



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
January 2018

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



"This is the year we will be stronger, braver, kinder and unstoppable. Also, remember that you have only two choices when it snows: shovel or make angels."

We are half-way through this year. Interesting and entertaining programs have happened and the last part of the year offers more educational and informative programs. The Travel group is bringing us more places to enjoy on our travels.

This is the time of year when we have to start planning for 2018-2019. We have a hard-working executive and there are many opportunities for you to join them. Of course, everyone can become part of the executive. So, if you have something that interests you, please let Carol or Linda know who you would like to help. Talk to them if you need further information about the executive roles.

A belated Happy New Year to everyone. Your support is always appreciated. *Carol*

Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman

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

Please Note

Please try to pay in advance for the next luncheon at the previous luncheon. If you are unable to attend, your cheque will be held for a future luncheon. This helps us with an accurate number of attendees and the Estate will be better able to accommodate your special needs.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
EXECUTIVE MEETING: 9:30 a.m.
Members are welcome to attend.
Doug Purdon - "The Art of Forgery and Crime"

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Sylvia Sarkus-Financial Planner

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Glad Bryce- *First in, Last Out*

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Fashion Show - Northern Reflections

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/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

Come From Away

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Cost: \$159

Includes bus, lunch at the Hot House Café and orchestra theatre tickets.

Optional tour: back stage tour of Elgin and Winter Gardens Theatre for an additional \$7.50

Bus departs at 10:15 a.m. returning at approx. 4:15 p.m.

Payment: Cheques postdated to February 28th, 2018 due at the October Luncheon

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638

COME FROM AWAY is the breathtaking new musical that



Toronto embraced with open arms and had audiences leaving the theatre night after night claiming they were “proud to be Canadian!” It’s been called the “edge of the world.” The weather is wild, but the locals never lack for warmth. And it’s here, in Newfoundland, where a remote town

became the epicenter of a remarkable true story filled with unusual characters, unexpected camaraderie and uncommon generosity.

The King and I

Cost: \$160

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Includes bus, Toronto City Tour, lunch at the Hot House Café and orchestra theatre tickets

Bus departs at 9:00 a.m., returning at approx. 5:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103



Based on a true story, *The King and I* traces the blossoming romance between an English governess and the King of 19th Century Siam. Part love story and part culture clash comedy, the show contains some of musical theatre's greatest numbers, from *Shall We Dance* to

Getting to Know You, to *I Whistle a Happy Tune*.

Agawa Canyon 4-Day Tour
September 25 to 28, 2018

Coming soon!



"The seemingly unending mixed forests of the Canadian Shield open up as you skirt the shores of northern lakes and rivers, cross towering trestles, and set eyes on the same rugged landscapes and majestic views that inspired the Group of Seven."

Music Man

Cost: \$185

Thursday, October 4, 2018

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: February 1, 2018

Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389



A LOVE STORY WITH TWISTS AND TUNES.

A charming but fraudulent salesman arrives in River City to work his usual scam – only to find that a bill of goods can be the real deal. With melodies that include the rousing “Seventy-Six Trombones,” this musical-comedy classic will delight the whole family.

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

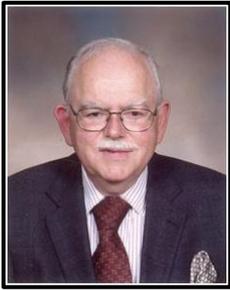
Bus departs at 8:15 a.m., returning approx. 7:30 p.m.

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 Festival’s world-class Ensemble.

Welcome Doug Purdon



An artist, award-winning Professor at University of Toronto, and expert on art forgery, Doug Purdon will speak about the high stakes of this criminal activity that allows forgers to make hundreds of thousands of dollars from just one painting. You will learn about some of the world's greatest art forgers, their skills, knowledge and talents, plus the effect of their crimes on our society, and the vigilance needed to guard against this type of crime.

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 and every lunch!

Coming in February Sylvia Sarkus



Sylvia Sarkus is a Certified Financial Planner who provides independent consulting to individuals and corporate clients. She counsels them to meet their financial challenges and responsibilities in both their personal and business lives.

She has been featured in the [Weekend Living Section of the](#)

[Toronto Star](#) and been a guest on the [CBC's "The Current"](#). She has spoken at the University of Toronto on financial planning and has acted as moderator during the weeklong S.I.F.E. (Students in Financial Enterprises) symposium in Toronto which was hosted by the HSBC Bank.

Thank You!

THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to all our members for your donations of gifts for kids. All the toys were packed up and delivered to 42 Division of the Metro Police Department

to be distributed to families in need. Through the generosity of RWTO Scarborough, many more families enjoyed a brighter holiday season. Marianne



THANK YOU...



Just a short note on behalf of the Toronto Police Auxiliary Toy Drive to thank the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario for their generous donations of toys and gifts yesterday.

We can't tell you how much we appreciate your support for our toy drive. Our goal is to make sure that no child in our area ever spends a Christmas without a gift of some kind. Your generous donations will go a long way in helping us meet our goal. Thank you! You have made a real difference in the lives of the kids we serve.

With gratitude,
Toronto Police Service



OUTREACH There **will be** a collection of toiletries, magazines and baby products at the January luncheon. Thank you. Sheila & Trudy

Christmas Luncheon "A Sea of Red"



Sue and Dwight

THANK YOU....

We want to thank for a most enjoyable afternoon. There was such a nice buzz in the room. Thank you for inviting us to play and for all your hospitality. Have a great Christmas. *Dwight & Sue*

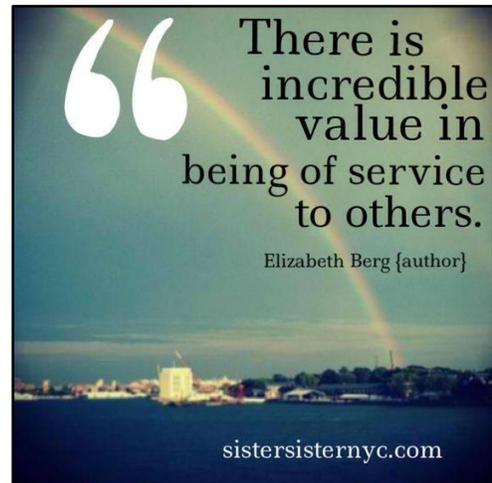


How Volunteerism Can Help Seniors

So many benefits can be derived from being a volunteer. For seniors, the benefits increase, since seniors, more than any other age group, tend to have more time. This is true for seniors who are retired and their families are not with them 24/7.

Volunteerism among seniors provides the following benefits, among others:

- Volunteering is associated with reductions in symptoms of depression, better overall health, fewer functional limitations, and greater longevity.
- Meeting new people, cultivating social relationships and may help improve their relationship skills
- Volunteering gives a senior a sense of purpose
- It increases self confidence
- Can help a senior stay fit and active
- Feeling appreciated or needed as a volunteer
- More vulnerable seniors (i.e. those with chronic health conditions) may benefit the most from volunteering



There will be a book sale at the **January Luncheon**. Chris



THANK YOU for supporting the Kiwanis Christmas goodies that they brought and shared with us. This is their 9th year of coming each October. They will be back in 2018.



RWTO/OERO INSURANCE PLANS

are exclusively for and or available only to the members of RWTO/OERO. The plan is administered and underwritten by the MANULIFE.

HOSPITAL AND HOME CARE PLAN

- supplements your provincial health plan
- provides financial assistance for the unexpected costs associated with getting well
- no age restrictions as long as you belong to a provincial health plan
- members and spouses are eligible. Members or spouses who live in a facility that provides health care are not eligible

BENEFITS

- Convalescent Benefit following confinement indoors after 3 or more days in the hospital
- Home Nursing Benefit pays 80% for nursing services as a result of an injury or sickness
Fracture Benefit is dependent upon which bone is broken
- Cataract Surgery Benefit pays for the cost of prescribed pre- and post-operative medical supplies
- Comfort Care Benefit pays \$25/day when confined to a hospital for the cost of non-medical comfort items
- Transportation Benefit pays for the cost of scheduled travel by bus, train, air, taxi or private passenger automobile to and from the hospital or doctor's office
- Ambulance/Taxi Benefit pays for the cost of an ambulance to taxi and/or from hospital confinement and/or outpatient treatment
- Physician Validation Benefit pays for expenses charged by a doctor for validating or completing a claim
- Patient Transfer Benefit pays for the loss of a private ambulance to and/or from following a period of hospital confinement and/or outpatient surgery

MEDICAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT BENEFITS

Special Equipment

Mobility Assistance Benefit

Assistive Devices Benefit

Physiotherapy Benefit

Hearing Aid Benefit

Oxygen Benefit

For assistance with your insurance claims please contact

TERRY M. KENNEDY 419-583-0098

tkennedy34@bell.net

May also call: 1 800 268-3763

Branch Insurance rep:

Carol Nelson: 416 724 7107/ carol.nelson@sympatico.ca

Highland Creek Public School 1918-2018



Highland Creek Public School is gearing up to celebrate 100 wonderful years. We invite you to join our 100th Anniversary celebrations which will be taking place on **Friday April 27 & Saturday April 28, 2018.**

Pub Night

Details to follow.

Former Staff Coffee & Treat

9a.m.-10a.m.

Contact:

Jack Shaw staffcuppa@gmail.com

Helen Sharpe rsharpe2345@gmail.com

Decade Rooms and Ceremonies

CAN YOU HELP.....

Doctors and Pharmacists in rural communities in developing countries do not have prescription pill bottles to give a patient when he receives medication from the doctor. The patient is given his pills, which are wrapped in newsprint or put in a paper envelope. By the time he has walked the mile or two or more, the pills are lost or have started to disintegrate in the heat. If you have empty pill bottles, we will be collecting them in January and February. These pill bottles will be taken to the developing countries by travelers who support their clinics and/or facilities. Please remove the labels from the bottles. Carol



GOODWILL

Thinking of You cards were sent to Dale Bartlett and Eva McPhail. A card was sent to Marilyn Tankard whose father passed away in December. A donation to the Meighen Retirement Residence has been made in his memory.
Betty



Christmas Arrangement Workshop



So many gorgeous Christmas Arrangements!!!!!! Under the guidance and expertise of Lana, all of our RWTO crafty and not-so-crafty ladies put together gorgeous Christmas arrangements. We chatted, laughed and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at Amica Unionville (formerly The Marleigh). We were very well taken care of with freshly baked muffins and cookies and enjoyed the many residents dropping in to see what was going on. There was a fresh scent of pine from the front entrance all the way down the hall to the craft room. A very special thank you to Lana from all of us.



Look closely. Can you see who is decorating Marianne's very special tree?
(Answer on the back page)

FUNDRAISING



There **WILL** be a silent auction at the January Luncheon. The theme is '**Candles**'. This will be useful, thinking ahead to Valentine's Day. Gently used festive items and personal items will be welcomed. Thank you!

Lynne Said lynnesaid@sympatico.ca
Brigitte Kolozsvary-Bryan bbryan@look.ca

Autism Spectrum Disorder Christmas Party



80 Children with the Autism Spectrum Disorder attended a Christmas party, put on by the Autism Ontario Toronto Chapter and organized by Ginny Pearce, a local resident of the Centennial Community in Scarborough. This yearly special event was held on December 9th at the Port Union Community Centre. Toys were donated to the Annual Toy Drive at 43 Division on Lawrence Avenue East, by the generous community donors with the assistance of Auxiliary Sgt. Clare Holmes.

Other donors included Pizza, Pizza, Dad's Cookies and with donations and fundraising by the Toronto Chapter, as well as by a financial donation by the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario, Scarborough Branch. Carol Nelson and I assisted handing out the toys that were in lovely Christmas bags. In past years, Linda Jarvis has assisted as well, but wasn't available this year. The children had the opportunity to participate in arts and crafts, games and could also write a letter to Santa as well as watch VALDIMER, a magician and Master of ILLUSION and Levitation, who entertained the children, parents and volunteers.

Best of all, Santa handed each child a gift. Carol was at the microphone calling out the names of the children, who came up to the front to receive their gift. Photos were taken of each child and for families who wanted a group photo. I always answer the Santa letters and mail them to each child. Prior to this year, the children addressed their own envelope. This year I asked the parents to please address the envelope. as I often had a hard time reading the address. Marilyn Hodge



CONVENTION 2018



Nottawasaga Inn Resort & Conference Centre
6015 Highway 89, Alliston, 1-800-669-5501

Best Western Barrie
35 Hart Drive, Barrie 1.705.721.4848

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
506 Bryne Drive, Barrie 1.705.725.1002



It is very important that your cheque for the luncheons are received well in advance. We are required by The Estate Banquet Centre to give them the number of meals required **A WEEK IN ADVANCE** so they are able to accommodate everyone.

If your cheque is late or you decide, at the last minute, to attend, the Estate has not prepared a lunch for you. In order to avoid putting the Estate and our branch Executive in a difficult position, please ensure that Susan Urie is aware of your attendance by receiving your cheque. Many thanks to those who honour this.

Treasurer's Report for January

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance November 6, 2017		\$10517.35
Income		
November luncheon	\$5426.00	
Membership	40.00	
RWTO/OERO rebate	2204.00	
Silent auction	113.50	
Books	31.90	
Craft tables	80.00	
Total	\$7895.40	
		\$18412.75
Expenses		
The Estate – November luncheon	\$5074.43	
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	57.47	
Donna Husband – flowers	80.00	
RWTO/OERO membership dues	40.00	
S&D Peters – entertainment	300.00	
Lynne Said – napkins	11.30	
Lynn Cook – candy, ribbon	37.86	
Autism Ontario – Toronto Chapter	200.00	
Total	\$5801.06	
Bank balance January 6, 2018		\$12611.69

Cheques are mailed to:

**RWTO Scarborough
Box 66564
685 McCowan Road,
Scarborough, Ontario
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From the Editor

Cathie MacGillivray

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This is Marianne's Special Elvis Tree!