



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
June 2022

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



2021-2022 REVIEW

COVID continues to be in the news.

2021 Cora Bailey recipients were Brigitte Kolozvary Bryan, Joan Watson and Lynne Said.

The Branch continued to support Julliette's Place with monetary donations.

Thanks to Cathie for putting together a newsletter every month.

Thanks to Connie for continuing to send out relevant communications to members.

Rea-Belle Christiani celebrated her 100th birthday. It was acknowledged by the Province and the Branch.

Claudine Goller, Sharon Green, Julie Madiill, Judith Connor, Charlotte Kimball and Jean Dennis passed away during this membership year.

Greetings were sent to 80+ and 90+ members.

Thanks to those members who contributed their ideas to the newsletter.

Ontario Volunteer Service Awards were presented to Rosalie Amodeo, Connie Cole, Ellen Lowcock, Mary Marchut, Joyce Simmons and Susan Urie for their long—time service to the Branch.

Members enjoyed receiving a token (magnifying glass) of appreciation for their support this year.

Peggy Irwin, Linda Jarvis, Sheila Meyer and Trudy Stutton were the Branch delegates at the 2022 Convention in London.

It has been another very busy year for Scarborough which means that our members are the best!

WHAT'S NEXT?

We will be planning a luncheon for September 19 at THE ESTATE, if all is well with the Covid. We will keep you informed as soon as details are confirmed and we meet the Board of Health Rules. Let's hope we will be meeting soon. In the meantime, enjoy the summer and hope there are no more *derecho*

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 linjar47@gmail.com
or Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan at bbryan@look.ca

COMMUNICATION

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

Connie Cole- Communications Chair 2022-2023
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CARING & SHARING



Many of our members are carefully beginning to enter the world once again. This can be more difficult for those who live alone. It is important to maintain contact with those who are on their own. Take a few minutes to reach out and give someone 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 Lynda Paine, following the death of her mother. A donation was also sent to Juliette's Place in her memory.
Peggy

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MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to those ladies who renewed their RWTO membership promptly for 2022-23. 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, 2022, or August 15, 2022. 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 This is the mailing address for RWTO Scarborough.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Brigitte would greatly appreciate the assistance of 1 or 2 members, in contacting some ladies by phone to remind them about renewing their membership. The phoning is done once per year, from July to September, at your convenience. This not only lightens Brigitte's workload but is also a great way to get to know other members. Sometimes they are in unusual situations, of which we are otherwise unaware. They appreciate the caring phone call.

If you are willing to volunteer some of your time, please contact Brigitte at: 416-496-9590 or email her at bbryan@look.ca

63 AND PREGNANT

A woman went to the emergency room, where she was seen by a young new doctor. After about 3 minutes in the examination room, the doctor told her she was pregnant. She burst out of the room and ran down the corridor screaming.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was. After listening to her story, he calmed her down and sat her in another room.

Then the doctor marched down the hallway to the first doctor's room.

"What's wrong with you?" he demanded. This woman is 63 years old, she has two grown children and several grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?!!"

The new doctor continued to write on his clipboard and without even looking up said:

"Does she still have the hiccups?"



THAI GREEN CURRY SHRIMP WITH NOODLES

I substituted about 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest for each stalk of lemon grass, and used brown vermicelli noodles, and parsley instead of cilantro. Turned out very delicious.



<https://importfood.com/recipes/recipe/184-thai-green-curry-shrimp-with-noodles>

SHEET PAN PORK WITH BROCCOLI



<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/sheet-pan-pork-with-broccoli-5127335>

This hit home for me

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away?
Of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside?
Of course not! You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C...compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

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Laughter Lifts Us Up

66th Annual RWTO/OERO Convention

June 7-9, 2022

What is it that makes retired women teachers get up, dance in the aisles, and form a conga line around the banquet hall? In case you haven't guessed, it's a rock n' roll band at the first in person Convention for two years! Everyone was obviously excited to join in the camaraderie of their fellow members at the 66th annual convention held at the Four Points by Sheraton hotel in London, Ontario. The theme for this year was "Laughter Lifts Us Up" and it certainly did!



The four delegates from our Scarborough Branch, Linda Jarvis, Peggy Irwin, Trudy Sutton and myself, Sheila Meyer, enjoyed a busy slate of activities and events over the three days. The Convention began with workshops on Tuesday afternoon followed by a delicious dinner and an entertaining magic show in the evening. On Wednesday the first session of the AGM business meeting took place in the morning followed by

trips or "Staycation" activities in the afternoon, a wonderful banquet in the evening, presentation of the Barbara Bain awards for recruitment of new members, the Feather in Your Hat awards for community service activities, Honorary Member awards and the rock n' roll band playing music from the 50s and 60s. Thursday morning began with a very moving In Memoriam service to honour the 129 members who have passed away in the last year. That was followed by the second session of the AGM, a lovely luncheon, recognition of the "over 90s" and the mother and daughter members and installation of the incoming Board of Directors.

Over the course of the two AGM sessions, various committee reports were presented including the financial report and proposed budget. Delegates also discussed and voted on eight resolutions, all of which were carried.

Additional fun during the course of the Convention was provided through the hospitality suite, the silent auction

and the door prizes that were given out. All in all, the branches of Area 3 worked very hard to organize a most successful and enjoyable Convention this year.

Submitted by Sheila Meyer



RTO DISTRICT 24 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Gary Fick of District 24 is announcing a Golf Tournament, social event to take place on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at Mill Run Highland Golf Course. We will have a Shot Gun start at 9 a.m. District 24 is subsidizing the cost of this event for District 24 Members (18 holes of golf, a shared electric golf cart, and a delicious BBQ luncheon, regularly \$75.) so that the cost for participants is only \$55.

There will be token prizes for Top Teams (Male, Female, and Mixed) plus Closest to the Pin (Male and Female), Most Accurate Drive aka closest to the rope (Male, Female) and Most Accurate Putter (Male and Female) Deadline: Friday, August 20, 2022

We hope to have at least 18 teams to restart this very popular social event. For further information contact Gary Fick at gfick1@rogers.com

RWTO members are more than welcome to join their RTO colleagues at this event. RWTO-SCARBOROUGH will send a donation of \$300.0 for Breakfast for Kids in support of this event.



BETTY REID SOSKIN



Betty Reid Soskin, an author, social justice activist and, at age 100, the oldest active ranger in the National Park Service (NPS), retired Thursday after a final year that celebrated her career at Richmond's Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historic Park. Soskin spent her last day on the job providing an interpretive program to the public and visiting with coworkers at Rosie the Riveter Park, named after the iconic campaign during World War II in which millions of women entered the workforce to support the Allied industrial labor effort. Betty Reid Soskin NATIONAL PARK SERVICE "To be a part of helping to mark the place where that dramatic trajectory of my own life, combined with others of my generation, will influence the future by the footprints we've left behind has been incredible," said Soskin in a prepared statement from the NPS.

"Betty has made a profound impact on the National Park Service and the way we carry out our mission," said NPS Director Chuck Sams in a statement. "I am grateful for her lifelong dedication to sharing her story and wish her all the best in retirement. Her efforts remind us that we must seek out and give space for all perspectives so that we can tell a more full and inclusive history of our nation. Congratulations, Betty!"

Betty Reid Soskin is welcomed by her fellow workers at Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historic Park in Richmond, just outside San Francisco, on her last day on the job, March 31, 2022. She retired at age 100 and was the nation's oldest park ranger.

As part of the celebrations surrounding her 100th birthday in September 2021, a middle school in El Sobrante was renamed in honor of Soskin, who grew up in Oakland after her family resettled from Louisiana.

Before joining the NPS at age 84, Soskin was part of the planning effort to bring the Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park to Richmond. She also worked to help

uncover untold stories of African Americans on the home front during WWII.

Soskin has been an eyewitness to American history, growing up under the bigotry of Jim Crow, witnessing the civil rights struggle of the 1960s, and living to see and be embraced by America's first African American President, Barack Obama.



"Being a primary source in the sharing of that history – my history – and giving shape to a new national park has been exciting and fulfilling," said Soskin. "It has proven to bring meaning to my final years."

"The National Park Service is grateful to Ranger Betty for sharing her thoughts and first-person accounts in ways that span across generations," said Naomi Torres, acting superintendent of Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front

National Historical Park. "She has used stories of her life on the Home Front, drawing meaning from those experiences in ways that make that history truly impactful for those of us living today."

Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park will celebrate Soskin's retirement on April 16 in Richmond.



Gas is so high the mailman is working from home. He called me yesterday to read my bills to me 🤖🤖

SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT

So let me get this straight. I go to To the grocery store and buy a lb. of sliced ham wrapped in plastic, a loaf of bread in a plastic bag, a gallon of milk in a plastic jug, a pack of napkins wrapped in plastic, a Greek salad in a plastic container, a plastic bottle of mustard and a plastic bottle of ketchup, and they won't give me a plastic bag to carry it home because the plastic bag is bad for the environment?!

Courtesy of Joan



Every year I need to be reminded again and again...



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