



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
September 2017

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



SEPTEMBER DELIGHTS. WITH THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER BEHIND US, SEPTEMBER OPENS WITH COOLER AIR AND LESS HUMIDITY WHICH CREATES A FRESH SCENT AND A SENSE OF EXCITEMENT."

A new year begins for us. The executive is in place and has already made plans for the year. All of us can look forward to the trips, the theatre productions, speakers and visitors.

As the Area Director, I will be keeping the Branch up-to-date on the happenings of the Provincial Board. This year Scarborough is well represented on the board: Adrienne Johnson is the recording secretary. Cathie MacGillivray is the provincial newsletter editor. I am the Area Director who represents Rendezvous, Scarborough and York North.

Recognition, Recruitment and Retention are the goals for all of the 52 Branches across the province. So, we are looking for any ideas that you have that meet those goals. Please share them with me.

The 'Crafters' are reminded about the annual craft show in October. Details have already been included in the August dispatch and the September newsletter. I am already looking forward to see the crafts that will be shared with members.

I am looking forward to an exciting year. Please keep in touch. Share any concerns. Enjoy meeting friends and colleagues again. Carol



Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman

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

Please Note

The rising cost of food has made it necessary for the Estates Banquet Hall to raise the price of the lunch to \$35.00.

Please make sure your cheque is made out for this amount.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Patty Sullivan - Children's TV personality CBC, TVO

Thursday, October 5, 2017
Guys and Dolls - Trip

Thursday, October 12, 2017
Durham Heritage Railway - Trip

Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Provincial President, Lois Lockhart,
will be our guest for lunch
Craft Sale - 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 21, 2017
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Smile Theatre - Sue and Dwight

Wednesday, November 29, 2017
Dh Canada Eh? - 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



Craft Sale

*October
Luncheon*

RWTO 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 #4488722



Guys and Dolls

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Cost: \$188

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

Increase in price is due to a seat price increase in Stratford.

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

Payment due: February 18, 2017

Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389



New York's most infamous crap game organizer, Nathan Detroit, hoping for a big pay day, challenges notorious gambler Sky Masterson to a bet he's sure he'll win: take mission girl Sarah Brown to dinner in Havana,

Cuba. Sky accepts and pursues the known prude, seemingly hopelessly, while Nathan deals with his own situation - his 14-year fiancée, Adelaide, who's tired of waiting for a wedding. When bets and love seem at odds, the characters are called to question their priorities to make things right.

Durham Heritage Railway Trip

Thursday, October 12, 2017

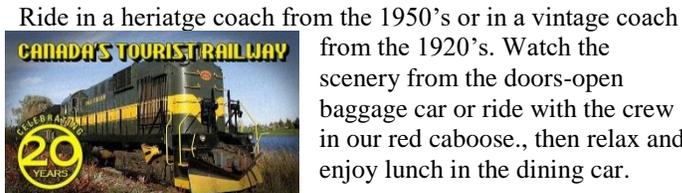
Cost: \$122

Includes bus, train ride with a lunch in the elegant dining car, shopping in Stouffville, and a visit to The Leaskdale Manse, former home of Lucy Maud Montgomery, including afternoon tea.

Bus departs at 10:00 a.m. and returns approx. 6:30 p.m.

Payment due: September 28, 2017

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638



Ride in a heritage coach from the 1950's or in a vintage coach

from the 1920's. Watch the scenery from the doors-open baggage car or ride with the crew in our red caboose., then relax and enjoy lunch in the dining car.

Oh Canada Eh?

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Cost: \$100

Includes bus, Niagara-on-the-Lake drive, Rossi Glass demo and shopping, luncheon show at Oh Canada Eh? (seven-time winner of Niagara Falls Tourism Attraction of the year Award) Magnotta Wine visit and tasting.

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

Payment due October 27, 2017

Coordinator: Lamone Mustard 416-494-5103



2017 marks Canada's 150th birthday and we are celebrating all summer long! Our show features all-Canadian music; from maritime folk songs to modern pop. Come meet our singing Mountie, Hockey Player, Anne of Green Gables, Klondike

Kitty and more. This high-energy production features over 70 songs from all-Canadian artists including music from Paul Anka, Celine Dion, Shania Twain, the Bare-Naked Ladies, Avril Lavigne, Justin Bieber and many, MANY more. Full of laughs, this musical celebration of Canada will delight audiences

Come From Away

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Cost: \$159

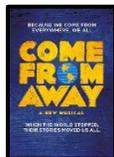
Includes bus, lunch at the Hot House Café and orchestra theatre tickets.

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 due February 28, 2018

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.

Our Special Guest

Patty Sullivan



Our guest speaker will be **Patty Sullivan**. Patty has spent twenty-five years working in children's educational television and is the winner of two Gemini Awards. She is also a voice actor, a writer and a social media influencer. We are looking forward to hearing from Patty.

Thank You~

to everyone who has given me an anecdote about an interesting incident in your career. They were lots of fun to read. I have typed and mounted them to start a book, however, I need more. Those that I have received will be on display at the October Craft Sale for everyone to read. Please send me your story through e-mail and it will be in the display. There will be file cards at the Craft Sale for anyone who can think of a story that day. I look forward to receiving more stories. All of you will enjoy the stories.

Carol

Special Note:

It is very important that your cheques 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.
RWTO Executive

PROGRAM 2017-2018

September 19, 2017 - Patty Sullivan – Children's TV personality CBC, TVO

October 17, 2017 – Craft Sale : 10:30 a.m.

November 21, 2017 – Smile Theatre – Sue and Dwight performing hits from the 70's

January 16, 2018 – Sylvia Sarkus – Certified Financial Planner

February 20, 2018 – Doug Purdon – Landscape Artist
The Art of Forgery and Crime

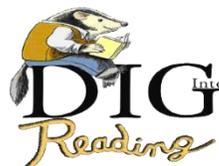
March 20, 2018 – Glad Bryce– *First in, Last Out*

April 17, 2018 – Fashion Show – Northern Reflections

May 15, 2018 - Edith George – "Heritage Tree
Preserving Our Natural Roots"

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! *Shelley*



BOOKS

There will be a book sale at the September Luncheon. Books will be gratefully received. Please bring some of your good summer reads! Thank you. *Chris*

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where the heck she is." — **Ellen DeGeneres**



Cora Bailey Award Winners

Sheila Myers & Trudy Sutton

Trudy and Sheila have worked as a team since 2011 to gather toiletries, school supplies and toys for the women and children who live at Julliette's Place. They have tirelessly worked together to visit the shelter with their supplies. They shop for bargains on school supplies. Sometimes they purchase items for the babies who live in the home. Each spring and fall, the children receive toys so they can play with their friends. Their cooperative efforts bring smiles and a huge thank you from the Julliette staff and their clients. Thank you both on behalf of all of us.



Helen Sharpe

Helen has been part of the Scarborough Executive since 1998, serving as the secretary for a year. She was also part of the team that started up the monthly newsletter.

This past year she looked after 'the greeters'. Every month, she asked two members to greet us as we came into the banquet hall.

Helen has not always been an executive member but has always been available to help anyone who needs support. She can always be counted on whenever assistance is needed. Helen's smile and generosity is appreciated by all of us in the Branch.

Fundraising

There **WILL** be a silent auction at the September Luncheon. The theme will be 'Autumn'. Members are invited to donate preserves, fall decorations and other items related to harvest time. Gently used items are welcome. Thank you.

Lynne lynesaid@sympatico.ca

Brigitte bbryan@look.ca



New Cora Bailey Pins



The province has created a new pin that will be given to each Cora Bailey recipient in the province. It is hoped that each recipient will proudly wear her pin to all Branch events. Linda Jarvis now has the pins. If you have received this prestigious award, please see Linda at a Branch meeting.

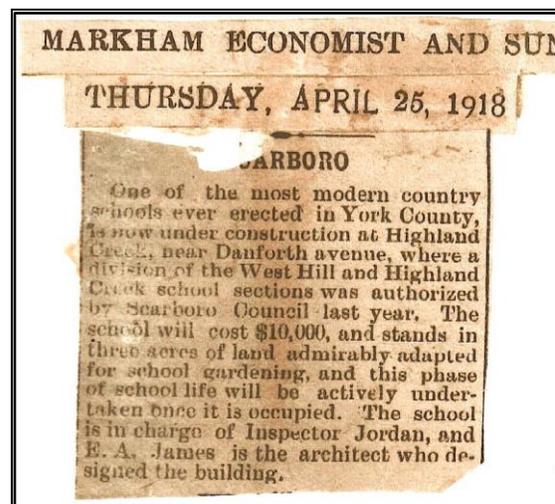
Marilyn Hodge, Linda Luscombe, Connie Cole, Ruth Mori, Linda Jarvis, Susan Urie, Helen Nolan, Betty Caspersen, Janette McClure, Mary Allen, Anna Donnellan, Carmela Gaudet, Shirley MacDonald, Mary Marchut, Lamoine Mustard, Elaine Apted, Nan Collicot, Isabel Sullivan, Joyce Simmons, Olive Thorne, Fern Allen, Lilli Chu, Marg Lyons, Jean Dennis, Shelley Goodman, Gwen Darch, Carol Nelson, Jeannie Tom, Cathie. MacGillivray, Rosalie Amodeo, Trudy Sutton, Sheila Meyer and Helen Sharpe.

Wear your pin proudly. *Carol*

Highland Creek Public School



Highland Creek Public School is fortunate to be part of a vibrant community and we are 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.**



MEMBERSHIP



Thank you to all of the returning members for your continued support of the Scarborough Branch RWTO/OERO. The membership year runs from September

1st to August 31st. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2017-2018 yet, we would appreciate it if you would do so as soon as possible. The fee remains at **\$40**. If you have any questions regarding your membership payment, please contact Marg at marglyons@hotmail.com.

Thank you, Marg & Lilli,
Membership Committee

We need your help...

In order to keep our RWTO Scarborough Branch membership strong, we need your help recruiting new members. If you know of anyone who is about to retire or is retired, please encourage them to join our group.

Pass along their information to Marg or Lilli so they can get in touch with them.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact: Marg Lyons - marglyons@hotmail.com

GOODWILL

In May, "Thinking of You" cards were sent to Lili Chu, Milberge Gibbons, Isabel Sullivan and Margaret McColl, In June we sent "Thinking of You" cards to Marilyn Hodge, Isabel Kavanaugh, Lee Young and Sharon Green. In August, cards also went out to Pat Devlin and Olive Sheron. A "Thinking of You" was recently sent to Debbie Wall. We sincerely hope you are all making good progress. We are sorry to report the death of Olive Thorne on September 1st. She was in her 100th year. *Betty*

COMMUNICATIONS

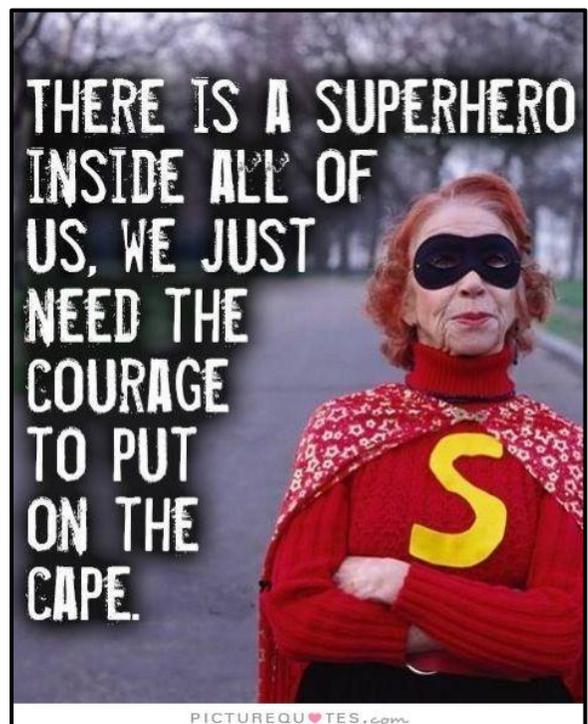
The Communications team makes every effort to see that all members are kept informed. Every month a dispatch is e-mailed with all of the information needed for the upcoming luncheon. In the event of a bereavement of a member or a close family member, notifications are sent out. Those members who do not have e-mail are put on a phone list and will be called with the information. If you know of someone who needs to be called or e-mailed, please contact the Communications Team so that we can ensure everyone is kept up to date.

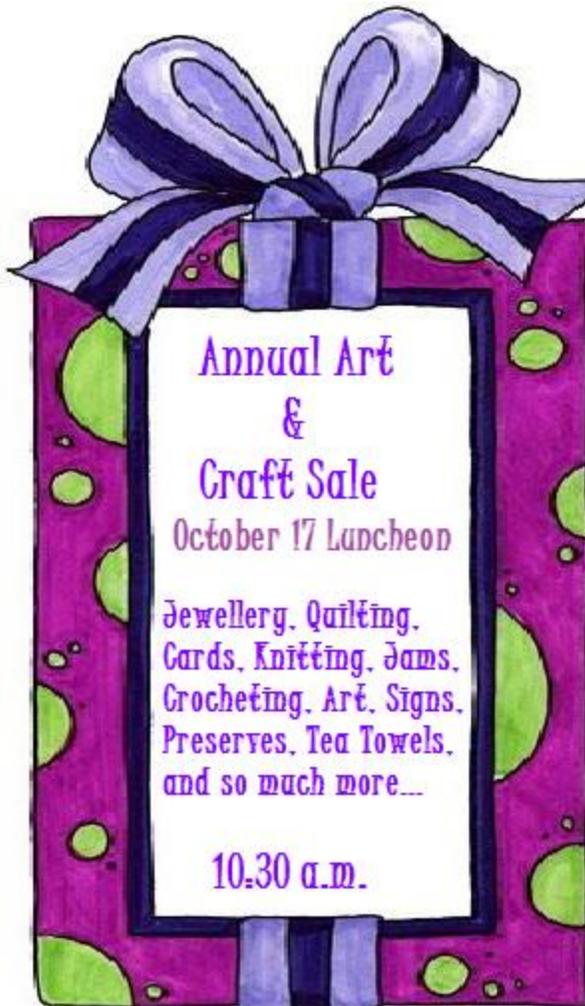
It is also extremely important that we are notified if you change your email address so we can ensure that you receive the dispatch and the newsletter each month. Thank you,
Elaine Apted elaineapted@sympatico.ca
Connie Cole ed.cole@sympatico.ca
Communications Team

Luncheon Dates -2017-2017

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Tuesday, November 21, 2017
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Tuesday, April 17, 2018
Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Luncheon Cost - \$35





Get ready for another amazing RWTO Art and Craft Show & Sale at our October Luncheon, celebrating the many talents of our member ladies.

DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 a.m.

Vendors are asked to contact:

Lynne Said lynnesaid@sympatico.ca or

Lynn Cook art_chickadee@hotmail.com

by September 18, 2017.

Book a table for the sale for \$5.00 plus a product. It is very important that all vendors book a table by the September 18th Luncheon, as we make arrangements for table setup, with the Estate, well in advance. We are unable to accommodate new vendors on the day of the sale.

Thank You,
Program



RWTO/OERO INSURANCE PLANS are exclusively for the members of RWTO/OERO.

HOSPITAL AND HOME CARE PLAN

- supplements your provincial health plan and 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 cost 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: carol.nelson@sympatico.ca



2017 Ajax Convention

A successful convention in June was held at the Ajax Convention Centre.

Approximately 250 provincial members attended the two banquets, enjoyed the entertainment, met new friends from across the province and took part in the annual AGM. The resolutions that were presented for discussion were housekeeping articles so that the Board became even more responsible to the members.

Lynn Cook, Marg Rataj and Jeannie Tom worked as scrutineers and/or timekeepers during the AGM. Linda Jarvis, Lorraine Lewis, Sheila Meyer, Trudy Sutton and Carol Nelson were the Scarborough delegates. Adrienne Johnson was our 'leader' to guide us through the AGM. Gwen Darch was honoured, for outstanding service, along with the other 90+ ladies from the province.

A special thanks to everyone who donated the door prizes. 100 members received a door prize.

Next year's convention is being held at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort in Alliston on June 5,6,7 2018. It is never too early to think about becoming part of the Scarborough contingent who can attend the convention.



Beautiful flowers arrangements were designed by Donna Husband.



Gwen Darch and Past President Peggy Stock



Gala Dinner

School Supplies for Julliette's Place



We were once again very busy in August purchasing backpacks and school supplies for the children at Julliette's Place, the Scarborough shelter for abused women and their families which our organization supports.

Thanks to the generosity of our group and its members, this year we were able to provide each child with a backpack filled with age-appropriate materials such as pencils, pens, crayons, pencil crayons, erasers, markers, rulers, glue sticks, binders, notebooks, note paper, math sets, locks, calculators, scissors, duotangs, small staplers, activity books, etc. and also to provide extra supplies to be given to other children as they come to the shelter throughout the year. We were also able to purchase some very much needed baby products and some books and craft materials for the preschool children. The staff at Julliette's Place was, as always, most appreciative of RWTO Scarborough's generous donations and they indicated that the children and their mothers were very excited and looking forward to receiving these items.

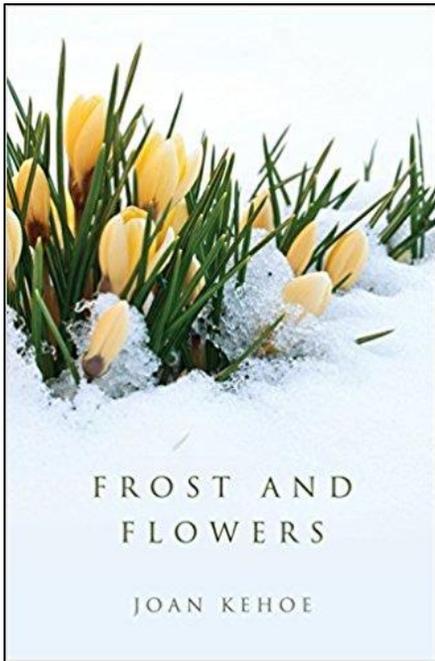
Thank you very much, once again, to those members who made individual monetary donations and who donated supplies. This helped us greatly and was very much appreciated. It is gratifying to know that the backpacks and supplies that have been given by our group will go a long way towards helping the children at the shelter experience a positive beginning to the school year at a very difficult time in their young lives. Trudy and Sheila

OUTREACH



There **will be** a collection of toiletries, magazines and baby products at the September luncheon.

Thank you! Sheila & Trudy



Joan Kehoe RWTO's Award-Winning Poet

Joan has published her second collection of poetry, *Frost and Flowers*, a wonderful collection of 49 poems. Her first book *Butterfly Born on a Windy Day* was a delight for all of our Scarborough members who love poetry.

Joan was honoured at the Ajax Convention, this year, as one of the many women who "Followed the Dream" and embarked on an entirely different career after many years as a teacher and as a consultant for kindergarten. She has been writing poetry all her adult life, with her work appearing in numerous anthologies and magazines. Joan has received three awards for her poetry.

Meet Joan today at our luncheon. She will be selling her *Frost and Flowers* Publication for \$20.

Celebrating our 90+ Ladies

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1989-1990?

- *JEAN WOODARD was the Branch president in 1989-1990 after moving up the chairs positions
- *Janette McClure was the Branch Secretary.
- *The local fee for each member was \$3.00.
- *89 letters were sent out to new retirees.
- *Lunches were held at Knox United Church where the Knox Cooks prepared meals.
- *Local membership was 143 members.
- *Rick Schofield was a presenter at a meeting.
- *Newly retired, Anna Donnellan, won a trip to Ireland (not from RWTO!)
- *There was a committee of 20 "phoners".
- *June picnic was held at Thomson Park.

GWEN DARCH has been a branch member since about 1983. As a branch member she has been responsible for Insurance, Program and Assistant Treasurer. She was presented the Cora Bailey Award in 2015 and continues to attend branch luncheons.

MILDRED WIDEMAN is our oldest member, at 104, and lives in a retirement home in Peterborough.

MARY ALLEN was the Branch President from 1984-1986. She retired from teaching in 1977. Jean Woodard and Gwen Darch were on that Executive. In her memoirs, Gwen talked about having meetings in each other's houses. Mary lives in the retirement home on Conlins Road in Scarborough.



To reach your nineties, the road is long with many twists and unexpected turns but the rest of the journey is a walk in the park. Your lifetime is full of love from your family and friends, immense joy, unforgettable moments and ultimately happy memories.

Today we honour our ladies who have reached this memorable time in their lives: Mary Allen, Rea-belle Christiani, Gwen Darch, Martha Massey, Mildred Wideman and Jean Woodard.

Linda

Peterborough Lift Lock Trip



Hutchison House was built in 1836-37 for a local doctor, John Hutchison, by the community, to entice him to stay in Peterborough. A complete restoration, directed by architect Peter John Stokes, took place from 1970-77 and Hutchison House was opened to the public in 1978. The RWTO ladies enjoyed tea and scones during their visit.

Cruising the World's Tallest Liftlock



Visiting the Whetung Ojibwa Centre



September Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance May 6, 2017 \$9696.68

Income

May luncheon	\$5025.00
Silent auction	108.50
Book sales	23.00
Plant sale	208.00
RWTO/OERO convention rebate	275.00
RWTO/OERO grant	300.00
Total	\$13084.50

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Expenses

The Estate - May luncheon	\$4391.18
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	40.68
Kathy Karassalis – speaker	175.00
Donna Husband – flowers	70.00
RTO Golf Tournament	300.00
RWTO/OERO cards, pins	30.50
Linda Jarvis – columnar book	17.76
Post box	210.18
Mary Morton Tours – deposit	250.00
RWTO/OERO membership dues	7285.00
Total	\$12770.30

Bank balance September 12, 2017 \$10010.88

Luncheon cheques are mailed to:

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