



After the Bell *in Scarborough*

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

Newsletter
January 2014

Carina and Sharina



President's Message - Marilyn Hodge

Happy New Year and welcome to 2014 and Goodbye to 2013. I hope that all of you were able to enjoy at least some of the festive season with family and friends, in spite of the numerous obstacles thrown your way.

I must say that I am happy to see the end of 2013. Although it was a good year for Caring and Sharing for the RWTO - Scarborough Branch, it wasn't the best year for the residents of our province or our country. Throughout the past year, Mother Nature challenged all of us, starting with a summer storm in mid July causing massive flooding in Toronto and the surrounding area. A week later, a severe thunderstorm felled the famous 150+ year old silver maple tree in Leslieville and left 150,000 people across the province without power. This tree was the one that inspired Alexander Muir, in the fall of 1867, to write the poem "The Maple Leaf Forever", which later was turned into a song and became Canada's unofficial national anthem.

Just in time for Christmas, along came the ice storm causing lengthy power outages and untold hardships for everyone. Our transportation system ground to a stop. Thousands and thousands of our beautiful trees have been left severely damaged and/or destroyed, with fallen trees, branches and limbs on our lawns and boulevards everywhere. Mother Nature continued her rampage sending freezing rain across Canada and the United States, causing many vehicle and personal injury accidents, plane delays, long stays in the airport or on the tarmac, missed connections and added hardships and expenses. Just last week, we had frigid, bone-chilling weather.

On December 31, 2013, Canada lost a famous Canadian; the "Honourable John Ross Matheson" (1917-2013), originally from Brockville, my home town, passed away in Kingston. He lived very close to my home on the same road and I had met him a few times. In 1961 he was elected as a Federal Member of Parliament and served as Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Pearson. He was a leading member of the parliamentary committee when the "Canadian Maple Leaf flag" was adopted in 1965. He also provided the research that led to the design of the "Order of Canada" in 1967. During his lifetime, he received many prestigious awards and, in 1993, he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada. May he rest in peace.

Thank goodness we live in a civilized country with all of the amenities, especially our loyal, hardworking First Responders, Forestry and Hydro workers and that our neighbours in other provinces and the United States lend a hand when needed. We do the same for them.

My wish for all of you and your families is that 2014 will be a happy, safe and fun-filled year and that winter will not arrive with such vengeance as it did this past year and into the beginning of 2014.

Marilyn Hodge – President, 2013 -2014



New Location for Luncheon

Q-SSIS Banquet Halls
3474 Kingston Road
(Kingston and Markham Road)
416-265-2030

Allergy Alerts to Judy-Anne Tumber

Tuesday, January 21, 2013
Luncheon - Doug Cockell
"Route 66 and All That"



"Going Bananas" – Trip
Tuesday, February 11, 2013

Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Luncheon - Ellen Roseman

Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Fashion Show at Remington
Parkview Golf and Country Club

Grace

For food in a world
Where many people 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

RWTO on the go.....

All Buses will depart PROMPTLY from the northwest parking lot where the AMC Movie Theatre was located at Kennedy Commons (Kennedy Rd. south of Hwy 401).

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 RWTO-Scarborough and forwarded to the coordinator of each excursion.



Going Bananas

Famous Players' Dine and Dream Theatre
(40th Anniversary)

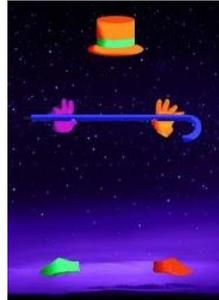
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 Cost: **\$104.00**

Depart at 10:30 a.m., return at 3:30 p.m.

Includes bus, lunch and theatre production

Payment due date: Tuesday, January 21

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 1-905-655-0638



Our performances celebrate famous people and their exceptional achievements through a combination of long-loved music, dance, electrifying special effects and endearing life-sized characters

Oh Canada Eh? and Blossom Tour

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 Cost: **\$115.00**

Depart at 8:30 a.m., return at 5:00 p.m.

Includes bus, guided blossom tour of Niagara Region and dinner show

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103



Join our singing Mountie, Hockey Player, Anne of Green Gables and other favorites characters for a night of all-Canadian music, comedy and a family style meal.

Crazy for You

Festival Theatre, Stratford Cost: **\$170**

Thursday, September 18, 2014 or

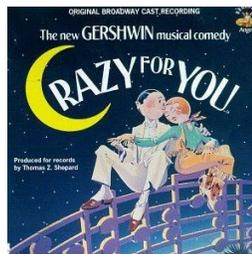
Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Includes bus, shopping time, orchestra seating theatre tickets, lunch, dinner and all gratuities

Bus departs at 8am, returning 8pm

Payment due date: **February 1, 2014**

Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389



Sent to Deadrock, Nevada, to foreclose on a derelict theatre, banker Bobby Child falls for its owner's daughter, Polly Baker. Can he reconcile the demands of duty and love – and his own dreams of dancing? "I Got Rhythm," "Nice Work if You Can Get It" and "Someone to Watch Over Me" are just some of the gems in this dynamic musical's dazzling score.

"Fall Frolic and Fun" in Lancaster, Pennsylvania's Dutch Country

October 6-9, 2014 Cost **\$798 Twin, \$969 Single**

Includes a Smorgasbord every night, breakfast every morning, lunch on your own.

Stay in Kitchen Kettle Village, Shop at Rockvale Outlet Centre

Musical - "Moses" & the theatre production "Half Stitched".

Payment not due until the summer of 2014

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103



Lancaster is one of the oldest inland cities in the U.S. The city is a place where historic preservation and a cutting-edge arts scene live and thrive side by side. Discover farmers markets, furniture makers, antique dealers and of course our famous outlet stores.

Visit galleries and theatres or enjoy a buggy ride through Amish Country.

Programme

"Route 66 and All That"



Take a nostalgic journey that travels the iconic and picturesque Route 66 - "from Chicago to L.A." Doug Cockell

presents "Route 66 and All That", with some thoughts on the power and dangers of nostalgia in art: the mood, art and artifacts of the fifties.



Food Allergy Reminder

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 this information **BEFORE** the luncheons. Please call Judy-Anne Tumber at 705-295-1995 or e-mail her at jatumber@nexicom.net 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 Judy-Anne informed if there are changes during the year. We want to ensure that you enjoy each and every lunch!**

RTO Christmas Luncheon

Once again the RTO Christmas Luncheon, at the Scarborough Golf Club, in early December, was a wonderful way to bring in the season. Many of our members attended and enjoyed a delicious buffet and a visit with friends and colleagues.



Lamoine particularly enjoyed the desserts;))



Goodwill

A sympathy card was sent to Donna Carpenter on the death of her mother Doris Hunt. A donation was made to the Salvation Army in her memory. Also a sympathy card was sent to Bev Williamson whose father passed away. A donation was sent to St. David's Presbyterian Church in memory of her father Harold Black. A sympathy card was also sent to Kathy Matsushita whose sister Clara passed away in December.

Our sincere condolences go out to these families.
Betty

Fashion Show

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"Age is just a number!"
(Marilyn Wetston's quote)
Members of our RWTO,
will model fashions
provided by *Marilyn's* on
Spadina Avenue, north of
Queen Street. Marilyn
Wetston, known on the

air at AM 740, in print, and across Canada as "The Wardrobe Doctor", will offer practical tips on dressing comfortably, confidently and fashionably to reflect our personalities. She will demonstrate ways to accessorize to complete our outfits. A display of accessories will be available for cash sales (\$20), following the fashion show. Come and enjoy our spring luncheon at Remington Parkview Golf and Country Club, 6400 Steeles Avenue East, on Tuesday, March 18. A fabulous day of laughter, fun and fashion!

Jeannie & Shirley

Programme - February

How to Avoid Identity Theft and Consumer Frauds



Ellen Roseman

Straight talk on personal finance and consumer issues

We are delighted to have Ellen Roseman, Toronto Star personal finance columnist, as our guest speaker. Many of us regularly follow her news articles in the Business Section of The Star. Her presentation will focus on consumer issues which seniors need to be aware of in this competitive consumer world. Copies of her new book, *Fight Back: 81 Ways to Help You Save Money and Protect Yourself from Corporate Trickery*, will also be available for cash sales (\$20), following her presentation.
www.ellenroseman.com

Jeannie & Shirley

RWTO Scarborough Branch Nominations

Yes, it is that time of year when we must plan ahead for 2014 -2015.

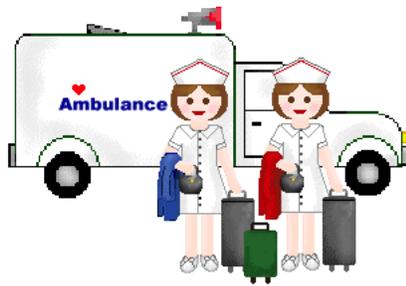
Most of us volunteer in some capacity in our community, with a service agency, at a house of worship, with an organization, with seniors or perhaps back in a school. Our compassion, skills and knowledge are needed and appreciated and it is a rewarding activity, especially in our retirement years.

Please consider joining the Executive of our Scarborough Branch and lending your expertise to a hard working group of women. You have all the leadership skills needed since your resume states, "Retired Teacher"!

You may self-nominate or, with her permission, nominate someone who you feel would enjoy volunteering with us. Please speak to Judy-Anne Tumber, Past President, to find out what positions are available or contact her at

jatumber@nexicom.net 705-295-1995.

We would love to have you join us!



RWTO/OERO Insurance Report

Hospital and Home Care Plan – Many of you already have this plan, but if you haven't, please check the RWTO/OERO Insurance Plans brochure available on the table today or go to www.rwto.org and click on Insurance Plan on the left side of the screen.

RWTO/OERO's Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan is another plan that you may wish to consider. It can be purchased on its own or as a companion to the Hospital and Home Care Plan. Enrolment is guaranteed and there are no medical questions to answer. This Plan provides 24-hour coverage, anywhere in the world, for accidents causing loss or loss of use of limb, paralysis or even accidental death. As an RWTO/OERO member in good standing, you and your spouse may apply for this Plan as long as both of you are covered under a provincial health plan and are both under 85 years of age.

Benefits of the RWTO/OERO Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan that may not be available under other plans including:

Repatriation Benefit

Home Alteration and Vehicle Modification Benefit

Seat Belt Advantage Benefit

Family Transportation Benefit.

If you have a question before you enroll or have a question about your existing RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care coverage or this plan, please call or email **Terry Kennedy** at 1- 519-583-0098, tkennedy34@bell.net or **Manulife Financial** at 1- 866- 410-0550.

Adrienne Johnson – Insurance Convenor 2013 – 2014



Happy New Year



January Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance November 8, 2013 \$5427.86

Income

November luncheon	4382.00	
RWTO membership dues	80.00	
Trip – I Love Lucy	417.00	
Trip – St. Jacob's	4840.00	
RWTO rebate	2304.00	
Mary Marchut – Stratford credit	4.11	
Total	\$12027.11	\$18454.97

Expenditures

Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter, name tags	285.78	
Joyce Simmons – flowers	66.84	
Jeannie Tom – bouquet, corsage	73.45	
Donna Husband – centerpieces/ head table	50.00	
Qssis – November luncheon	3835.80	
Mary Morton Tours – St. Jacob's trip	4797.00	
November honorarium – Club Amica	50.00	
Marilyn Hodge – sound system	82.49	
Joseph – sound system	25.00	
Total	\$9266.36	

Bank balance January 10, 2014 \$9188.61

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