



# After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter  
May 2021

*Caring and Sharing*

*Carol Nelson - President*

'This year has put many things into perspective. It's our friends, family, our home and our health that all helped us through. It has shone a light on the things that we often take for granted, the things that were right there in front of us all the time". (Anon)  
The year 2020-2021 for RWTO has ended. It is time to look back at what has happened this year. There have been many positives for the Scarborough Branch-----

- ✓ fabulous newsletters from Cathie
- ✓ ongoing communications from Connie
- ✓ continuous support of JULLIETTE'S PLACE with a monetary donation
- ✓ support by the Executive just by continuing to be an Executive member.
- ✓ support by the members who have sent items for the newsletter.
- ✓ celebration of our 80+ members
- ✓ 4 delegates (Sheila, Peggy, Linda, Carol) will participate in the virtual Annual Convention in June
- ✓ the 2021-2022 Executive is ready.

Yes, there have been sad moments because we lost Elaine Apted, Marjorie Collins, Marg Lyons, Jean Woodard, Donna Hubel and our oldest member, Verna Tivy. They will be remembered for their contributions to the Branch over the years and will be acknowledged at the Annual Convention in June.

So, what is going to happen in 2021-2022? —It is hoped that we will return to a more positive year, however, that will depend on what the local public Health Departments and the doctors, who are making the decisions and guidelines, have to say. LET'S HOPE for the best. We will be ready when we are given the go ahead to meet for luncheons in the fall.

What do we do now?

- ✓ Send in your membership form for 2021-2022.
- ✓ Don't forget to include your post-dated cheque for either July 1 or August 15. (Linda really appreciates your help.).
- ✓ Keep in touch with friends and family and stay healthy.
- ✓ Stay tuned for information on the date of the first Branch meeting.

What have we learned during the past year?

"The pandemic has made us realize the number of things we take for granted in life, not to mention life itself. What can you do? ...clean your space.... eat something healthy...play great music.... light a candle.... drink a glass of water.... sleep a little.... breathe!

"(Annon)  
Carol



## 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 [linjar47@gmail.com](mailto:linjar47@gmail.com)  
or Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan at [bbryan@look.ca](mailto:bbryan@look.ca)

## COMMUNICATION

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

Connie Cole- Communications Chair 2020-2021  
[ed.cole@sympatico.ca](mailto:ed.cole@sympatico.ca)

## GOODWILL

### NOTE: ANNE MARIE ELLIS TAYLOR

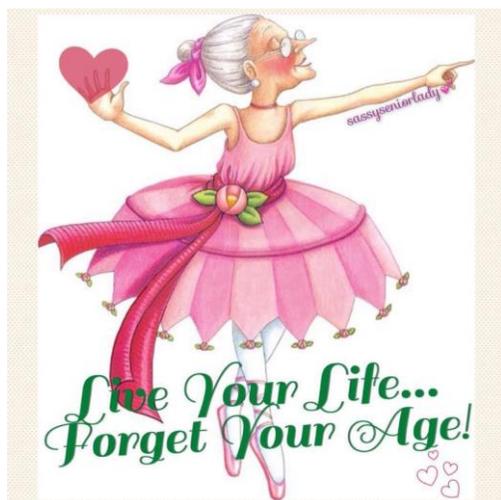
Anne passed on April 25 in her 100th year. She was well known and liked by the Bridge players. Her late husband, Anson Taylor, was the former Director of Education for former Scarborough Board. She will be remembered by many who knew her.

## NEWSLETTER NEWS

Many of our members have sent positive comments regarding RWTO Scarborough's continued contact through the newsletter. Although we have weathered more than a year with covid, we are all still waiting for the time we can all be together again.

For this reason, we have decided to continue the newsletter through the summer months.

A big thank you is sent to the members who have participated in our newsletter with pictures, recipes and stories. This is much appreciated.



# IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Thank you to those ladies who renewed their RWTO membership promptly for 2020-21. Due to the pandemic, there will be no luncheons this spring. However, it is time to consider renewing your membership for 2021-22. We hope that all of you will do this. Your renewal is essential in order to maintain your Manulife insurance.

Please include your completed membership form together with your cheque for \$40.00, payable to RWTO Scarborough Branch. This will help Brigitte to make sure that the records are up to date.

Please postdate your cheque July 1, 2021 or August 15, 2021. This will give Linda time to process it before payment is due at the provincial office.

For those who do not have a printer, please contact Brigitte and she will mail you a copy of the Membership Form.

**If you have any questions regarding your payment, please contact:**  
Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan at: [bbryan@look.ca](mailto:bbryan@look.ca)

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## HELPING US KEEP IN TOUCH



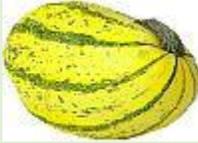
All of our members are self-isolating during the lockdown and many live alone. With the second wave of Covid 19 in full swing, it is more important than ever to maintain contact. Take a few minutes to reach out and give them a call to see how they are doing. Your Caring and Sharing will make someone's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

**FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING,  
PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:**



1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:**



1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:**



1. Lettuce be faithful
  2. Lettuce be kind
  3. Lettuce be patient
  4. Lettuce really loves one another
- NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:**



1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

**TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE  
THYME:**



1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

**WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND  
CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH  
FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN**



**Jamie Oliver's  
CREAMY SHRIMP LINGUINE**



<https://more.ctv.ca/food/recipes/creamy-shrimp-linguine.html>

**CHICKEN SCARPARIELLO WITH SAUSAGE  
AND PEPPERS**



<https://www.bonappetit.com/recipe/chicken-scarpariello>

**SUN DRIED TOMATO CHICKEN AND  
GNOCCHI**



<https://damndelicious.net/2021/03/26/sun-dried-tomato-chicken-and-gnocchi/>

# Fascinating Facts about peonies

## Did You Know... ..

- that peonies may live longer than you—up to 100 years old.
- ...ever wondered why you see so many ants crawling on the buds? They are eating nectar in exchange for attacking bud eating pests. Do not spray the ants as they help to nurture the peonies to bloom.
- ...peonies are deer resistant.
- ...peonies make long lasting cut flowers. Cut them in bud state for best results.
- ...there are many beautiful varieties and they come in rich colours.
- ...although very pretty, they are problematic. They have a structural weakness. Their 'legs' (stems) do not support their 'head's' (blooms)
- ...to assist with the heavy blooms, stake them with 3-legged metal peony rings for support and to promote uprightness.
- ...despite one's best efforts and intentions, it usually happens that wind or rain blows in during 'peak' bloom time and wham! All of the large mopsy heads are lying on the ground.

## The Dolly Partons of the Garden

Is your interest piqued? Are you wondering who the 'Dolly Partons of the Garden' may be? Of course, we are referring to the beautiful, but 'top-heavy' large, moppet-head peonies. These lovely perennials, with their 'D- cup' blooms, return every year. Late May and June are the typical blooming periods for many varieties of peonies. The name 'peony' comes from the Greek word, 'paeon'. One of the myths associated with the peony is that a beautiful nymph named Paeonia, attracted the attention of the Greek God, Apollo. Out of spite, the Greek Goddess of love and beauty, Aphrodite, turned Paeonia into a peony. This myth likely led to the flower's



meaning of poor luck in the Victorian era. Speaking of bad luck, the Victorians considered it unlucky to dig up a peony and if you did, they believed that the fairies would curse you. On a more positive note, Greek

mythologists highly regarded the peony for their medicinal properties. The root, bark, seed and flowers were all believed

to have medicinal purposes. The Ancient Greeks and Christians from the Middle Ages believed peonies were a symbol for healing. They were used to treat stomach pains, bladder issues, jaundice and nightmares. Historically, peonies have been growing for over 4,000 years. These lovely flowers are the official emblem of China. Peonies play a large role in the holidays and traditions of this country. One example being the celebrations of the New Year. Did you know that partially cooked and sweetened petals of peony are consumed as dessert in China? The peony also has a strong tie to royalty in Eastern Culture. As the imperial symbol, it is revered for its beauty and represents love and honour. This fragrant flower spread across the country of China as different emperors moved their courts. It reached Japan at the beginning of the eighth century. Although the blooms are short lived, they do take your breath away when their vibrant colours are clustered in a mature bush. Dead head spent peony blooms and take



pleasure in the lush foliage, which will last all summer long. In fall, cut foliage to the ground. To have the best bud formation, a cold winter is required. This plant needs little maintenance, once established. Peonies do best when planted

in the fall. They resent disturbance and do not respond well to transplanting, so flowers may take a few years until they bloom again. Be sure to choose a spot that offers well-drained soil, sheltered from strong winds, with lots of sunshine and good air circulation. Although the growing season may be brief, the 'pop' of colour, feathery texture and lovely floral scent makes it all worthwhile. So, sit back, wait and enjoy! Lana

Oshawa--- Canada's only garden solely dedicated to peonies, will host a virtual Peony Festival from June 15-28, with over 300 varieties on display in multiple gardens.



Join us for a  
Virtual Peony Festival  
June 2021  
[www.oshawa.ca/peony](http://www.oshawa.ca/peony)





As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a little used cemetery in the back

country out of Dunedin.

My GPS was on the fritz, so not being familiar with the area, I got lost. Being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions, and when I finally arrived, I was an hour late. The hearse was nowhere in sight, so the funeral guy had evidently gone and there were only the grave diggers left. They were eating lunch, and I felt really bad so I apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and a fresh concrete vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play. The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man, and as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

Then, as I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

I'm still lost.



By now, the insured members of the Branch should have received their Manulife Hospital and Home Care Policy identification card.

Important information from the card: (a) 17777C number refers to the RWTO plan and is common to all insured members and their spouses.

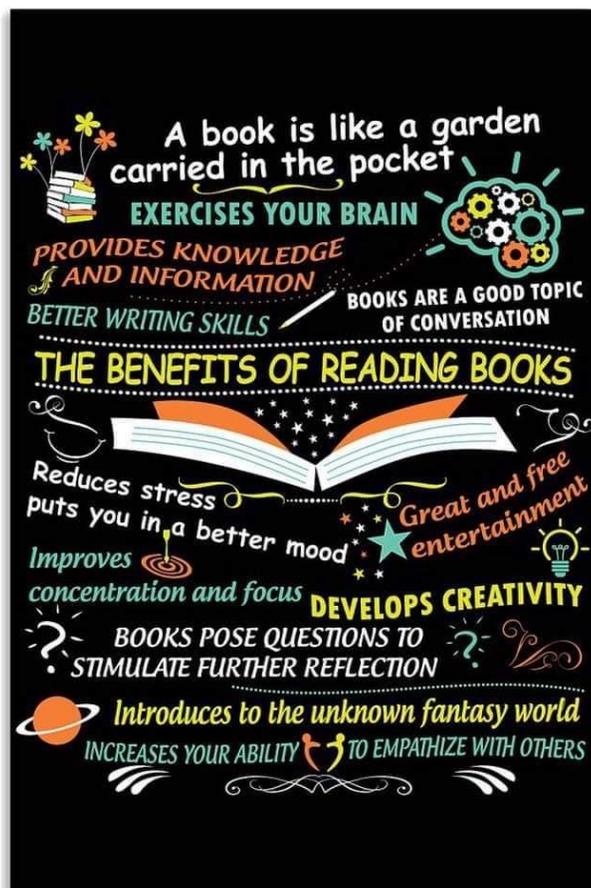
(b) the number on the back of the card is the unique ID number for each person.

(c) the SECURE SERVER website ([Manulife.ca/secureserver](http://Manulife.ca/secureserver)) which you can use to register your information, submit claims and register for direct deposit. Ignore the numbers for the pharmacists and dental carriers on the back of the card.

**The most important number** you need to know and keep in your files is 1 877 222 7340. This is the dedicated number for the RWTO policy and will be answered by a service representative.

Also note that the cost of insurance coverage has not changed and claims will continue to be accepted using the current paper copy. If you need a copy of the claim form, let me know.

Carol Nelson



## Seniors & Technology

- 88% of Canadians aged 65+ use the **Internet** daily.
- 30% of those 65+ are **streaming**; over 4 in 10 (45%) of them report increased online streaming due to COVID-19.
- 52% of Canadians aged 50+ had a **telehealth** appointment in the past 3 months, and 79% of those who had one were satisfied with it.
- Over a quarter (29%) of Canadians 65+ use **social media** for "health, wellness and/or independence" (of whom 42% report utilizing it more due to COVID-19);
- Among those 65+, 68% use **Facebook** (up from 63% in 2019), 40% use **YouTube** (up from 37%), 19% are on **Instagram** (up from 15%), 18% use **Twitter** (up from 16%), and 16% use **WhatsApp** (up from 11%);
- 17% of Canadians 65+ use **video calls** on a desktop or laptop; 56% of whom report increased use due to COVID-19.
- 13% of Canadians 65+ now use exercise or **activity apps** or trackers; one in five (19%) of those have increased their use due to COVID-19.
- 13% of those 65+ engage in **online activities** such as book clubs and games; 50% of whom have ramped up these activities due to COVID-19.
- 11% of Canadians aged 65+ use **voice-assisted tech**, e.g., Google Home; 18% of whom are using this tech more due to COVID-19.



Upon arriving home, a husband was met at the door by his sobbing wife. Tearfully she explained, "It's the pharmacist. He insulted me terribly this morning on the phone. I had to call multiple times before he would even answer the phone."

Immediately, the husband drove downtown to confront the pharmacist and demand an apology. Before he could say more than a word or two, the pharmacist told him, "Just a minute, listen to my side of it. This morning the alarm failed to go off, so I was late getting up. I went without breakfast and hurried out to the car, just to realize that I'd locked the house with both house and car keys inside and had to break a window to get my keys."

"Then, driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket. Later, when I was about three blocks from the store, I had a flat tire. When I finally got to the store a bunch of people were waiting for me to open. I got the store opened and started waiting on these people, all the time the darn phone was ringing."

He continued, "Then I had to break a roll of coins against the cash register drawer to make change, and they spilled all over the floor. I had to get down on my hands and knees to pick up the coins and the phone was still ringing. When I came up, I cracked my head on the open cash drawer, which made me stagger back against a showcase with a bunch of perfume bottles on it. Half of them hit the floor and broke."

"Meanwhile, the phone is still ringing with no let up, and I finally got back to answer it. It was your wife. She wanted to know how to use a rectal thermometer."

"Believe me mister, as God is my witness, all I did was tell her."



## Smoky. The Smallest War Hero!



Smoky was found in a foxhole in New Guinea in Feb 1944. The American thought she must have

been a Japanese soldier's dog, but when he took her to a POW camp, they found out she didn't understand commands in Japanese or English. The soldier sold Smoky to Cpl. William Wynne of Cleveland, OH for \$2 Australian.

Over the next two years Wynne carried Smoky in his backpack, fought in the jungles of Rock Island and New Guinea, flew 12 air/sea rescues. She survived 150 air raids on New Guinea and made it through a typhoon at Okinawa, made a combat jump in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, in a parachute made for her. She would warn G. I.'s of incoming artillery and was dubbed the "angel from a foxhole."

Early in retaking the Philippines combat engineers were setting up a telegraph line to an airfield. The joints collapsed filling them in with sand. Cpl. Wynne knew that Smoky could climb through the pipe with a new line and that is what she did. Smoky's work saved approximately 250 ground crewmen from having to move around and keep operational 40 fighters and reconnaissance planes, while a construction detail dug up the taxiway, placing the men and the planes in danger from enemy bombings. What would have been a dangerous three-day digging task to place the wire was instead completed in minutes.

In her down time, she performed tricks with the Special Services to improve the moral of the troops and visited hospitals in Australia and Korea. Visiting with the sick and wounded, she became the first recorded "therapy dog". After the war she became a sensation back in the States, had a live TV show, and often visited Veteran's hospitals. Smoky's work as a therapy dog continued for 12 years. Wynne had Smokey 14 years before she passed away. He buried her in a 30-caliber ammo box in Rocky River Reservation, Ohio. Smoky, the smallest war hero, weighing in at 4 lbs even and standing 7 inches tall.

# Pinterest

## Looking for New Ideas?

Try looking on Pinterest. RWTO Scarborough has its own Pinterest page with recipes, free patterns, crafts for grandkids, food art, home décor, gardening and more.

[Scarborough Retired Women Teachers](#)



# Cora Bailey Awards Scarborough Branch 2021

## LYNNE SAID



Lynne is one of those members in a Branch who is always willing to take any role. As part of the Executive, she willingly shares her ideas and thoughts. She has worked 'behind the table' as the "Book" lady, the Silent Auction and chair of the Programme committee. She created theme-based silent auctions and brought innovative speakers to the meetings. Lynne has also been a model in the yearly fashion show and has also been the moderator for the fashions. No matter what she does or what she is asked to do, the job will be well done. Lynne is a Scarborough member who is certainly deserving of the 2021 Cora Bailey award

## BRIGITTE KOLOZVARY BRYAN



From the first meeting that Brigitte became an Executive member, she became the person who could be counted on to do any job she was asked. She has been responsible for finding and implementing ideas for the Fundraising that has been done each month. Brigitte and a partner have been responsible for the annual toy drive in cooperation with the local police. In this Covid year, she made plans to meet the recipients of the cash donation at their workplace. This past year, Brigitte, took on the massive job of Membership. This has meant many hours on the phone along with her colleagues. Thanks to her diligence (with her committee) the membership numbers have been maintained. The 2021-2022 year will be her next challenge and even working as a greeter, Brigitte is always ready to help. She is a deserving recipient of the 2021 Cora Bailey award.

## JOAN WATSON



Joan joined the RWTO-Scarborough Branch shortly after she retired. Of course, she immediately began her involvement in the Branch. She became a 'phoner' to tell those members who did not have email, what was happening in the Branch. It was not long before she joined the Executive and moved up the chairs. She was the President from 1986-1987. Her messages in the newsletter were always full of encouragement. Joan continued to support the Executive and was also a model in many of the fashion shows which we held in March. She came prepared with all the accessories needed to compliment the fashions. She shares her jokes through emails. She continues to send an occasional article for the newsletter. Joan continues to support the Branch and is a deserving recipient of the Cora Bailey Award in 2021

# RWTO/OERO 65th Convention 2021 Program

Details are still being finalized regarding AGM discussions and voting procedures.

In order to keep informed, please check emails and the RWTO/OERO website on a regular basis.

## EVENTS FOR DELEGATES (blue)

## OPEN EVENTS (red)

### Tuesday June 1, 2021

Morning RWTO/OERO Virtual Song / Keynote Address -Nancy Papiez

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Afternoon Workshops

(Workshops will be available to all members on the Website after the Convention)

#### **Cooking Demonstration – Judy Drummond**

“Strawberry Season!” I will be assembling 3 delicious strawberry desserts and conclude with my favourite appetizers. Recipes will be included in the workshop.

#### **The Hospital and Home Care Claim Form Workshop – Terry Kennedy**

The Hospital and Home Care Claim Form Workshop is an overview of the claim form; how to complete it; when to complete it; with tips to ensure members receive all the benefits they are entitled to.

#### **Treasurer’s Workshop -Linda Huffman**

The Treasurers Workshop will be composed of a Power Point presentation covering Dues Remittance in Excel and PDF, how to complete a Bank Reconciliation and preparation of Branch Income and Expense Statements.

#### **Using Colour Coding to Enhance Genealogy Research– Jan Murdoch**

Take advantage of a universal colour coding system to label everything. It saves time and helps you stay organized. It makes for more successful researching, especially when you are examining new DNA connections or trying to break down a Brick wall.

#### **Wander Food and Wine -Stephanie Piché**

Chef, Cooking instructor, wine educator, travel presenter, food writer and blogger, Stephanie Piché with grace and panache will share her insight and knowledge in pairing Canadian wines and cheeses.

#### **Let’s Do PR- Hope Leon**

“Let’s Do PR” is a workshop about Public Relations, ... what it means, the “3” easy steps to do PR successfully, ... and how we can creatively use it in our RWTO Branches to boost membership, amongst other things.

Evening Pizza Night – Enjoy your pizza with live Entertainment by Comedian Joe Pillitteri

### Wednesday June 2, 2021

Morning Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Virtual Tours – Explore a Destination, Plan a Future Adventure

Women, Wine and Fashion- a Virtual Fashion Show by Anne’s on the Avenue

Evening Glamour Evening with

“The Liverpool 4 -Canada’s Beatles Tribute”

### Thursday June 3, 2021

Morning Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1:00 pm In Memoriam

Over 90 Recognition

Awards Ceremony-Barbara Bain/Feather in Your Hat/Honorary Membership

Closing Ceremonies

Call to Convention 2022

WE DIDN'T KNOW  
WE WERE MAKING  
**MEMORIES**  
  
WE JUST THOUGHT  
WE WERE  
*having fun*

It has been such a long time since we have all been together for a luncheon. I can think back to all the events, special guests we have enjoyed, international trips taken, Fashion Shows, Special Events at the Marleigh, musical entertainment, Charlotte's jokes and so much more. I miss them all.

Join in and tell us what good memories you have in a line or two or a paragraph. Sharing good memories is always fun for all of us.

Send a few sentences or a few paragraphs to:

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## Executive 2021-2022

Area Director	Judy Anderson
Past President	Linda Jarvis
President	Carol Nelson
Secretary	Shelley Goodman
Luncheon Menu	Shelley Goodman
Treasurer	Linda Jarvis
Luncheon Cheques	Chris Elliot
Membership	Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan Lilli Chu
Archivist	Nan Collict
Communications	Connie Cole Cathie MacGillivray
Program	Lynne Said Linda Brent
Outreach	Trudy Sutton Sheila Meyer Peggy Irwin
Goodwill	Allison Chase
Fundraising/Books	Lynne Said Cathie MacGillivray
Newsletter/Website	Mary Marchut
Travel	Carol Everitt Carol Nelson
Insurance	Donna Husband
Flowers	Jeannie Tom
Photographer	Chris Elliot
Name Tags	
<u>Support Team</u>	
Greeters	Helen Sharpe
Over 80's	Pam Parsons
Gifts for Kids	Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan Linda Jarvis



## RWTO/OERO Scarborough Branch

### Membership Form 2021 – 2022

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New member \_\_\_ or Returning member \_\_\_ ( Any change in information ? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ )

\*Note: "I agree to, and understand, that I may appear in some photos posted on the RWTO/OERO website at [www.rwto.org](http://www.rwto.org), in the Scarborough Branch or Provincial Newsletters."

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have the RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care Plan Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ or the Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

***Membership fee for 2021 – 2022 is \$40.***

\*Please make your cheque payable to: **RWTO Scarborough Branch.**

\*Please **postdate** your cheque to **July 1, 2021** or **August 15, 2021** and submit with the **membership form.**

**\*The Membership year is from September 1 to August 31. \***

**Please mail your payment before August 15 to:**

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If you have RWTO insurance and wish to maintain it or wish to participate in the plan, you must pay your RWTO membership fee each year. New retirees are not required to complete a medical questionnaire if they apply within one year of the date of their retirement.