



# After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter  
January 2016

## Caring and Sharing

Linda Jarvis - President



# Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman

The Estate Banquet Centre  
430 Nugget Avenue  
(at Markham Road)  
Scarborough

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and that you had some time to relax with family and friends. The weather made it ideal for travelling! I spent much time baking as I love to give sweet treats to my older neighbours and shut-ins.

*"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fireplace. It is a time for home."* Edith Sitwell

On average, January is the coldest month of the year. No matter what the winter weather brings to us, the days are getting longer and there is a little more light each day. The New Year is a time to welcome the future and start each day with a fresh page. Walt Disney said, *"Laughter is timeless. Imagination has no age, and dreams are forever."*

January 17th to the 23rd is National Non-smoking Week. January 20th is weedless Wednesday. January is also March of Dimes and Crime Stoppers Month.

Your executive will be working on the Cora Bailey award winners and if you have any thoughts/ideas regarding the 60th anniversary celebration of RWTO/OERO, please talk to one of our members.

Linda

Tuesday, January 19, 2016  
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre

Wednesday, January 20, 2016  
*Phantom of the Opera* Trip

Tuesday, February 16, 2016  
Luncheon-Estate Banquet Centre

Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
Fashion Show Luncheon  
Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club

Wednesday, April 12, 2016  
*Mamma Mia* Trip

Tuesday April 19, 2016  
Luncheon-Estate Banquet Centre

May 12 to 14, 2016  
*Tulip Time in Ottawa* Trip

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



## 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). Price includes all taxes and gratuities.

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.

Mary Morton Tours Presents  
TICO #4488722



### Phantom of the Opera

Cost: \$160.00

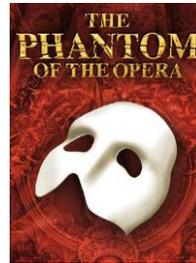
Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Includes bus, lunch at Baton Rouge, and orchestra seating for the 2 p.m. performance

This spectacular new production features exciting new special effects.

Bus departs 10:45a.m., returning at approx. 5:30 p.m.

Coordinator: Carol Everitt, 905-655-0638



Join Phantom as it moves into a new era, with an updated production that is ready to thrill audiences across America when it hits the Princess of Wales Theatre.

The new version of "The Phantom of the Opera" boasts inventive staging, stronger presentation of the story and warmer orchestrations.

### Mamma Mia!

Cost: TBA

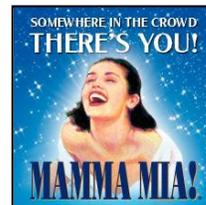
Wednesday, April 12, 2016

Includes bus, Dunnfield Theatre tickets for 2 p.m. performance, Lunch at the Blackshop Restaurant and shopping at the Southworks Outlet in Cambridge

Bus departs at 8 a.m., returning at Approximately 7 p.m.

Payment due date February 28, 2016

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard,



Full of great music, big fun and infectious energy, "Mamma Mia!" is a sunny, funny tale that unfolds on a tiny Greek island. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings back three men from her mother's past. After 20 years, will she finally learn the true identity of

her father? You don't have to be a fan of the pop group ABBA (who provides the 23 hit songs for "Mamma Mia!") to fall in love with this unforgettable show.

### Tulip Time in Ottawa

Cost: Single: \$859

Twin: \$675

Thursday, May 12- Saturday, May 14, 2016

A fabulous trip to Ottawa for the Tulip Festival.

Included; all taxes and gratuities, deluxe motor coach transportation, baggage handling, hotel accommodation, 4 meals (2 breakfasts and 2 dinners), all admissions and fees as listed.

See full trip description in Newsletter.

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638



### A Chorus Line

Cost: \$182

Festival Theatre, Stratford

Wednesday, September 21 or Thursday, September 22, 2016

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

Bus departs at 8 a.m., returns 8 p.m.

Payment due date: February 1, 2016

Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389



Hundreds of hopefuls congregate at a cattle call for Broadway dancers. A sour director, Zach,

and his brusque assistant whittle down the ranks until they're left with 16 dancers. All tell their life stories -- some tragic, some comic -- and explain their love of dance.

# Tulip Time in Ottawa

Cost: Single: \$859 Twin: \$675

May 12-14, 2016

**Day 1 - Thursday, May 12, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Depart from Kennedy Commons.

There will be a coffee stop at the Big Apple, near Colbourne, on own. Lunch stop will be in Kingston, on own. We will be stopping for a tour of the Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum. The site was built to protect the government in the event of nuclear war. For the 33 years it was in operation it was the key strategic communications facility for the Canadian Forces. We will then check in to the Lord Elgin Hotel, where we will also be eating dinner that evening.

**Day 2 - Friday, May 13, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast is included at the hotel. We will then depart for a city tour with a step-on guide to see the tulips and sights. There will then be free time at Commissioners Park, home to the Capital's most dazzling display of over 300 000 tulips.

Lunch will be on our own at the Byward Market, the bustling 200 year old market which is host to many artisan vendors. We will enjoy a guided tour of the National Gallery of Canada. Dinner is included, followed by a "Mystery Evening"



**Day 3 - Saturday, May 14, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast travelers will get a choice to visit:

a) Museum of Civilization, Canada's national museum of

human history, whose primary purpose is to collect, preserve, and present objects that illuminate the human history of Canada and the cultural diversity of its people.

**OR**

b) Canadian War Museum, a unique collection of more than 3 million artifacts that include rare vehicles, artillery, uniforms, personal memoirs and sound and visual recordings.

At 2:00 p.m., we will depart for home, stopping on route to purchase a light refreshment on our own. Return time to Kennedy Commons is expected to be around 7:00 p.m.

**Includes:** All taxes and gratuities, deluxe motor coach transportation, baggage handling, hotel accommodation, 4 meals – (2 breakfasts and 2 dinners)

All admissions and fees as listed.

Trip coordinator: Carol Everitt (905) 655-0638

Cheques are payable to Mary Morton Tours and should be dated March 31, 2016.

## OUTREACH



We will be collecting **NEW, UNOPENED** toiletries and magazines, up to three months old, as well as baby products at our January luncheon. Thank you.

Sheila Meyer  
Trudy Sutton  
Outreach Committee

## FREQUENT "FUN" RAISER SILENT AUCTION

1. There **WILL** be a silent auction at the January luncheon. The theme for January's silent auction is RELAXATION, i.e. soap, bubble bath, lotions, etc. Donations should be new and valued at \$20 to \$25. Notification of your donation must be made at least one week prior to the luncheon. Please do not bring donations without prior notification. Please bring your donation to the Silent Auction Table by 11:15. Thank you for participating in this fund raising activity. For further information, and to notify of your intention to donate, please contact Lynne Said at [lynesaid@sympatico.ca](mailto:lynesaid@sympatico.ca) or Brigitte Bryan at [bbryan@look.ca](mailto:bbryan@look.ca)

Thank you!

Lynne Said  
Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan  
Fundraising Committee



## GOODWILL

We were sorry to hear of the death of Joyce McDonald. A sympathy card was sent to her family.

Also, a sympathy card was sent to Pam Bennett and family and a donation was made to the Alzheimer society in memory of Pam's mother Helen Murray.

Another sympathy card went to Linda Dickson whose husband Bill passed away. A donation was made to the Lakeridge Health Oshawa--Palliative Care Unit in his memory.

*Betty*

## The Life and Music of Cole Porter

We welcome Linda Beck as our special guest. She will give a power presentation about the life and music of Cole Porter. Many of his songs are at the core of The Great American Songbook.



Linda Beck taught ESL in Scarborough for many years, but music has always been her first love. Since retiring, she has spent countless hours studying Cole

Porter's life and finding as many of his shows and songs as possible. She teaches a course on Cole Porter at the Ryerson LIFE Institute.

*Jeannie Tom, Lana Peck, Marianne Rose*

Programme Committee



## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who mailed their cheque to Susan for November's luncheon. They were all in on time. The next luncheon is January 19, 2016. It is important that you mail your cheques early so that Susan receives them by January 6.

*Carol*

## Looking ahead...

### 'A Rocking Country Christmas' in St. Jacob's

**Cost: \$128.00**

**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approx. 6:30 p.m.

Includes: bus, stop at Picard's Peanuts, shopping in St. Jacob's, lunch at the Stone Crock Restaurant, Orchestra seating at the St. Jacob's Playhouse Theatre for 'Red Rock Diner', a fun-filled, bop down memory lane, all tips and gratuities, Transponder for Hwy. 407  
Co-ordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638

## 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 Shelley Goodman 416-491-1683 or e-mail her at [shelley.goodman@sympatico.ca](mailto: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 and every lunch.**

Shelley

## UPCOMING.....

The 60th Annual Convention will be held from June 7-9, 2016 hosted by RWTO Windsor-Essex. You can find more information in the latest CONNECTIONS magazine. All members are eligible to attend the convention. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, let Linda know. She can give you more information about what happens at this yearly event.

The 61st Annual Convention will be held from June 6-8 2017 hosted by RWTO North York, Rendezvous and Scarborough. It will be held at the Ajax Convention Centre with Judy Anderson and Carol Nelson as the co-chairs for 2017. Plans have begun with the logo in the planning stage already. Many members from Toronto, Scarborough, Peterborough, Northumberland area, Trenton and Belleville will be involved. There will be many ways for many people to help plan and prepare in the next year and a half. We will keep you updated about what has been planned and how you may want to help.

*Carol Nelson*

**RWTO / OERO 60th Annual Convention 2016**

**Come Rally By The River With Us!**



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Hotel Information On The Reverse Side

## RWTO/OERO Insurance Plans

There are three Insurance Plans available to new registrants providing that you are an RWTO/OERO member in good standing. Please read about these plans in the RWTO Insurance Plans' brochure or on the website [www.RWTO.org](http://www.RWTO.org) and click on Insurance as well as Member Benefits. You will be surprised by all of the benefits that are covered by these plans.

1. The Hospital & Home Care Plan - our most popular
2. Personal Accident Death and Dismemberment Plan
3. Travel Insurance Broker – CanAm Insurance (1-888-326-3535)

Everyone in Ontario is covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan. The RWTO Health Insurance Plan coverage is in addition to Insurance that you may have with other Insurance companies, such as RTO or OTIP, a spousal plan or some other Extended Health Care Plan.

Please Note: Did you know that, if you are a new retiree and become an RWTO/OERO member and apply to join the Insurance Plan, within one year of your retirement your acceptance into this plan is guaranteed. You cannot be declined and you do not need to complete the Medical Questionnaire that is part of the Application Form. After this open enrolment period a medical questionnaire must be completed and your application will be underwritten to determine your eligibility. If you want to have your spouse covered, he or she will have to complete the Medical Questionnaire.

The monthly premiums are \$14.49 for a member and \$15.57 for a spouse. Same sex spouses are recognized as a "spouse" under the Hospital & Home Care Plan.

If you have a question before you enroll or about your existing coverage, please call Terry Kennedy at 519-583-0098 or Manulife at 1-866-410-0550 (You and your spouse are automatically accepted into The Personal Accidental Death & Dismemberment Plan, regardless of your retirement date). To enroll simply obtain an application from me, Marilyn Hodge, Branch Insurance Convenor, Manulife Financial or Terry Kennedy and mail your completed application in the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope.

I always have the Insurance Application brochures with me at all of the luncheons.

Marilyn Hodge – Insurance Convenor -2015-2016



## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who so graciously brought a gift/gift card for the kids who will attend the December 20th dinner at Qssis. 17 large bags of toys were taken down to Qssis. Jeff, at Qssis, was very excited to see all the wonderful things that were delivered for the kids.

Thank you to the elves who packed the bags of gifts for delivery and thank you to the drivers who delivered them. Your help was very much appreciated.

*Carol*

## BOOKS



There **WILL** be a BOOK SALE at the January luncheon. Contributions gratefully accepted.

Thank you!

*Chris*

## COMMUNICATIONS

If you know of a member whose e-mail, telephone number or address has changed, please let the Communications Team know so that the member can continue to have access to the luncheon dispatches, newsletters and other information.

Thank you,  
Connie Cole  
Elaine Apted  
Communications Team

Have you changed your  
passwords lately???



“Hold on little one.” Photo by Rona Helvrich



Could you receive your Provincial Newsletter “Connections” on your computer via email instead of mail?

Last year the total cost of mailing “Connections” was just over \$8,900 for the three newsletters. Whew! To receive your newsletter by email, please email Gloria at: [info@rwto.org](mailto:info@rwto.org) or phone Gloria at (1-877) 607-6696. Thanks, Mardie.

## Did You Know...

- the names of all continents both start and end with the same letter?
- stewardesses is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand?
- that you burn more calories eating celery than it contains (the more you eat the thinner you become)
- the sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English alphabet?
- there are only 4 words in the English language which end in 'dous' (they are: hazardous, horrendous, stupendous and tremendous)?
- the oldest word in the English language is 'town'?
- Bookkeeper' and 'bookkeeping' are the only 2 words in the English language with three consecutive double letters?
- the word 'Strengths' is the longest word in the English language with just one vowel?
- the word 'uncopyrightable' is the is the only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating any letter?
- the word typewriter is the longest word that can be typed using only the top row of a keyboard?

## February Luncheon



Our Programme Team has arranged for Police Constable Gary Gomez, of 42 Division, to be our special guest. A Crime

Prevention Officer, he will address the topic, Financial and Personal Safety. Join us to learn how to protect yourself from fraud scams and prevent crime.

## RWTO Scarborough has a Webpage

Be sure and check out our Scarborough Branch webpage at:

<http://www.rwto.org/branches/scarborough.asp>

You will find photographs of events and activities as well as our ladies having a good time, our programme, our brochure and our monthly newsletter. We will add to the site each month.



You can access this anytime, anywhere on any computer.

# Treasurer's Report – January 2016

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance November 5, 2015

\$7241.21

## Income

November luncheon	\$4943.00
Book sales	41.75
Silent auction	127.00
RWTO/OERO pin sales	60.00
RWTO/OERO rebate	2376.00
RWTO/OERO membership dues	360.00
Total	\$7907.75

\$15148.96

## Expenses

The Estate – November luncheon	\$4417.00
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	64.19
RWTO dues	320.00
Honorarium	50.00
Donna Husband – flowers	69.13
Christmas song sheets	22.40
Betty Casperson – Goodwill	300.00
Autism Society – Toronto Chapter	100.00
Total	\$5342.72

Bank balance January 5, 2016

\$9806.24

Luncheon cheques are mailed to:

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