

CORA BAILEY AWARD

WINDSOR-ESSEX

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AREA 3



Karen Clark-Lauzon on the left presented by Mary Jane Finn

*Karen Clark-Lauzon began her services to RWTO/OERO in 2011 when, after being a member for only a few months, she volunteered her services to fill the open position of First Vice-President. She did so without any previous experience on the Board but felt she wanted to help. During her term, she served as the Provincial Delegate at the Provincial AGM in Sault Ste. Marie in June 2012, learning more about how the organization functions. During this time she volunteered to set up table decorations for our luncheon, and also established special interest groups. After serving as First Vice-President for two years, she became President of Windsor-Essex Branch in May 2013 and made the commitment at that time to serve a two year term. She again served as a Delegate at the AGM in Hamilton in June 2013. She took her duties as President seriously and worked hard to ensure that the Branch functioned in a professional business-like manner. At the Fall 2013 luncheon in Woodslee, Karen spearheaded a drive to see whether there was support for Windsor-Essex to host the 2016 AGM. Not one to back down from a challenge, she volunteered to act as the co-convenor along with Linda White, when the approval for us to host the 2016 AGM was officially accepted by the Provincial Board in October. During her term as President, Karen saw that dates of local Board meetings were publicized so that members would feel informed and possibly attend. One of her many achievements as President also involved initiating and being a member of a committee to set up Branch guidelines to establish policies that would clarify responsibilities of various positions on the Board and criteria to follow. She also took seriously the idea that the President is an *ex officio* member of all Branch committees by attending newsletter committee meetings. Continuing her service to the Branch, Karen again represented Windsor-Essex as a delegate to the 2014 AGM in Ottawa and the 2015 AGM in Stratford. Now serving as Past President, Karen continues to be actively committed to planning the 2016 AGM to be held in Windsor. She remains an outstanding asset to our Branch and a role model for all of us.*