



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
December 2020

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



I wish you joy all through your holidays.
I wish you luck that stays forever.
I wish you happy days with family and friends.
I wish you happy days that never ever end.
And most of all, days that bring you joy in the year that follows.
Carol

Revised Scarborough Membership List

Thank you to our members for ensuring the membership information is correct. Attached is a revised/updated membership list for 2020-2021.

Please be aware, that for privacy reasons, the membership list is for members only.

GOODWILL

A *Sympathy* card was sent to Carol Watterson, whose sister passed away. A *Thinking of You* card was also sent to Donna Hubel who suffered a bad fall.

Peggy

LOOKING FOR NEW RETIREES

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

Contact- Linda Jarvis at linjar@rogers.com

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welcome
TO OUR NEW AND
REJOINING MEMBERS

Anna Bloom, Claire Boyes, Linda Drecun, Virginia Fraser, Lynn Houser, Gloria Hutchinson, Janet King, Rita McGill, Susan Powell, Louise Sloan, Christine Sinclair, Mary Wahrer, Margaret White, Patricia Wright

Gifts for Kids

Due to Covid-19, RWTO was not able to participate in the annual Gifts for Kids drive together with 42 Division. Instead, we gave a financial donation directly to Juliette's Place for the purpose of purchasing gift cards for the families whom they support. Thank You, Ladies, for your generous monetary contributions. They totaled \$1,525.00. The gift cards will be purchased by Juliette's Place, in the appropriate denominations. The families are now able buy items such as: clothing, toys, groceries, etc., over the holidays and perhaps into the New Year. You have brought joy that they might not otherwise have experienced during this difficult time.

Thank you to our treasurer, Linda Jarvis, for collecting your numerous contributions and preparing the cheque. Some of you told her how pleased you were with this gesture. Carol, Yvonne and Brigitte truly enjoyed presenting the \$1,525.00 to Margaret C. Haynes (Executive Director) and Simone Cornelissen (Manager, Community Engagement & Fund Development).

We did our best in "no hands touching the envelope" and other Covid-19 safety measures.

Again, many thanks to our RWTO members for participating in this very worthy and joyful cause.



Fun Christmas Trivia

- 1. Question:** Which popular Christmas beverage is also called “milk punch?”
- 2. Question:** How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*?
- 3. Question:** The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on a real-life department store. What is it?
- 4. Question:** What are the two other most popular names for Santa Claus?
- 5. Question:** Elvis isn't going to have a white Christmas he's going to have a....
- 6. Question:** What do people traditionally put on top of a [Christmas tree](#)?
- 7. Question:** In *Home Alone*, where are the McCallister's going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
- 8. Question:** In the classic, *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, the [Grinch](#) was described with three words. What are they?
- 9. Question:** In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born in?
- 10. Question:** In the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*, what happened every time a bell rang?
- 11. Question:** In Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, what was the first name of Scrooge?
- 12. Question:** Which country did eggnog come from?
- 13. Question:** Which real-life person is Santa Claus based on?
- 15. Question:** What did Frosty the Snowman do when a magic hat was placed on his head?
- 15. Question:** Which Christmas song contains the lyric “Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way?”
- 16. Question:** Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as another holiday mascot?

Answers appear on the last page.

Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her pupils put on his boots? He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling, and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat.

She almost cried when the little boy said, 'Teacher, they're on the wrong feet. 'She looked, and sure enough, they were. Unfortunately, it wasn't any easier pulling the boots off, than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as, together; they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the correct feet.

He then announced, 'These aren't my boots. 'She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet.

No sooner had they got the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots but my Mom made me wear 'em today. 'Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots BACK onto his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens? 'He said, 'I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots. 'She'll be eligible for parole in three years!

Area Director's Message

Hi Scarborough Branch members,



I can't say that the worst is over but with the progress in vaccine development I believe the end is in sight. Here is some good news. The Virtual Convention, planned to replace the cancelled one in Sault Ste. Marie, will be held over 3 days with meetings, workshops and entertainment.

Virtual Convention 2021.

'Staying Connected' has been our theme this year and continues to be into the Virtual Convention 2021 from June 1 - 3. Although Delegates will represent their branches at the AGM portion of this Virtual Convention, there will be opportunities for the membership to participate as well.

There will be an opening song for the Convention performed by a virtual choir composed of a member from each branch. A special song will be learned and recorded individually, in advance. These recordings will be combined to sound like a choir.

Scarborough Branch has lost several members this year who will be remembered at the 'In Memoriam' service. All members will be able to view the video of this presentation after the Convention closes. It will be posted on the RWTO/OERO website. (rwto.org)

I am enjoying the lights and decorations already brightening my street as night falls so early.

Caring and sharing,

Judy Anderson, Area 5 Director, RWTO/OERO

Something "Christmasy"



A woman was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane ... Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft, the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye Dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?'

The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Max would like to stretch his legs.'

PICTURE THIS:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered.

They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story...

Did you know?

1. Nova Scotia is the world's leading exporter of Christmas trees.
2. Almost 28 sets of LEGO are sold every second during the Christmas season.
3. Coca-Cola was the first company that used Santa Claus during the winter season for promotion.
4. Hallmark introduced their first Christmas cards in 1915.
5. Japanese spend their Christmas Eve eating in KFCs. This is a popular tradition in Japan so much that customers have to book their seats 2 months in advance.
6. In Hawaii, Santa is called Kanakaloka?
7. Before turkey, the traditional Christmas meal in England was a pig's head and mustard.
8. Visa cards are used 5-6 thousand times every minute during the Christmas season.
9. Tinsel was invented in 1610 in Germany and was once made of real silver.
10. Brenda Lee recorded "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" when she was only 13 years old.



Christmas Spirit

Christmas Truce

World War I was a dark episode for humanity. It's estimated that between 17 to 40 million people died, making it one of the deadliest conflicts in history (surpassed only by WWII). But amid the bloody horrors of war, there was yet an inspiring glimpse of human fraternity and kindness on the Christmas of 1914. When hostilities were at their lowest, soldiers across the front managed to find in them the dignity to stop the fight and come together through common ground. And that truly gives you hope for our species.

As the story goes, while British and German troops were in the trenches of France, some soldiers started singing carols on Christmas Eve, and the other side reciprocated. German troops walked across the battlefield the morning after, shouting "Merry Christmas!" in English. The British received them and both sides exchanged cigarettes and souvenirs. Some even got together to play a friendly football match!

The Teen Who Couponed His Food for the Poor

Sixteen year old Jordan Cox has a knack for extreme couponing, a talent he uses to help he and his struggling mom get by, according to the Telegraph. But this Christmas season, the savvy teen decided to also use his unique skill set to help struggling families in need. Jordan collected hundreds of coupons and purchased about \$935 worth of groceries for less than a penny. He then donated it all to Doorstep, a nonprofit that disperses food to disadvantaged families. "I decided I wanted to help as many people as I can, and to also show that it's possible to shop very cheaply, if you know how," Jordan said.

The Airline That Made Holiday Dreams Come True

Canadian airline WestJet delivered holiday cheer for 250 passengers on a flight to Calgary. The airline placed a digital Santa Claus at an airport, and asked passengers what they wanted for Christmas. While everyone was in the air, 175 WestJet workers sprinted to nearby stores and bought everything they asked 'WestJet Santa' for — from pairs of socks and underwear, to big-screen TVs. When the passengers arrived at their destination, everyone was met with their dream gift at baggage claim. This isn't the first time WestJet has whipped out the holiday cheer, either. Last year, a flash mob of 150 volunteers performed a jolly dance in the waiting area for a red-eye flight, complete with Santa on the tarmac and stockings stuffed with new iPods.

ONE BOWL APPLE CAKE

This cake is so moist and delicious, perfect for this time of year.

Ingredients:

2 eggs 1 ¾ cup sugar

2 heaping tsp. cinnamon 2 tsp. baking powder

½ cup oil 2 cups flour

6 medium Gala or Fuji apples

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350F. In a large bowl, mix the eggs, sugar, cinnamon and oil. Peel, core and slice the apples and add to mixture in bowl (coating as you go to keep apples from turning brown). Mix together baking powder and flour, then add to the ingredients in bowl. Mix well with a fork until all the flour is absorbed by the wet ingredients. Pour mixture into a greased 9 by 13" pan or 2 round 9" pans.

Bake for 55 minutes at 350F. Voila! You have a dessert to share with family and friends.

Recipe courtesy Shirley MacDonald

What have you been doing?



The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller, wearing a mask & asking for money.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance October 7, 2020 \$8751.30

Income

Membership	1360.00
RWTO/OERO Grants (recruitment)	800.00
RWTO/OERO rebate	1878.00
Gifts for Kids	1525.00
Total	\$5563.00

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Expenses

RWTO/OERO dues	1400.00
Julliette's Place – sports' equipment	500.00
Carol Nelson – stamps, printer paper	47.55
Gifts for Kids	1525.00
Total	\$3472.55

Bank balance December 3, 2020 \$10841.75

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Trivia Answers

1. eggnog
2. four
3. Macy's
4. Kris Kringle & Saint Nick
5. Blue Christmas
6. Angel
7. Paris
8. Stink, Stank, Stunk
9. Turkey (Patara)
10. an angel got his wings
11. Ebenezer
12. England
13. The Christian Bishop St. Nicholas
14. He began to dance around
15. "Rocking around the Christmas Tree"
16. Cupid



*Wishing you all a safe and
healthy holiday season.
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Happy Hanukkah