



# After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter  
October 2021

*Caring and Sharing*

*Carol Nelson - President*

## Welcome October

New month, new chapter, new page and new wishes. May the month give you courage, strength, confidence, patience, self-love & inner peace. May everyday in October fill your days with Hope, Love, Sunshine and Energy. Let there be Joy, Fun and Laughter.

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October brought us Thanksgiving with its feast of fruits and vegetables and hopefully some family time. Cooler nights are welcomed after some of those hot and humid nights. Halloween will probably be different this year due to the pandemic so we will just have to share the treats with friends and family. Maybe we should just purchase our favourites!

The Board of Directors is giving the Branch a \$1000.00 grant that can be used to meet the needs of the Branch. Look for further information in upcoming newsletters. Thank you for sending in your membership forms to Brigitte and Lilli. Of course, a special thanks to Linda for keeping the books in order and to Chris for making those many trips to pick up the mail. It takes many people to keep the Branch in good working order. Enjoy the fall with beautiful colours and time with family and friends." In October, a maple tree before your window lights up your room like a great lamp." (John Burroughs) Carol

## A HUGE THANK YOU...

...to everyone who sent changes of addresses, phone numbers and emails to Brigitte so that the directory could be updated.

....to Brigitte for her hard work answering emails, checking membership forms and adding the current information in the directory for all of our members.

Well done everyone!!



## SOME HALLOWEEN TRIVIA

- ❖ Black cats offer protection to households
- ❖ Ancient Egyptians saw black cats as Gods
- ❖ Black cats are associated with bad luck and curses in France and Spain.....However, you will find love if you have a black cat in Japan
- ❖ Witches, in the Middle Ages, were believed to practice divination. It was believed that they flew out of the chimneys on broomsticks and terrorized the countryside with their bad deeds.



## 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

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## KEEPING in TOUCH



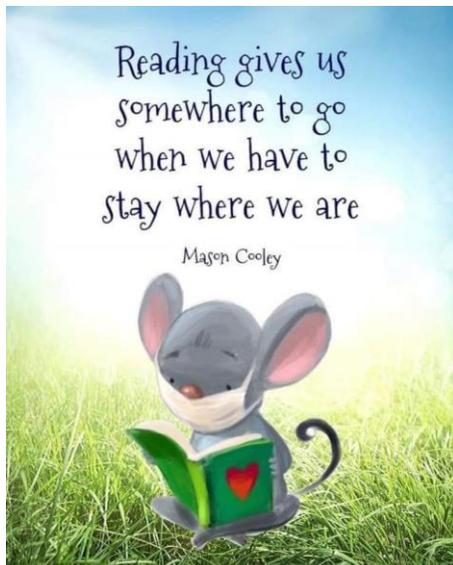
All of our members are semi-isolating to be cautious and many live alone.

With the fourth wave of Covid 19 continuing, 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.

## GOODWILL

A Sympathy card was sent to Sandra Leesti, whose husband, Enn, passed away on September 22nd. A donation, on behalf of RWTO, was sent to Shepherd Lodge

A Sympathy card was also sent to the family of our member, Claudine Goller, who passed away on September 29th. A donation was sent to Right to Life. Peggy



## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS



As was mentioned in our September newsletter, we are not able to meet for luncheons at this time, due to the pandemic. Therefore, we will not collaborate with 42 Division by delivering Christmas gifts for kids. Again, Linda Jarvis and Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan are conducting an RWTO fundraiser from which all proceeds will be presented to Julliette's Place, a women's shelter which RWTO supports on an ongoing basis.

Many thanks to our members who already so kindly sent in their monetary donations. The mothers at Juliette's Place know best what their kids need. Many of the families escape domestic violence, on the spur of the moment, with nothing but the clothes that they are wearing. At this time, there are many children staying at Juliette's Place.

The RWTO ladies, who contributed last year, were a small percentage of Scarborough's total membership. Linda and Brigitte hope that more of you will participate this year. It is a very worthy cause. This fundraiser is voluntary. For members who would like some guidance, the suggested amount for your donation is \$20.00. Linda will write 1 cheque for the full amount that we raise. Kindly make out your cheque out to RWTO-Scarborough.

Deadline for mailing is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Mail your cheque to Linda's house:  
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## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE GRANTS

Wonderful news! The Board has approved \$400 for the 3Rs Grant plus an additional \$600 for a Special Grant totaling \$1000 for each Branch. Each group will be unique in how they support their members with this grant money.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Congratulations on your exceptional work. Lapsed members will receive the December issue of CONNECTIONS as their last issue.

It is hoped that Convention 2022 will happen in London. The Board will meet in January to review all information and relay a decision.

Thank you for all your creative ways you are reconnecting with members to keep them engaged and supported. When we work together, great moments happen.  
NANCY BELL, PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

■ A WOMAN was found guilty in court of a traffic offence, and when asked for her occupation, she said she was a schoolteacher.

The judge rose from the bench.

“Madam, I have waited years for a schoolteacher to appear before this court.”

He smiled with delight, and said: “Now sit down at that table and write ‘I will not run a red light’ 500 times.” 😄

## WELCOME FALL



### FACT



In Denmark, there are libraries where you can borrow a person instead of a book to listen to their life story for 30 minutes. The goal is to fight prejudice. Each person has a title - "unemployed," "refugee," "bipolar," and etc. -but listening to their story you realize how much you shouldn't "judge a book by its cover." This innovative project is active in 85+ countries. It is called The Human Library.



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**GOODWILL COMMITTEE**

- Cards are sent to those who are ill or may need some encouragement or support.
- Sympathy cards are sent to those have lost immediate family members—husband, wife, child, mother, father. A donation of \$25.00 will be sent to the charity of the member’s choice.
- Sympathy cards are sent to a member who has lost a brother or sister.
- Members are encouraged to contact the Convenor or President so that appropriate cards and/or donation can be sent.
- The Treasurer will ensure that the Convenor will receive a designated fund so that she has monies to buy stamps, cards and send donations. The Convenor will keep her own records of the expenses that she may have.

**INSURANCE**

There have been some changes and updating to our RWTO Insurance plan with Manulife, while essentially remaining the same support that we have become accustomed to over the years. Look at the additions with regard to CPAP machines and a new plastic Manulife card.

There is an additional, new form to fill out for one particular benefit: **the Home Nursing Benefit.**

This involves the **Prior Authorization Form**, where you need your doctor/specialist to fill out a detailed account of the importance of your upcoming procedure.

Here's an example of where it applies:

When you know that you're on the list for hip or knee surgery, you need to get on this right away and take this form with you to the doctor, so that you will be able to get the full benefit of having some of your costs covered to have **Home Nursing** by a nurse, rpn or psw.

Other insurance companies require this same process, so you need to be organizing this well ahead of time.

There is the possibility of coordinating coverage with your primary insurance plan after OHIP (eg. RTO, OTIP or your spousal health coverage) and the RWTO Insurance plan with Manulife.



If your need for nursing care is **urgent**, you can call Manulife’s Customer Service at 1-877-222-7340 for verbal authorization for care.

And **Manulife will provide you with their Nursing provider’s contact.**

You must use Manulife’s recommended nursing service; don’t set up nursing care on your own first.

The regular **Claim form** is used after you are well recovered and have finished all your post operation/illness doctor’s appointments.

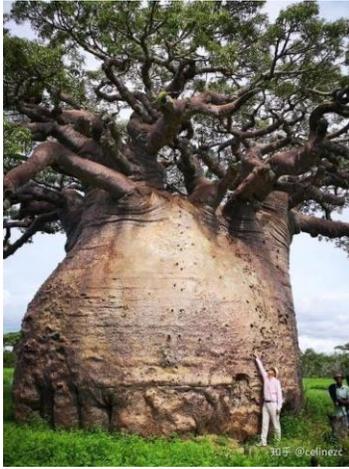
There are now two claim forms that you are able to use: the regular **Claim form** and the **Prior Authorization form**. These are both downloadable from our RWTO website under Membership, then Insurance.

If you have further questions, please first get in touch with your branch insurance convenor.

As always, Caring and Sharing with you,

Karin Mussen, RWTO Insurance Convenor

# Interesting



Baobab tree stores water



Amazing landscaping



The 'Black Diamond' is a rare apple with a Jet black hue, a taste sweeter than honey, and crispness unmatched by any other apple. Their exclusivity means they can cost up to \$7 an apple and you will only find them in Tibet.

Black apples



Elephant constructed with tires.



Home sweet home.



Ohhhhhh!



The bending tree



Natural rock formation



Sheep constructed of telephone cords



## Spicy Chicken Eggplant Boats



<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/katie-lee/spicy-chicken-eggplant-boats-11381649>

## The Best Baked Chicken Legs



<https://www.blessthemessplease.com/baked-chicken-legs/>



## SPOTLIGHT ON BETTY CASPERSEN & JANETTE MCCLURE



Betty



Jeanette

Betty was the Goodwill person on the Executive from 2001-2020. She shared her 'book' of information with me, and it was an interesting book to read. It was like a history book. I recognized so many names of those women who were the backbone of the Branch. Many of you will remember these members:

Jessie Watson, Pat Higgins, Willie Duffus, Thelma Oakes, Doreen Brown, Willemina Grant, Mary Allen, Monica Brooks, Pat Deemer, Dorothy Brignall, Aileen Henderson, Betty Holland, Ruth Holmboe, Dorine Dick, Helen Dechert, Pat Devlin, Margaret Hughes, Lucille Ferguson, Mildred Wideman, Jo Walker, Helen Stinson, Helen Minaker, Ivy Gannon, Kay Cathers, Madeline Sweeney, Lillian Mahaffey.

This list is not complete, but many will recognize several past presidents in this list.

Thanks Betty and Jeanette for looking after the members and families at sad times in their lives. It was much appreciated.

Did you ever think about the rising cost of stamps over the years (from Betty's records)—

2008—10/\$5.20.

2011-10/\$5.90.

2012-10/\$6.10.

2018-10/\$8.50

2021-10/\$10.40.

Peggy Irwin is now the Goodwill Convenor. Members are encouraged to contact her or any other Executive member, with the name of the person who may need a card for support in a time of sadness.



Toronto's underground tunnels, known as the PATH, offer a range of shops, restaurants and services. This network of pedestrian walkways that span over 30 km is a great way to get around the city core.

The beginning of the PATH goes all the way back to 1900. This is when the T Eaton Co. joined its main store at 178 Yonge St. to its bargain annex by tunnels. Slowly but surely, more tunnels were added and by 1917, five tunnels were available in the downtown core. It wasn't until the 1970s however that the PATH had a real growth spurt, when a tunnel was built to connect the Richmond-Adelaide and Sheraton Canters. Today, the PATH stretches for a whopping 30 kilometers (19 miles).

To most Torontonians, this system of underground tunnels is a way of life. Those who work in the city's core use the PATH as a way to get to and

from work. Lunch breaks, business meetings or after-work drinks can all happen here. You don't even have to go outside. This is especially useful when the weather outside is extreme.

So what makes Toronto's underground tunnels so special? According to [its site](#), the PATH holds the Guinness World Record for being the largest underground shopping complex. This makes it one of the largest in North America! It is also quite the economic engine of the downtown.

- 30 km (19 miles) of connected walkways
- 371,600 square meters (4 million square feet) of retail space
- 200,000 daily users
- 1,200 shops, restaurants and services
- \$1.7 billion in annual sales
- 4,600 jobs
- 75 connected buildings
- 35 corporations involved in running and maintaining the tunnels

## Toronto's Underground Pathways

One of my favourite places on the PATH is [Brookfield Place](#). Architecturally it is a very intriguing place. A clever blend of historical features with modern, bold style. It's a pedestrian space that feels like a giant greenhouse, filled with light.

For the hockey lovers and those who just want to check out something different, the [Hockey Hall of Fame](#) is a great place to visit. It acts as both a [museum of hockey](#) and a hall of fame. Dedicated to all things hockey, it is your chance to learn more about Canada's national sport.

The [Roy Thomson Hall](#), one of Toronto's many concert venues, can be accessed through the PATH as well. Home to the [Toronto Symphony Orchestra](#), it is also used as a venue during the [Toronto International Film Festival](#). It is also quite a picturesque spot, especially during the evening.

Chances are that if you are attending a concert of a sporting event in Toronto, you are going to be at the Scotiabank Arena (formerly known as the Air Canada Centre). This is the home to three of Toronto's sports teams – the [Raptors](#) (basketball) the [Leafs](#) (hockey) and the Rock (lacrosse).

Officially known as [CF Toronto Eaton Centre](#), this is one of Toronto's busiest attractions. In addition to being a shopping mall, it is also an office complex. Back in the late 1800s, [Timothy Eaton](#) opened a dry goods store on Yonge Street. This then became the T Eaton Co., the same company responsible for the first underground tunnel. Eaton's, as it was commonly known, became one of Canada's largest department stores and is the namesake of the mall.

While the PATH is not your typical tourist attraction, it's one of those things that you might take for granted if you live in Toronto. For visitors, it's a novelty and something different to check out while visiting Toronto. I am always surprised by the reactions of those who visit here. Some ask to see it while others have never heard about it. Either way, everyone is always excited to check out the underground tunnels. Who knew?



A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town.

They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the blonde waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burr-r-gerrr Kiiing."

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We will gladly receive and care for your old Scarborough Board of Education materials.

