



# After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter  
August 2021

*Caring and Sharing*

*Carol Nelson - President*

August brings us hope as we have moved into Step 3 of the pandemic. We have some hope for better things to come in the next month or so.

So.... what happens to the RWTO-Scarborough? We will wait for information from the Board of Health and the protocols that we will follow. We will make plans once the rules allow us to open carefully. This means that we will need to contact THE ESTATE to see if they are opening. As a result of the closures during the pandemic, the cost of a luncheon will have to be discussed. There will be many decisions that have to be made.

The memberships are coming in slowly. Thank you to those who have already sent in their forms to Linda and Brigitte—much appreciated. August 15 is the date—let's hope that the next newsletter gives us good news about a final number of members we will have in the Scarborough Branch. It is never too late to tell us about possible members—let Brigitte know about anyone you know who may be retired or would like to come back to the Branch.

A monthly newsletter will continue thanks to Cathie and Connie.

Thank you for your continued support. This is so appreciated by all of us. Enjoy the remaining summer weather and let's hope we meet sooner than later.

## CONGRATULATIONS

from **ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS.**

The following will be honoured for 20 years' service with RWTO: Rosalie Amodeo, Connie Cole, Ellen Lowcock, Mary Marchut, Joyce Simmons and Susan Urie.



This award recognizes volunteers for providing committed and dedicated service to an organization. Adults are recognized by the length of time they've volunteered with one organization, ranging from five to 65 years of continuous service.

## 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)

## KEEPING in TOUCH



All of our members are self-isolating during the lockdown and many live alone. With the third wave of Covid 19 waning, it is still important 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.

## AUGUST

- ✓ August ends the Dog Days of Summer.
- ✓ The birthstone is the peridot.
- ✓ Gladiolus and Poppies are the August flowers.
- ✓ Corn, tomatoes and cantaloupes have the highest harvests in August.
- ✓ Mt. Vesuvius erupted on August 24, 79AD.
- ✓ Elvis left the building on August 16, 1977.
- ✓ August gets its name from Roman emperor, Augustus Caesar
- ✓ Coca-Cola was first sold in the UK in August 1900.
- ✓ Friendship Day is celebrated the first Sunday of August.
- ✓ The Price is Right 25th Anniversary Special premiered on August 23, 1996.
  
- ✓ Folklore—If the first week of August is unusually warm it means that the winter will be white longer. So many August fogs will bring many winter mists.



Thank you to those ladies who renewed their RWTO membership promptly for 2021-22. Due to the pandemic, there are no luncheons planned at the moment. 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 date your cheque for today. 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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**RWTO Scarborough Branch**  
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**2355 Warden Ave.**  
**Scarborough, ON**  
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# Obituary for Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved friend: *Common Sense*. He lived a long life but died from a broken heart (technically: cardiac arrest). No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He selflessly devoted his life to service in homes, schools, businesses — and yes, even in the government — helping folks have rewarding lives, and getting jobs done while minimizing fanfare and foolishness.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valued lessons as to know when to come in from the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, that life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple and sound financial policies: *Don't spend more than you earn*, *Waste not want not*, *A penny saved is a penny earned*, and so forth.

Mr. Sense was a tireless advocate for what used to be (in the old days) sage advice, like: *Those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it*, *Two wrongs don't make a right*, and *Actions speak louder than words*.

He was also big on promoting effective parenting strategies like: *the adults are in charge* (not the kids), and *the three R's* (Responsibility, Respect, and Resourcefulness) are the most important lessons to be taught children.

In his day Little League actually had tryouts, and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. *Imagine that!* Some students weren't as smart as others, so they received poor grades. *Horrors!* And the idea of a parent bailing him out if he broke the law was unheard of. *They actually sided with the law!*

Common Sense survived such cultural and educational trends as body piercing, new math and instant messaging. For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held little impact on him. But his health started to decline when he became infected with the widespread *Do anything, just for the sake of doing something* virus. And in later years his subsequently compromised immune system proved no match for the ravages of rampant irrational regulations. For instance, his health rapidly deteriorated when schools implemented and then mindlessly administered numerous zero tolerance

policies: a six-year-old boy was charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teenager was suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student. It declined even further when schools had to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a female student but could not inform a parent when the same student was pregnant or wanted an abortion. And to make sure that they were part of the problem, parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

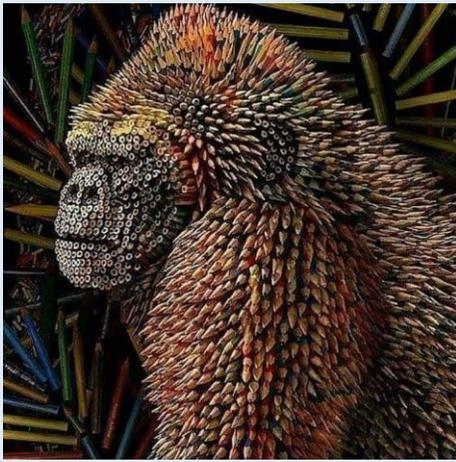
Common Sense started losing the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than their victims, and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional sports. Common Sense took a beating when he couldn't defend himself from a burglar in his own home, as the burglar could have sued him for assault.

Then there was a woman who couldn't grasp the concept that a *steaming* cup of coffee was hot, and was awarded a huge settlement for her own careless small spill on her lap. And smokers who indulged in three packs a day for 40 years, surprisingly got lung cancer, and then sued the tobacco company. Hearing these and similar other sad stories caused Common Sense severe distress.

As the end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of consciousness, but was inadvisably kept informed of new irrational energy related regulations, like Renewable Portfolio Standards. When he was subsequently informed that "environmental" organizations like the Sierra Club were behind this profound pillaging of the environment Common Sense died of sudden cardiac arrest.

Mr. Sense was preceded in death by his parents: Truth and Trust, his wife: Discretion, his daughter: Responsibility; and his two sons: Diligence and Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers: Whatsinit Forme, Iknow Myrights, and Ima Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he had departed. It wasn't covered by the media, no doubt due to their guilt about their complacency in bringing about his demise. If you still remember Common Sense, please pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing. (Maybe, like Mark Twain, we'll be lucky enough to find that the reports of his death were greatly exaggerated.)



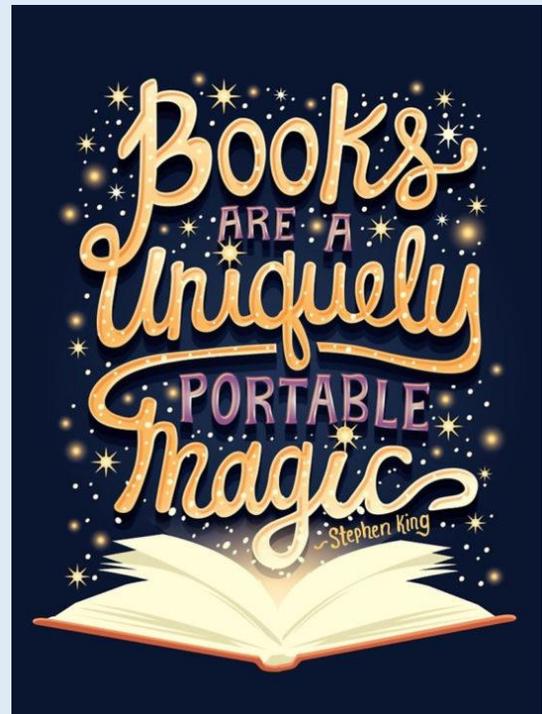
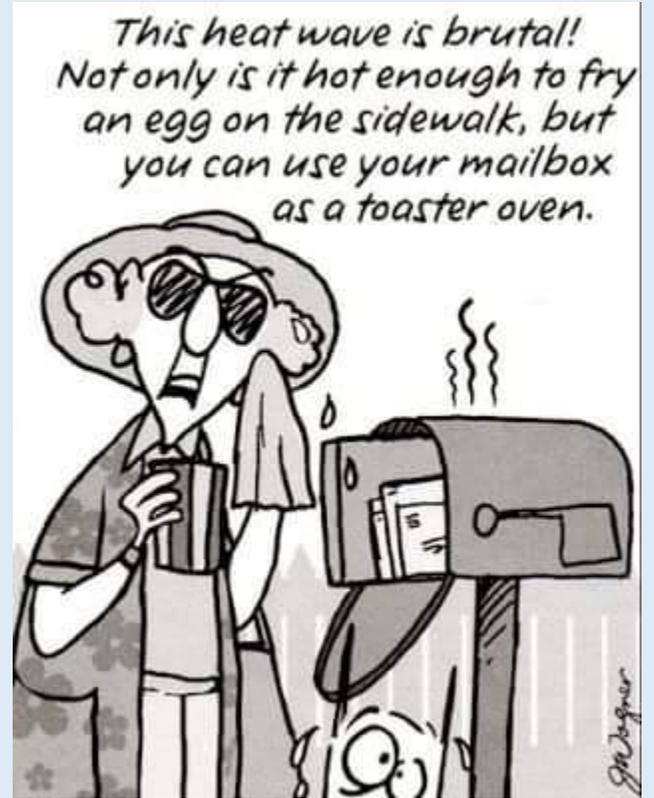
Sculpture made entirely out of pencils.



Pomegranate with a natural split



There are no words!





**Pasta Salad:**  
Bow-tie pasta  
Mozzarella pearls  
Grape tomatoes  
Fresh basil

**Balsamic Dressing:**  
Virgin olive oil  
Balsamic vinegar  
Honey  
Garlic  
Italian dressing mix

PRINT RECIPE >>> <https://princesspinkgirl.com/>

## Giada's California Turkey Chili



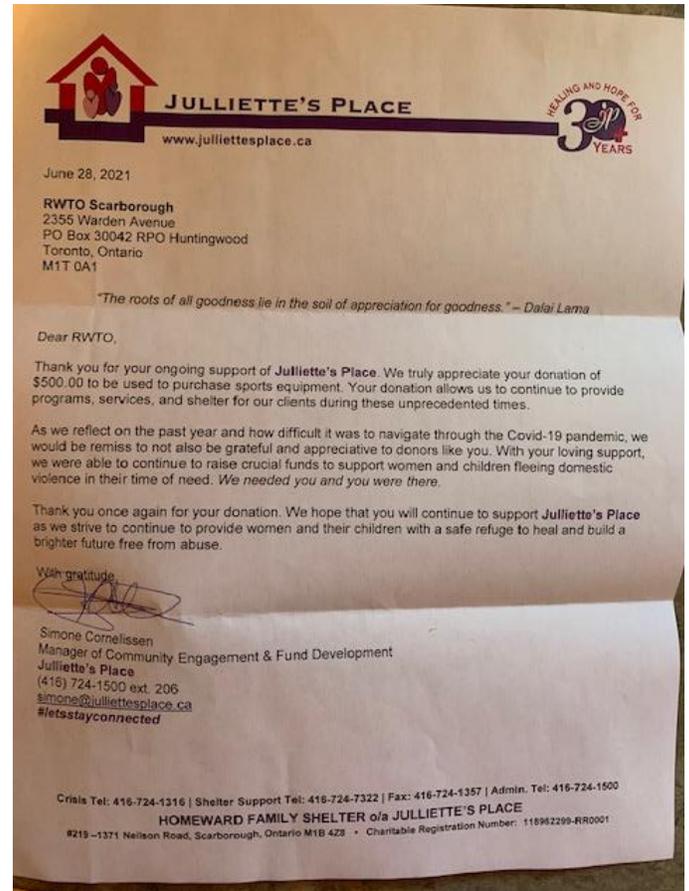
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## Grilled Cheese Roll Ups with Turke



<https://foodschmoodyblog.com/grilled-cheese-turkey-roll-ups/>

## Juliette's Place



RWTO Scarborough made a donation of \$500 to Juliette's Place for the purchase of sports equipment.



**A brunette goes into a doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it. "Impossible," says the doctor. "Show me." She takes her finger, presses on her elbow, and screams in agony. She pushes her knee and screams, pushes her ankle and screams, and so it goes on; everywhere she touches makes her scream with pain. The doctor says, "You're not really a brunette are you?" She says, "No, I dyed my hair. I'm naturally blonde." "I thought so," he says. "Your finger is broken."**

## L.A.W.S

Courtesy of Joan

### 1. Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

**2. Law of Gravity** Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

**3. Law of Probability** The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

**4. Law of Random Numbers** If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

**5. Variation Law** If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

**6. Law of the Bath** When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

**7. Law of Close Encounters** The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

**8. Law of the Result** When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

**9. Law of Biomechanics** The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

**10. Law of the Theatres & Sports Arenas** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

**11. The Coffee Law** As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

**12. Murphy's Law of Lockers** If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

**13. Law of Physical Surfaces** The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

**14. Law of Logical Argument** Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

**15. Law of Physical Appearance** If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

**16. Law of Public Speaking** A closed mouth gathers no feet!

**17. Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy-** As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!

**18. Doctors' Law** If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.





## INSURANCE MEETING

ON ZOOM

Date: Saturday, August 21, 2021

**WHAT:** an opportunity to learn everything you need to know about the RWTO INSURANCE PLAN

**WHERE:** on your computer at home

**WHO:** all Scarborough members and their spouses

**WHO WILL LEAD THIS MEETING:** Karin Mussin, the Provincial Insurance Convenor

**WHAT WILL YOU DO:** get assistance filling in a claim form and assistance to use your new insurance card and receive payment for your expenses

SO---gather up all your receipts and have your questions ready for Karen

**CONTACT:** Judy Anderson at [ukeladyjudy@gmail.com](mailto:ukeladyjudy@gmail.com) and she will give you all the details to join this conversation

## WANT YOUR INSURANCE CLAIM QUICKLY?

*Remember...*

RWTO insurance comes from Manulife.

RTO insurance comes from Johnson.

RWTO plan number is 17777C. Include this any correspondence regarding your insurance claim.

TERRY KENNEDY is the agent who looks after the RWTO insurance plan. Her contact information is: 519-583-0098 or email: [tkennedy34@bell.net](mailto:tkennedy34@bell.net)

MANULIFE ADDRESS:  
PO Box 670, Stn. Waterloo,  
Waterloo, ON  
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### REMEMBER

1. Your last name, first name and initial are needed to make a claim.
2. Describe the illness or injury in as much detail as you can.
3. A family member cannot authorize the form.
4. Include the name of the family doctor.
5. Send in every receipt that you have—keep copies for your records.
6. Let Manulife figure out which receipts are needed to complete your claim.

*If you need an insurance claim form, contact: [nelson.carol@gmail.com](mailto:nelson.carol@gmail.com)  
Or (416-724-7107)*

I think I need urgent vacations.  
I looked at this cake and just saw  
the bow of a boat sailing on the sea



# 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.

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## 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 **date** your cheque to **today 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.