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

Newsletter
March 2015

Caring and Sharing

Shirley MacDonald – Co Presidents – Cathie MacGillivray

Spring is on the way

Photos courtesy of Lana Peck

Welcome to our Fashion Show Luncheon at the Remington Parkview Golf and Country Club. We are all looking forward to the bright colours of spring with Karen Piper from Peppertree Klassics. Thank you to the Programme Team for all their hard work in preparing for the fashion show today.

We welcome a very special guest today, *Marilyn Emmett, our Provinicial President* who has arrived from St. Catherines. Please stop and say hello.

Thank you to the our members who have taken on a role in our Executive for next year. We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas. The only positions remaining are 2nd Vice President and Insurance Convenor. Please see Marilyn Hodge if you are interested. You will have plenty of support.

Please remember our shut-in members at this time of the year. I'm sure they would appreciate a visit, phone call or card.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Cathie

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

Fashion Show Luncheon

Tuesday March 17th, 2015 11:45a.m.

Remington Parkview Golf and Country Club
6400 Steeles Avenue East, Markham

Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman

Time for Membership Renewal

Tuesday, March 17, 2015
Fashion Show Luncheon 11:45 a.m.
Special guest:
Provincial President- Marilyn Emmett
Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club

Saturday, April 11, 2015
Dame Edna Trip
Princess of Wales Theatre

Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Luncheon at The Estate 11:45 a.m.
Terry Fallis – Author
Honouring our 80 + year old ladies

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
Luncheon at The Estate 11:45 a.m.
Cora Bailey Awards
Plant Sale

Wednesday, May 20, 2015
Titanic Trip

Caring and Sharing

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 **Mary Morton Tours** and forwarded to the coordinator of each excursion.

Mary Morton Tours Presents

TICO #4488722

RWTO on the go.....

Dame Edna

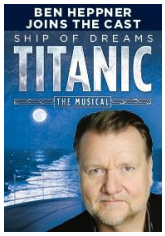
Princess of Wales Theatre
Saturday, April 11, 2015 **Cost: $163**
2 p.m. Show
Includes lunch at Baton Rouge (choice of 5 entrees, salad or soup, dessert and theatre ticket (orchestra seating)
Bus departs at 10:45 a.m., returning after the show
Coordinator: Carol Everitt: 905-655-0638

In a side-splitting, historic finale, Dame Edna Everage is capping a spectacular career spanning 50 years of bravura showmanship in this farewell celebratory, sold-out performances show across the world. With her take-no-prisoners comedy and hijinks, Dame Edna is not going out with a whimper:

Titanic

Princes of Wales Theatre
Wednesday, May 20, 2015 **Cost: $156**
Includes theatre ticket, bus and dinner at the Mandarin
Bus departs at 12 noon, returning at 8 p.m.
Payment due date: March 17, 2015
Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103

Ben Heppner, the greatest opera tenor of his generation, will be joining the cast of the new production of the Tony Award-winning Best Musical **TITANIC**.



Sound of Music

Festival Theatre, Stratford **Cost: $170**
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 or Thursday, September 24, 2015
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, 2015
Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389

Overflowing with such beloved songs as "My Favorite Things" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," this heart-warming family musical tells an inspiring story of the discovery of love – and a daring bid for freedom.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL NEWS

In order to comply with the rules of the Travel-Related Protocol of the Travel Industry Council of Ontario,(TICO), all cheques for payment of trips will be made payable to Mary Morton Tours and given to the coordinator of each trip who will forward them on to Mary Morton Tours.
Thank you for your cooperation. We anticipate a year of caring and sharing as we travel together.
Mary, Carol & Lamoine

Fashion Show Luncheon

Come out and join your friends for our annual Spring Fashion Show Luncheon. Karen Piper from Peppertree Klassics, on Main Street in Markham, will be presenting the latest accessories, footwear and fashions for Spring 2015.

The newest accessories will be available for purchase at the Fashion Show along with great tips for dressing up your wardrobe. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and good food at the Remington Parkview Golf and Country Club and see what is new in fashion for Spring 2015!

Our Special guest will be our RWTO Provincial President, Marilyn Emmett.

PEPPERTREE KLASSICS

Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club
6400 Steeles Avenue East
(East of Markham Road)
Markham
Luncheon: 11:45 a.m.

YOUR COAT

Since we all have such great taste in overcoats, it is very easy to pick up the wrong one at the end of our luncheons. Please be sure to check carefully that you have your own coat. It is always a good idea to remove your car keys from the pocket.

FREQUENT FUN RAISER SILENT AUCTION

We are accepting your theme basket donations at every luncheon and we encourage our members to take part in this "Fun" raiser. Notification of your donation must be made **at least one week prior to the luncheons.** Please **DO NOT** bring donations without prior notification. If we receive enough donations for any particular month, you will be asked, upon notification of your intent to donate, to postpone your donation until the following month. Thanks to all who have generously donated their theme baskets and have given their time to participate in this fund raising activity. For further information and to notify of your intent to donate for the upcoming Frequent Fun Raiser, please contact**:**
Linda Brent: email lbrentjc@yahoo.com
or call 905-640-9279
Susan Rowe: email rowejsh@sympatico.ca

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 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

RWTO Scarborough 2015 Convention Delegates

Provincial Delegate – Linda Jarvis
Branch Delegate – Carol Nelson
Branch Delegate – Marilyn Hodge
Branch Delegate – Sheila Meyer
Branch Delegate – Trudy Sutton
Observer/Alternate – Judy-Anne Tumber

MEMBERSHIP NOTE:

The Scarborough Branch of the RWTO would be pleased to receive your membership renewal for **2015-2016**. We hope that you will join us for another great year ahead.
The membership fee remains at **$40.00**.
Membership forms will be available at the March, April, and May Luncheons or may be downloaded from the luncheon dispatch.
Please make your cheque payable to **RWTO Scarborough Branch** and postdate your cheque to **July 1, 2015** or **August 31, 2015**. You may either bring it to the luncheon or mail to:

RWTO Scarborough Branch
Box 66564
685 McCowan Road,
Scarborough, ON M1J 3N8

We would appreciate it if you would renew before **August 31, 2015.**
This also ensures that your name will be printed in our members' directory. Marg & Lilli

A Note of Thanks from Millie Morton

Our Program Team received a lovely thank you card from our special guest Millie Morton.
She enjoyed the warmth of our group and brief conversations with members. We received a donation of $60 from her proceeds, towards our RWTO Fundraising.
Millie sends warm wishes to our members.
She welcomes comments about her book, Grace. You may express your thoughts through her website. There are reply boxes where the comments go directly to her. Your email will not appear online. She always enjoys hearing from her readers and would be happy to chat with anyone via her website.
http://milliemorton.wordpress.com
Programme Team

RWTO Scarborough Branch Survey Results February 23, 2015

Resolution discussed and responded to:

RWTO/OERO would benefit from admitting retired women in-classroom support workers, as full members into our organization.

36% - strongly agree
32% - somewhat agree
7% - no opinion *(Percentages have been rounded.)*
18% - disagree somewhat
7% - strongly disagree

Most common statements:
How many EA's really want to join?
Money should not be a factor in making this decision.
EA's are always welcome as guests.

A summary has been sent to the Provincial AdHoc Committee.

OUTREACH

There will be no collection of toiletries at the Fashion Show in March.
Trudy & Sheila

THE CORA BAILEY AWARD

The Cora Bailey Award is awarded by the Branch to up to three members who have provided dedicated service to the membership. Members are invited to suggest the names of members who deserve to be acknowledged by receiving this recognition.
Please send rationale and the name of a deserving member to committee chair, Adrienne Johnson at: adrjohsevi@gmail.com A decision will be made by the full committee following the March luncheon.

Thank you!

Adrienne Johnson

RWTO/OERO – Past President's Message
March 2015 News

February 2015 has been the coldest month ever on record and, although March has arrived, it doesn't look like it will be much better, at least for the first few days/weeks. The cold was bone-chilling and, it seemed to me, that it snowed every day. This was the first winter that my car was parked outside all the time. I didn't mind the driving, but the worst part of the winter, for me, was having to clear all of the snow off my car and then dusting all of the dirt from the car doors off my jackets/coats and pants.

It is always special when our RWTO/OERO Provincial President attends our Luncheon. This month, we are very happy to welcome Provincial President, Marilyn Emmett.

Once again, we are grateful to Rob McGarrigle, the event coordinator at Remington Parkview Golf and Country Club, who has permitted us to have our Fashion Show and Luncheon there again in 2015. Thanks are also extended to Karen Piper from Peppertree Klassics in Markham, who will be informing us about fashion trends for spring 2015.

March is Anti –Fraud month. If you have been the victim of Fraud, Report it.
Ways to report it are by Phone: Toll Free -1-888-495-8501, Toll Free Fax -1888-654-9426 or online – Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) - Fraud Reporting System.

Thanks are also extended to Marianne, Jeannie and Lana, our Programme team for organizing the fashion show, to Shelley Goodman, who has planned the menu, to Susan Urie, for receiving the cheques and keeping track of those who are attending and how many have paid, as well as to Linda Jarvis, who will pay the bill.

If you are looking for something Spring-like to do this month, consider attending the National Home Show + Canada Blooms, North America's largest home and garden show held at the Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place from March 13th – March 22nd from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm, Monday to Friday. When you visit the Home Show, you will receive same –day admission to Canada Blooms. 1 Ticket, 2 great Events, plus free parking, after 4:00 pm. Monday to Friday - Call 416-263-3000 for more information.

To make your life and that of others, plus the world a better place, remember to …….
Use your heart to love, Use your mind to think, Use your hands to help, but use your smile to make others happy.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Welcome Spring.
Marilyn Hodge – Past President, 2014 -2015

GOODWILL

We sent a sympathy card to Linda Harris whose sister passed away in February.
Our sympathy went out to Mary Marchut whose husband Richard passed away February 23rd. A donation was made in his memory to Lady Queen of Poland Church.
We also sent a sympathy card to Agnes Rix whose husband Dennis, passed away February 26th. A donation was made to St Rose of Lima Catholic church in his memory.
A thinking of you card has been sent to Pat Devlin who is having knee surgery soon.
Betty

Celebrate

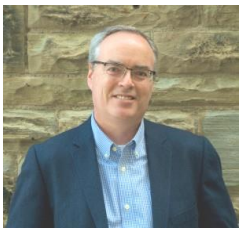
We will be celebrating our members who are 80 plus years old at the April luncheon. A personal invitation has been sent to each of them and we are hoping they will be able to attend.

Donna Milovanovic
2nd Vice President

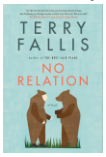
Don't ever question the work of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers. The Titanic was built by professionals. Author Unknown

Coming in April…

Toronto Author Terry Fallis Greets RWTO



After meeting our April speaker, Terry Fallis, you will agree that he demonstrates perseverance, tenacity, insight into Canadian politics and a sense of humour. These qualities and more, are evident in his books and speaking engagements. Terry Fallis' first novel, **Best Laid Plans** lead a difficult journey before coming into print. Ironically, Terry was turned down by every publisher. Not easily discouraged, Terry decided to make a podcast of his book and eventually ended up publishing it himself! The irony-------being, that his first book, published in 2007, was awarded the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour in 2008. Since then, Terry's books have been published in a more traditional sense by McClelland & Stewart, and the titles have been churned out! **The High Road**, a sequel to Best Laid Plans with very memorable characters like Angus McLintock and Daniel Addison will have you laughing and wondering what will happen next? **Up and Down,** and **No Relation** may also catch your attention at Chapters or Indigo.



Terry began his university career, training for engineering. While he did complete his degree, he never entered the field. He entered into the public affairs/public relations world, writing for clients by day and more recently, his readers by night. We are very fortunate to have Terry join us at our April 21st luncheon, where I am sure you will be delighted to learn more about his background and excerpts from a few of his novels, that he is bound to share with us.

Terry's books will be available for sale following the luncheon.

"CONNECTIONS" Provincial Newsletter

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.

To receive your newsletter by email, please fill in your name on the form on your table today.

Let's see if we can sign up most of our Scarborough members to receive their copy via email!

BOOKS

There will be no book sales at the March luncheon. Please save your book donations until April.
Thanks, Chris

"Things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out".

Treasurer's Report – Linda Jarvis

RWTO Scarborough Branch - March

March Treasurer's Report

Bank balance February 4, 2014		$8753.06
<u>Income</u>		
February luncheon	$3584.00	
Silent Auction	87.00	
Books	20.50	
Mary Morton ours rebate	250.00	
Valentine Dessert Café	515.00	
Total	$4456.50	
		$13209.56
<u>Expenses</u>		
The Estate –February luncheon	3378.70	
Millie Morton - February speaker	100.00	
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	36.25	
Donna Husband – flowers	51.59	
RWTO fees	40.00	
Cathie MacGillivray – Millie Morton's book for gift	25.00	
Total	$3631.54	
Bank balance March 6, 2015		$9578.02

Luncheon cheques are mailed to:

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685 McCowan Road,
Scarborough, Ontario
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Happy St. Patrick's Day

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Cathie MacGillivray
cathiemacgillivray@hotmail.com

RWTO/OERO Scarborough Branch

Membership Form 2015 – 2016

Surname: _____ **Given Name:** _____

Phone Number: _____ _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal **Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

***Note: "I agree to, and understand, that I may appear in some photos posted on the RWTO/OERO website at www.rwto.org , in the Scarborough Branch or Provincial Newsletters."**

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 2015 – 2016 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, 2015** or **August 31, 2015** and submit with the **membership form**. The Membership year is from September 1 to August 31.
New members may join at any time.

Dues can be paid at the **March, April, or May** meetings, or mailed before August 31 to:

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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.**