



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
May 2023

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams, and you will always look lovely" (Roald Dahl)
Hello to Spring! Hello Sun! Hello May! Here comes the flowers—the crocuses, the daffodils, the Magnolia trees, the tulips and soon the lilacs and the trilliums –always a pretty month.

The Branch has completed its first year after the pandemic years and it has been an eventful year seeing new venue, a return of members, return to traditions and the return of exciting programs. None of this would have happened without the hard work of the executive—thank you to everyone.

We are staying at Tam Heather for lunch and continue to work out some of the glitches that have happened over the year. However, Tony and Damiano are continuing to work with us to bring our lunches to be the best.

A special thank you to the models in the April fashion show who along with the commentator brought spring colours and fashions for us.

We are looking forward to the 2023-2024 year. Many of you have already paid your membership fee already. Brigitte and Linda appreciate this. Forms will be available again today. Celebration today for the Cora Bailey recipients—they will find out who they are at the same time as you do, which has been the tradition for many years.

Enjoy and take time to meet the Provincial President—Judy Drummond—today. Carol

Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Carol Nelson
nelson.carol@gmail.com

Tam Heather Curling Club
730 Military Trail,
Scarborough, ON
M1E 4P7
Luncheon Cost
\$39.00

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – 11:30
Luncheon – Tam Heather Curling Club
Downsizing Diva, Plant Sale

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – 11:30
Luncheon – Tam Heather Curling Club

Tuesday October 17, 2023 – 11:30
Luncheon – Tam Heather Curling Club
Art & Craft Sale

Tuesday, November 21, 2023-11:30
Luncheon – Tam Heather Curling Club

Please Note: It is important to renew your RWTO membership now in order to ensure your RWTO Insurance Policies are renewed, and your coverage continues.

Grace
For food in a world
Where many walk in hunger
For faith in a world
Where many walk in fear
For fellowship
Where many walk alone
We give Thee thanks,
O God
Amen



Plant Sale



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 an invitation!

Contact- Linda Jarvis at linjar47@gmail.com

or Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan at bbryan@look.ca



Update your
contact info!

COMMUNICATION

If your e-mail or phone number changes, please

contact: ed.cole@sympatico.ca

Connie Cole- Communications
Chair 2022-2023

GOODWILL

A Thinking of You card went out to Penny Harvey, who had a fall. A Sympathy card was sent to Susan Andrew, whose sister passed away in England. A donation was also sent to Juliette's Place.

Peggy Irwin

dragonfly67.mi@gmail.com

647-575-9541

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal for September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, will take place at the April and May luncheons.

Please bring your completed Membership Form and a cheque for \$40.00, dated either July 1 or the deadline August 15, 2023. Make your cheque out to RWTO - Scarborough Branch.

Any questions can be forwarded to Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan (Membership Chair) at 416-496-9590

Email bbryan@look.ca or

Linda Jarvis (Treasurer) at 416-293-8689

Email linjar47@gmail.com.

BOOKS SALE

We will be having a Book

Clearance sale this month. Books will be 2 for 50 cents, or 5 for \$1.00. No book donations this month, please. Allison, Lynne

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Program Committee is looking for someone to help out with a few things. If this is you, please let Lynn Said know. lynnesaid@sympatico.ca or 905-472-5774



Make sure your cheque, which is your reservation for lunch, arrives on time.

If your cheque is late or you decide, at the last minute, to attend, Tam Heather has **not prepared a lunch for you or set a place for you at a table.**

RWTO PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT JUDY DRUMMOND



RWTO Scarborough welcomes our RWTO Provincial President, Judy Drummond to our May Luncheon.

Please stop and say "hello".

ALLERGIES AND DIET RESTRICTIONS:

ALLERGIES AND DIET RESTRICTIONS: If you have food allergies or dietary restrictions, it is important that we know about these so that accommodation can be made for you. We need to have the information BEFORE the luncheon. Please call Carol Nelson at 416-724-7107 or e-mail her at nelson.carol@gmail.com to let her know about these allergies or restrictions. She will confirm the change with you once you have advised her. If fruit for dessert is the only change you require, then you will not have to inform her every month. This will be done automatically. Please keep Carol informed if there are changes during the year. We want to ensure that you enjoy each and every lunch!

Carol



A huge thank you to Donna Husband for the beautiful flowers on the table each luncheon.

Lady Sophisticate



Our Fashion Show Luncheon with Lady Sophisticate and our gorgeous models.



Helen



Irene



Carol



Pam



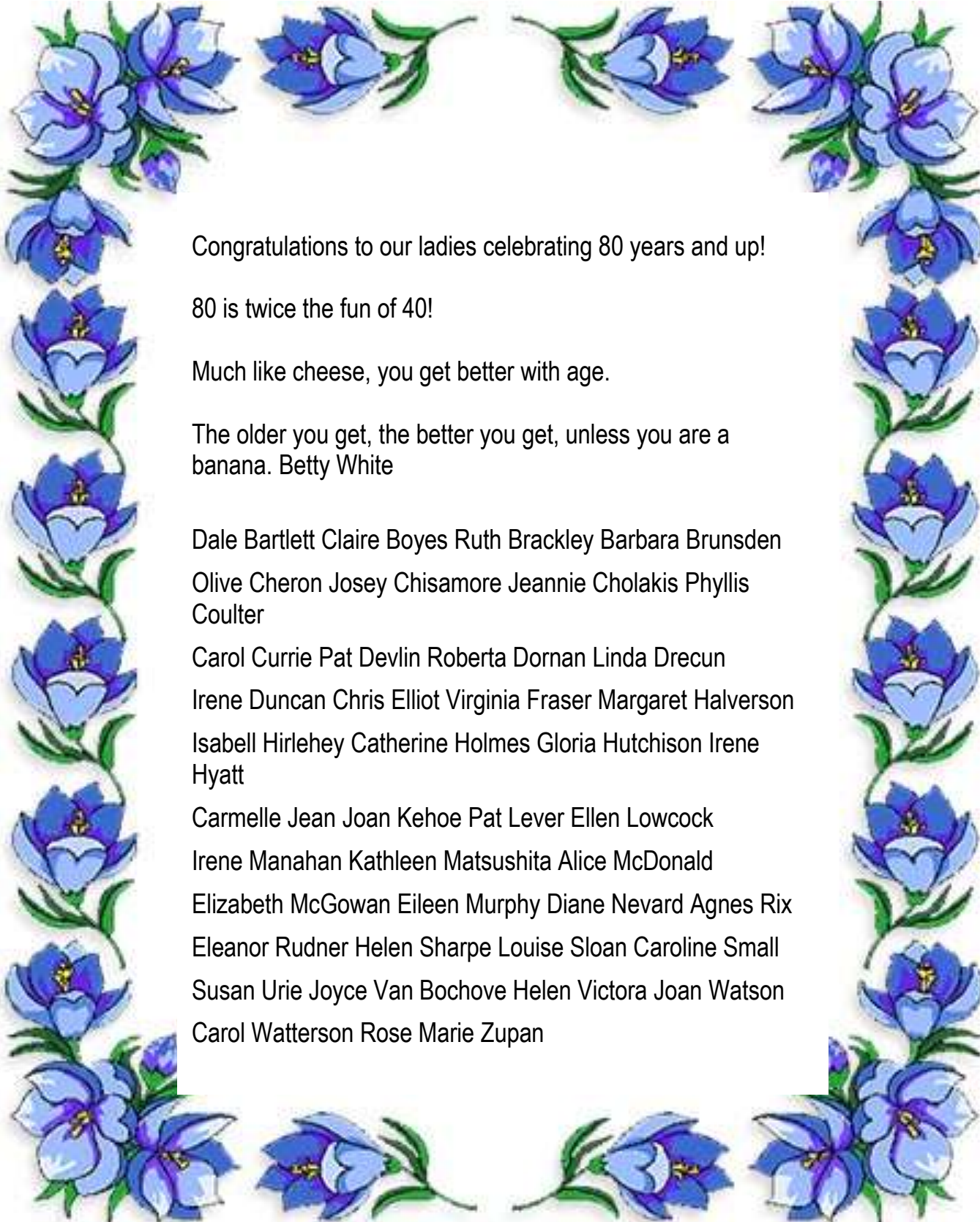
Linda



Cathy



Marika Vag



Congratulations to our ladies celebrating 80 years and up!

80 is twice the fun of 40!

Much like cheese, you get better with age.

The older you get, the better you get, unless you are a banana. Betty White

Dale Bartlett Claire Boyes Ruth Brackley Barbara Brunsten
Olive Cheron Josey Chisamore Jeannie Cholakis Phyllis
Coulter

Carol Currie Pat Devlin Roberta Dornan Linda Drecun
Irene Duncan Chris Elliot Virginia Fraser Margaret Halverson
Isabell Hirlehey Catherine Holmes Gloria Hutchison Irene
Hyatt

Carmelle Jean Joan Kehoe Pat Lever Ellen Lowcock
Irene Manahan Kathleen Matsushita Alice McDonald
Elizabeth McGowan Eileen Murphy Diane Nevard Agnes Rix
Eleanor Rudner Helen Sharpe Louise Sloan Caroline Small
Susan Urie Joyce Van Bochove Helen Victora Joan Watson
Carol Watterson Rose Marie Zupan

THE STAR-SHAPED SAND OF OKINAWA, JAPAN.



The sand in Okinawa, Japan contains thousands of tiny "stars". These "grains of sand" are actually exoskeletons of marine protozoa, which lived on the ocean floor 550 million years ago.



Lynne, Linda

Our guest speaker for May is Jaime Stipetic who is the move manager of Downsizing Diva for Scarborough East. Decluttering and moving can be stressful. Jaime will provide a presentation to help you make both ordeals as smooth as possible.

FROM THE TREASURER

Please make sure that you date your luncheon cheques for the luncheon date or before. I do not deposit them until the day after the luncheon. I have been getting too many cheques dated after the luncheon date. I have to hold them and make another trip to the bank. This makes for more work.

Linda

A Huge Thank You and Vote of Appreciation is extended to our Amazing Phone Volunteers!



These faithful ladies phone our members who do not have access to email with every Dispatch, Newsletter, Notice of Bereavement and other RWTO Scarborough news. They have all been volunteers for many years and have continued to ensure that their contacts are kept fully informed of our Branch news.

WITH GRATITUDE WE RECOGNIZE: Ellen Lowcock, Lynda Madigan, Carol Nelson, Lynn Pentz, Margaret Rataj, and Marilyn Savage. Connie

RWTO Scarborough Executive 2023-2024

Area Director	Judy Anderson
Past President	Linda Jarvis
President	Carol Nelson
Secretary	Shelley Goodman
Lunches	Shelley Goodman
Treasurer	Linda Jarvis
Luncheon Cheques	Chris Elliot
Membership	Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan
	Linda Jarvis
Communications	Connie Cole
	Cathie MacGillivray
Program	Lynne Said
	Linda Brent
Outreach	Trudy Sutton
	Sheila Meyer
Goodwill	Peggy Irwin
Fundraising/Books	Allison Chase
	Lynne Said
Newsletter/Website	Cathie MacGillivray
Travel	Carol Everitt
Insurance	Carol Nelson
Flowers	Donna Husband
Name Tags	Chris Elliot
50/50	Beatrice Kelly
Photographer	June Bourdon
Over 80's & 90's	Linda Jarvis
	Pam Parsons
Gifts for Kids	Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan
	Linda Jarvis

RWTO ON THE GO



Cuesta Country with Ron Brown Cost: \$118 Thursday, October 5, 2023

9:30 a.m. Depart from Foody's (in the Kennedy Commons Plaza) 15 William Kitchen Dr, Scarborough. We join Historian and Author Ron Brown as we follow the scenic Niagara Escarpment to Collingwood with stops in Creemore to see North America's smallest jail. Our tour takes us through historic villages and in and out of sweeping valleys. In Collingwood, spend time browsing the shops in Blue Mountain Village. Enjoy a stop at a chocolate factory in Collingwood. Travel down Airport Road. Lunch is included at Mylar and Loretta's.

Return time: approx. 6:30 p.m.

Trip Coordinator: Carol Everitt (905)492-0232

Niagara-on-the-Lake Tour Cost: \$105 Thursday, December 7, 2023

9:30 a.m. Depart from Foody's (in the Kennedy Commons Plaza) – 15 William Kitchen Dr, Scarborough
1:00 p.m. Spend time browsing at Picard Peanuts
2:00 p.m. Enjoy time browsing in Niagara-on-the-Lake.
4:30 p.m. Dinner is included at Betty's Restaurant, and you may make your Entrée choice there.
6:00 p.m. Enjoy the spectacular Niagara Festival of Lights

9:00 p.m. Approximate return time home

Trip Coordinator: Carol Everitt (905)492-0232

All buses will depart PROMPTLY from in front of Foody's in the Kennedy Commons Plaza at 15 William Kitchen Drive, Scarborough. Please park around the perimeter of that parking lot. Paid reservations are NON-REFUNDABLE. Please let the coordinator know if you are unable to attend. NOTE: Cheques for the excursions are to be made payable to Mary Morton Tours and forwarded to the coordinator of each excursion by the Payment Due Date.

Mary Morton Tours Presents TICO #448872

"Nobody knows Ontario like Ron Brown" is how the



CBC once described this author, geographer, and travel writer. **Ron Brown** has long had a love affair with the landscapes

of Canada.

Ron Brown has won the 2015 Writers' Union of Canada Freedom to Read Award!





50/50 DRAW The 50/50 draw is returning

to our monthly meetings.

Beatrice Kelly is taking on the responsibility of looking after this. Tickets are \$2.00 for one ticket or 3 for \$5.00. The 'pot'

will be evenly divided with half to the lucky ticket holder and half to the Branch. Beatrice

AREA DIRECTOR JUDY ANDERSON

Hello Scarborough Branch members. These are busy days as the RWTO/OERO Board prepares for the Convention and AGM in Kingston next month. I have been busy stocking up on all of the special items we sell and present to members. Check the info@rwto website to see our inventory. I wish you all a wonderful and warm summer whether you are travelling or staying near home.

Caring and sharing,

Judy Anderson

Area 5 Director

RWTO/OERO 67th Convention 2023

June 6th – June 8th, 2023



Linda Jarvis, Sheila Meyer and Trudy Sutton will be the Scarborough Branch Delegates attending the Convention.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Waterloo, Ontario N2J 4B8

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tkennedy34@bell.net



Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Tuesday March 19, 2024

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFT SALE



Get ready for another amazing RWTO Arts and Craft Show & Sale at our October Luncheon, celebrating the many talents of our member ladies.

Vendors are asked to contact Lynne Said lynnesaid@sympatico.ca or Linda Brent lindabrent@gmail.com by September 19, 2023.

Book a table for the sale for \$5. It is very important that all vendors book a table by September 19th Luncheon, as we make arrangements for table setup, with Tam Heather, well in advance. We are unable to accommodate new vendors on the day of the sale.
Thank You, Program Committee

ANNUAL PLANT SALE



Did you know there are benefits to gardening besides growing healthy foods or beautifying your surroundings with flowers? By planting trees, you are helping to put oxygen back into the air. There is a list of health rewards which include: a sense of calm and peacefulness, a reduction in stress and anxiety. One's mood is significantly lightened. There is joy in seeing your achievements flourish. It is gratifying to harvest and share our own food. Gardening provides routines and soothing rhythms. Regular watering and believe it or not, weeding build structure into your life. Speaking of weeding, a little garden tip. "When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant."

A reminder that our plant sale will begin at 10:00 am for dropping off plants. Sales begin at 10:30. Dig up or purchase a flat of plants to donate for others to buy.

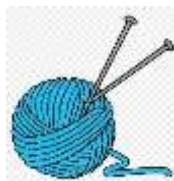
Bring lots of small change so you may buy some things for your garden or balcony. Plants will be priced as \$2.00, \$3.00 or \$5.00 according to size.

See you at the sale table and remember.... "Why didn't the RWTO member plant any flowers?" She hadn't 'botany'. (Don't let this be you). LOL. Lana

Today I saw two jumbo jets cracking a joke



CAN YOU HELP?



Several of our members have been going to the RTO Knitting Group. The group has made twiddle muffs and other related twiddle things for the area nursing homes.

If you knit or crochet, you might be able to help out the group. If you have any wool---weight doesn't matter--2-ply or 3-ply or 4-ply or thicker---or colour---red, purple, green brown and so on---the knitters and crocheters will use it. The amount---ends and bits, 1/2 balls, any leftover ball---they can be used.

There will be a bag on the table in September to drop off any donations. Someone in a local nursing home will appreciate the donation when he receives a twiddle muff. Carol Nelson

PROGRAM

The Program Committee is starting to plan for next year. We have decided to have the craft sale at our October luncheon. We would appreciate any program suggestions with contact information, especially music groups and clothing stores willing to do fashion shows.

Lynne and Linda

OUTREACH



This month we will be focusing on baby products for Juliette's Place. Donations of small baby items such as soaps, shampoos, lotions, creams, wipes etc., or a monetary donation to purchase baby products, will be gratefully accepted. We will also be collecting toiletries and magazines as usual.

Thank you very much to our Branch, and to all the members who gave monetary donations for the purchase of sports equipment and baby products for Juliette's Place women's shelter. We have consulted the shelter about which items are most needed and will be shopping for them shortly. Please look for photos of all these items in the September newsletter.

Sheila Meyer Trudy Sutton - Outreach Committee



SILENT AUCTION

The theme for this month is Summer. This will include items for the patio, backyard, cottage etc. Thanks. Allison, Lynne

REMINDER TO MEMBERS

There will be no newsletter in June and July. There will be a dispatch in August and the next newsletter will come in September.

You can leave your cheque for the September 19 luncheon with Chris at the May luncheon. For those who want to pay in September, cheques will be due no later than Monday September 11 or before.

We thank all of you for sending in luncheon payments on time. Many people --Tam Heather staff, Chris, Linda and I—certainly appreciate your help with this.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September and thank you for your support in the last few months.

Carol Nelson

A note from IRENE DUNCAN: 125 YEARS AGO IN THE MARKDALE STANDARD

Lift your hat reverently when you meet the teacher of the primary schools. She takes the little bantling fresh from the home nest and full of pouts and passions—an ungovernable little wretch, whose own mother admits she sends him to school to get rid of him. This young lady takes a carload of these anarchists, half of whom single-handed and alone are more than a match for both of their parents and at once put them in the way of becoming useful and upright citizens. At what expense of patience in the whole school and if her salary were doubled, she would yet receive less than she earns.

Irene shared this clip and regularly corresponds with news and tidbits. She said that the Belleville weather was just like Scarborough—April showers drenching everything, but the lawns are thicker and greener!

The **Markdale Standard** was a newspaper in [Markdale, Ontario](#), in [Grey County](#) Canada from 1880 until 2012.^[1] The paper was continuously published for 132 years with a circulation of 1,300.^{[2][3][4][5][6][7][8]} The paper was known for its longevity and outlasting its peers. In 1880 there were 16 local newspapers in Grey County, but by 1920 only one remained, *The Markdale Standard*.^[9]



To all our RWTO volunteers.

Treasurer's Report - May

Linda Jarvis

May Treasurer's Report

Bank balance April 10, 2023		\$8646.11
Income		
April luncheon		
3588.00		
50/50	114.00	
Total	\$3702.00	\$12348.11
Expenses		
April luncheon	3230.00	
Flowers	81.78	
RWTO Convention	1020.00	
Treasurer – stamps, paper	74.57	
Shelter – sport's equipment	300.00	
Goodwill	300.00	
Newsletter	38.72	
Program – chocolates	45.20	
Total	\$5090.27	
Bank balance May 10, 2023		\$7257.84

Luncheon Cost - \$39

**Cheques are made payable to
"RWTO Scarborough"**

Cheques are mailed to:

RWTO Scarborough
Huntingwood Postal Outlet
P.O. Box 30042
2355 Warden Ave
Scarborough, Ontario
M1T 0A1



Cathie MacGillivray
cathiemacgillivray@hotmail.com



Our monthly RWTO Scarborough Branch newsletter is going back to the regular schedule. There will not be a newsletter in June, July or August. There will be a Dispatch sent out to members on August 28th in preparation for our September luncheon.

Connie and I thank you for your support over the last few years.

Have a wonderful, healthy summer. See you in September.

Connie & Cathie

Cheques due by September 11, 2023