

'CARING & SHARING'
RWTO/OERO NORTHUMBERLAND/SOUTH DURHAM BRANCH
SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER - ISSUE TWENTY-NINE

SPRING MEETING

- WHEN:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016
10:00 am - Registration/Social 10:30 - 12:00 pm - Meeting
12:15 pm - Lunch 1:00 pm - Program
- WHERE:** Trinity United Church, 116 Church Street, Bowmanville - First street
north of King Street.
- MEAL:** Hot Full Course Meal & Dessert \$15
** Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.
- PROGRAM:** Program - 'Flower Design' - Phill Boyko (graduate of Niagara Park's School
of Horticulture)
Presentation of Cora Bailey Awards
Silent Auction during social time for gently used books (donations of books
gratefully received).
- CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- REPLY:** **Before April 22nd**- Call Bonnie Greer - 905 372 5886, Elaine Doty –
905 983 5831 or Joan Smith - 905 885 2528 or email Joan
joan.charlie@sympatico.ca if you will be attending.

* **A Gentle Reminder:** We are committed to pay for all meals ordered. If you are unable to attend as you indicated to Bonnie, Elaine or Joan, please cancel by contacting Joan at least five days before the meeting. Thanks!

Please Note: Bring your **March 2016** copy of '**Connections**', the **provincial newsletter**, to this meeting so that we can look at the resolutions being presented at the June Convention. This will assist our delegates in making decisions when they are voting.

If you know of a retired woman teacher who is not yet a member of our RWTO branch, please invite her to come to the meeting with you. Let the person that you contact know whom you will be bringing with you. All qualified teachers who are retired are eligible to be members of RWTO regardless of whether they are receiving a teacher's pension. Teachers on Long Term Disability may become members. Every retired woman teacher (non-member) is invited to attend a meeting once a year at the cost of the meal.

CHRISTMAS MEETING

Our branch Christmas meeting was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope on December 2, 2015. President Sandra Boyko welcomed our two guests - Provincial President, Dianne Rice, and Jean Axcel from the Peterborough branch, our auctioneer for the 'Quarter Auction'. She then capably handled the brief business part of the meeting.

Christmas Meeting (cont'd)

President Dianne Rice presented a history of technology in education from the 40's to 60's and related this to having a vision for retired women teachers. In 1956 RWTO began. She stressed that we must celebrate the strengths and the dedication of our members, especially in this 60th year of celebration for RWTO. She wished us health, prosperity, energy and joy of the holidays.

A time of laughter and fun was enjoyed by all as Jean Axcel auctioned off the donated items brought in by the members. Jean's sense of humour and vitality helped to make sure that the bidding was lively and lots of fun, raising \$204.50 to help with the branch's 60th Anniversary celebration expenses. After a delicious chicken meal, Vicki Cubitt and Bunny Wright led a sing song of Christmas music.

At the end of the meeting, the treasurer reported that in addition to the money raised from the auction, that we received \$15 from the book sales. The equivalent of \$506 (monetary donations and gifts) was donated to the Giving Tree. We have 62 members including 3 life members.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS**with a
'VICTORIAN TEA'**

Theme: 'Past, Present, Future - Follow the Yellow Brick Road'

When: **Wednesday, June 1, 2016**
 1:30 pm Doors open (south entrance off parking lot)
 2:00 pm Program Begins
 3:00 pm Tea Time

Where: **St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 131 Walton Street, Port Hope**

Program:

Past	'Archival Presentation' - brief history of RWTO/OERO - presented by Lee Beech
Present	'Wizards of Teach' - A poem written by Sandra Boyko about our branch and set to 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road' music by Vicki Cubitt- presented by the Branch Choir
Future	'Our Future' - presented by Area Director, Karen Rynard, and Branch President, Sandra.

Victorian Tea: **with Special Musical Guests**

Cost: **\$10.00** **Tickets** will be on sale at the April 26th Spring Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may order tickets from the branch treasurer, Julia Esford, by May 16, 2016 (905 576 4494 or esfordjr@bell.net).

CAN YOU HELP?

Yellow house paint (exterior or interior) is needed for the 'Victorian Tea' decorations. Please contact Muriel Bell (905 885 2882, mdjbell@bell.net) as soon as possible if you have some that she can use.

Do you have any branch memorabilia (pictures, newspaper clippings, etc.) that we could have for our branch history book as we are trying to update it for the 60th Anniversary celebration? If so, please contact Joan Smith (905 885 2528, joan.charlie@sympatico.ca) or bring it to the spring meeting on April 26th.

OTHER NEWS

At our spring meeting on April 26th, copies of '**Uncommon Women**', a history of RWTO/OERO researched, written and published by Lenora (Lee) Beech, will be on sale - \$10 a copy. She will be available at the 'Victorian Tea', our 60th Anniversary celebrations on June 1st, to autograph your copy.

There are **60th Anniversary pins** still available at \$5. If you would like one, please contact the treasurer, Julia Esford (905 576 4494, esfordjr@bell.net).

Congratulations to Martha Budd, Phyllis Symons and Verna Templer who recently celebrated their **90th birthdays**.

A notice of **thanks** was published in the local newspaper from the **Giving Tree** thanking all who participated in this endeavor, a tremendous success. This year gifts also were distributed to the women and children's shelter at Alderville.

Membership Fees: **Fees for 2016-17 are due in the fall** and will be collected at the **fall meeting**. Members involved in the RWTO group insurance **must** renew membership by that time. Membership cards will be distributed at that meeting. **Fees for the 2016-2017 year can also be paid at the April 26th, 2016 meeting.** You may send your fees to - Julia Esford, 1268 Cherrydown Drive, Oshawa, On L1H 7T2.

Fees: Provincial RWTO Fee - Members retired before August, 1980 pay \$15.00.

- All other members pay \$40.00.

Branch Fee - \$5.00 per member.

Cheques: Please make out to RWTO/OERO Northumberland/South Durham.

Membership Folders: These are prepared by Vicki Cubitt and her membership committee and are for any retired teacher or newly retired teacher. They are full of valuable information. If you know of someone who would find the folder beneficial, they are available from Vicki (905 723 5114, cobysummer@netscape.net).

Cora Bailey Award: Cora Bailey from the Peterborough branch was RWTO's first executive secretary-treasurer. Beginning in 2003, this award was presented in her honour. The Cora Bailey Award may be presented to a branch member(s) who has contributed outstanding service to her branch. Our most recent recipient was Astrida Jenkinson-Chalmers.

Branch Archives Form: Some members still have not submitted their 'archives form'. If you have not, please contact Barbara Moorcroft (905 885 4895, bmoorcroft@bell.net).

Goodwill: The goodwill conveners send cards to members who are ill, for special occasions, to those over ninety and those who are in nursing homes or hospital. They send sympathy cards in cases of bereavement of a member's immediate family or someone very close to that member. They report the illness, death or important changes in a member's status to the membership convener. In order to do their job, the conveners need to be informed if any of the above needs to be attended to as they do not know every member personally. If you know of someone that needs attention in some way, please contact:

West of Port Hope Municipality of Port Hope, Hamilton Township & Cobourg	Jan Engel	905 623 4071
East of Cobourg Visitation (shutins in their homes, and nursing homes)	Muriel Bell Astrida Jenkinson-Chalmers Sandra Boyko	905 885 2882 613 475 1608 905 885 7543

Branch Newsletter: To save postage and photocopying expense the branch newsletter is sent by email to those who have given us an email address. If you received yours by mail and you do have email, please let the editor, Joan Smith, know (joan.charlie@sympatico.ca) in time for the fall issue.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Tues. April 26th - after the spring meeting - **RWTO Northumberland South Durham Executive Meeting.**

Tues. June 1st - 'Victorian Tea' - **60th Anniversary Celebrations**
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope - see page 2 for details.

June 7th, 8th & 9th - **RWTO 60th Annual Convention** - Windsor, Ontario.
Delegates: Sandra Boyko (provincial), Jan Engel (branch)

Third Thursday of Every Month - **9:30 am** - Traditions Restaurant
1053 Simcoe St. N. Oshawa. A social event - everyone welcome.

June, 2017 - **RWTO 61st Annual Convention**- Ajax Convention Centre
- Scarborough Branch.