



# After the Bell *in Scarborough*

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

Newsletter  
March 2014

Carina and Sharina



## President's Message - Marilyn Hodge

In spite of the fact that we are in the month of March, winter has continued with frigid temperatures, icy roads and blowing snow causing traffic chaos on the major highways and in our towns and cities all across the province. Snow banks are higher than they have been in years and this has caused narrow streets and highways and has made driving more treacherous. If you want a taste of spring, consider attending the Canada Blooms Show at the Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place until Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Rob McGarrigle, the event coordinator at Remington Parkview Golf and Country Club, who has gone beyond the call of duty to answer all of our questions, grant our requests as well as making changes to the original plans. We really appreciate all of your assistance, flexibility, patience and support.

Thanks are also extended to Marilyn Wetston, "The Wardrobe Doctor" and her assistant, Freida, for working with and dressing our models for the Fashion Show. Marilyn has also arranged for a representative from Mary Kay to be available to do their make-up or for complimentary touch-ups and to offer tips on make-up. We appreciate having a display of accessories available for cash sale purchases of \$20.00 each.

Last, but not least, I want to thank Shirley MacDonald and Jeannie Tom for organizing the fashion show, planning the menu, choosing the models and arranging drivers to transport them downtown so they could be fitted with their outfits. Thanks also to the models, Elaine Apted, Nan Collict, Jean Dennis, Carol Everitt, Genevieve Johns, Irene Manahan, Cathie MacGillivray, Donna Milovanovich, Lamoine Mustard, Lana Peck, Naomi Regan, Marianne Rose and Jeannie Tom as well as to their drivers and to Susan Urie, for receiving the cheques and keeping track of who and how many have paid, and to Linda Jarvis, who will pay the bill.

March is a special month for several reasons including St. Patrick's Day and March 21<sup>st</sup>, which is supposed to be the beginning of spring, although it isn't looking too promising at the moment.

March is Fraud Prevention Month - Report suspected fraud to Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (Phone: 1-888-495-8501) or at [www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca).

March 8<sup>th</sup> was International Women's Day. The first International Women's Day was held in 1911. Women got together to fight for the right to vote, to work and hold public office. In 1956, a small group of retired women teachers in Toronto got together to persuade the government to raise the pensions for retired women teachers to the same level as retired male teachers. Without these special women, we would not have the rights we enjoy today.

"Behind every great woman - there's another woman" - Toronto Star (March 8, 2014)

By the end of March, Canada's mission in Afghanistan will end and 100 of our troops will be coming home. We thank them for their service to our country.

Marilyn Hodge - President, 2013 -2014



### Location for Luncheon

Remington Parkview Golf Club  
6400 Steeles Ave, East  
Markham

Allergy Alerts to Judy-Anne Tumber  
Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Fashion Show at Remington  
Parkview Golf and Country Club



Tuesday April, 15, 2014  
"The Passionate Cook"

Wednesday, May 7, 2014  
"Oh Canada Eh?" Trip

Tuesday, May 20, 2014  
Guest: Lloyd Robertson

### 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.

Travel



## 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

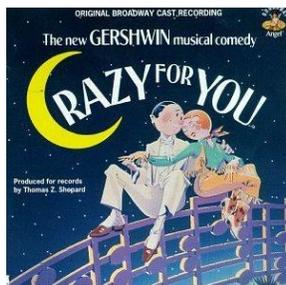
Tuesday, September 23, 2014

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.

*Spring is coming!*



## *RWTO Scarborough Branch Nominations*

### *Help Needed!*

Did you receive your copy of **Connections**? RWTO President, Anne Graham, addressed the need for volunteers in our organization. It sounds like this may be a common problem throughout the province. The fact is that Branches without a leadership team may fold. What a shame! In our Scarborough Branch, we need someone to take the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and also a partner to assist with the centrepieces (usually flowers) for our monthly luncheons. You will not be on your own...there are many women who you may call upon for help and advice.

So far, we have received nominations for Co-Presidents, Co-Chairs of Programme, the person who organizes the book sale and one person to do the centrepieces. Thank you, ladies!! Most of the current Executive will continue to volunteer next year. Thank you, ladies!!

Let's keep RWTO Scarborough vibrant and viable. We can all agree with Anne that "many hands make light work". Please see me to sign a nomination form or to read a job description.

The new Executive will be inducted at our AGM which takes place at our May Luncheon.

Judy-Anne Tumber  
Past President



## Fashion Show



We are delighted to have Marilyn Wetston and her team, host our fashion show. Our enthusiastic volunteers will model clothing apparel and accessories from 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. A display of accessories will be available for cash sales (\$20), following the show. Our luncheon will be held at Remington Parkview Golf and Country Club, 6400 Steeles Avenue East, Markham. Come and enjoy a fabulous day of laughter, fun and fashion!

Remington Parkview Golf and Country Club,  
6400 Steeles Avenue East,  
1 kilometre east of Markham Road  
on Tuesday, March 18.

## OUTREACH



Please bring only **NEW, UNOPENED** toiletries and one/two month old magazines for Julliette's Place. **PLEASE** ensure that the toiletry items you donate have **NOT** been used or opened before

bringing them. We cannot donate items that have already been used. Please know that we very much appreciate your donations.

Thank you.

Sheila & Trudy

## GOODWILL



We sent a cheer card to Kathy Matsushita following hip surgery in February.

A sympathy card was sent Mustard on the death of her nephew. Also our sympathy went out to Anne Keelman whose father passed away recently. A donation was made to the Estonian Foundation of Canada in his memory. Our sincere condolences go to Lemoine and Anne. Betty

## Second Chance for Jewellery Sale

April 15<sup>th</sup> Luncheon!



As you get involved in spring cleaning of your jewellery drawers, we ask that you donate rings, bracelets, earrings and necklaces that you

no longer need. Please check that there are no broken parts or missing pieces. Just 3 easy steps:

1. Collect your unwanted jewellery
  2. Sort into groups of \$1, \$2 and \$5 values
  3. Place each group into a sandwich size plastic baggy
- Bring your jewellery to the luncheon on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Remington Parkview G.C. and the April 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon at QSISS.

Please be aware that all leftover jewellery will NOT be returned but given to charity.

This will be a fun event where you may find a new treasure while RWTO raises funds for charities.

Susan, Linda & Shirley

## APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> LUNCHEON



Lisa Hutchinson, who owns "The Passionate Cook's Essentials" in Uxbridge, will be coming to give us some tips on "Eating Healthy". She is one of our very successful Scarborough students who

attended G. P. Mackie Jr. Public School as well as Bliss Carman Sr. Public School.

Lisa was in the corporate world before deciding to run her own business due to her love of travel, passion for food and entertaining. She regularly holds cooking classes for groups between her trips to Europe and beyond.

She will be sharing her knowledge and cooking expertise with us along with recipes to improve our home cooking skills. A few unique pieces of kitchenware will be on display from her extensive collection, for purchase.

Shirley & Jeannie

## THE BLANKET PROJECT



It has been a year since the challenge was presented to the members of Rendezvous, Scarborough and York North to knit 8 inch squares. The challenge was met! Members, friends,

grandmothers and neighbours made colourful squares. The result --52 blankets were made and shared with Project Linus, The Out of the Cold Programme, The Salvation Army, Juliette's Place and Rosalie Hall.

Thank you to everyone who contributed wool, squares and blankets. Many children and adults enjoyed them through this very cold winter.

The project continues. Already, I have more completed blankets that will be distributed very shortly. People from the three branches are still knitting. The project has been submitted to the Provincial Board to hopefully be recognized for a "Feather in Your Hat" award. Keep your fingers crossed for this news in the spring.

Caring and Sharing has certainly happened and will continue to happen. Well done everyone.

Carol Nelson

## 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](mailto: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!**



## March Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance February 10, 2013 \$24530.00

### Income

February luncheon	2725.00
Silent auction	148.00
Total	2873.00

\$27403.19

### Expenditures

Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	73.97
Joyce Simmons – flowers	66.67
Qssis – February luncheon	2508.60
Honorarium – Fresh Air Fund	50.00
Bus driver trip – Famous Players	25.00
Trudy Sutton – outreach	200.00
Mary Morton Tours – Dine and Dream	2326.00
Total	\$5250.24

Bank balance March 10, 2014 \$22152.95

\*\*\*\*\*I have NOT paid for the Stratford trips yet.

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Cathie MacGillivray

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**RWTO/OERO Scarborough Branch**  
**Membership 2014 – 2015**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have the RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care Plan Yes\_\_ No\_\_ or the  
Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

***Membership fee for 2014 – 2015 is \$40.***

**( Fees for members ninety years of age and over are complimentary. )**

\*Please make your cheque payable to: **RWTO Scarborough Branch.**

\*Please **postdate** your cheque to **July 1, 2014** or **August 31, 2014** and submit with the  
**membership form.**

Dues can be paid at the **March, April, or May** meetings, or mailed to:

**RWTO Scarborough Branch**  
**Box 66564**  
**685 McCowan Road, Scarborough, ON**  
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If you have RWTO insurance and wish to maintain it or wish to participate in the plan, you must pay your RWTO membership fees each year.

New retirees do not need to have a medical if they apply for the Hospital and Home Care Plan during the **first** year of their retirement.