



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
November 2018

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



"NOVEMBER--Dark comes soon. We turn on the lights in the afternoon."

This is one of the most exciting days for all us as we begin the holiday season by sharing our gifts with the children in the community---thank you everyone for your kindness.

We welcome Regine Baker and Toni Terbenche from York North branch. We also have Kiwanis with us who brought us our 'goodies'. Welcome to all of you.

Of course, we also welcome back THE ENCHANTED FLUTES who will share their wonderful musical talent and help us get into the Christmas spirit. The Christmas spirit will surely come alive today.

There is no meeting in December, but we will meet again on January 15. The executive will also meet that morning at 930am. All members are welcome to attend an executive meeting---your input is very important.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone and enjoy the holiday season with family and friends. We will see you in 2019. 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 \$38.00 for 2018-2019. Please make sure your cheque is made out for this amount.

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Gifts for Kids
Enchanted Flutes

Friday, December 7, 2018
A Christmas Carol - Trip

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Accessory Sale
Lisa Raponi - Certified Financial Planner

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Barbara Dickson - "Where the Irish Died"

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Health & Wellness Fair

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

Gifts for Kids



RWTO/OERO ON THE GO **NEW! NEW!**



All buses will depart **PROMPTLY** from the north west corner of **Kennedy Commons, BEHIND the Dollarama, Moore's and Vision Electronics**. 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

A Christmas Carol Friday, December 7, 2018

Cost: \$145

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

Please note: There is 1 available ticket for this trip. Please contact Carol right away if you are interested.

Dear Evan Hansen Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Cost: \$179

Includes bus, lunch at the Hot House Café and Royal
Alexandra Theatre tickets

Bus departs at 9:45 a.m.

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103

Billy Elliott Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Cost \$189

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, 2019

Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389

Coming soon...

Kingston Penitentiary Tour



Even before Kingston Penitentiary closes its storied doors to some of Canada's most famous criminals, tourists are anxious to get a peek inside the soon-to-be shuttered facility.



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.



A letter that was never meant to be seen, a lie that was never meant to be told, a life he never dreamed he could have. Evan Hansen is about to get the one thing he's always wanted: a chance to finally fit in. **DEAR EVAN HANSEN** is the deeply personal and profoundly contemporary musical about life and the way we live it.



Dreams don't come easy in the hardscrabble mining town, riven by a bitter national strike, where eleven-year-old Billy lives with his bereaved family. But Billy's discovery of his talent for dance awakens in him a passion that will transform his life and win the hearts of his whole community.

With its inspirational story, breathtaking dance numbers and music by pop legend Elton John, this award-winning show — based on the smash-hit movie — will appeal to all.

Brigadoon



When New Yorkers, Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas, get lost on a vacation in the Scottish Highlands, they stumble into Brigadoon. Brigadoon is a mythical village that, they learn, appears for a single day once every hundred years

Welcome to The Enchanted Flutes



The ENCHANTED FLUTES is a unique ensemble of flute specialists, percussion and string bass who share a love for music. They are conducted by Resa Kochberg, a former Band Music Specialist for the Scarborough Board of Education and a flute specialist for the Toronto Music Camps. The

ensemble also includes our very own Shelley Goodman. This group will bring elegance to our Christmas luncheon!

FROM THE SCARBOROUGH ARCHIVES

Our members were actively involved in the Scarborough Women Teachers' Association in 1982-1983: Irene Duncan was the 2nd Vice President, Adrienne Johnson was the President. Heather Harrison was the Corresponding Secretary and Joan Watson as the Recording Secretary. Gwen Darch retired that same year. All these people are still supporting the Scarborough Branch.

KIWANIS SALES:



The representatives from Kiwanis will be at the November luncheon with your orders for their Christmas cakes, nuts and other products. Please pay for your order when you collect your items.



GIFTS FOR KIDS

A friendly reminder for those that would like to bring an unwrapped gift for a child (please include the age: newborn - 16 years) in a gift bag with some tissue, to the next luncheon on November 20, 2018. Thank you to the women who volunteered to deliver the Gifts for Kids to the 42 Division immediately following the luncheon. Thank you also for your gifts. Your support is much appreciated. "See you then.

Rose lentile

FROM OUR TREASURER



Ladies: please make sure that your bank account can cover your cheques. THIS summer I have had several cheques for membership or luncheons

come back from the bank either **NSF or account closed**. This is very time consuming for me as I have to keep track of the "in and out" in my ledger and any notices that come from the bank.

I will be sending three emails regarding the problem. If I don't get a response, then I have to make a phone call.

This also causes problems for the Provincial Treasurer. I send her a name for membership and then I have to call her again and tell her the cheque didn't clear so they cannot be listed as yet. This messed up her book work as well.

Linda

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 lunch! Shelley



Welcome to our Newest Members



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



Coming in January - Lisa Raponi



Lisa's love for knowledge and comprehensive background in the finance and investment sector enables her to provide educators with the sound financial solutions they're looking for with the right combination of smarts, and

heart. The 'smarts' comes from 15 years' experience in several roles within the financial services sector. Having graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Economics, Lisa has also obtained her Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Financial Management Advisor (FMA), and Fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute (FCSI) designations. She completed the Registered Retirement Consultant designation through the Canadian Institute of Financial Planning. Lisa's love for knowledge and dedication to learning motivated her to join the Junior Achievement Program.



BOOKS

There **WILL BE** a book sale at the November Luncheon. Chris



Arts & Crafts Sale 2018



FUNDRAISING



The theme for our November silent auction is **Christmas/Festive**. Please donate any seasonal items that would make a nice

hostess gift for the holiday season.

In preparation for our January Silent Auction, we are requesting any gently used accessories (scarves, belts, purses or jewelry). Please bring your donations to the November luncheon so that we can prepare for the January Accessories Sale.

Thank you.

Lynne Said, Allison Chase



Could you receive your Provincial Newsletter "Connections" on your computer via email instead of mail? To receive your newsletter by email, please email Gloria at info@rwto.org or phone Gloria at (1-877) 607-6696.

WISHES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Children's Wish Foundation of Canada is the largest and only all-Canadian wish granting charity dedicated to granting wishes to Canadian children between the ages of 3 and 17 who are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. Each wish family is assigned a dedicated Wish Coordinator who is able to personally and carefully structure each heartfelt wish experience to meet the particular needs of the child and their family. Travel wishes include all siblings 21 years and under living in the same household, and families travel worry-free thanks to exclusive Blue Cross insurance.

At the September Executive meeting, a decision was made to give \$200.00 to support this charity. Well done, Scarborough.

GREETERS

If you would like to be a volunteer Greeter for the first time or repeat a happy experience welcoming members to a luncheon, please contact me.

Special thanks to Brigitte Kolozsvarly-Bryan and Marianne Rose for being our gracious Greeters, not only in September, but also in October.

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OUTREACH



There **WILL NOT** be our regular collection at the November luncheon.

Thank you.

Sheila Meyer, Trudy Sutton
Outreach Committee

DECLUTTERING



For many older adults, their home literally contains a lifetime's worth of memories. And by that, I mean lots, and lots of STUFF! Photos, children's artwork, and out-of-style clothes in the attic; holiday decorations, knickknacks, and dusty toys in the basement; furniture and spider web-covered bikes in the

garage. And that isn't even mentioning the closets, drawers and under the beds!

A survey shows that most people ages 50 and older want to age in place. Adults ages 65 and older are even more likely (87 percent) to say they want to age in their current home or community than those ages 50 to 64 (71 percent).

Clearing out your home may seem overwhelming, but the hardest part is getting started. As you go through each room in your home, create three piles: "keep", "give", and "throw-away". Remember to be selective and only keep the things you really use or treasure – if you haven't used it once in the past 12 months, it probably doesn't belong in your "keep" pile! When it comes to giving things away, think first about whether your family, neighbours or loved ones may get some use out of these items. If not, consider donating unwanted items to community groups and second-hand stores.

We all collect treasures over the years – these are things that hold sentimental value, and we don't feel quite right about throwing them in the trash or donating them to the community. These sentimental items, like jewelry or souvenirs from trips, are perfect for gifting to your children or grandchildren. You can feel good about knowing that they will be enjoyed for many more years to come and your loved one will love having something to remind them of you.

Take some time this winter to breathe new life into your home, organize your treasured belongings, and purge unwanted clutter. Not only will you feel refreshed by a nice, organized home, but you and loved ones can rest easy knowing that your risk of falls has been greatly reduced.

Estate planning, making a will and a trust and keeping them updated, is a kindness to your heirs. Likewise, decluttering now protects your loved ones from inheriting the burden of a home full of stuff.



MORE INSURANCE QUESTION & ANSWERS



Q. If you are in the hospital 3 days you qualify for the 350.00/ month but if you have day surgery, requiring an incision, you qualify for only 72.50/week for ONLY up to 4

weeks. What if you have surgery but are in hospital less than 3 days. Do you only qualify for the 72.50 for up to 4 weeks? There are now some major procedures where they keep you in hospital for less than 3 days. What if it is keyhole surgery with no incision, but it is still major? Do you still qualify?

A. If you have surgery but are in hospital less than 3 days, you qualify for the \$72.50 for up to 4 weeks...regardless if the surgery is considered "major" or "minor" and the incision requirement has been removed.

Q. On discharge from hospital, does one apply to the Community Care Access Centre to collect what the government pays for Home Care first, before submitting the claim under the Hospital and Home Care Plan?

A. Yes, the government is always the first payor.

Q. Can a family member provide home nursing services for you if she is qualified?

A. No. In order to be an eligible expense, home nursing services must be provided by someone who is unrelated to you.



Mini stockings from the Dollar Store.
Just something fun...



I was due for an appointment with the gynecologist later in the week. Early one morning, I received a call from the doctor's office to tell me that I had been rescheduled for that morning at 9:30 am. I

had only just packed everyone off to work and school, and it was already around 8:45am.

The trip to his office took about 35 minutes, so I didn't have any time to spare. As most women do, I like to take a little extra effort over hygiene when making such visits, but this time I wasn't going to be able to make the full effort.

So, I rushed upstairs, threw off my pajamas, wet the washcloth that was sitting next to the sink, and gave myself a quick wash in that area to make sure I was at least presentable. I threw the washcloth in the clothes basket, donned some clothes, hopped in the car and raced to my appointment.

I was in the waiting room for only a few minutes when I was called in. Knowing the procedure, as I'm sure you do, I hopped up on the table, looked over at the other side of the room and pretended that I was in Paris or some other place a million miles away.

I was a little surprised when the doctor said, My, we have made an extra effort this morning, haven't we? I didn't respond.

After the appointment, I heaved a sigh of relief and went home. The rest of the day was normal... Some shopping, cleaning, and cooking. After school when my 6-year-old daughter was playing, she called out from the bathroom, Mommy, where's my washcloth?

I told her to get another one from the cupboard.

She replied, No, I need the one that was here by the sink, it had all my glitter and sparkles saved inside it.

Never going back to that doctor again! **Never!!!!!!**





Treasurer's November Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance October 9, 2018		\$9509.70
Income		
October luncheon	\$4218.00	
Chalk, Challenge, Change	40.00	
Craft sale	60.00	
Donation – memory of Pat Sparks	58.00	
Membership	240.00	
Total	\$4616.00	
		\$14125.70
Expenses		
The Estate - October luncheon	\$4180.16	
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	52.17	
Donna Husband – flowers	93.55	
Carol Nelson – stamps	19.21	
Membership – photocopying, stamps	133.91	
RWTO fees	240.00	
Total	\$4719.00	
Bank balance November 6, 2018		\$9526.70

Cheques are mailed to:
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From the Editor



SEASON'S
Greetings

*Wishing you all a happy, healthy
holiday season with family and friends.*