



December 2022 E News - District 11 Waterloo Region

President's Message

The holiday season has arrived and with it the abundance of festive lights, music, and decorations and for many of us, we look forward to this season with excitement. It's a time of the year that we may look back on the events and memories year. Many of us returned to travelling and visiting with friends and family. A return to some in person events certainly lifted our spirits after the isolation many of us felt during the pandemic.

I have seen firsthand the generosity of RTOERO District 11 members. I am proud of the way members give of their time, energy, talents, and donations to benefit others in our community. As we read the paper or watch the news, we realize the needs within our community. Every single act of altruism will benefit and help to lift the spirits and the experience of those less fortunate, especially at this time of year. It may be something as simple as, buying a coffee for someone in the line behind you, or donating to a charity of your choice. Simple gestures and acts of kindness can and do make a difference, especially at this time of year!

I hope that each of you can enjoy the season in a way that is meaningful and memorable. May these holidays be filled with comfort and good cheer and may each of you have a healthy and exciting 2022

Cheers and Best Wishes

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CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!
Don't miss the Registration Forms included below:

Coming Event	Date	How to Register
District 11 Board Meeting	Mon Dec 5 9:30 a.m.	
The Sound of Music - Drayton Entertainment	Thurs Dec 8 2:00 p.m.	SOLD OUT
Coffee and Conversation	Tues Dec 13 9:30 a.m.	<u>RSVP Click Here</u>
Book Club: Danielle Daniel's "Daughters of the Deer"	Thurs Dec 15 10:00 a.m.	<u>RSVP Click Here</u>
Stitching with Friends	Mon Dec 19 2:00 p.m.	<u>RSVP Click Here</u>

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023... *Plans are underway for activities in 2023! Our monthly interest groups will continue and you are always welcome to participate, if just to try the activity. We are also looking into activities suggested by members! Stay tuned for information about an art event, some fitness for the new year and lots of other new events!*



Seasonal Recognition of our SENIOR Members We are proud to recognize and celebrate our 314 Senior members of RTOERO District 11 Waterloo Region. Our Senior Members include all members ages 85 to 100+ years young! This group has a wealth of experience, knowledge and stories and we celebrate them this year by donating to **Community Support Connections** in their honour.

Coffee and Conversation

December 13 at 9:30 (Second Tuesday of every month)

December’s meetup will take place at Java Garden Cafe located at 600 Laurelwood Dr. Waterloo. If you are interested in joining us and have never joined us before, please register [HERE](#). We would like to make sure that we have enough space for everyone. Previous participants will receive an email invitation.

Stitching With Friends

December 19 at 2:00 over Zoom (Third Monday of every month)

“In order to keep our email list updated, please register [HERE](#) again this year at this link. We look forward to stitching with you soon.”

NEWS AT 11 is calling for articles for our Spring 2023 edition under the theme: **“Magic Moments”**

Tell us your story about that once-in-a-lifetime experience when something special happened—with teaching, travel, random encounters, meeting someone famous, or special, being in the right place at the right time, an unforgettable experience, receiving unexpected recognition, meeting a student years later, hearing how you changed someone's life, or how someone changed your life, conquering a fear, experiencing an exciting adventure ... whatever became a “Magic Moment” in your life.

Please send your story idea to Sylvia Ranson at: rtodistrict11newsletter@gmail.com
Deadline for article submission is **January 31, 2023**



RTOERO District 11 GIVES BACK to Waterloo Region

Throughout the pandemic, RTOERO District 11 has continued to offer presentations, workshops, and opportunities for members. Because most events have been held over Zoom, we have not spent all funds budgeted for events. As a result, District 11's Board of Directors has approved that these surplus funds totalling **\$24,000**, be donated to local organizations in our region.

The following local organizations are the recipients of seasonal donations from District 11:

- * **Cambridge Memorial Hospital - MRI DRIVE**
- * **Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank**
- * **Community Support Connections**
- * **Food 4 Kids WR**
- * **Food Bank of Waterloo Region.**
- * **Grand River Hospital**
- * **Kitchener Public Library Senior’s Programs**
- * **St. Mary's Hospital - MRI DRIVE**



*Many local charities need our help especially during the holiday season.
Please consider helping and supporting organizations that are important to you and your family.
Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays! See you in 2023*