



# After the Bell

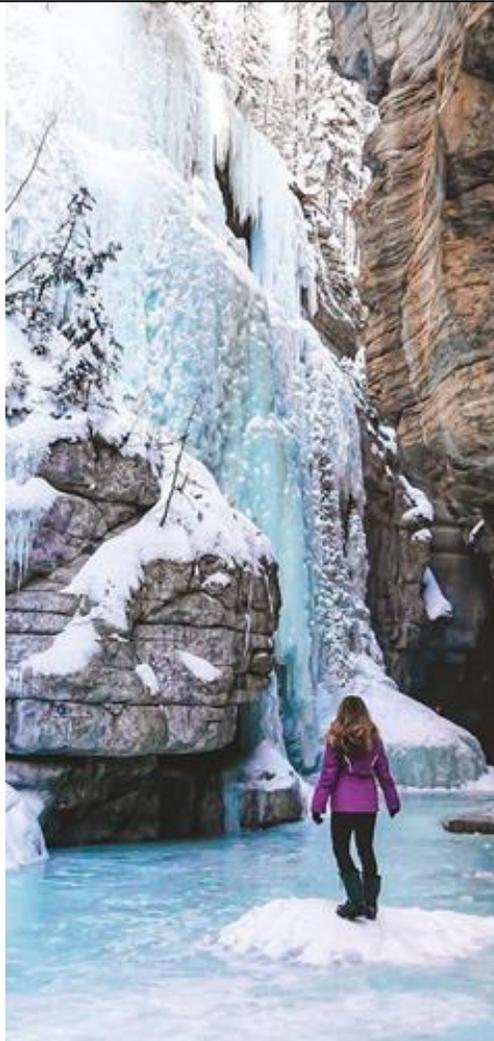
in Scarborough

Retired Women Teachers of Ontario  
Organisation des enseignantes retraitées de L'Ontario

Newsletter  
February 2020

*Caring and Sharing*

## Carol Nelson - President



"Away off in a meadow all covered with snow, the little groundhog looked for his shadow but the clouds in the sky delivered his fate—winter is still with us for more 6 weeks"

Let's hope that the groundhog's message is wrong, and we will see Spring-like weather as the month goes by. We are ready for green grass and pretty flowers.

We are halfway through our year and there is lots to be done. Linda has asked every executive member if she will be coming back in 2020-2021. We need some new people to join the executive. There are some key positions that need to be filled. Please read Linda's message about who is needed. The Branch cannot run without support from the members. If we don't find some new people, it just means that present executive will have 'to carry the load' and that should not happen—sharing the workload makes it much easier for all of us. I hope that you will consider helping. You will never be alone—this Branch works together to make the meetings exciting and informative. This month's insurance information is about the changes in OHIP. If you are travelling it is very important to know about these changes. All of us need know what insurance coverage whether it is be through RTO, OTIP, RWTO insurance or other plans which you may have. Be aware of what you have and what you need when you leave the province or the country.

There is an important message that comes from me—not Shelley. Yes, every comment that comes back to us is read—both negative and positive. They are not ignored but we know that lunches are very important to us but there are limits about what we can do.

Let's think warmer weather. Enjoy the photography show today. Don't forget about the planned accessory sale in March---it was very successful when the programme people did it before. There should be some great bargains.



### Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman

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

#### NEW MAILING ADDRESS

RWTO Scarborough,  
Huntingwood Postal Outlet  
P.O. Box 30042  
2355 Warden Ave.  
Scarborough, Ontario  
MIT 0A1

### LUNCH IS \$39

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.

## Upcoming EVENTS

Tuesday, February 18, 2020  
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre-11:30  
Accessory Sale  
Pat Zuest - Master Photographer

Tuesday March 17, 2020  
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre-11:30  
Screening of "Caregiver's Club"  
Accessory Sale

Tuesday, April 21, 2020  
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre-11:30  
Nygard Fashion Show

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 ON THE GO

**NEW!** All buses will depart **PROMPTLY**. Park and pickup will be in the south lot of Kennedy Commons in front of the Foody grocery store, at the north end of the lot, right beside Antrim Road.

Paid reservations are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. Please let the coordinators know if you are unable to attend or are going to be late.

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**

## Miss Saigon

**Cost: \$188**

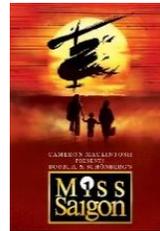
**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

Includes bus, lunch at the Hot House Café, all taxes and gratuities, Theatre tickets

Bus departs at 10 a.m., returning at 5 p.m.

**Payment due: March 31, 2020**

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103



Experience the acclaimed new production of the legendary musical *Miss Saigon*, from the creators of *Les Misérables*. This is the story of a young Vietnamese woman named Kim who is orphaned by war and forced to work in a bar run by a notorious character known as the Engineer. There she meets and falls in love with an American G.I. named Chris, but they are torn apart by the fall of Saigon. For 3 years, Kim goes on an epic journey

of survival to find her way back to Chris, who has no idea he's fathered a son. This is a theatrical event you will never forget.

## Oh What a Night and Four by Four

**Thursday, June 11, 2020**

**Cost: \$140**

Includes bus, lunch at Walters Family Theatre, musical, "Oh What a Night" and "Four by Four, all taxes and gratuities.

**Payment due: April 25, 2020**

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-492-0232

[carol.a.everitt@gmail.com](mailto:carol.a.everitt@gmail.com)



Due to popular demand, direct from Las Vegas, "Oh What a Night" is joining "Four by Four" in a powerhouse musical revue. You'll enjoy hits from the

dynamic songbook of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons as well as the Beach Boys, The Beatles, The Bee Gees and Motown all in Show! The Stellar performers sing and dance to the hot songs in fully-choreographed musical numbers.

## Chicago

**Cost: 195**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

Includes 1 bus, (407 one way) shopping time, orchestra seating theatre tickets, lunch, dinner and all gratuities

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

**Payment due: February 2, 2020**

Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389



Set in Jazz-age **Chicago**, the **musical** is based on a 1926 play of the same name by reporter Maurine Dallas Watkins about actual criminals and crimes she reported on. The story is a satire on corruption in the administration of criminal justice and the concept of the "celebrity criminals.

## Me & My Girl

**Cost: \$165**

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

**Festival Theatre, Niagara on the Lake**

Includes bus, dinner at Table Rock House Restaurant (formerly Elements on the Falls) driving tour of the Lights at Niagara Falls, and all taxes & gratuities

Bus departs at 10a.m., returns 9p.m.

**Payment due: October 15, 2020**

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-492-0232

[carol.a.everitt@gmail.com](mailto:carol.a.everitt@gmail.com)



Back by popular demand, the Shaw Festival remounts the toe-tapping hit of the 2017 Season as part of the holiday season. Bill Snibson, a proud Cockney and newly discovered Earl of Hareford, is

torn between the love of his gal and his aristocratic duty. This audience favourite is full of hilarious moments and infectious songs like "The Lambeth Walk" that are sure to brighten everyone's holiday season.

## WE WELCOME Pat Zuest

We are delighted to have Pat Zuest, a master photographer from Toronto Camera Club and Toronto Digital Photography Club. Her interests include nature, landscape, people, street, studio and dance photography. She is an accredited competition judge for over 20 years.



Pat will showcase her nature photography of B.C. Grizzly Bears and images from her travels in India and Morocco. Come and be amazed with an exciting, global armchair travel experience!

Pat grew up in Vancouver and earned her BSc at the University of British Columbia. After completing her Master of Library Science degree from Washington University she moved to Ottawa to begin her career, later moving to Toronto where she has lived for over 40 years. Pat is now retired and spends her summers at a family cottage on an Island in B.C.

In the early 1990's she began taking a serious interest in Photography and taught herself underwater photography after learning to scuba dive. She quickly developed a parallel passion for land-based photography which has now become a major part of her life.

She belongs to two photography clubs (The Toronto Camera Club and The Toronto Digital Photography Club) and competes in photography competitions at the master's level. Pat has won many awards at the local, provincial and national level over the years and has judged photography competitions for over 20 years as an accredited judge. She also gives photography presentations for camera clubs, seniors programs, special interest groups and travel groups.

She has a passion for making AV shows and has produced many with material gathered during her travels to India, Ecuador, Japan, Cuba, the Galapagos Islands, France, Switzerland, Italy, Tanzania, Morocco, and to favourite North American locations such as Ontario's lake country, Newfoundland, western USA and B.C.

While Pat's interest in photography began with underwater and travel subjects, it has expanded over more than 25 years to include nature, landscapes, people, street, close-up, studio, and dance. She loves observing the lives of the subjects she photographs, whether animal or human, in order to tell their story. She also likes to create abstracts from reality and has forged her own route into photographic impressionism.



## OUTREACH

There **WILL** be our regular collection of **new, unopened** toiletries and baby products, (baby wipes, receiving blankets) as well as 3-4-month-old magazines at the January Luncheon. Thank you, Sheila & Trudy

## SILENT AUCTION

The theme for the February silent auction is **love/family**.

There will be another accessory sale at the March luncheon. We are asking for you to bring gently used jewelry, belts, purses and scarves to the February luncheon so we can organize the sale ahead of time. Allison, Lynne

## RWTO/OERO 64th CONVENTION

June 2 – 4, 2020

Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre

1550 Princess St. Kingston, ON K7M 9E3



Hosted by the Eastern Ontario Branches  
of Areas 8 & 9

Brookville, Gananoque, Kingston, Lanark, Napanee, Ottawa-Carleton, Upper Canada East

**CRUISING DOWN THE WATERS**

SAILING INTO KINGSTON  
RWTO /OERO CONVENTION 2020

## COMMUNICATIONS



Update your  
contact info!

If your e-mail or phone number changes, please contact:  
Connie Cole- [ed.cole@sympatico.ca](mailto:ed.cole@sympatico.ca)  
Communications Co-Chair 2019-20

## Sergeant Bob Paterson



### C.P.R. It's "First Aid" for potential fraud victims

Are you feeling... **CONFUSED?**

If you're baffled with the features of a product, the options or the payment scheme, it's important to realize that the confusion is often intentionally caused. **SHUT THE DISCUSSION DOWN.** Make no type of deposit or down payment.

Are you feeling... **PRESSURED?**

When an unknown salesperson suggests imminent risk to your safety and security if their product is not purchased, be suspicious. Example: "install our security system or you'll be attacked and robbed". If you're feeling pressured to act... **SHUT THE DISCUSSION DOWN.** Make no type of deposit or down payment.

Are you feeling... **RUSHED?**

Being swayed into making a purchase quickly is a recognizable sign of trouble. An indication of aggressive sales or a scam must not be ignored! When you hear, "it's the last one" or "senior discounts end today" or "there'll never be an offer like this again" ... **SHUT THE DISCUSSION DOWN.** Make no type of deposit or down payment.



## GET READY TO WIN BIG

Don't forget your toonies for the November luncheon to purchase draw tickets, one for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. Half goes to you and half to the Branch Treasury. You may be lucky!

Beatrice

## MEMBERSHIP:

If there are any changes to your address, phone number or email, or you have any inquiries regarding membership in RWTO Scarborough, please contact Marg Lyons at [marglyons@hotmail.com](mailto:marglyons@hotmail.com).

## COMING IN MARCH

### *The Caregiver's Club*



Relatives of Alzheimer's & Dementia victims call themselves members of "the club no one wants to join."

**The Caregivers' Club** steps inside the private lives of four families as they navigate through heartbreak with humour and frustration. It's an inspiring journey of love, loss and letting go that thousands of families will be forced to take as their family members age.



## 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE

Thank you to all our executive members who work so hard to keep RWTO Scarborough one of the best branches in the province! We are all about caring and sharing with our luncheons and trips and being there for one another in a time of need.

For next year we need two new members to join our team. Our Goodwill Committee chair Betty Caspersen and our Membership Committee chair Marg Lyons are stepping down. If you are interested in taking over one of these positions, please come and see me.

Linda Jarvis – Past President

### 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](mailto: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!



Two old men had been best friends for years, and they both live to their early 90's, when one of them

suddenly falls deathly ill. His friend comes to visit him on his deathbed, and they're reminiscing about their long friendship. The friend says, "Listen, when you die, do me a favor. I want to know if there's baseball in heaven."

The dying man responds, "We've been friends for a lifetime, so yes, I'll do this for you." And then he dies.

A few days later, the surviving friend is sleeping, when he hears his friend's voice.

"I've got some good news and some bad news," it says.

"The good news is: "There's baseball in heaven."

"What's the bad news?"

"You're pitching on Wednesday."

## Just a Quick Reminder...

The Branch always appreciates your support and truly wants to make your luncheon experience fun. Your help and understanding is needed to ensure that our luncheons are organized and ready for you.



If your cheque does not reach Chris on time, **a lunch will not be ordered for you.** **NOTE:** Please try to pay in advance for the next luncheon at the previous luncheon. Please bring a cheque with you to pay for your next lunch. We cannot accept cash.

If for some reason you are unable to attend, please let Chris Elliott know at ([chris.elliott99@hotmail.com](mailto:chris.elliott99@hotmail.com) or 416 497-6192) and 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.

Linda Jarvis \_ Treasurer

Chris Elliott – Cheque Collection

## FROM PROVINCIAL RWTO BOARD of DIRECTORS

On each table, today, there is survey sheet which asks several questions about RWTO membership. A Provincial Ad Hoc Committee has asked for input from members.

So, today, we will take 5-10 minutes to discuss the questions amongst yourselves. Then I will collate the answers and send the responses to the Ad Hoc Committee.

In the next newsletter I will share your responses and then see what happens when the committee gathers up all the responses from across the province. Stay tuned to see what happens.

### Coming in April Nygard Fashion Show

Nygard has been an iconic Canadian fashion company for over 50 years. They went into direct sales 3 1/2 years ago as Nygard Style Direct. Their fashionable, affordable clothing is available XS- 3X.

**NYGÅRD** *Style*  
DIRECT



## CORA BAILEY AWARD

Cora Bailey, from the Peterborough branch, was RWTO/OERO's first Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Beginning in

2003, this award was presented in her honour. The Cora Bailey Award is presented to a branch member(s) who has contributed outstanding service to her Branch. A certificate is presented at the Scarborough May meeting. A picture and nomination write-up for the award is included in the binder that is displayed at the Annual General Meeting (Convention) in June.

It is time for Scarborough Branch nominations. Please explain, in writing (or by email) why you think one of our members has contributed outstanding service to our Branch and should be awarded a Cora Bailey Award.

## Past Awards

2007 Connie Cole, Linda Luscombe, Marilyn Hodge  
2008 Linda Jarvis, Susan Urie, Helen Nolan, Ruth Mori  
2009 Betty Caspersen, Janette McClure  
2010 Mary Allen, Anna Donnellan, Carmela Gaudet  
2011 Shirley McDonald, Lamoine Mustard, Mary Marchut  
2012 Elaine Apted, Nan Collict, Isabel Sullivan  
2013 Fern Allen, Joyce Simmons, Olive Thorne  
2014 Jean Dennis, Marg Lyons, Lilli Chu  
2015 Shelley Goodman, Carol Nelson, Gwen Darch  
2016 Cathie MacGillivray, Rosalie Amodeo, Jeannie Tom  
2017 Sheila Meyer, Trudy Sutton, Helen Sharpe  
2018 Marie Harvey, Carol Small  
2019 Adrienne Johnson, Gwen Darch, Susan Rowe

Send your nominations to Linda Jarvis or  
Carol Nelson by  
MARCH 19th, 2020

## INSURANCE NEWS

(courtesy of ON the GO publication (February 2020))



### CHANGES TO OHIP THAT TRAVELLERS NEED TO KNOW EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

- The Ontario Health Insurance plan (OHIP) no longer covers any portion of out-of-country medical expenses.
- Therefore, you need to protect from the unexpected costs of a travel and/or medical emergency. You need to shop around for travel medical insurance before you leave the country.
- Build travel insurance into your travel plans because insurance must be purchased before you leave your home province. So, it needs to be added to your to-do list. It is important to answer any insurance questionnaire accurately and to disclose things like pre-existing conditions. That means that coverage will meet your specific needs.
- Speak to a knowledgeable travel insurance advisor. This person will help you understand the options that exist and the kind of coverage you may need.

Many of you also have the RWTO insurance plan. Unlike RTO, RWTO does not send members a card with what is covered in the insurance plan. However, Cathie has created a card for you to tell your friends and/or family that you carry the RWTO insurance. These cards are available on the table as you come in.

If you don't know if you have the RWTO insurance there are a couple of ways that you know---an amount of about \$14.00-\$15.00 each month is being deducted from your bank account. You may also pay the annual amount. This new card will easily fit into your wallet/purse. Thanks, Cathie, for creating this card—it is very useful.

## BOOKS

There will be a book sale at the February Luncheon.  
Allison & Lynne



Lunches are a very important part of RWTO Scarborough, each month. They are enjoyed by most people. Yes, there are complaints. These complaints are read, and changes are made-- IF IT IS POSSIBLE.

Shelley works from a list that tells her who has allergies and/or dietary needs. EVERY CONSIDERATION is made to meet these needs. Yes, there might be mistakes that happen on the day of the luncheon. However, The Estate has been very good about making changes 'on the fly' if there is a problem. Shelley works within our budget. Yes, the costs do go up, but we all know that the cost of groceries goes up every time you go shopping. The ESTATE has to cover those increases just as you must. Shelley has a variety of menus. This is not a restaurant, but she makes sure that there is a variety on the plates. Yes, the desserts are sometimes the same. However, I am sure that sometimes we have the same dessert at home more than once in a month.

Different venues have been explored. QSSIS offers a cheaper lunch, but we would also have to pay for any technical equipment we use. The GUILD has been discussed—the cost is prohibitive. There is a banquet hall at McCowan/Ellesmere, but parking is a problem. We looked at the Scarborough Convention Centre (at Finch/Neilson) and their cost was very high.

In considering a location, there are many factors—cost (including taxes), available parking, location that members can easily reach, mobility issues that need to be considered and the cost for technical equipment (microphone, LCD projector, screen, etc). THE ESTATE meets all of our needs. The food is good. Jeet works well with us to provide a friendly staff, a clean place and supports our needs with a smile. We will continue at THE ESTATE. Yes, the cost may go up, but so do groceries and cost involved in serving the meal.

I hope that this helps to clarify some of the issues that have come up when lunches are being set up for all of us.  
Carol Nelson

## JUDY ANDERSON

Hello Scarborough RW friends. Greetings from Rendezvous Branch and our Provincial office where Linda Huffman is our new Secretary Treasurer. Gloria Drake, who has retired, is helping ease Linda into the huge job of running the financial side of our organization. Enjoy your friendships over lunch and entertainment this month.

Caring and sharing,  
Judy Anderson  
Area 5 Director  
RWTO/OERO

## GOODWILL



A sympathy card was sent to Sheila Meyers, whose mother passed away. A donation was also made to the Alzheimer's Society of Durham Region.  
Betty

## MANULIFE INSURANCE

You received an e-mail from us notifying you that you could download your statement of annual premium confirmation (premium receipt) by registering to our online portal. We will be issuing receipts by mail for all RWTO members, or you may access your receipt on this portal as of Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Within this e-mail, we also indicated that claims could be submitted online. The online claim submission functionality is not yet available for the RWTO Hospital & Home Care Plan. Please continue to submit claims by mail. Members will be notified when and if online claim submission becomes available, however, please rest assured that Manulife will continue to support paper claim submission for those members who prefer to submit in the regular manner.

## Treasurer's February Report Linda Jarvis

Bank balance January 12, 2020 \$10330.29

### Income

January luncheon	\$4324.00
50/50	100.00
Silent auction	41.00
Books (Nov., Dec.)	93.00
Craft sale	40.00
Total	\$4598.00

\$14928.29

### Expenses

January luncheon	4290.00
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	56.27
Donna Husband– flowers	61.61
Linda Jarvis – stamps	50.85
Speaker – Don Paterson	100.00
Pam Parsons – stamps	50.85
Total	\$4609.58

Bank balance February 11, 2020

\$10318.71



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"RWTO Scarborough" for \$39.  
Cheques are mailed to:

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