



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
October 2020

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



"Showing gratitude is one of the simplest, yet most powerful things that humans can do for each other". (R. Pausch)

Another month goes by and we are still in the midst of the pandemic world. However, the Branch continues to keep in touch with our members. The anecdotes included in the last newsletter were fun to read. Keep them coming to Cathie.

The annual Membership drive is continuing. Thank you to everyone who mailed in the forms. Now the committee will be calling those members who have not yet renewed for this year. Their work is much appreciated.

I have sent in a report to the September Provincial Board meeting. Of course, I had to brag about how wonderful we are in Scarborough! This acknowledgement is well deserved, thanks to our members.

Again, no one knows when we will meet again. The news, today, probably means that we will not be meeting in October or November. Maybe in January—who knows?

I found this quotation that I hope reminds all of you about our Thanksgiving with family and friends— 'Good mashed potatoes are one of the greatest luxuries of life'.

Keep smiling. Stay safe. Carol



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
M1T 0A1

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.



There will NOT be an October Luncheon.

Please do not send any Luncheon cheques until such time as a Luncheon is planned. You will be notified.

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



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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

Future trips will be planned when it is safe to do so.

News from The Province

Good morning Branch Presidents,

The Covid-19 Pandemic has resulted in our living in a very unsettled time. We have recently heard on the news that surges of this illness are recurring now. Within the last few days, the Provincial government has increased restrictions on social gatherings in some areas.

The future is uncertain and the safety of our members in RWTO/OERO is paramount!

At the Board of Directors Meeting this past week, a **Motion** was **Carried** to cancel the 2021 Convention in Sault Ste. Marie. In its place, the Board of Directors will be creating a **Virtual 2021 Convention**.

This year, we will have the time to expand the Virtual Convention to include a) an interactive Annual General Meeting whereby Resolutions can be discussed on Zoom and b) other elements outside of the AGM that will resemble our traditional Convention.

I would like to thank Convention Convenor Joyce Ratz and the Convention Committee for all of the planning and work that was completed in preparation for the 2021 Convention in Sault Ste. Marie. It is much appreciated!

Take care. Stay safe.

Nancy 😊

LOOKING FOR NEW RETIREES

Please send names and contact information for any friends and colleagues you know who have retired this summer! We would like to send them information and invitations!

Contact- Linda Jarvis at linjar@rogers.com

or Bridgette Kolozsvary Bryan at bbryon@look.ca

Membership List 2020-2021

There will be updated membership list, including addresses and phone numbers, for 2020-2021, emailed to all RWTO Scarborough members in November.

This list may be saved on your computer or printed for reference.

FROM NANCY PAPIEZ PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP COUNT TO DATE

Good News! As of September 28, this year we had 50% paid members—2489. At this time last year, we were 45% --- 2266 members.

Judy Anderson, Area 5 Director is the new Sales and Materials Convenor.

Jan Murdoch is the CONNECTIONS newsletter editor.

Note: You can receive CONNECTIONS online. Please make sure that your current address is correct. Many newsletters are non-deliverable due to wrong addresses. It costs the Provincial office when newsletters are returned.

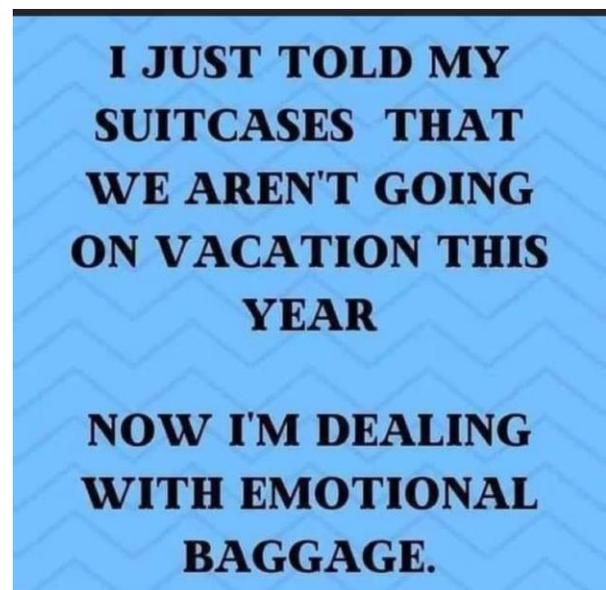


Area Director's Greetings

Hello Scarborough friends and neighbours in Area 5. The Provincial Board met on Zoom last month over a couple of days to share information and make the decisions necessary to run this organization of 50 branches and 5,000 members. I participated in those meetings and am also in charge of all RWTO/OERO materials such as pins and note cards. When a branch needs items with our logo they contact me, and I fill the order. It keeps me busy and I enjoy meeting branch Presidents even if it is only online.

In my spare time I have been working on a sweater I started 20 years ago! Some of you are very skilled knitters, able to work with needles and watch TV. I need to concentrate and frequently have to go down a row or 2 to correct a problem. I have finished one sleeve and the second one is almost done. The body is well begun from when I originally started this sweater. Soon I will be at the point of no return. I will add the sleeves to the circular needle holding the body and knit all the way around forming the shoulders and finally the neck. I am becoming nervous as I approach this exciting event and wish I was in a knitting group of supportive, experienced friends. Well if we can't meet in a group, I am going to phone a friend and talk about what I have accomplished and how I plan to finish it. She might have some suggestions to make it easier. Have you been keeping busy doing a craft?

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



The **RWTO 2020-2021** membership year begins **September 1, 2020** and ends **August 31, 2021**. If you plan to renew and we hope that you do, please consider mailing your cheque now. The membership form is attached. The membership fee for 2020-2021 remains at **\$40** and is payable to **RWTO Scarborough Branch**.

Please send a **separate** cheque for your membership fee and note Membership on the envelope.

If you have any questions regarding your payment, please contact Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan at: bbryan@look.ca

This is the mailing address for RWTO Scarborough.

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Many thanks to those ladies who have submitted their RWTO membership renewal. If you have not sent in your renewal, kindly do so asap. Please include the membership renewal form with your cheque of \$40.00. This saves time in backtracking.

If you are unable to print out a membership form please email Brigitte Bryan bbryan@look.ca

If you are not sure whether or not you have paid your \$40.00 or how many times you paid accidentally, please contact our treasurer, Linda Jarvis linjar@rogers.com Your membership renewal is especially important if you have insurance and wish to avoid it being cancelled.

Bridgette



OUTREACH

If you are able, please hold on to any donations of toiletries, magazines, and

baby products until such time as we are able to resume our luncheon meetings.

Sheila Meyer and Trudy Sutton

Cora Bailey Awards 2020



BARB WILL

Barb has been a familiar face in Scarborough since the 1990's. She has served in Executive positions including Insurance Convenor and Historian. Barb worked with Gwen Darch, Janette McClure, Fern Allen, Anna Donellan and Betty Caspersen. She regularly attends luncheons and offers support to the Branch. Congratulations Barb—you are a deserving Cora Bailey recipient.



ELLEN LOWCOCK

Ellen is one of Scarborough's members who is always ready to step up and help when needed. She regularly attends the luncheons and offers suggestions and ideas to support the Branch.

Ellen has been a long-time phoner who calls those members, who do not have email, to keep them informed of Branch news. She keeps in touch with them regularly and even contacts some of our older members who belong to the Branch.

She continues to work 'behind the scenes' to support the Branch.

Congratulations, Ellen—you are a deserving Cora Bailey recipient.



JEAN WOODARD

Jean has been member of Scarborough since 1983. She served as the Branch treasurer from 1984-1986. She became the RWTO Scarborough Branch President from 1989-1990. Her Executive included Marion Smith, Willie Duffus, Olive Thorne, Joan Forge and Janette McClure. Collectively, these ladies continued to build and work together to make Scarborough the best Branch in the area.

Her leadership continued as she encouraged others to become Branch members in the coming years. Jean continues to attend some lunches and support the Branch.

Congratulations Jean –you are a deserving Cora Bailey



PENDING LUNCHEONS

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 -Cancelled
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 -Cancelled
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Crusty No-Knead Bread - easy, easy, easy:

<https://www.melskitchencafe.com/rustic-crusty-bread-a-simple-how-to/>



My talent at bread making has relied heavily on the bread machine - no guesswork, no work! But at the cottage I didn't have my bread maker and we were running out of bread, so I found this recipe. I have done it twice, the second time adding some ground flax seed, some bran, some oatmeal, and replaced half the flour with whole wheat flour and it turned out very well. Even my brother, who is the "serious" bread maker in the family, tried it and replied, "Just one word, WOW!"
Connie

Communication

If your e-mail or phone number changes, please contact:

Connie Cole- Communications Chair 2020-2021
ed.cole@sympatico.ca

INSURANCE REPORT

When you submit a claim through the RWTO insurance plan there is some paperwork that needs to be submitted. Following are some important points to remember:

- Your plan number is 17777C.
- The last name, first name and initial are needed.
- Describe the illness or injury in as much detail as possible.
- Under AUTHORIZATION, the witness cannot be a family member.
- ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT, this is where the name of the family doctor is included
- The family physician needs to mail the claim form to Manulife.
- The mailing address is:

Manulife Financial

Insurance Claims Address

MANULIFE
PO BOX 670,
Stn. Waterloo,
Waterloo, ON
N2J 4B8
TERRY KENNEDY 519-583-0098
or email: tkennedy34@bell.net

Note: Please allow 10-15 days for your claim to be processed. Incomplete forms will be returned for completion.

HELPING US KEEP IN TOUCH

Many of our members are self-isolating and live alone. With the second wave of Covid 19 in full swing and winter approaching, it is more important than ever to maintain contact. Take a few minutes to reach out and give them a call to see how they are doing. Your Caring and Sharing will make someone's day so much better.

DISPATCH AND NEWSLETTER

There will be a regular November Newsletter to help keep you informed. There will not be a Dispatch until a luncheon is planned in the future.

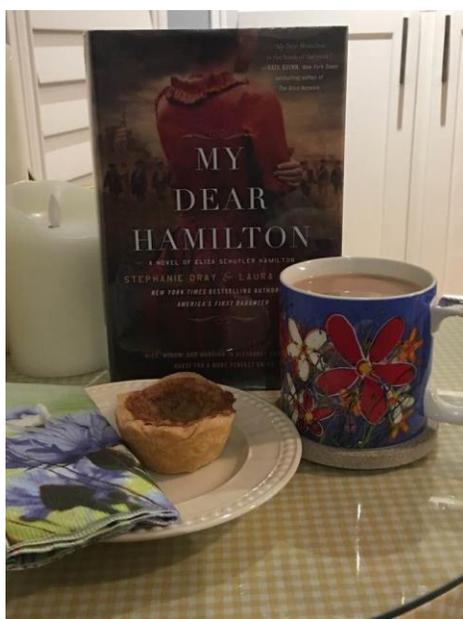


Good Reads

"Roughing it in the Bush" by Suzanna Moodie. Life as an immigrant to Upper Canada in 1829.
Chris

Books I have enjoyed these last few months:

Edugyan, Esi, WASHINGTON BLACK
Johnson, Plum, THEY LEFT US EVERYTHING
Keane, Mary Beth, ASK AGAIN, YES
Kingsolver, Barbara UNSHELTERED
Moyes, Jojo, THE GIVER OF STARS
Owens, Delia, WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING
Patchett, Anne, THE DUTCH HOUSE
Rous, Emma, THE AU PAIR
Ware, Ruth, THE TURN OF THE KEY
Wingate, Lisa, BEFORE WE WERE YOURS
Connie



GOODWILL

A sympathy card was sent to Carol Everitt when her husband, Martin, passed away in September.

Peggy

What have you been doing?

My Church Choir now meets on Zoom, and we've all been learning how to record ourselves singing solo in our homes to put together a presentation. The first one is near completion: We Rise Again by Leon Dubinsky. The one we are now 'rehearsing' is Oscar Peterson's Hymn to Freedom.

I have gradually come to a phase of acceptance about the life-changing restrictions of the Pandemic. Many recipes have been tried, and currently I'm so well stocked with leftovers in the fridge and freezer, I won't have to start anything from scratch for quite a few days. I'd rather have a guest with whom to share the fruits of my labours in the kitchen. But I'm staying safe, 'Home Alone', except for walks with my next-door-in-the-Condo neighbour, and her little dog, Piña, who waits outside my door while they are waiting for the elevator, even when I'm not joining them on all of their three walks a day.

Normally a prolific reader, I've just finished only one thin book I started in July, as I spun my wheels trying to adjust to our new reality. My goal: get back to reading!
Peggy Irwin

This Story Stinks.

We all have days that are not the best. This tops my list of bad days.

A few weeks ago, early in the morning, my husband was up letting the dogs, Max and Ty, out before feeding them breakfast.

While preparing their food, he suddenly noticed Ty come racing to the door with a skunk following closely behind. PANIC to say the least! Ty ran straight into the dining room and began rubbing his face on the carpet. Max was still outside and because he is blind, he didn't see the skunk. What to do: go and get Max and risk getting sprayed or wait and hope he comes back inside unscathed? My husband clapped his hands loudly at the door, something Max is used to, and watched as Max walked right in front of the skunk and into the house.

Meanwhile, Ty decided to run upstairs and jump on our bed. The horrendous smell permeated the room instantly as he rolled around furiously trying to clean his face.



Because it was Sunday, of course, the vet was closed as were the pet stores. Googling like crazy, I found a recommended skunk spray neutralizer at a pet store that opened at 10 a.m. While we waited, we tried washing him with diluted vinegar. He had been sprayed in the face so you can only imagine trying to watch his face with vinegar. We all sat on the porch for 2 ½ hours waiting for the pet store to open (with our Covid masks on), trying to breath. We too now stunk from bathing him.

Arriving at the pet store one minute after opening, the young clerk directed me to the skunk section and graciously reminded me how badly I smelled as I picked up supplies. I did not need reminding! Now for the bath. What we didn't realize was that the skunk oil smell is enhanced when it becomes wet. We were choking as we doused him with neutralizer, rinsed and then shampooed him, all the while trying to calm him as he flailed around in the tub. Now our entire house reeked, and I was in tears. My husband and I both smelled so badly, our bed smelled and now our entire house smelled, never mind Ty.

We threw our clothes in the garage along with the towels used to bath him, his bed and collar. Now the garage reeked too! There seemed to be no escaping horrendous smell. We showered and tried to clean the rug with the neutralizer which initially made the smell worse. We have bathed him 3 more times since then. When it rains, the horrendous odour returns. Of course, Covid prevents us from visiting the groomers to have him shaved down. Not sure when that will happen.

Max, through all of this, snuggled in his bed, oblivious to what was happening. I suppose he was hoping he was not next for a bath. He was the only calm one in the house that day.

Our backyard is now like a fortress. Every hole under the fence has been boarded up. We smell test first before letting the dogs out and then accompany them, flashlight in hand.

I have since seen the skunk wandering the street at night and am determined to find out which neighbour is housing this beast!

Cathie MacGillivray

Ty

Max



Laugh Out Loud

"Doctor, I think my wife's going deaf. She never answers a single question I ask her."

"Try this," the doctor began. "Stand quite some distance away from her and ask her something. If she doesn't answer, move a little closer and try again. Keep on doing this until she finally answers, so that we can gauge how serious the problem is."

As soon as he got through his home's front door, the man asked his wife what they were having for supper. When he didn't hear an answer, he moved forward a couple of feet and asked again. Still no answer. He keeps on repeating this until he's only mere inches away from her face.

Finally, she said, "FOR THE FIFTEENTH TIME, WE'RE HAVING CHICKEN PIE!"

Treasurer's Report – October 2020

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance March 10, 2020 \$10086.16

Income

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Luncheon (NSF cheques) | \$78.00 |
| Mary Morton refund (Stratford) | 7605.00 |
| Donation | 40.00 |
| Membership | 6486.00 |
| Total | \$14209.00 |

\$24295.16

Expenses

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Speaker/video | 226.00 |
| Carol Nelson - stamps | 20.79 |
| War Amps | 50.00 |
| Treasurer – stamps, columnar book | 1323.20 |
| Juliette's Place | 750.50 |
| Post box | 224.87 |
| Stratford refund | 7605.00 |
| RWTO/OERO membership dues | 6535.00 |
| Total | \$15543.86 |

Bank balance October 7, 2020

\$8751.30



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

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**While I was
running today I
heard someone
clapping but it
was just my
thighs cheering
me on.**