



After the Bell

in Scarborough

Retired Women Teachers of Ontario
Organisation des Enseignantes Retraitées de L'Ontario

Newsletter
October 2018

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



Procrastinating: working on craft projects when you should be doing laundry, making dinner or cleaning house.

Another Craft Show where our members can brag about and sell their creative projects is happening today the definition of procrastination is certainly one that I can identify with the other crafters. Thank you, Crafters, for your contributions this month. As you know, I attended the fall Board of Directors meetings in September. All of us are 'in good hands' under the direction of Sharron Colter and the Board of Directors. I am sharing some information about the community programs that the Branch supports. They are varied but all include children. Thank you for your donations to Juliette's Place and yearly monetary donations so that we can support the other organizations. They are much appreciated by all the groups. Don't forget to start your Christmas shopping by purchasing cakes, cookies and candies from Kiwanis. They will bring your purchases to the November meeting, Enjoy the crafts, friendship and lunch with your friends.
Carol

Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman
The Estate Banquet Centre
430 Nugget Avenue
(at Markham Road)
Scarborough

Please Note

The rising cost of food has made it necessary for the Estates Banquet Hall to raise the price of the lunch to \$38.00 for 2018-2019. Please make sure your cheque is made out for this amount.

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Art & Craft Show
Doors open - 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Gifts for Kids, Enchanted Flutes
RWTO President Sharron Colter

Friday, December 7, 2018
A Christmas Carol - Trip

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Lisa Raponi - Certified Financial Planner

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Barbara Dickson - "Where the Irish Died"

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre

Grace
For food in a world
Where many walk in hunger
For faith in a world
Where many walk in fear
For fellowship
Where many walk alone
We give Thee thanks,
O God
Amen



*Art & Craft
Sale*

*Doors Open
10:30*

RWTO/OERO ON THE GO



All buses will depart PROMPTLY from in front of the shops at Kennedy Commons, in front of Michaels and LA Fitness. Please park around the perimeter of that parking lot. Paid reservations are NON-REFUNDABLE. Please let the coordinators know if you are unable to attend.

NOTE: Cheques for the excursions are to be made payable to Mary Morton Tours and forwarded to the coordinator of each excursion by the Payment Due Date.

Mary Morton Tours Presents
TICO #448872

A Christmas Carol

Cost: \$145

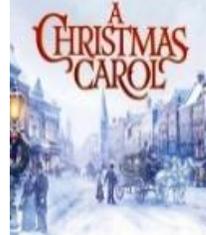
Friday, December 7, 2018

At the Shaw Royal George Theatre, Niagara-on-the-Lake
Includes bus, lunch at the Prince of Wales, orchestra seating
theatre tickets, shopping in Niagara-on-the-Lake, visit to
Pickard Peanuts

Bus departs at 8:15 a.m., returning approx. 7:30 p.m.

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638

Ebenezer Scrooge is a miserable old miser. But when three



ghosts decide to swoop in overnight, he gets the wake-up call of a lifetime. This charming Christmas classic by Charles Dickens has one of life's most inspiring questions at its heart: what — and who — will really matter in the end? See it brought to life in the historic Royal George

Theatre by the Shaw

Dear Evan Hansen

Cost: \$179

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Includes bus, lunch at the Hot House Café and Royal
Alexandra Theatre tickets

Bus departs at 9:45 a.m.

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103



A letter that was never meant to be seen, a lie that was never meant to be told, a life he never dreamed he could have. Evan Hansen is about to get the one thing he's always wanted: a chance to finally fit in. **DEAR EVAN HANSEN** is the deeply personal and profoundly contemporary musical about life and the way we live it.



Kingston Penitentiary Tour

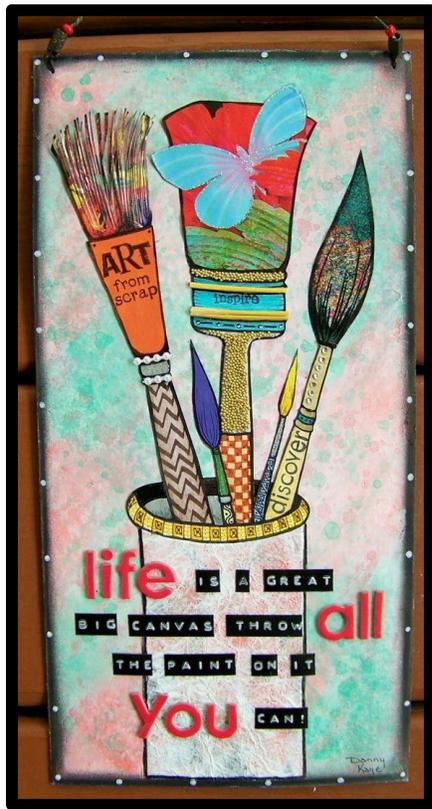
Even before Kingston Penitentiary closes its storied doors to some of Canada's most famous criminals, tourists are anxious to get a peek inside the soon-to-be shuttered facility.



Brigadoon

When New Yorkers, Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas, get lost on a vacation in the Scottish Highlands, they stumble into Brigadoon. Brigadoon is a mythical village that, they learn, appears for a single day once every hundred years

Annual Art & Craft Sale



It is time once again for our amazing RWTO Arts and Crafts Show at our October 16th luncheon, featuring the talents of our members. There will be jewelry, jams, quilting and so much more. The doors open at 10:30 am.

Vendors are welcome to set up at 9:30 a.m.
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

Our Special Guest in November



Our RWTO Provincial President, Sharron Colter, will be joining us for lunch in November.

Sharron is travelling from Lions Head to bring greetings to the Scarborough Branch.



FROM OUR TREASURER



Ladies: please make sure that your bank account can cover your cheques. THIS summer I have had several cheques for membership or luncheons come back from the bank either **NSF or account closed**. This is very time consuming for me as I have to keep track of the "in and out" in my ledger and any notices that come from the bank.

I will be sending three emails regarding the problem. If I don't get a response, then I have to make a phone call.

This also causes problems for the Provincial Treasurer. I send her a name for membership and then I have to call her again and tell her the cheque didn't clear so they cannot be listed as yet. This messed up her book work as well. Linda



GIFTS FOR KIDS

It's that time of year again for the annual "Gifts for Kids" drive. For those members wishing to participate, please bring an unwrapped gift (newborn to 16 years) including the age of the child, to the Tuesday, November 20, 2018 luncheon. Following the luncheon, we will deliver the gifts to the 42 Division of the Toronto Police Service (located at Markham Road and Milner Avenue).

We would appreciate the assistance of at least 4 drivers to help us deliver the gifts to 42 Division. I will take names of volunteer drivers at the October 16, 2018 luncheon.

See you then.

Rose lentile



Celebrating our 90+ Ladies



Coming in November

THE ENCHANTED FLUTES



The ENCHANTED FLUTES is a unique ensemble of flute specialists, percussion and string bass who share a love for music. They are conducted by Resa Kochberg, a former Band Music Specialist for the Scarborough Board of Education and a flute specialist for the Toronto Music Camps. The ensemble

also includes our very own Shelley Goodman. This group will bring elegance to our Christmas luncheon!

OUTREACH

There **WILL** be our regular collection of **NEW, UNOPENED** toiletries and baby products and 3-4-month-old magazines, at the October luncheon. Thank you.
Sheila Meyer Trudy Sutton
Outreach Committee

ALLERGIES AND DIET RESTRICTIONS:

If you have food allergies or dietary restrictions, it is important that we know about these so that accommodations can be made for you. We need to have the information **BEFORE** the luncheon. Please call Shelley Goodman at 416-491-1683 or e-mail her at shelley.goodman@sympatico.ca to let her know about these allergies or restrictions. She will confirm the change with you once you have advised her. If fruit for dessert is the only change you require, then you will not have to inform her every month. This will be done automatically. Please keep Shelley informed if there are changes during the year. We want to ensure that you enjoy each lunch! Shelley



Please try to pay in advance for the next luncheon at the previous luncheon. If for some reason you are unable to attend, your cheque will be held

for a future luncheon. This will enable us

to establish a more accurate number of attendees and the Estate will be better able to accommodate your special needs.

Make sure your cheque, which is your reservation for lunch, arrives on time.

If your cheque is late or you decide, at the last minute, to attend, the Estate has **not prepared a lunch for you or set a place for you at a table.** The May luncheon had unexpected guests. This puts both the Estate and our branch Executive in a difficult position.

Your cheque must be received by Susan Urie 1 week in advance.



Fundraiser - Silent Auction

There will **NOT** be a Silent Auction at the October Luncheon.

Thanks, Lynne & Allison





Our group of twenty left early Tuesday morning, September 25th for our exciting adventure to northern Ontario.

After a nice lunch stop at the Bay Street Cafe in Parry Sound-where we happened to meet the grandfather of Gabrielle Daleman (2018 gold medalist Olympian ice skater), we drove on to Sault Ste Marie for our two-night stay. The next morning bright and early we headed off to the train station for our four-hour ride into Agawa Canyon. The autumn colours were a lot brighter than we expected. Many beautiful photos were taken through the train windows as we rolled along. Several members of Canada's Group of Seven traveled to this same area to paint this vast, rugged and beautiful part of the country. Luckily the rain stopped just as we got off the train. A few in the group were energetic and climbed the three hundred steps to view the canyon from the top. Most of us did the trek at the bottom of the canyon to see the Black Beaver Falls and the beautiful Bridal Veil Falls! An hour and a half later we were back on the train for the ride back to Sault Ste Marie for the night.

The next morning, we headed off to Manitoulin Island where we had a lovely lunch at the Anchor Inn in Little Current. Then we boarded the bus to go to the Chi-Cheemaun Ferry dock in South Baymouth where we were able to browse and purchase indigenous crafts. Our two-hour boat ride was picturesque and calm. After landing in Tobermory, our bus ride ended in Owen Sound for the night.

On our tour of Owen Sound the next day, we were surprised to learn about the many exciting tourist spots: The Mill Dam and salmon/trout fish ladder, Harrison Park with the memorial to the Underground Railway where we learned of the slaves who escaped and took refuge in Owen Sound and our final stop in Owen Sound was the beautiful Inglis Falls. Several of us climbed down the steps and were rewarded with an amazing view. What a surprise!



Our other stops along the way included Grandma Lambes where a lot of us purchased fresh Ontario fall produce, an amazing stop at Mylar and Loretta's for a delicious home cooked turkey dinner and a fun stop in Meaford to check out the Scarecrow Festival. It included two hundred handmade scarecrows "hanging out" all over the town. Many scarecrow characters from our era were portrayed there including Johnny Cash and Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

We arrived back at Kennedy Commons tired but happy that we had taken this informative, scenic, fun bus trip with Carol as our amazing tour guide.

We thank Carol for all the planning she did to make this trip a great success.

Bonnie Hudgin and Roz Lee



An elderly Florida lady did her shopping, and upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the

top of her voice, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it!

Get out of the car!"

The four men didn't wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and get into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why.

A few minutes later she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down.

She loaded her bags into the car and then drove to the police station.

The sergeant to whom she told the story nearly tore himself in two with laughter.

He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

Donna Hubel



Donna Hubel has been recognized by the RTO DISTRICT 24 for her active role in RTO. She has been a member of the executive and served in many roles over the years. Donna was awarded the June Szeman 50th Anniversary District 24

Award for her outstanding leadership in furthering the goals of RTO/ERO.

Donna has been a member of RWTO Scarborough for many years. Thank you, Donna, for your service to both groups.

Do you know any of these people?

Marilyn Bajurny, Barbaa Bulter, Yvonne Butorac, Jennifer Cawthorne, Elisa Correia, Karla Del Grande, Linda Gabrysz, Barbara Hargraft, Martha Hirsch, Catherine Holmes, Mary Hughes, Stella Kazais, Elizabeth Lang, Elizabeth Maple, Bonnie Moore, Wanda Prestos, Anne Scollard, Virginia Toms, Wendy Train, Sandra Wooley and Jean Ann Wong.

Please invite them to join RWTO. Also, please remember our colleagues from Toronto District Catholic School Board—we would love to meet them. Share a newsletter, invite them to a luncheon, and talk about the wonderful things that we do.

GOODWILL



We received an acknowledgement for the donation made in memory of. Phyllis Hill. An acknowledgement was also received from Lana Peck, following the passing of Bob Annis.

It is with sadness we report the deaths of two members since our last meeting, Marion Allen and Christine Ferguson. We are waiting for further information regarding arrangements for Marion. A sympathy card was sent to Christine's family and a donation has been sent to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in her memory. Betty

10 THINGS SOMEONE WITH HEARING LOSS WISH OTHERS WOULD KNOW

- 01** **Get my attention:** So I can focus on you, please speak one at a time.
- 02** **Give me quiet:** Off the TV, music, fan, and a quieter booth in a restaurant.
- 03** **Hearing loss is tiring:** It takes all my energy to fill in the blanks of missing sounds.
- 04** **I am not rude or stupid:** I am trying; please repeat and let me speak.
- 05** **Be kind to me:** When you get frustrated, I would rather opt out and be alone.
- 06** **Speak clearly & slowly:** Give my brain some time to process your speech.
- 07** **Repeat & rephrase:** I will miss some; please repeat, rephrase or spell it out.
- 08** **Face me when you speak:** Lip reading helps me connect the dots when I can't hear you clearly.
- 09** **Hearing aids are not glasses:** Sounds are louder, but not 100% clear in noisy environments.
- 10** **Give me context:** If all I hear is "ca," knowing if it's about animals (cat) or headgear (cap) helps.




INSURANCE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. Sometimes, I wonder if I am covered for a specific item and I'm not sure what I should do.

A. Always submit a claim and explain the situation to the insurance company. The company will be most happy to evaluate the situation for you.

Q. Under the Death & Dismemberment policy, would the benefit be paid quickly enough to cover the funeral?

A. No--since most funerals take place within 3-4 days of death. In the event of an accidental death, benefits would be paid for claims within 1-2 weeks of Manulife's receipt of the appropriate documents.

Q. Is a common-law spouse eligible to apply for this policy?

A. Yes, if the partners have been co-habiting for at least 12 months.

Q. Does the doctor's validation expense include the transfer of medical records from doctor to doctor? **A.** Unfortunately, it does not. It pays for the expenses charged by a doctor when validating or completing a claim form for the benefits eligible under this policy.

Q. If I've had surgery and a hospital stay of at least three days, can I claim if I spend one or two weeks in a Retirement (nursing home) Home when I can't stay at my own home alone?

A. Yes, you can submit a claim under the Convalescence Clause.

Q. How much coverage do I have for the Death & Dismemberment policy if I took it out before it became a separate policy in 1990?

A. A member can continue the \$1500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment optional coverage purchased prior to June 1990 under the Hospital and Home Care Plan without purchasing this benefit.

RWTO/OERO SCARBOROUGH



helps to support...

BREAKFAST FOR KIDS

For the past few years we have supported the RTO golf tournament by sponsoring two holes. The Gold Tournament raises money for the BREAKFAST FOR KIDS program. Three schools are chosen each year through their donation. There are 820 programs running at 620 sites in the city of Toronto. Our commitment to this program lets children know that we care about their health and well-being. Last year's tournament resulted in a donation of \$8100 to the nutrition programs in Scarborough and East York schools in both the Catholic and Public-school systems.

JULIETTE'S PLACE provides a safe and short-term shelter for women and children who flee from violence and abuse. Their program helps women and children build their skills through educational programs and support services.

Our donations of toiletries, baby items, school supplies and seasonal sports equipment continue to be greatly appreciated by Juliette's Place.

42 DIVISION COMMUNITY POLICE service the area bounded by Steeles, south to the 401, Victoria Park, to the Pickering Town Line. PC Gomez has shared valuable information with us about Crime Prevention at our luncheon. PC Alison Burns works with us to make sure that our toy donations, at our November luncheon, are distributed in the area to families with children in need at Christmas time.

ONTARIO AUTISM PROGRAM

The OAP provides families of children and youth with ASD with flexible, family-centred services based on each child's unique needs.

At their annual Christmas party, the families enjoy a visit and gifts from Santa and Mrs. Claus, games, crafts, food, photos, and entertainment for the whole family! Patsy Jordan, Marilyn Hodge, Linda Jarvis and Carol Nelson have volunteered as helpers.



KIWANIS SALES:

The representatives from Kiwanis will be at the October luncheon to take orders for their Christmas cakes, nuts and other products. You may place your order then and they will be delivered during the November luncheon. You will pay for your order when you collect your items in November.

Treasurer's November Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance September 11, 2018		\$10648.99
Income		
September luncheon	\$4572.00	
Silent auction	25.50	
Book sale	39.25	
Membership	1280.00	
Total	\$5516.75	
		\$16565.74
Expenses		
The Estate – September luncheon	\$4750.24	
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter, admin	250.45	
Donna Husband – flowers	44.10	
Speaker – Peter Jennings	100.00	
Carol Everitt – registered mail	13.95	
Betty Caspersen – Goodwill	300.00	
Over 90s flowers	22.60	
RWTO fees	1360.00	
Post box	214.70	
Total	\$7056.07	
Bank balance October 9, 2018		\$9509.70

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