

Retired Women Teachers of Ontario—St. Catharines branch  
fonds

1970-2013

RG 515

Brock University Archives

**Creator:** Retired Women Teachers of Ontario

**Extent:** 12 cm of textual records (0.5 box)  
450 photographs  
2 scrapbooks

**Abstract:** Fonds contains material relating to the activities of the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario—St. Catharines branch.

**Materials:** Photographs, reports, newsletters, programs, correspondence and clippings.

**Repository:** Brock University Archives

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**Administrative history:**

The Retired Women Teachers of Ontario (RWTO) was founded in Toronto by a small group of retired women teachers known as the Rendezvous Club. This group brought together several branches in 1956 to form the Ontario Association of Superannuated Teachers (OAWST), which was changed to the RWTO in 1999. The group was initially formed in order to provide retired women teachers with the same pension that was received by their male colleagues. The group came to the realization that they would have a better chance of success if they had a larger group of supporters. As a result, new branches were formed throughout Ontario. In 1967, the government concurred that the pension should be raised, and the minimum pension level was increased to \$1200 a year. The following year the Retired Teachers of Ontario was formed, representing both male and female retired teachers. This new group was now responsible for communicating and negotiating with the government concerning pension matters. However, the RWTO continued to exist with a focus on the special interests and well-being of retired women teachers. There are currently 53 branches throughout Ontario.

Source: Retired Women Teachers of Ontario website  
<http://www.rwto.org/history.asp>  
retrieved: 2014/09/17

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**Scope and content:**

Fonds contains material about the activities of the Retired Women's Association of Ontario—St. Catharines branch. Most of the material is photographs, annual reports, newsletters, annual programs, membership lists and meeting minutes. Some correspondence and news clippings are also included. The membership lists are restricted due to the personal nature of the information included. To view these items, permission must be received from the archivist and any other relevant party. Within folders, material is arranged chronologically.

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**Organization:**

The records were arranged into three series:

- Series I: Administrative, 1970, 1989-2013
  - Sub-series A: Membership
  - Sub-series B: Minutes

## Sub-series C: Correspondence

Series II: Publications, 1989-2013, n.d.

Sub-series A: Programs

Sub-series B: Newsletters

Sub-series C: Annual reports

Series III: Photographs, 1990-2013

**Inventory:****Series I: Administrative, 1970, 1989-2013.****Sub-series A: Membership, 1970, 1989-2011.**

1.1-1.2 Membership lists, 1970-2011. Contains the names and contact information for members of the St. Catharines branch. Also contains a list of the Presidents and Honourary Presidents from 1970-2012. **Restricted**

O.1 List of charter members, 1970.

**Sub-series B: Minutes, 2002-2013**

1.3 Minutes, 2002-2013. Contains minutes of the general and executive meetings of the St. Catharines branch, as well as the minutes of the annual convention held in Niagara Falls in 2002. Also includes some financial statements.

**Sub-series C: Correspondence, 1995-2013.**

1.4 Correspondence, 1995-2013.

**Series II: Publications, 1989-2013, n.d.****Sub-series A: Programs, 1989-2013.**

1.5-1.6 Programs, 1989-2013. Contains the annual programs of the St. Catharines branch, listing the dates of the executive and general meetings, members of the executive, fee information, and a list of interest groups. Also includes the RWTO—St. Catharines branch handbook (2003, 2005, 2011, 2013).

**Sub-series B: Newsletters, 1993-2013, n.d.**

1.7-1.9 Newsletters, 1993-2013. Contains newsletters of the OAWST—St. Catharines branch (1993-1999) and of the RWTO—St. Catharines branch (1999-2012).

Also contains the newsletter *Connections*, by the RWTO, September 2011.

1.10 Clippings, 1991-2005, n.d. Contains clippings from newsletters and newspapers.

**Sub-series C: Annual reports, 1990-2013**

1.11-1.13 RWTO—St. Catharines branch annual reports, 1990-2013. Includes programs of memorial services.

1.14-1.17 RWTO [Ontario] annual reports, 1990-2013.

**Series III: Photographs, 1990-2013.**

1.18-1.20 Scrapbook pages, 1990-1994. Contains colour copies of scrapbook pages, original photographs from the scrapbook, as well as other materials included in the scrapbook such as programs.

1.21-1.24 Scrapbook pages, 1995-1999. Includes colour copies of scrapbook pages, original photographs, and other scrapbook material.

1.25-1.28 Scrapbook pages, 2000-2006. Includes colour copies of scrapbook pages, original photographs, and other scrapbook material.

1.29-1.32 Scrapbook pages, 2007-2011. Includes colour copies of scrapbook pages, original photographs, and other scrapbook material.

1.33 Photographs, 2012.

1.34 Photographs, 2013.

O.1 Scrapbooks, 2001-2005; 2011.

O.1 Photograph, n.d. One black and white photograph of four unidentified women.