

BRRR...EAKING NEWS!

RWTO/OERO St. Catharines Branch

January 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here is an update of some of the activities the members of RWTO/OERO St. Catharines have been undertaking since September. Read and enjoy. **Interest Groups** are open to all members of our Branch. Contact: Patti at 905.356.4132 or pmalkiewich@gmail.com.

BOWLING: Barb West and Bonnie Leistner report the bowling group is burning up the 5-pin lanes at Pla-Mor in Port Dalhousie, every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. Unlike league bowling, there are no teams and no scores are kept. Instead, each week members play in different groups of three. When all three players get either a strike or a spare in the same frame, it's called a "Star Frame!" Everyone cheers and high fives the stars of that game. Fun, friends and a lot of laughing add up to perfect scores!

WALKING:



Friday Afternoon Walkers



Port Dalhousie Walkers



LET'S CHAT BOOK CLUB: The Let's Chat Book Club has eleven active and eager participants who meet the second Tuesday of each month. The books are chosen from a set at the St. Catharines Library and everyone joins in the lively discussions. "We laugh, talk, and socialize for a couple of hours" reports group leader Marg Pulford. The fall reading includes Call the Midwife, Rules of Civility and Life Between the Oceans.

DINING DIVAS: Dining Divas boasts 30 members this year with an average of 16 "divas" enjoying the venues in Jordan, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines. Group leader, Kathleen Bradley, looks to the group to come up with new and "tried and true", places to dine.



BRIDGE: The Bridge committee reports 4 small slams! Beth Kent and Sylvia Wiens, Alvine Robinson and Edna Ryan each had one. Alvine Robinson and Pat Lancelotte played two small slams in ONE afternoon. Congrats to all! (Of course, slams are the result of receiving good cards and knowing how to play them!) Bonnie Taylor Gillings and Sharon Thorne are the high scorers, thus far. They had to play 1 game during Christmas week because of travel plans. R.W.T.O. ladies love their bridge.

SINGING FOR FUN: Our monthly group is full of fun, melodious moments whether we are singing to the strumming of a guitar or with a CD or music video on TV and the computer. Special thanks to Jessica Thomson for her expertise. Thanks also to everyone who brings yummy snacks. It's a pleasure to welcome new friends and sing folk and popular songs of yesterday and today!

SPRING will be here before we know it! Mark these dates for two fabulous luncheons!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017
COPPOLA'S Ristorante & Banquet Facility
203 Carlton St., St. Catharines

Program: **Pauline Grondin**

Pauline Grondin is a professional storyteller, heritage performer, historical interpreter, musician and an 1812 reenactor who has been telling stories and making music all of her life. She has delighted audiences of all ages in Canada, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England. In conjunction with Canada's 150th Anniversary, she will be presenting, **Women of Confederation**.



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017
ROYAL NIAGARA GOLF CLUB
1 Niagara on the Green, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Program: **Juliet Dunn**

A multi-talented singer and actress, Juliet Dunn was hired by the Shaw Festival in 2002, and earned the prestigious Tony Van Bridge Award for Most Promising Newcomer in 2003. She is involved with Carousel Players, and has done many benefit performances for charitable organizations. Juliet is currently Executive Director for the Niagara Jazz Festival, and will talk about the festival at our meeting. Members will thrill to a short performance by Juliet and her husband, Peter Shea.



DO YOU KNOW . . .

- of a speaker or an entertainment that would be a good fit with our R.W.T.O. luncheons? Contact Sue McLaughlin or Patti Malkiewich.
- a woman who has recently retired? Encourage her to join R.W.T.O.
- our Community Outreach table is available at every luncheon? Contact Patti Malkiewich if you have something you would like displayed.
- that in December, many of our members assisted the Arthritis Society by wrapping gifts at the Fairview Mall and also worked with the May Court Club in the Toy Bureau at Community Care?

"OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS" LUNCHEON

An early start to the Christmas season was held December 7 at the Holiday Inn. We enjoyed the scrumptious buffet, the festive musical stylings of Chris McLaughlin and John Butler, a carol sing-a-long, and a surprise visit from the jolly old elf, himself. Through generous donations from our members and outreach funds from our Branch, \$4,000.00 was donated for Community Care!

