



Hamilton Wentworth Branch 2017 May Newsletter



...And Here's Hope!

Hamilton-Wentworth has had another wonderful 'year to remember'. Our recruitment and membership drives, ... "Be Our Guest", ... numerous "PR" initiatives including advertising in local newspapers, photo shoots, and magazines, ... plus the diversified calibre of entertainment provided, ... have all helped to boost 'public awareness' about us and what we do, while steadily increasing attendance at events. Our RWTO friends from Brant and Haldimand Branches were invited to events, and enjoyed celebrating with us during this, ... our Branch's '60th' Birthday year, which coincides with Canada's '150th'. Several initiatives were planned for these two milestones, including dressing in reds and whites for our Friendship Luncheon, ... lots of Canadian trivia provided, plus our upcoming **"Family and Friends Wine Bus Tour and Luncheon"** which is guaranteed to be a lot of fun!

Our accomplishments this year have been many! Through our "Bright FUN Ideas", and "Members Have Spoken" initiatives, ... members submitted ideas for our Executive to try to implement, and we did! Our **'Centre Piece - Making Workshop'** was a great success, utilizing the artistic talents of many members, ... my goal. A **'Writing Club'**, ... the 'Bright Idea' of member, *Marlene Buchanan*, resulted in a fun-filled learning and socializing experience once a month, which included a visit by celebrated author, *Deborah Morrison*. When the 'Members Spoke', ... a change of 'Table Reservations' format was created to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of all members. We certainly aim to please! The *'Caring and Sharing'* spirit of our members continued to be amazing, with a total of **\$5,437.60** donated to charities including: *The Geriatric Education & Research in Aging Sciences, The Bob Kemp Hospice, Alzheimer's Society of Hamilton and Halton, Notre Dame House, Children's Aid Society, and Catholic Children's Aid Society, Helping Hands, Ronald McDonald House, and the Syrian Refugees*. In addition, our members donated a trunkful of school items for Wesley's Backpack program, ... a trunkful of hygiene items for both Sir John A MacDonald and St. Jean de Brebeuf High School Walk-in Closets, ... 7 large bags of warm wrap ups for the Christmas Tree of Hope, ... and 3 large boxes, plus 4 large garbage bags of generous gifts for the Mental Health Rights Coalition. Your generosity has been truly outstanding! Our **'Third Annual Special Outreach Project'** was successful again, ... giving the one-time \$500 donation to a 20 year old woman who suffers from Lyme disease as a result of a tick bite. This money was used to pay for some of her tests, and/or treatments, and as in the past, ... solutions were also found to assist the other two member submissions.

We are blessed that our 20- member Executive is multi-talented in so many diverse ways, ... and it's that knowledge, expertise, and professionalism which we have been so fortunate to be able to utilize in our RWTO planning and programming. Our Branch has made a point of honouring everyone including our ... "Over 90's", ... our ... *Cora Bailey winners*, ... new members, ... our *'inspiring members'* who do amazing things during their retirement, ... and this year, ... our *interest group leaders and their groups*. My theme was **'Celebrating our Accomplishments'**, and we certainly did, and in so many different ways! Hamilton-Wentworth Branch continues to flourish because of our amazing women, ... you! We should be very proud! ... I certainly am!

'And now...the end is here, ... and I must face that final curtain'. How quickly these two years of my Presidency have flown by! What an incredible honour and privilege it has been to serve as your RWTO Branch President, ... a time of new friendships and so many wonderful rewarding experiences. I've always been one of those people filled with ideas, ... and RWTO has given me a format for making so many come true! It has brought me great pleasure to create many new and successful initiatives for our Branch, ... most of them during my Presidency. My goal was always **'membership participation'**, ... with lots and lots of **FUN**, and again we succeeded. These initiatives include: *"The Annual Special Outreach Project"*, ... *the Public Relations "PR" Committee* with its initiatives and new display binder, ... *the "Bright FUN Ideas" initiative*, ... *the "Members Have Spoken" initiative*, ... *the "Inspiring Members" newsletter column*, ... *the "Christmas Tree Decoration Workshop"*, ... *the "Celebrity Teacher Story Memory Board/Album"*, ... *the "Newest Table*

Reservations Format,... the "Did You Know?" newsletter column, ... the "First Cup at Second Cup" interest group, ...the "Writing Club" interest group, ... the "Table Centre Piece-Making Workshop", ... and the "Social Butterfly Club", a support/ friendship/invitation liaison between Area 4 & 13 Branches. These initiatives have been successful thanks to your involvement!

I love to public speak and write, and again I've had the opportunity for both, and to share my excitement about our Branch's dynamic events and happenings through my, "**And Here's Hope**" newsletter messages, which I honestly will miss writing. I hope you've enjoyed reading them, and sharing in my joy and enthusiasm about what an amazing Branch we really do have. I have been very proud these past twelve years to be a part of it! My philosophy has always been to fill your retirement days with *unique* and *fun* opportunities, so I hope you check out our *brand new brochure* and start planning your exciting '*personal programming*' for the upcoming season. I've started to plan mine! I want to thank our hardworking Executive for their support and friendship during my two year term as President, and wish our incoming President, Linda Sargeant, and the 2017-18 Executive much success. '*Breakfast in the Valley*' and our *Annual General Meeting* will take place on May 3rd at the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club, where our new Executive will be installed. I hope to see you there!

"All good things must come to an end" as they say, ... so I bid you adieu! This has been one of the great highlights of my life. Thank you all for these wonderful memories I truly will cherish forever!

Till we meet again!

In Caring and Sharing,

Hope Leon, President

"We do not stop playing because we are old. We grow old because we stop playing." ... (George Bernard Shaw)

The Bang for your Buck

Last year saw an increase in both membership and event fees. As a result, some members have questioned the value for money. As with everything else, costs have increased. In previous years some of the events were subsidized, in particular, our Celebration at the Station. The new prices more closely reflect the actual cost of each meal. They also include table decorations, prizes, the use of the venue, table service, taxes and gratuities. We have enjoyed the entertainment selected by the committee, but this too, comes at a cost. As you will notice in this year's brochure, prices have remained the same as last year in our endeavour to keep events affordable.





Mary McCracken

Mary McCracken exhibits a passion for helping and serving others. Her energy is boundless, she continually shows a positive attitude and spirit, and always has a smile, which brings joy to others. Mary is flexible and seems to be able to adapt to challenges with an open mind. She is a team player, is approachable, friendly and cooperative, and definitely has integrity and reliability. If she promises to do something she commits to the cause, completing it in a timely and thorough manner.

Mary lives by RW's "Caring and Sharing" motto every day of her life. She has served for three terms as the RW Outreach Convener on the Executive, making arrangements with the charities, and organizing our collection of goods and monetary donations. Not only has Mary done an excellent job in her RWTO Outreach position, she extends her personal Outreach through Community Service.

Whether it is meal preparation for 50 people in need, at monthly gatherings at her church, helping at Wesley Centre at the Christmas Store, or with fundraising events like their annual walk, Mary is constantly involved in worthwhile projects. From arranging PA Day programs for church neighbourhood students to visiting the elderly in nursing homes, Mary has shown she is a true friend to many. It is an honour to present Mary McCracken with the 2017 Cora Bailey Award.

Cora Bailey ~ 2017



Ursula Vander Ploeg



Ursula has invested much time and effort in RWTO, contributing greatly! She was our Executive Secretary for several years, and a committee member for our first 'Be Our Guest' event. As a superb Executive Branch Treasurer for the past four years, she has kept a record of all monies received and disbursed, presented a Treasurer's Report at each Table Officers and Executive meeting, prepared annual financial statements, presenting them to auditors for review, and the members at our AGM for approval. She chairs the 'Budget Committee', preparing a proposed annual budget which is approved by the Executive, and membership in the Fall.

Ursula is highly motivated, skilled, and capable, achieving above and beyond expectations. She is passionate about her work and extremely conscientious. "She epitomizes, grace, charity and competence", according to her fellow Executive members. Her interpersonal skills are superb, and she's a kind, caring person, which is what our Branch is all about.

Ursula is an active, capable, and very responsible *Table Officer* who deserves to be recognized for her hard work and dedication to RWTO. It is our absolute pleasure to present Ursula Vander Ploeg with the 2017 Cora Bailey Award.

Cora Bailey ~ 2017



Nancy Papiez

Nancy Papiez ~ what an outstanding role model for everyone in the RWTO organization - at both the Branch and Provincial levels! Nancy joined the Executive soon after her retirement and quickly joined the Table Officers' team as Second Vice President. The 2013 Provincial Convention hosted by Hamilton-Wentworth, was a huge success, largely due to Nancy's efforts as our liaison to the Provincial organization. While 1st Vice President, she took on the mantle of President early, after an unexpected change in leadership, and served for a year and half in that role, building on the strengths of our organization. Nancy was integral in developing our current Constitution and Policies documents, which are vital to our Branch today. Nancy has now completed her Hamilton-Wentworth Branch Executive term, after serving two years as Past President, where she shared her expertise, and mentored anyone on the team who asked for her assistance. Even while assisting our own Branch so efficiently, Nancy has also taken on the role of RWTO Provincial Program Coordinator ... she is still ensuring that our Provincial Conventions are successful endeavours! Nancy is a warm and compassionate inspiration, known for her organizational and communication skills. She is an excellent leader and a very deserving recipient of the 2017 Cora Bailey Award.

Cora Bailey ~ 2017



2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 21st, 2017

First tee time is 9 am

Chippewa Creek Golf Club

9639 Chippewa Creek Rd.

Mount Hope ON L0R 1W0

Please have one person register your team by emailing Pinky Moro with the list of names. This will provide us with an email address so you can be contacted with your tee time in advance. If you would like to golf but are not part of a foursome, just let Pinky know, and you will be placed on a team.

**Non-members are welcome
at this event!**

**Please be at the course
20 minutes before your tee time.**

For more Information:

Sandie: sbender1@cogeco.ca

Danielle: daniellechouinard3@cogeco.ca

**Fee includes golf,
luncheon, & prizes ~ \$40**

**Carts are available for
\$8.50 per person.**

Cheques payable to
RWTO Hamilton-Wentworth

**Registration Deadline is
June 1, 2017**

Pinky Moro
24-1967 Main St. W.
Hamilton, ON L8P 4P4
pinky1@cogeco.ca



"Did You Know???"

Bumper Babes Bowling Club: Contact: Gwen Kirkpatrick

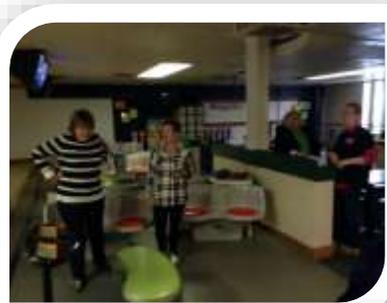
Gwen Kirkpatrick retired in 2008 after 39 years with the Hamilton-Wentworth Board. She spent twelve years teaching primary before moving on to the junior level teaching FSL, Special Ed., and Library,...sometimes all at the same time. She has volunteered at Blood Donor Clinics in Waterdown for over 35 years. She is a proud mother of one son. She enjoys travelling, sewing, crocheting, gardening, reading, walking, scrapbooking and a variety of crafts. She says, "I should never have found Pinterest!" Along with the Bumper Babes Bowling, Gwen belongs to the Movie Club, and Lunch Bunch. She has served on RWTO's Events Committee for 5 years, and is currently on Executive as Interim Secretary.

- **Where:** Mountain Lanes...335 Upper Wentworth, at Concession
- **When:** Usually meets the third Wednesday of each month; Check newsletter for date changes
- **Time:** 11:00 am. Social; 11:30 am. - 2 games begin...usually finishing by 1pm.
- **What:** Lots of fun!...No bowling experience necessary!
- **Who:** New members most welcomed!
- **How:** If interested: Contact
Gwen: kirkpa@cogeco.ca or [905-689-8975](tel:905-689-8975).



Did you know that...

- Bumper Babes began as a one time event seven years ago.
- Thanks to Hope... it became a regular monthly interest group.
- We're called 'Bumper Babes' because we bowl with the bumpers up along the lanes. No 'gutter balls' for us! It goes without saying where the 'Babes' in our name came from!!!!
 - We have our own black and hot pink t-shirts and cheer.
 - Each December we get together for one game of bowling and lunch.
 - Each June we have our 'Annual Bumper Babes Bowling Banquet' where prizes and awards are given for our accomplishments.



"Did You Know???"

Golf Club: Contact: Danielle Chouinard

Danielle Chouinard has been an RWTO member since 2000, and served on the Executive since 2003. She has been the *'Interest Group Convenor'* for the last three years, and the *Golf Club* leader for the past seven years. She is a mother of two children, Mathieu and Caroline, and proud grandmother of a wonderful grandson named Wyatt, who is 8 months old. She loves to do puzzles and crosswords. Travelling with friends is also one of her favorite things to do, eg. her exciting trip to China. She volunteers at Theatre Aquarius 'telling patrons where to go', ... (better known as *ushering*). Danielle is also a long time member of RTO, serving on their Executive for three years, and is currently the co-chair of their Citizenship Celebrations.



- **Who:** The group is comprised of 'newbies' to the sport, and various levels of skilled golfers
- **What:** We like to have fun, ...enjoying the fresh air and lovely surroundings.
- **When:** At our 'organizational meeting in April, we decide the courses that we will be golfing at, ...the dates....plus the person who will book the tee times...known as the 'Golf Madame'.
- **Where:** If interested in golfing this year, please join us at Williams' on Discovery Drive: April 20th, @ 10:00am.
- **How:** For more information contact: Danielle:daniellechouinard3@cogeco.ca OR: 905-635-9051



Did you know that...

- When we golf, ..you can always hear lots of laughter, and see lots of smiles.
- "We love to take out our frustrations on that little white ball!"
- We are quite adept at trick shots- using trees, rocks and fences.
- We only keep score of our good shots or not at all.

"Did You Know???"

Walking Club: Contact: Diana O'Donnell

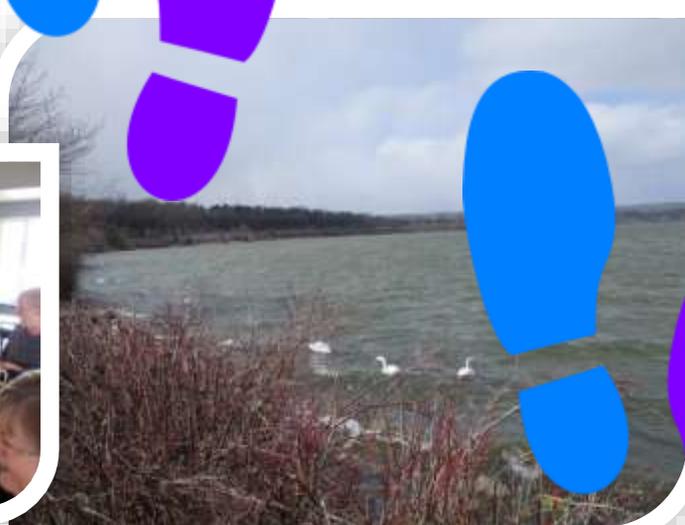
Diana O'Donnell retired in 2008 after a career teaching JK-Grade 3 with the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. She has fond memories of her teaching years. Since retiring, she volunteers at her church in various capacities, and at the Good Shepherd Centre. She enjoys spending time with her friends, and being a member of RWTO. She often attends the luncheons, and is a member of the Knitting Group, and the Walking Group. The Walking Group was one of the first groups she joined as she has always enjoyed being a walker.



- **Who:** Do you enjoy walking, and being outdoors in all kinds of weather? Do you enjoy watching the trees, birds, sky, and water as they change through the seasons....all in the company of friends? Then this group is for you!
- **What:** Walk as slowly or as quickly as you wish. Walk as far as you want...even to Princess Point. There is always someone to walk with.
- **Where:** The Waterfront Trail (off Bay St.N.). Then join the group for coffee at Williams Cafe.
- **When:** Every Friday at 1 pm. (10 am during July and August)
- **How:** Contact: Diana O'Donnell-dianaodonnell@sympatico.ca

Did you know that...

- The Waterfront Trail is always walkable as it is plowed in the winter.
- There are benches along the trail so you can stop, rest, and take in the scenery.
- One of those benches we long ago named "*Hope's Bench*" after you-know-who.
- There is fishing along the trail and ice fishing in the winter.
- We've seen the work (or damage) of beavers.
- We've watched the swans sitting and waiting for the hatching of their eggs.
- We've been bird watchers, dog petters, and shared the trail with cyclists, joggers, and rollerbladers.





Breakfast In The Valley



150 years!!!

Celebrating Canada's Red and White



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

Let's continue on our adventure and enjoy what Quebec and Ontario have to offer.

Quebec

The motto of Quebec is "Je me souviens" (French for "I remember"). Ironically, the meaning of what Québec is remembering has been debated and analyzed for decades.

The word "Kébec" is an Algonquin word meaning Where The River Narrows.

Jacques Cartier, a French explorer landed here in 1535. It wasn't until 1608 when Samuel de Champlain arrived that a permanent wooden fort and fur trading post were set up.

Quebec City's 400th anniversary was celebrated in 2008. It's the oldest French speaking community in North America.

Quebec City is the only walled city north of Mexico. It has 4.6 kilometers of walls.



The oldest part of Quebec City was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.

Quebec almost voted for independence in 1995 – when a referendum failed with less than one percent margin.

The Hotel de Glace in Quebec is built every year from 50 workers using 400 tons of ice and 12 000 tons of snow.

Montreal Olympics were a financial disaster for the city as it faced debts for over 30 years after the Games had finished.

Montreal used to be the largest Canadian city until the 1970's when it was surpassed by Toronto.

The Battle of the Plains of Abraham (1759) was a turning point in the Seven Years' War, at whose end France surrendered Quebec to the British.

Over 95% of the population is French speaking but more than 40% can speak both English and French.

After Paris, the world's largest French speaking city is Montreal.

The province of Quebec is Canada's greatest producer of maple syrup and has the largest dairy industry in Canada.

Founded in 1873, the Royal Montreal Golf Club is by far the oldest golf club in North America.

Founded in 1786, Montreal's Molson Coors Canada is the oldest brewery in North America and is still using its original site.

The Château Frontenac in Quebec City is the most photographed hotel in the world.

The narrowest house in North America is located on rue Donnacona in Quebec City. It is only 3.7 meters (12 feet) long.

In the Baie-James region that you can find LG2, the largest underground hydroelectric power plant in the world.

Quebec has the most important windmill park in Canada. It's also one of the largest in the world. It's the Le Nordet windmill park in Cap Chat in the Gaspésie region.

Quebec contains more than 3% of the world's fresh water reserves.

The Quebec's electric wiring network is one of the longest of the North American continent. It is made of more than 30,000 kilometres of high-voltage cables, to which is added 100,000 kilometres of supply wires that go all the way to the consumers. If we were to put all the wires end to end, they could go three times around the Earth at the Equator.

Quebec's forest covers more than 750,000 km², which is the size of Sweden and Norway together. It represents 20% of the Canadian forests and 2% of the world's forests.

Famous Québécois include: Céline Dion--This French songstress was born in Charlemagne, Québec. She is most noted for her amazing power ballads, and in particular, the theme song from the movie *The Titanic*. William Shatner--The beloved Captain Kirk from *Star Trek* hails from Montréal, Québec. Mario Lemieux--Retired hockey player Lemieux is arguably one of the best hockey players to skate on the ice. Glen Ford--A popular actor in the 50's and 60's, Glen Ford's last appearance was in the movie *Superman*, as Clark Kent's adoptive father.

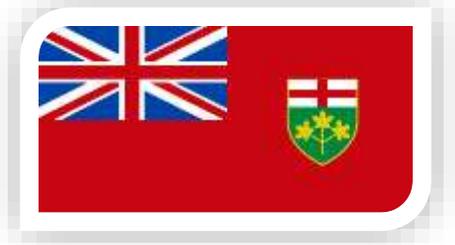


Ontario

It was 10,000 years ago when the first Aboriginal people arrived in what is now Ontario. While some Aboriginal nations settled down to erect villages and farm the land in the south, other nations continued to wander. There were battles between the nations, but by the 1600s they had begun to band together into confederacies and had developed a democratic system of government.

Today, there are two Aboriginal language groups in Ontario: Algonquian, spoken by the Algonquin, Ojibwa and Cree; and Iroquoian, spoken by the Iroquois. The French culture is still a part of Ontario, with Franco-Ontarians representing five per cent of the province's population of approximately 12.5 million. Successive waves of immigrants have continued to enrich Ontario's culture, and its cities are microcosms of the world in their rich ethnic variety. Today, Ontario is home to more than 80 cultures.

The word "Ontario" is thought to mean "beautiful waters" in the original Iroquoian - and it couldn't be a more appropriate description. While 80 percent of the province is covered by forests, 20 per cent is comprised of water, with over 250,000 lakes gouged into the rock of the Canadian Shield by the last ice age. Covering more than one million square kilometres (415,000 square miles) - an area larger than France and Spain combined - Ontario is Canada's second



largest province. Ontario's most northerly communities are close to the same latitude as London, England. Ontario's southernmost point of land - Middle Island, in Lake Erie south of Point Pelee - is roughly parallel to Barcelona, Spain.

Ontario is Canada's most populous province and is the economic engine that powers the country. Ontario is the nation's manufacturing leader and produces 60% of all manufactured goods exported out of Canada. Ontario's highly diversified economy offers excellent opportunities in all sectors ranging from automotive, plastics, aerospace to information and telecommunications technology and the life sciences. Agriculture and natural resources are also important economic sectors.

Ontario has produced many notable comedians including Jim Carrey (Newmarket), Mike Myers (Scarborough), Dan Aykroyd (Ottawa), John Candy (Newmarket), Martin Short (Hamilton) & Rick Moranis. Also Saturday Night Live creator and producer Lorne Michaels was born in Toronto, Ontario. Many other famous celebrities include, Justin Bieber, Shania Twain, Matthew Perry, Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams, Alanis Morissette, Avril Lavigne and Christopher Plummer.

The distinction of the longest street in the world belongs to Yonge Street in the Province of Ontario. Yonge Street starts at Lake Ontario, and runs north through central and northern Ontario to the area of Rainy River, on the Ontario – Minnesota border, a distance of over 1178 miles / 1896 kilometres. The Guinness Book of World Records recognized this claim as late as 1998.

Most of Yonge Street today exists as Highway 11, north of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Due to the development of the GTA, the old highway lives on as side roads, dead-end roads, or overgrown wooded trails.

Wasaga Beach on Georgian Bay is the world's longest freshwater beach, 8.6 miles / 14 km. Wasaga Beach is located about 2 hours northwest of Toronto.

The Thousand Island Railway, which ran in Gananoque Ontario, is North America's shortest railway in history, just 3.32 miles / 5.43 km.



Canada has the third tallest tower in the world. Completed in 1975, the CN Tower in Toronto stands 1815' and 5" tall. CN Tower's glass paneled elevator floors are the highest in the world.

Inside Toronto's Rogers Centre (formerly known as the SkyDome) you will find the world's largest Sony big screen, measuring 33 ft. x 110 ft. (10.0 m x 33.6 m).

The World's Largest Coin, The Big Nickel is located in Sudbury. It is a giant reproduction of a 1951 Canadian nickel, measuring 9 meters (30 feet) in diameter.

Guy Lombardo (1902- 1977) leader of the big-band era "The Royal Canadians" and known for his yearly rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" which is still played on New Years at Times Square in New York City, was born in London Ontario.

The Canadarm & The Canadarm 2 The world famous robotic manipulator affectionately known as the "Canadarm", used aboard the space shuttle and its bigger brother the "Canadarm 2", an integral part of the International Space Station, were designed and manufactured at Spar Aerospace, based in Brampton Ontario, just northwest of Toronto.

The world famous Blackberry Smartphone was developed at Research In Motion's Waterloo Ontario facilities.

Camp X was a spy school to train Allied spies during the second World War. It was located between Whitby and Oshawa. The official name of the school was Special Training School 103 (STS 103) and famous students include James Bond creator Ian Fleming and British author Ronald Dahl. As a spy school it operated from 1941-1946. Afterwards the site continued to operate as a spy interception station and was renamed The Oshawa Wireless Station, which ceased operations in 1969. The location is now called Intrepid Park. The buildings associated with the spy school have since been destroyed, but in 1984 a monument was built to honor Camp X.

It is widely believed that the legend of Paul Bunyan was inspired by Big Joe Mufferaw (birth name, Joseph Montferrand). Mufferaw was a lumberjack who was renowned for his feat of strengths. He became beloved for his courageous stand against big logging companies. Even though he was a real life logger and strongman, many of his feats were embellished. A statue has been dedicated to him in his hometown of Mattawa, Ontario. He was also the subject of the Stompin' Tom Connors' song bearing his name.

Toronto is currently the capital of Ontario, but prior to confederation (when it was a British colony) that was not always the case. In 1792 Niagara-on-the-Lake became the first capital. Then in 1796 Toronto became the capital.

The province of Ontario is widely associated with one of the most famous inventions in history, the telephone. Alexander Graham Bell immigrated to Brantford, Ontario from Scotland and he did much of his research in his Brantford home. There is some debate to what extent he worked on the invention in Ontario because he did not unveil the invention or patent it until after he moved to Boston. That being said he did make his first long

distance phone on August 10, 1876, from Brantford to Paris, Ontario. Alexander Graham Bell's Brantford home was declared a National Historical Site.

The sport of basketball was invented by Almonte, Ontario native, Dr. James Naismith. He invented the sport in December 1891 while teaching at a YMCA in Springfield, Massachusetts. Originally the game was played with a soccer ball and two peach baskets.

Babe Ruth hit his first professional home run on September 5th, 1914 at Hanlan's Point on the Toronto Islands. Ruth was playing for the minor league Providence Grays who ended beating the Toronto Maple Leafs (the now defunct minor league baseball team, not the hockey team) 9-0.

Of course Canada is known for hockey and produced many great hockey players. Many of those great players were born in Ontario, including the player who is widely viewed as the greatest, "The Great One" Wayne Gretzky. Wayne Gretzky was born in Brantford, Ontario on January 26th, 1961. Gretzky owns numerous NHL records including the career and single season marks for most points, goals and assists. He is also known for inspiring an unhealthy beverage. "The Gretzky" inspired by his jersey #99, is a coffee with 9 creams and 9 sugars.

The Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) is held every September. The festival is considered one of the more important film festivals in terms of attracting big name celebrities and generating Oscar buzz. In 1998 Vanity Fair called the festival "second only to Cannes" while an August, 2007 Time Magazine article called TIFF "the most influential film festival, period."



Hope's Book Club!

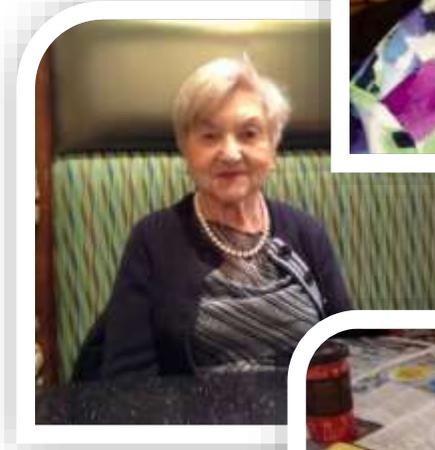
On Friday April 7th I hosted our monthly book club. My book choice was "*Poles Apart*", by award winning author Terry Fallis. This is the 5th in his series of hilarious books which have the most unique and interesting themes and characters. This book was no exception, and made me laugh from start to finish. Again, our ladies had the opportunity to skype with Terry,...'passing him around' the dining room table on my mini iPad to ask him questions, make comments, and share stories. He was very informative, and all in all, it was a fun thirty minutes, as we ate, drank, and spoke with one of our favorite authors. Terry told us about his next novel, '*One Brother Shy*', ...which happens to involve 'twins'. Terry is an identical twin himself,...so we had a bit of fun with him,...asking 'how we could be sure we were really talking to Terry, and not Tim'. I highly recommend Terry's books if you want to laugh, ... be entertained,... learn a few life skills and lessons, ...and have a perpetual smile on your face! *Hope:o)*



...And one more
'inspiring' thing!

I started the "Inspiring Members" column because we have so many amazing, talented, and inspiring women in our organization who can teach us so much,...and inspire us to take on new challenges in our retirement. One such amazing lady is **Hazel Faris**,...age '98',...who began to watercolour paint two years ago in her retirement home. She was featured in the June 2016 Branch newsletter. My Mom is '96', and when I visited her a few months ago, ... I told her about Hazel, ... showed her some of Hazel's fabulous paintings, ... and asked if she too, would like to do some painting ... knowing my Mom's love of *art, colour, and design*. Though Mom had never painted pictures in her life, Hazel inspired her,...so I bought the paints and supplies,...and the rest is history. Mom and I thank you Hazel for bringing another creative and exciting new venture to Mom's life! Here are a few of my Mom's creations.

Hope:o)



Message Board

Art Appreciation Group News

Marlene Yuen: After Gold Mountain
May 12 - August 19

Marlene Yuen is a Vancouver-based artist who received her Bachelor's in Studio Art in 1998 from the University of British Columbia. Marlene has exhibited at galleries, artist-run centres, and cultural events in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Japan. Although she is a multidisciplinary artist, her current focus is on handmade books and all things letterpress. She is a member of the Canadian Bookbinders Book Artist Guild, the Alcuin Society and Ladies of Letterpress.

Save the dates:

Wed., May 24 Workers Arts and Heritage Centre, 51 Stuart St.

-11:30 optional lunch at Jack & Lois, 301 James St.

-1:00 guided tour of building, Marlene Yuen Exhibition, and other permanent Exhibits



Tues., June 20 Six Nations Aboriginal Touring Day

Join us to car pool as we foray to Six Nations to explore First Nations art work. We will visit a number of sites on the reserve, including Iroqrafts and Martin's Craft Shop (famous for beading and moccasins). We will stop at the Six Nations Tourism Bureau to see the new display featuring artist Arnold Jacobs, owner of Two Turtles Art Gallery. We will savour lunch at The Burger Barn, which has been featured on the TV show "You Gotta Eat Here". They are famous for their Bison Burgers. If there is enough interest, we could start earlier in the day to include a tour of Chiefswood, the homestead of famous author Pauline Johnson. (admission for seniors \$4) Carpools will meet and park at Ancaster Fairgrounds. Times and confirmation of the order of stops will follow in the rsvp email. Drivers will be happy to gas up on the reserve at reduced prices!

SIX NATIONS TOURISM FEATURES RENOWNED LOCAL ARTIST

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SIX NATIONS, ON – November 1, 2016 –Six Nations Tourism celebrates the opening of a new art installation featuring local Six Nations artist, Arnold Jacobs. The installation is open to the public, free of charge during regular business hours Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30 at 2498 Chiefswood Rd, Ohsweken, ON. The installation will be on display until July 2017.

"Six Nations Tourism works with local artists to portray the true history and culture of the Six Nations People," says Constance Jamieson, Six Nations Tourism manager. "We value and appreciate the local talent that we have here on Six Nations and we are delighted to be able to feature such a renowned artist."

Arnold Jacobs is the owner of Two Turtle Art Gallery located on the Six Nations Reserve. His artistic images range from contemporary graphics and realism, to the mystical which reveal his deeply felt emotions and pride in his Haudenosaunee heritage. His versatility has also lead Jacobs to create a clothing design line, clan jewelry, framed art cards, an even architecture. Arnold's installation includes an original painting depicting the Haudenosaunee creation story valued at over \$50,000, as well as many prints that showcase Haudenosaunee history and culture both in the past and in the present.

In addition to the Arnold Jacob installation, visitors will also be able to take a guided tour of the Six Nations Tourism Centre by Cultural Coordinator, Alysha Longboat. Here they will be able to hear about Haudenosaunee culture and local history as well as view black ash baskets created by Kimberly White-Atkins and Haudenosaunee raised beadwork and replica wampum belts created by Yvonne Thomas, from the Jake Thomas Learning Centre.

CHIEFSWOOD NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Interested in history, arts, poetry, rare ecosystems, or water sports? This is a spot for you.

This unique mansion is the birthplace of famed Mohawk-English poet Pauline Johnson and was constructed along the Grand River in 1856.

The house features two front doors— one facing the river to welcome Mohawks who arrived by canoe, and one facing the road to welcome the English who arrived by buggy from early Brantford. The two doors are living symbols of mixing cultures.

Today, Chiefswood National Historic Site features rare grassland prairies, Carolinian forests, swamp lands, the Grand River, and is a community hub where Six Nations gathers each year for Aboriginal Day in June and the Champion of Champion's Pow Wow in late July.

Chiefswood is rich in history, both Mohawk and English cultures, and is an eye opening glimpse into 19th century life through the eyes of a young poetess.

E. Pauline Johnson and Chiefswood National Historic Site

Writer/performer E. Pauline Johnson grew up in an elegant mansion (which is now a museum) on the Six Nations reserve near Brantford Ontario. Johnson was the Margaret Atwood of her day, a "big name" writer and international celebrity. A guided tour of her birthplace sheds light on her life and her unique bi-cultural family.

Chiefswood National Historic Site is the birthplace of one of our first internationally-recognized Canadian celebrities, 19th century writer and performer E. Pauline Johnson.

Her most famous poem, which was reprinted for decades in Canadian school texts, is "The Song My Paddle Sings".

Johnson's birthplace is now a designated heritage property. Just 20 km east of Brantford Ontario, you'll find this gracious home surrounded by a garden with indigenous plants and a lawn dotted with plaques commemorating Johnson and her family.

The Song my Paddle Sings

*WEST wind, blow from your prairie
nest,
Blow from the mountains, blow from
the west.
The sail is idle, the sailor too;
O wind of the west, we wait for you!
Blow, blow!
I have wooed you so,
But never a favor you bestow.
You rock your cradle the hills
between,
But scorn to notice my white lateen.*

Watch for rsvp email a couple weeks prior to each event and reply to it if you would like to join us. If you would like to add your name to the Art Appreciation email list, notify Lynn Anderton via rwto.lynn@gmail.com

Bumper Babes Bowling

It seems that Wednesdays get busier and busier. Once again we changed the date of our April bowling due to other activities on the 3rd Wednesday. We are scheduled to bowl on April 26 and May 17. Our banquet in June has yet to be scheduled as there is an executive activity on the 21st. I will be sending out an e-mail to our Bumper Babes in May with some alternative dates. Don't forget, anyone is welcome to join us. No skill is needed. We meet at 11:00 at Mountain Lanes, 335 Upper Wentworth St. Hamilton for some social time and then bowl 2 games at 11:30.



Citizenship Celebrations



Tues. June 27th 9 - 11:30

Six times a year, four of our members attend Citizenship Court at the Federal Building, to welcome our newest Canadian citizens. RW provides the beverages, and the members donate cookies and squares. If you would like to

participate in one of these events, contact Georgina Hewitt, who handles the recruitment of members for each event.

(905) 648-0458

georginahewitt1@gmail.com

Many thanks to **Trish Nanayakkara**, for taking over the organization of the Citizenship Celebration events!



RW Citizenship Celebration volunteers at the February event.

Euchre East



Lots of Fun, Euchre, Laughter & Friendship

Where: Teddy's (Main St, Grimsby)

Time: Lunch at NOON, Euchre 12:30 to 3 pm

When: We meet one Thursday a month

May 11th & June 8th & July 13

Please come & join us.

Contacts:

Sue - sueduncan55@gmail.com

Lynn - 905-309-4438 ldjg1999@gmail.com

Euchre West

Join Our Euchre Friends for some fun on Mondays April 24th, May 29th, June 26th

Fortinos, 1579 Main St. W. (upper level)

Lunch at 12 Noon

Cards at 1 p.m

Contacts:

Heather - hclark1943@hotmail.com

Jeanette - jeanette.24@icloud.com

"FIRST CUP @ SECOND CUP", WESTDALE

1. Fri. May 26th
2. **Fri. June 30th**

• 10:00 am. - 11:30am.

• **Socialize**

• **Make new friends**

• **Contact: Hope: hleon@bserv.com OR: 905- 528- 2348**





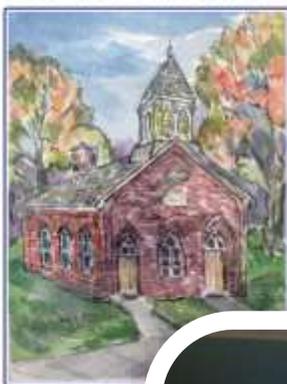
iPad Interest Group

New participants are always welcome!

We meet on Thursday mornings once a month,

- from 10 am - noon.
- Fortinos Community Room
- 1579 Main St. West
- **Next Meeting – Thursday June 1st**
- Send your questions/topics to Linda Sargeant
- 905.575.3831 rwto.linda@gmail.com

Mohawk Trail School Museum



The Mohawk Trail School Museum Interest Group

Is helping Grade 3 students experience the life of a student in the 1800's. We are looking for volunteers to assist a team once or twice a month, helping with programs and crafts. Interested in putting fun into learning? Contact Linda Sargeant, (905) 575-3831 rwto.linda@gmail.com

The Mohawk Trail School Museum is located behind the new HWDSB office building near Limeridge Mall. Volunteers previously from the Catholic and Public panels are welcome.



A grade 2/3 class from Pauline Johnson School, enjoyed learning “God Save The Queen” and making thaumatropes (optical illusion toys) at the Mohawk Trail School Museum.

Come & Visit! Bring the family!
Mohawk Trail School Museum
Hamilton's DOORS OPEN WEEKEND!
Saturday May 6th & Sunday May 7th
10 am – 4 pm

Located at 20 Education Ct., behind the HWDSB office!

Lots of parking available!

Note: The HWDSB Educational Archives,
155 Macassa Ave. near Upper Gage will be open also!

Writing Club

1. Fri. May 19th
2. Fri. June 23rd



- 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
- 905- 528- 2348

Lunch Bunch

May 2 - Note the change of venue

May 2, 2017 at 12:30 pm
Turtle Jack's Restaurant

1180 Upper James (near the Linc) Hamilton
[\(905\) 389-6696](tel:9053896696)



June 13., 2017 at 12:30 pm
Donn Zver's Potters Cafe
Troy

Have a great summer! If we decide to do a road trip during the summer (Port Dover or Paris or ??,) I will contact members to see who would like to join us.

September 5 lunch Bunch
Eden's in West Hamilton

RWTO Movie Group



Cineplex Ancaster in Meadowlands
Monday May 1 at 1:00 pm –
“Maudie”

Canadian folk artist Maud Lewis (Sally Hawkins) falls in love with a fishmonger (Ethan Hawke) while working for him as a live-in housekeeper.

Come early to get a good seat. If you need a seatmate, contact Mardie at mardiepan@gmail.com

RWTO Theatre Group

Closer Than Ever – the musical
May 6 – 2pm matinee.
The Players Guild of Hamilton
80 Queen Street South



Sometimes hilarious, sometimes touching, this song cycle is a nonstop exploration of everyday struggles in the modern world, particularly those surrounding love. Each song

is a unique story told by a new character. Directed by David Dayler. Tickets are \$30.00. Contact the Players' Guild by phone at [905-529-0284](tel:9055290284) or at info@playersguild.org or www.playersguild.org. Please identify yourself as an RWTO member. For more information, contact Elizabeth at elizmooney@gmail.com

Community

Beyond the Valley Studio Tour Spring 2017



**Saturday May 27th to Sunday May 28th
10:00 - 5:00 pm**

Visit 5 studios in the Dundas area to shop, collect, share, give and enjoy, beautiful handcrafted art, including pottery, jewelry, glass, photography, painting and woodworking.

Please see our website for locations of studios.

[www. BeyondTheValley.ca](http://www.BeyondTheValley.ca)

2017 Seniors Kickoff & Wellness Fair

The City of Hamilton in partnership with the Older Adult Network of Hamilton will carry on the tradition of bringing active seniors together by hosting the 2017 Senior Month Kickoff.

Date: Monday, May 29

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Location: Sarcoa Restaurant, 57
Discovery Drive

The event will consist of displays demonstrating health, safety and social services information, seminars, demonstrations and live entertainment.

Do you remember the APPLE Newspaper?

It was a teacher created bi-monthly newspaper provided to elementary HWDSB teachers, and edited by **Iris Berryman** for over 25 years.

There is some interest in creating a limited edition of an Apple Highlights book, based in the \$10 range.

If you would be interested in receiving a future copy, please contact:
Linda Sargeant (905-575-3831)
rwto.linda@gmail.com

It's that time again!

Tampon Tuesday is a unique way for women in the community to come together for a night of socializing, and networking while supporting women in crisis.

Please bring a feminine hygiene product to donate to our local food banks and shelters.

Time is running out to get your tickets!

Tickets can be ordered now and picked up at the door. mlong@uwvh.ca (905) 527-4543

Please join us!!

TAMPON TUESDAY 

May 16th, 2017

Jack Astor's
839 Golf Links Road, Ancaster, ON L9K 1L5

5:30 - 8:30 PM

Guest Ambassador:
Katherine Kalinowski
Good Shepherd Services

Complimentary Appetizers – Draw Prizes

Tickets: \$10.

Bring a Feminine Hygiene Product for our local Food Banks

Contact: Mary @ 905-527 4576 EXT. 232

Proceeds from the event will support Project Welcome Home to help individuals and families leaving shelters to embark on a new life in a new home.

 Organized by:
Labour Community Services; a joint program between United Way Halton & Hamilton
and Hamilton & District Labour Council 

If you wish to donate a product and are unable to come please send along an email to me at janis.lukas@gmail.com

If you wish to donate please contact Mary (see flyer).

OR if you come please bring along some of our youth ...

Jan Lukas

Roselawn Bowling Club Gage Park, Hamilton

*Do you enjoy sunshine and outdoor activities?
Do you want to have fun while getting some exercise?
Try outdoor sport for all ages.*



Lawn Bowling provides gentle, healthy exercise and competition in a relaxed social atmosphere. It is perhaps the only outdoor sport where men and women, young and old, can compete on an equal footing.

Low Cost Entertainment

Everyone is welcome to visit.

All you need are flat-soled shoes or sneakers (no heels) and wear whatever clothes suit your style and comfort.

Bowling season begins in May and ends in October. We bowl in the daytime, Saturday through Thursday, and in the evenings, Monday through Friday.

*See if the grass is greener on our side of the fence.
Come and join us for fun and exercise.*

Open Houses

Thursday May 11 @ 6:00 p.m.

Friday May 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday May 13

11:00 - 12:00 Learn

12:00 - 1:00 BBQ free

1:00 - 3:00 Play in a Game

For more information contact Marilyn Hill

mr.hill@sympatico.ca

905 528 3191

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

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