fall into the sea. The land is covered with sheets of ice, water pools and rivers. In winter you can't tell where the land ends and the sea begins.

There are also mountains and tundra. Moss, tough grasses and small willow shrubs grow on the tundra. The soil is frozen. Ellesmere Island National Park Reserve is Canada's most northern park. It is a polar desert with very little snowfall.

It was big news in 2010 when Canada's most ubiquitous coffee chain opened a location further north than they'd ever gone before. In the first three days that the Iqaluit Tim Hortons kiosks were open, they sold 3,500 cups of coffee. That might not seem like a lot until you realize that it's more than one cup for every two people in town. These days, they even serve Iced Capps. There are three Tim Horton's kiosks in Iqaluit.

Food prices are the highest of anywhere in the world, though Tahiti comes a close second. Don't choke on your chicken bone if you go out to a buffet.

Orange juice is triple what one pays for it in Calgary. A case of bottled water can sell for \$83.00. All fruits and vegetables are flown in. Many people buy close to a year's supply of dry goods which are brought in by boat once the ice clears.

Nunavut relies completely on oil to heat their homes and businesses. There are virtually no trees in the territory so wood fire is unsustainable and the price of electric heat would be outrageous leaving residents with just the one choice. Oil is delivered once a year and is distributed to residents throughout the remainder of the time.

Residents in Nunavut have a water tank alongside their oil tanks. The water tanks are topped up each day (unless they are still full) which means each home has a limit of 225L a day. This may sound like a lot, however a normal top load washer uses around 140L per wash!

Nunavut is by far the most secluded territory in Canada with virtually no roads and most of the area being islands, food costs are sky high because they require planes to fly in. Staples like bread, milk and eggs are up to 10x what you would pay anywhere else in the country. A case of 35 water bottles can cost \$83.00!

How do you get around in Nunavut? Not on four wheels. The territory has just under 32 km of paved road. To get from community to community, most people fly, some locals travel by boat in the summer and by snowmobile over frozen rivers and lakes in the winter months. In town, it's mainly dirt roads covered in ice during the winter and potholes in the summer, and all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles rule them—they outnumber Nunavut's cars. There is roughly 8KM of paving within the city of Iqaluit (5 miles). Cabs charge a flat rate in Iqaluit of \$7 per ride.

Nunavut has no local or city police, Iqaluit has one branch of RCMP which is staffed with newly graduated officers who have been placed in the city for their training.

Houses are wildly colourful in Iqaluit. Homes in Nunavut must be built on stilts, a minimum of 1 metre above the ground. This is because year round the residents have to deal with permafrost, essentially where the ice has frozen the ground to make it stable. If homes are built without the stilts the heat from within will melt the permafrost over time and the home will sink into the ground.

Sadly Nunavut has the highest rates of suicide in Canada. Worse, if Nunavut was a country it would have the second highest rate in the entire world! Canada places 34th in the world for suicides but if Nunavut was taken out of the equation that number would drop to nearly 130th. 1 in every 9 teens have admitted to contemplating suicide and 1 in 20 have tried in this northern territory.

Buying or selling alcohol is still illegal to this day. The territory runs on rules sets by community elders and one rule is the ban of alcohol sale, this creates a ton of new issues in the territory as it makes the drink harder to get, and more expensive.

The Land of the Midnight Sun isn't just a cool nickname. The territory's earliest sunset occurs on December 17—at 1:40 in the afternoon. Their latest sunrise is on December 24 at 9:25 am. But that all changes in the summer, which is when Nunavut really (literally) shines: on June 20, Iqaluit gets a mindblowing 20.5 hours of sunshine.

Northwest Territories



Yellowknife sits on the shore of Great Slave Lake, near the outlet of the Yellowknife River. It's North America's deepest lake on record, and it comes in as #9 on the list of the largest lakes on the planet. Yellowknife is situated over a large expanse of ancient volcanic rock which dates back as far as four billion years! Within these rocks lie such treasures as silver, tungsten, copper, diamonds, and last but not least – gold! It was the discovery of gold in the 1930's that first drew prospectors to the area.

Yellowknife became the capital of the Northwest Territories in 1967.

Yellowknife has almost half the population of the entire Northwest Territories and is the only city in the NWT.

Yellowknife was named after a local Dene tribe once known as the 'Copper Indians' or 'Yellowknife Indians', who traded copper tools forged from copper found near the Arctic Coast. Today they are known as the Yellowknives Dene. To greet a Dene, you shake hands, as there is no direct translation for hello and goodbye in their language. It is estimated that over 25 languages are spoken in Yellowknife, including eight official territorial languages.

Thirty five percent of the population is under 25 years of age. Only 3.6% of the population are over 65 (695 people in total).

Yellowknife has a gold mining heritage. In the 1930's mine tunnels burrowed beneath the city streets.

Yellowknife is called the Diamond Capital of North America. NWT is actually the world's second largest producer of diamonds in the world. The diamonds found in the Arctic territory are not only more pure than the diamonds found in Africa, but they are of an overall higher quality and mined ethically where each worker is paid quite a fair wage.

There are three operating diamond mines close by. Canada has ranked as high as third in diamond production by value and sixth by weight because of the diamonds from these mines. In 2010 a 78 carat diamond was discovered at the Ekati Diamond Mine.

There are a number of ice roads that allow land transportation to occur during the winter around Yellowknife. On the edge of Great Slave Lake the Dettah Ice Road connects Yellowknife to the First Nations community of Dettah. There is a paved highway all the way to Yellowknife from northern Alberta. Four airlines offer daily jet service to the city.

Due to its latitude, Yellowknife sees a wide range of time between day and night over the course of the year. In June, they see about twenty hours of daylight, while in December they will only see about five hours! On the winter solstice the sun rises at 10:08 am and sets at 3:06 pm. On the summer solstice the sun rises at 3:39 am and sets at 11:39 pm.

The lowest temperature ever recorded in Yellowknife was -51.2 C (-60 F) on January 31, 1947.

The hottest recorded temperature in Yellowknife was 32.5 c (90 F) on July 16, 1989. The average high temperature in July is 21.1 C. On average there are five thunderstorms a year in Yellowknife.

The most snow ever recorded in a single day was 24 cm on February 20, 1982.

Yellowknife is located only 400km south of the Arctic Circle, making it one of the best places in the world to witness the Northern Lights! Seasonably clear skies and the lack of surrounding light pollution further enhances the viewability of the Aurora Borealis from the Yellowknife area. The northern lights are visible nearly 250 days out of the entire year!

Thanks to the Canadian Space Agency you can watch the Northern Lights over Yellowknife live on the internet

The Canadian Championship Yellowknife Dog Derby is held annually at the end of March. The race covers 150 miles on Great Slave Lake and takes place over three days.

Yellowknife is a superb spot for fishing. You can catch 35 kg lake trout from Great Slave Lake as well as monster sized northern pike. There are over twelve fishing lodges just minutes away from Yellowknife by floatplane.

The Gold Range Bar is one of the oldest drinking spots in the Northwest Territories. It's featured in two novels – "Late Nights On Air" by Elizabeth Hay and "Solomon Gursky Was Here" by Mordecai Richler.

Vic Mercredi, a Métis hockey player is the first person from the Northwest Territories to be drafted by the NHL. Other residents of notoriety include Les Stroud, Max Ward and Margot Kidder. Actor Leslie Nielsen was the son of a Mountie and raised in the Northwest Territories.

Nahanni National Park was not only Canada's first UNESCO world heritage, but rumours have it there are several undiscovered species within the park, that includes new types of bears, wolves, large cats and yeti (bigfoot). This is due to the incredible size and geography of the park that leaves more than 80% of the grounds unmapped and untouched by explorers.

Inuvik is Canada's northern most official town. Sure there are settlements further north but these settlements do not have a year round population. Inuvik does have a stable year round population, services such as a post office, sewage system and a water system.

One may think an Arctic territory like the NWT wouldn't have much of a problem with forest fires but that is quite untrue. During the summer NWT actually has the most land destroyed by wildfires out of any other province in Canada. Luckily the land is sparsely populated so most of the damage is to wilderness and not urban or rural areas

The Northwest Territories has no political parties. Canada is a country with several major parties (5 at this time) yet this territory does not affiliate with any, elections are held and the people vote in candidates by their name not their party. It needs to be noted that when the NWT is represented in parliament the elected officials from Yellowknife will be assigned to which ever party is in control at that time.

Each winter residents of Yellowknife get together and build massive snow forts. These forts can be as big as, or larger than actual buildings in the city!

Yellowknife holds the record for the world's most profitable coffee shop on the planet! The city of 40,000 has just one Tim Hortons and this shop is booming 24/7.

The Northwest Territories Supreme court is held by an all-female staff, this would make it the world's only all-female court, and yes, it runs very efficiently!

If you want to make the big bucks in Canada mostly everyone would think you need to move to Alberta right? Wrong! Per capita residents in the NWT earn on average nearly \$20,000 more per year, even the average income is higher in the Northwest Territories by nearly \$500 over Alberta!



Yukon

Yukon is a place where nature works on a larger scale. Here are some facts to help you learn more.

The smallest of the three Canadian territories, Yukon is situated in the northwest corner of Canada's continental mainland. It sits between the Canadian province of British Columbia and the Arctic Ocean, with Alaska to the west and the Northwest Territories to the east. The Arctic Circle crosses through the Yukon and the territory has 430 kilometres of shoreline along the Beaufort Sea. At 483,450 square kilometres (186,661 square miles), the Yukon is larger than California and covers more area than Belgium, Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands combined. It represents 4.8% of Canada's total land area.



The name "Yukon" originated from the Locheux native word "Yuk-un-ah," meaning "Great River," referring to the Yukon River that flows across the territory into Alaska.

As of December 2016, there were 38,293 people living in the Yukon. Of those, 29,617 were living in the capital city of Whitehorse. The Yukon Territory today has roughly the exact same population as it did in the year 1900. (33,897 in 2015 – 31,055 in 1900). This makes the Yukon Canada's slowest growing region by a huge margin. Whitehorse has been growing at a decent pace but the issue is the rural surrounding areas have been dwindling in numbers. The city was named after the White Horse Rapids; before the river was

dammed the rapids looked like the mane of a white horse. Whitehorse is located at Mile 918 on the Alaska Highway. The closest big Canadian city is Edmonton – 1,994 kilometres away.

Yukon's dry, continental climate results in a wide variety of weather year-round. Humidity is very low, so summers can be hot and dry while our winter coldness is less harsh than in damper climates. Whitehorse is officially the driest Canadian city, in the winter months thanks to the surrounding mountains the city receives virtually no precipitation. The summer is better but as a total average the city is far behind every other city. Whitehorse receives snow year round, in the summer months it may be very little, just flurries, but in the end every month of the year has registered for snowfall. On average there are 269 hours of bright sunshine in June but only 27 hours of bright sunshine in December.

To date, the Yukon Territory is the only province of Canada to have its capitol city changed. Dawson City was the capitol until 1953 until it was moved to the larger more prosperous city of **Whitehorse**. Whitehorse is a major northern hub. It enjoys facilities, services and businesses far beyond the expectation of a city of 30,000. It's a big little city surrounded by wilderness with the amenities of a much larger destination paired with the friendly demeanour of a close-knit community. Whitehorse is referred to as The Wilderness City. Its downtown enjoys a frontier style decor.

The Yukon River flows though the center of town. Every second year the Yukon 1000 canoe race starts from the city of Whitehorse. It finishes 1000 miles and 7-12 days later at the Dalton Highway. If you enter be prepared to paddle 18 hours a day.

Whitehorse hosts a steady stream of festivals including The Frostbite Music Festival in February and the Adäka Cultural Festival in June which brings First Nations artists from across the Yukon along with a group of international artists to celebrate their creativity.

The largest weathervane in the world is in Whitehorse. It's a decommissioned DC-3 that sits atop a swivel stand at the airport.

The Miles Canyon with cliffs made of basalt and covered with strange lichen is a destination for hikers with a trail system in place. It also includes a suspension bridge over the Yukon River and it's one of the places where you can watch the riverboat cruises.

Some of the sights worth a visit in Whitehorse include the Yukon Transportation Museum, the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, Black Mike's Gold Mine and the SS Klondike II National Historic Site. There are over 700 kilometres of mountain biking trails within the city of Whitehorse. In summer you can take the chairlift up Mount Sima, the local ski hill, and bike back down.

Some of the other communities are: Dawson City, Haines Junction, Mayo, Carmacks, and Carcross. **Carcross** is home to the smallest desert in the world! The snow melts in the summer months revealing a 1 square mile patch of desert in this northern territory. The sand has come from the nearby lake that has been blown into place and held in one area by large surrounding mountains.

Dawson City was nothing more than a tent city prior to 1896, then gold was found nearby and overnight the city exploded from 200 to 40,000 people. This is one of North America's biggest gains in population in the shortest time. Dawson was paved with gold for 3 years, the city became super rich with imports from France and Italy in clothing stores and any food you could name shipped all the way to the northern city. The men with the gold needed places to spend their earnings, Dawson had dozens of saloons and dozens of Canada's first brothels. The gold however dried up in 1899 and suddenly people were leaving in droves, by 1910 Dawson was down to 25,000, 1930 was under 10,000 and today the city sits under 4,000 residents. The Dawson City casino still boasts world class poker tournaments and famous dancing girl shows.

The highest mountain in Canada, Mt. Logan, is in the Yukon. Mt Logan is located in the south western part of the territory with its peak just under 20,000 feet!

The Yukon has three of the 42 National Parks in Canada.

Mining accounts for more than 30% of the economy - gold, zinc and lead. Many visitors still enjoy visiting mining ghost towns and panning for gold!

The Yukon Quest is known as one of the toughest dogsled races in the world. It runs more than one thousand miles between Fairbanks, Alaska and Whitehorse, Yukon.



Caring and Sharing

Car Pooling

Would you like to attend events, but are unable to do so, because you do not have a ride? Please let us know, and we will try to match you with a member in your area, who would be willing to give you a lift.

Needed – volunteer drivers!

Please contact Linda Sargeant to be added to the list!

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905-575-3831

Photographers Needed!

Our branch would like to have **three photographers** to share the role of taking photos at events. That way, they would not have to commit to attending all functions. A camera and SD Card would be provided, to collect the photos for the event. The camera would be turned over to Patty Alexander or Linda Sargeant after an event, so the photos could be used in the newsletter. Our thanks to Jan Lukas, and others who have provided photos this past year.

Our plan is to create scrapbooking pages of our events that could be made into a book annually, for display purposes! Thanks to Hope Leon for suggesting this project!

Due to recent changes to the Events brochure and Interest Groups flyer, a new set will be emailed to everyone in the next few days. If you are unable to print them on your machine, please contact Linda, and a set will be sent by Canada Post.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Our Branch Executive currently has two positions for Members-at-Large, filled by Anne Louise Gloyd and Emily DeBenedictis. Women in these positions may attend Executive meetings, and assist with any activities of the branch in which they have an interest. They may help on the committees and with the events of their choosing. The term of office is for one year, with an extension of a second year if they wish.

We have decided to **add three additional people** in these roles, so if the position is of interest to you, please let Linda know!

Thank You!

... to **Lynn Anderton** for organizing a fabulous “Red & White” wine tour to the Simcoe area. We enjoyed visiting two grape wineries, a lavender farm, and the blueberry venue with the wonderful luncheon. Perfect weather added to the day!

... to **Sandie Bender & Danielle Chouinard** for managing the Golf tournament this year! Although they are now retiring from this post, they have found their replacements for next year!

... to those who contribute to our newsletters with information, photos, or articles!

... to the **Main West Fortinos** store for hosting so many of our meetings and Interest Groups, at no charge!

... to all of the **Interest Group leaders** who provide the organization that sustains our impressive activities program! You are some of the main reasons we are such a strong organization!

... to the **Executive members** who served during this past year! Your skills, generosity, and caring make Hamilton Branch possible!

Happy summering!

See you at the ‘Be Our Guest’ Event in the fall!

Please invite a retired woman teacher!

MESSAGE BOARD



Art Appreciation Group

Enjoy your summer.

Forward any ideas you have for fall outings to Lynn Anderton via rwto.lynn@gmail.com

Bumper Babes Bowling

The Bumper Babes met one last time for this season on June 22. We bowled one game and then enjoyed lunch at Little Saigon. After surveying the group, a decision was made to move our bowling day to the third Tuesday of the month for next year so that there are fewer conflicts with RWTO events. We will resume bowling on **Tuesday, September 19**. A reminder will be sent out in September. To all of our bowlers, have a great summer and hope to "See you in September" at Mountain Lanes, 335 Upper Wentworth, Hamilton, at 11:00.

Euchre East

Dates will be as follows:

Thurs. June 15, Thurs. July 13 and Thurs. Aug. 10.

(We still meet during the summer.)



Euchre West

Celebrating Canada's Birthday!

Fortinos Main St West

12 Noon; Lunch optional

No Euchre in July and August.

Happy, Relaxing Summer!

Contact Jeanette at jeanette.24@icloud.com

Heather at hclark1943@hotmail.com Euchre West is on Mon. June 26 th.



"FIRST CUP @ SECOND CUP", WESTDALE

1. Fri. June 30th ***CANCELLED due to renovations!
2. Fri. Sept. 29th
3. Fri. Oct. 27th

- 10:00 am. - 11:30am.
- Socialize
- Make new friends
- Contact: Hope: hleon@bserv.com OR: [905- 528- 2348](tel:905-528-2348)



iPad Group!



Anyone who owns an iPad is welcome!
Please save the following dates for our fall meetings!
Main West Fortinos

Thursdays, 10 am – Noon;
Sept. 21st, Oct. 19th, Nov. 23rd

Knitting & Crocheting Group!

Needed! People to crochet knitted squares together to create afghans for charity!

Please contact Bernice at bernice.kania@sympatico.ca
905-383-7892



Lunch Bunch

*Telephone numbers of the restaurants
given in case anyone needs to call
about gluten, lactose, or other dietary
restrictions.*

September 5, 2017 at 12:30

Eden's Cafe and Mediterranean Restaurant

1548 Main St., West, Hamilton
(289) 389-6493

October 3, 2017 at 12:30

Lemon Grass Restaurant

1300 Garth St. Unit 1, Hamilton
(905)574-3932

November 7, 2017 at 12:30

Cibo Osteria

16 Ontario Street, Grimsby
(905)309-5858

December 5, 2017 at 12:30

The Mandarin

1508 Upper James
(905) 383-6000

RTO TRIPS AND TOURS

RWTO members and their guests are welcome!
Bookings need to be made ASAP to ensure a spot!
Contact Linda Sargeant for booking information.
rwto.linda@gmail.com 905-575-3831

Tour # 1

Welland Canal Lock Cruise

on the tall ship *Empire Sandy* - \$155 each
(Port Colborne to Port Dalhousie
on the 200' topsail schooner)

Tuesday August 8, 2017; 6:45 am - 7:30 pm

Includes bus, refreshments, lunch, dinner, cruise
Please bring a folding chair.

Tour # 2

St. Jacobs Country Playhouse

"Lucky Stiff" Musical Comedy - \$110 each

Thursday August 24th, 2017; 9:30 am - 7 pm

Includes bus, dinner, theatre ticket

Explore St. Jacob's Market, lunch on your own,
Dinner at Anna Mae's Restaurant in Millbank

Tour # 3

Stratford Avon Theatre

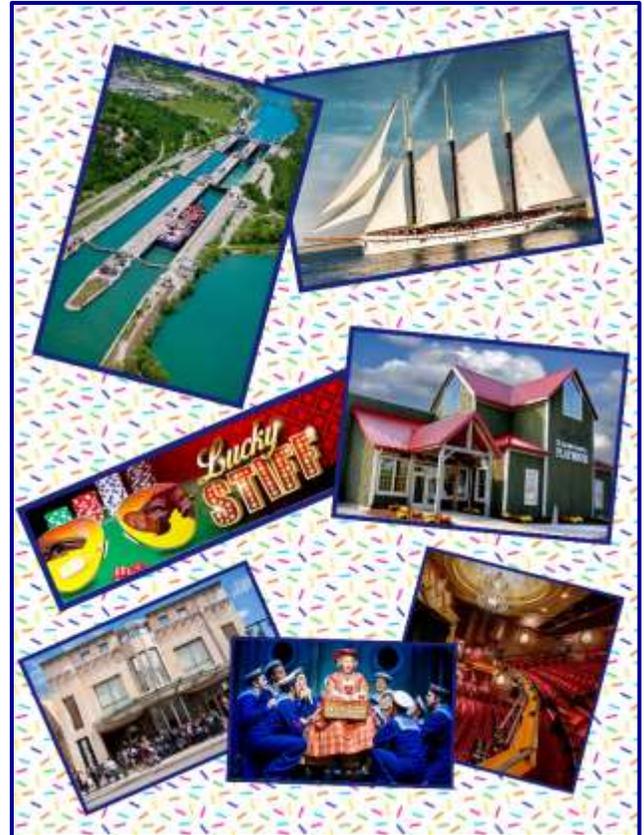
"HMS Pinafore" - \$110 each

Gilbert & Sullivan comedy operetta

Tuesday September 26th, 2017; 9:30 - 6 pm

Includes bus, lunch, theatre ticket

Lunch at the Parlour Inn, Stratford



Theatre Group

Needed: One or two contact people for the Theatre Group
which has attended the Players' Guild productions for the past few years.

Ask Mardie for more details:

mardiepan@gmail.com

905-527-6075



AN RWTO MINI EVENT!!

Walking Tour of Cultural & Historic sites in Downtown Hamilton!

Provided **free of charge** by the Lady Hamilton Club
Tuesday July 14th, 2017; 2 – 4 pm

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Meet at the Visitor Information Centre at the
Lister Block, 28 James St. North

Followed by the Artcrawl event, if you wish!

Wheelchair accessible, and an easy pace,
covering 1 ½ - 2 km - rain or shine event

Contact Linda Sargeant by July 30th,
if you would like to join this one time event.

rwto.linda@gmail.com 905-575-3831

Suggestions – wear comfortable shoes, bring water

Writing Club

1. Fri. June 16th (*change of date)
2. Fri. Sept. 22nd
3. Fri. Oct. 20th



- Fortino's, West Hamilton Community Room
- 10:00am. - Noon
- No writing skills required
- Socialize; Make new friends and contacts
- Learn some new writing skills too!
- Contact: Hope: hleon@bserv.com OR: 905-528- 2348

COMMUNITY

If you have a community event or
announcement that you would like
to advertise in this newsletter,
please email your information to

rwto.patty@gmail.com

Patty Alexander
Communications