



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

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Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



"Crafting is a way to leave a mark on the world. Crafting is not just about making things. It's about making memories. The best things in life are handmade. There is nothing more beautiful than a handmade gift" (authors unknown)

October's lunch was a very busy one. There are now two sets of curlers using the rink on Tuesday morning. When I arrived just shortly after 9am, the first group was chatting before going on the ice. The second group arrived about 1 ½ hours later. Thanks to Tony, most of them went downstairs for coffee. Some did stay and it just meant that some of the chairs had to be put back around the tables where we meet. However, the noise level was much better. However, parking was and will be a problem. Tony has asked the curlers to share rides. If any of you are able to carpool, it would alleviate a few problems.

The Craft Show was a great success. The Crafters were busy and the shoppers were equally busy purchasing the items. Thanks to Linda Brent for organizing the event. Thank you to the Crafters for sharing your talents with us. Again, the lunch was excellent. I am always telling people how good it is when I see that most of the plates are 'wiped clean'. The apple crumble was as good as my Mom used to make! We are looking forward to the turkey dinner and all its trimmings. Just a reminder to everyone to let me know if you have any allergies. If you would like a fruit cup, I also need to know this before the lunch. We need to remember that the Chef prepares the number of plates we order, and we have to pay for them. He cannot make changes on the day of a luncheon.
Carol

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



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
\$43.00

Tuesday, November 21, 2023
The Enchanted Flutes
Gifts for Kids

Tuesday, January 16, 2024
Fraud Prevention,

Christopher Mitchell, 42 Division

Tuesday, February 20, 2024
Chair Yoga Fitness – Diana (Didi)
Duro, Yoga Instructor

Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Tea, Legends and Traditions – Pauline
Grandin – Storyteller

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
Fashion Show by Lady Sophisticate

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, TBA

LOOKING FOR NEW RETIREES

Please send names and contact information for any friends and colleagues including educational assistants, early childhood educators and child and youth workers that 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 2023-2024

GOODWILL

A card was sent to the family of Shirley MacDonald who passed away in October and a donation was made to The Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Peggy Irwin 647-575-9541 dragonfly67.mi@gmail.com

P.S. A Thinking of You card was sent to Peggy who continues to recover from a second bout of Covid.

SHIRLEY MACDONALD

(OCTOBER 27, 1945-OCTOBER 26, 2023)



Shirley was an active member of the Scarborough Branch from the time she joined following retirement in 1997. Before retiring, she was awarded the Merit Award from the Family Studies Teachers in 1991. Her accomplishments, within the Branch, were honoured when she received the

Cora Bailey Award in 2011. She was the chair of the Communications Team in 2000. As an Executive member, she planned, with the Travel Group, excursions from 2000-2010. Along with Cathie MacGillivray, she was the co-president of the Branch in 2014-15. Shirley was responsible for planning the visit from David Onley and his wife during the luncheons at Qssis, along with Lloyd Robertson whose new book was eagerly purchased by members. That same year, she worked with Cathie to plan special events at the Marleigh Retired Residence—the High Tea, the Valentine's Dessert Café and the Strawberry Social. Shirley and her husband moved to Belleville but she continued to be a member of the Scarborough Branch. As a member of our Branch, Shirley was involved in creating 'fun' activities for our members. Her work with us will be remembered.

WE WELCOME THE ENCHANTED FLUTES



Since 2013, the Enchanted Flutes has been entertaining audiences with their unique sound,

unique arrangements and high energy performances. Under the baton of Resa, the familiar tunes will find their way into your hearts and you'll be tapping your toes before long. You will be entertained by these talented flutes, saxophones, clarinet, keyboard, percussion, bass, violin and singer.

Resa Kochberg graduated with a degree in music and after raising her family has devoted her time and skills to sharing her love of music. Along with conducting the Enchanted Flutes, Resa plays flute and piccolo with the Encore Symphonic Band and conducts the Resa's Pieces Concert Band. Program Committee

FROM THE TREASURER COST OF LUNCHEONS

We all know from weekly grocery shopping how much food prices keep rising. Because of this and other costs, we need to raise the cost of the luncheons. After meeting with the chefs at Tam Heather, here is the breakdown of costs.

Cost of food

13% HST

15% gratuity (servers)

\$1.00 per person – new charge by the City of Toronto

RTO Charges \$52.00 for their luncheons. Catholic

Women pay \$57.00.

We are going to have to charge \$43.00 to cover all costs. When you write your cheque for Luncheons, make sure you have put in the new price.

After meeting with the chefs, I spent many hours doing the math, trying to figure out what was the best cost to cover everything.

Thank you for all your support in this matter.

Linda Jarvis – Treasurer



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.**



50/50 DRAW

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

BOOKS



There will be a book sale at the November luncheon. A donation of 5 books or less would be appreciated. The theme for the Fundraiser is Red & Green. Allison

DONATING WOOL

The RTO Knitting group meets together to make TWIDDLEMUFFS. These have been distributed to many of the nursing homes and care facilities in the area. They have appreciated many donations of wool. If anyone has any extra wool—any colour, any weight, any amount—the group would appreciate donations. There will be a bag on the table near the front of the room for any extra wool you can donate. Thank you for your support. If anyone needs a Twiddlemuff let Chris Elliot know.

OUTREACH



There will be our regular collection of NEW, UNOPENED toiletries and baby products and 3-4-month-old magazines, at the November luncheon.

Thank you. Sheila Meyer Trudy Sutton
Outreach Committee

GIFTS FOR KIDS



Our new tradition has been joyful and will continue. As usual, for the luncheon on November 21, you may bring a gift for the 42 Division toy drive. Your gift does not need to be a toy. It should be unwrapped but placed in a gift bag. On the outside, please indicated the gender and appropriate age range, up to 16 years of age. Since teenagers are difficult to shop for, gift cards are always appreciated.

Thank you to Pam Parsons, who has already volunteered to drive the gifts to 42 Division. Brigitte would like 2 more drivers. You may contact her at 416-496-9590 or email bbryan@look.ca

The Executive committee of Julliette's Place greatly appreciates the generous support of our RWTO members. Linda Jarvis, our treasurer, will continue to submit a lump sum cheque to Juliette's Place. As you are aware, the young mothers know the needs of their children best. For the luncheon on November 21, you are welcome to bring a cash gift. If you are submitting a cheque, please make it out to RWTO-Scarborough. Kindly date it November 21, 2023

All cheques must be received by November 21.
Brigitte Bryan

**DON'T ARGUE WITH PEOPLE
ON SOCIAL MEDIA.**

**EVERY CLASSROOM HAD A
KID THAT ATE PASTE.
THAT'S PROBABLY WHO
YOU'RE ARGUING WITH.**

RWTO/OERO ON THE GO



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



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

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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

COLLEAGUES WHO WILL BE MISSED

PETER SIDORCHUK Administrator

JACK WISTOW Principal

Christmas Simmer Pot



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The header of the newsletter changed in mid-2013-2014--it became AFTER THE BELL. Does anyone remember who thought of this name?

Past presidents who are still members of the Branch—Janette McClure, Eleanor Rudner Linda Jarvis, Adrienne Johnso, Judy Anne Tumber, Cathie MacGillivray, Lamoine Mustard, Marie Harvey, Joan Watson and Beverley Williamson. Thank you for your contributions.

Memorable Excursions—Stratford, British Isles, Tahiti, Agawa Canyon, Ottawa, Alaska and many more exciting day trips.
Carol

Grocery List from the 40's and 50's



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. **Question:** What famous Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space?
2. **Question:** If Elvis isn't going to have a white Christmas, what type of Christmas is he going to have?
3. **Question:** In the song "Twelve Days of Christmas," what is given on the seventh day?
4. **Question:** In total, how many gifts were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
5. **Question:** The following line "Let earth receive her King / Let every heart / Prepare Him room / And heaven and nature sing" is taken from which carol?
6. **Question:** Where can people eat a "Wigilia supper" at Christmas?
7. **Question:** Ikea allegedly made the largest gingerbread man - true or false?
8. **Question:** This Christmas drink, which is highly popular in the UK, is made from apple cider, lemons, oranges, cinnamon, cloves, allspice and nutmeg and is known as...?
9. **Question:** In early illustrations of Santa Claus, what is he often seen holding?
10. **Question:** Which U.S. state has a town called Santa Claus?
11. **Question:** What's the highest grossing Christmas movie of all time?
12. **Question:** What is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel in It's A Wonderful Life?
13. **Question:** What's the name of the comedian who plays the Grinch in How the Grinch Stole Christmas?
14. **Question:** Which reindeer is named after thunder?
15. **Question:** What is the name of Rudolph's son?

Answers on the last page.

Memories



When my kids were teens, Santa still brought the presents. However, they would snoop. So, I started hiding them where they would NEVER find them, under all the junk piled at the bottom of their closets. Worked like a charm!

We lived out in the country so my mom would order our Christmas from the Sears catalog. Of course, when we first got the catalog, I would look at it for hours and circle all the toys I wanted Santa to bring me. I was 9 years old and I snooped at her order. I was getting pajamas, house shoes and a Bible. What?? No toys??? This can't be right!! Sure enough it was and between acting surprised at the 3 gifts and upset because there were no toys, I never snooped again! We had little money, and my mom didn't like Christmas because of that reason. I look back on that Christmas now thankful I got anything.

Our Church is about 6 blocks from our house, and we walked to attend midnight mass on Christmas Eve, we were not afraid of shootings or hit & runs, the neighborhood was very quiet & peaceful back in the 50s, Not anymore 🙄

I did an "all toy Christmas" one year, even for the adults. It was the most fun I had Christmas shopping. I gave my mom paper dolls like she played with as a child. My dad got an old-fashioned metal billiards toy that was mechanical. My brother-in-law got a football, for tailgating at Lions games. My sisters got scrabble and an easy bake oven. My nephews got a 3d puzzle and a projector that cast constellations on the ceiling and my niece got a Raggedy Ann doll. It was so much more fun than shopping for socks and sweaters!

When my husband and I bought our first house 35 years ago, there was a box of these old ornaments in the storage shed. There were at least two dozen of these baskets in various colors. Most of them have fallen victim to multiple cross-country moves, two cats and one natural disaster. This one basket and a few hand-blown balls remain. They still go on my tree every year (up high). I just love them and imagining all the Christmases they must have seen before they became mine.



ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFT



INSURANCE



Our Insurance Program is often cited as one of the most significant benefits of membership in RWTO/OERO. With over 3,000 fellow members already enrolled in the program, we are delighted to

endorse and recommend The Hospital and Home Care Plan and The Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan.

Most of us are optimistic that we can successfully avoid medical complications, but as we enjoy our retirement years, the reality is many of us will be confronted with the physical and financial strain that comes with recovering from an accident, elective surgery or illness.

Whether it comes from slipping in the shower, having knee surgery or an illness that finds you in the hospital, convalescence and recovery is not only physically unpleasant, but it can also be expensive. The RWTO Hospital and Home Care Plan helps you pay many of the expenses related to simply getting better.

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Waterloo, Ontario N2J 4B8

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tkennedy34@bell.net



Coming in January

We will have Christopher Mitchell, Crime Prevention Officer, helping us learn more about FRAUD PREVENTION, an escalating problem affecting us all today.
Linda, Pam



HERE ARE A FEW SCAMS TO WATCH OUT FOR:

The grandparent scam.

Fraudsters are posing as concerned family members or friends, often calling or emailing with a distressing story. They may claim to be a grandchild in trouble and urgently need financial assistance. **Remember:**

- Consult with other family members before taking any action.
- Do not share sensitive information over the phone or via email.

The Two-Step verification scam

Fraudsters are pretending to represent your financial institution and employ manipulative tactics to trick you into revealing your Two-Step Verification code. This code could be used to access your account or approve unauthorized transactions. **Remember:**

- Banks will never contact you to ask for your codes, passwords or PINs.
- Never share your codes, passwords, PINs, SIN or other sensitive data with anyone, especially if you did not initiate the contact.

Fake website scam

Scammers create convincing replicas of banking websites to steal your login credentials and personal information. **Remember:**

- Verify the website's name, URL, and look for security indicators (https and padlock icon) before clicking.
- When in doubt, visit your bank's official website and click on the "Sign In" button from the home page.

Banks are committed to safeguarding your accounts and have robust security measures to protect against fraud. However, your active role remains vital. Stay vigilant, ask questions, and monitor your account regularly. Should you notice any suspicious communication or activity on your account, please contact your bank.

November Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance October 7, 2023		\$5413.20
Income		
October luncheon	\$2692.00	
50/50	98.00	
Craft sale	55.00	
Membership fees	520.00	
Total	\$3365.00	
		\$8778.20
Expenses		
October luncheon	\$2876.20	
Flowers	80.19	
Newsletter	29.47	
RWTO/OERO remittance	520.00	
Carol Everitt – registered mail	20.17	
Total	\$3526.03	
Bank balance November 7, 2023		\$5252.17

Luncheon Cost - \$43

**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



From the Editor

January Luncheon Cheques for the January 16th lunch should arrive at the P.O. box by **January 5th**. Due to holidays, they should be in the mail by **December 27th**. Don't forget to date them **January 16, 2024**.

If you think your cheque may not arrive by the due date, contact Chris Elliot either by phone (416-497-6192) or e-mail (chris.elliott99@hotmail.com) to let her know your cheque is on its way. If you fail to do so and your cheque is late, no meal will be ordered for you. Chris

*Wishing you all a wonderfully happy
and healthy Christmas season with
family and friends.*

Cathie MacGillivray
cathiemacgillivray@hotmail.com

Trivia Answers

1. Jingle Bells
2. Blue Christmas
3. Swans a swimming
4. 364
5. Joy to the World
6. Poland
7. True
8. Wassail
9. A birch rod
10. Indiana
11. The Grinch that Stole Christmas
12. Odbody
13. Jim Carrey
14. Donner (German word for thunder)
15. Robbie the Reindeer