



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
September 2023

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



'Goodbye summer and hello fall...To say it was a beautiful day would not explain that it was day when the end of summer interacts perfectly well with the start of fall". (A. Patchell)

In 1970, a dedicated group of retired women in Scarborough joined together to start the Scarborough Branch. In those days, a membership list also had Miss or Mrs. before their first names. They met at each other's homes and planned their outings and discussed plans for supporting their colleagues. So here we are today at the beginning of another year at Tam Heather.

Lynne and her committee have the monthly speakers and lunches have been planned. Carol has been working on travel plans and Cathie and Connie have, again, kept all of us 'in the loop' about has been happening. Here is what needs to be done as we start the year: Make sure your membership forms include a contact number in case of an emergency and keep Connie informed about any changes in your mailing address or email address so that you receive the newsletters. Make sure that you let know Carol know about any special dietary needs and that includes letting her know (before the September lunch or at any time during the year) if you want a fruit cup for dessert. If she does not know about these needs, you will be served what is planned. Make sure that your luncheon cheques reach Christine on the Friday of the week before a planned luncheon.

2023-2024 will be a great year. The Executive looks forward to seeing everyone again. Enjoy meeting friends and colleagues again. Introduce yourself to the retirees who have joined our

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
\$39.00

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Meet & Greet

Executive Meeting: at 9:30a.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023,
Craft Sale

Tuesday, November 21, 2023
The Enchanted Flutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024
Fraud Prevention,

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 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



COMMUNICATION

If your e-mail or phone number changes, please contact: ed.cole@sympatico.ca

Connie Cole- Communications Chair 2023-2024

GOODWILL

Thinking of You cards were sent to Janette McClure, who was recuperating from a broken arm sustained in a fall, Louise Sloan, hospitalized following a collapse that resulted in a fracture in her neck and Linda Jarvis, recovering from surgery. Thinking of You cards went out to Eleanor Rudner as she returned home after surgery, to Isabel Hirlehey, who is caring for her husband, and to Lee Young, who injured her shoulder and arm in a fall in July. She is recuperating at Kennedy Lodge and will likely be there until the end of October.

A Sympathy card was sent to the family of our member, Marg Halvorsen, who passed away in April. A donation was made to the Canadian Cancer Society. A Sympathy card was also sent to Ora McKay, whose husband died in February, after a long illness. A donation was made to Knox United Church.

A Sympathy card has been sent to Lorraine Lewis, whose husband, John, passed away in August. A donation was sent to the Cancer Society.

A message from Louise Sloan:

She would like to thank everyone who sent cards and well wishes while she was recuperating from her fall. She is back home again and will be cruising on the St. Lawrence but will be back for the October meeting. Good news from Louise!

Peggy Irwin

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

MEMBERSHIP

Many thanks to more than 150 ladies who submitted their membership for 2023-24. A record number of these took place at the April & May luncheons. Special thanks to the members, who sent in their forms over the summer but before August 15, the deadline date. Those ladies who have not yet renewed their membership are strongly encouraged to do this at the September 19 luncheon.

For any questions or concerns, you may contact Brigitte at 416-496-9590 or email bbryan@look.ca



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.**

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 Linda Brent lindabrent63@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



50/50 DRAW

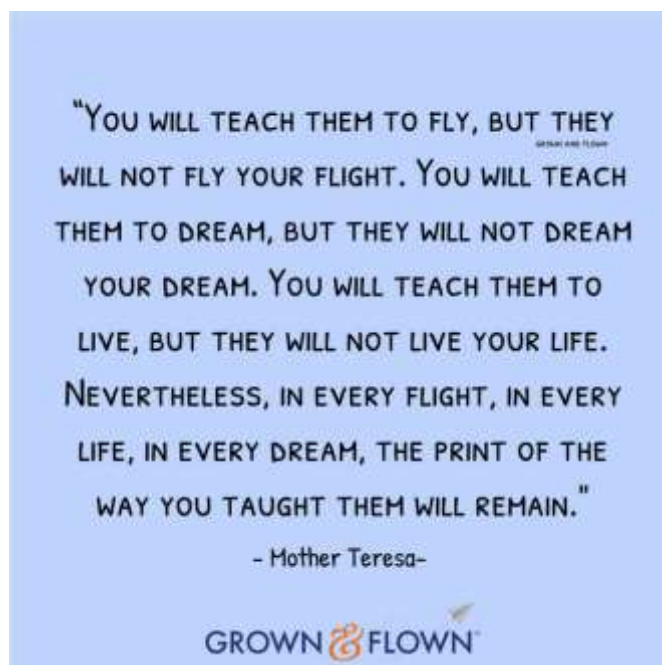
Tickets are \$2.00 for one ticket or 3 for \$5.00. The 'pot' will be evenly divided with half to the lucky ticket holder and half to the Branch. Beatrice



Plant Sale Thank You!

Although it was a quieter turnout for our May luncheon, we were able to raise \$100.00 from this year's Plant Sale. This was a combination of members donating and purchasing plants and others

supporting the sale by buying perennials and a few annuals. As always rhubarb was in demand. Once members realized that it was on the table, they came running. Several were disappointed because it sold out within minutes. A big thank you for everyone's support. Your combined efforts are really appreciated.
Lana



FROM THE ARCHIVES

These Scarborough members were members and continue to be members from 1999: Ruth Brackley, Barb Brunsden, Gwen Darch, Anna Donnellan, Milberge Gibbons, Marie Harvey, Joan Kehoe, Martha Massey, Margaret Rataj and Eleanor Rudner. They belonged to the Ontario Association of Superannuation Women Teachers which became known as Retired Women Teachers of Ontario.

OUTREACH



The baby products were purchased thanks to the generous monetary donations from many of our members at the April and May luncheons.

We were able to use the funds that are budgeted annually for purchasing outdoor play and sports equipment. The families at Julliette's Place always appreciate our donations.

Sheila Meyer and Trudy Sutton

FROM THE PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

Sandra Salerno

For the first time, we are inviting additional Retired Women Professional Educators to join RWTO. This will include Educational Assistants, Early Childhood Educators and Child and Youth Workers. Judy Anderson continues to be the Area Director

MARTHA MASSEY



MARTHA MASSEY celebrated her 100th birthday in July. The Branch sent flowers (traditional from the province.) I have two pictures of her. Both were taken in the 90s. I know very little about

her. I did request a bio (several times) from her daughter and son, but nothing has ever come. There will not be many members who will remember her. I met her once when she came to one luncheon with her son, so it must have been after I retired in 2005. I am not going to ask for a bio from the family again. I don't even know if the flowers arrived as they were not acknowledged by her daughter. She did give me a new address when I checked with her in early July so I can only hope that they arrived.



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

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.

Cheques due September 19 at the luncheon

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



Shirley Valentine Trip



FROM LEANNE TAYLOR-PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CONVENOR

Many Branch Convenors struggle with the fact that we don't know who carries insurance in their branch. Even I don't know! Unfortunately, we can't ask members to tell us nor can we keep a list. So, what does one do if a member has had an accident or fallen ill, and you want to be sure that member is accessing the benefits available? My favourite word in this case is **IF**. "I can't ask you if you carry RWTO/OERO Insurance through Manulife, but IF you do, there are some benefits available to you." This frees your member up to say, "I don't have the Insurance", or "I do have it; what can I claim."

If can also be used with family members when a Branch member passes on or moves into long term care. "I don't know if _____ carried RWTO/OERO Insurance through Manulife, but if she did, it needs to be cancelled, especially if it was deducted from her bank account." That gives the family member a heads-up to check it out.

If you have questions about that, just send me an email through this email account.

[\(rwtoeroinsurance@gmail.com\)](mailto:rwtoeroinsurance@gmail.com)

RWTO INSURANCE—ask for an information pamphlet if you need clarification.

The following plans are available through the RWTO plan: Convalescent Benefit, Home Nursing Benefit, Fracture Plan, Comfort Care Benefit, Physiotherapy Benefit, Transportation Benefit, Ambulance /Taxi Benefit, Patient Transfer Benefit, Special Equipment, Mobility Benefit, Assistive Devices Benefit, Hearing Aid Benefit, Oxygen Benefit and Cataract Benefit.

A member who lives in a nursing home or care facility is not eligible.

Manulife will provide a tax receipt each year.

There is often confusion by members about where they have their insurance plan.

You may also have JOHNSON INSURANCE through RTO. They will have a plan number and you will have an ID# for them. They have a new up-to-date booklet, ENTENTE, if you need information about RTO.

Carol

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Chris 416-497-6192 chris.elliott99@hotmail.com

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

Manulife Insurance, PO Box 670 Waterloo Station,
Waterloo, Ontario N2J 4B8

Terry Kennedy (Insurance Agent) 1- 519-583-0098

tkennedy34@bell.net

RWTO PROGRAM 2023-24

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Tuesday, November 21, 2023, The Enchanted Flutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Fraud Prevention, Christopher Mitchell, 42 Division

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OUTREACH

There will be our regular collection of NEW, UNOPENED toiletries and baby products and 3-4-month-old magazines, at the September luncheon. Thank you. Sheila Meyer Trudy Sutton Outreach Committee

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!
Caro

COLLEAGUES WHO WILL BE MISSED



MARGARET HALVORSON – April 2023 Reading Recovery Teacher

CAMPBELL BRUCE COWAN on June 4, 2023—Teacher, Vice-Principal, Principal, Associate Superintendent

MEGAN BRADSHAW --June 17, 2023—Principal at West Hill C.I.

RON MINTZ –MAY 2023 -Principal

KAREN JORDAN-MAY 2023—Teacher with TDSB, recently retired, involved with hockey and lacrosse.

RON YOUNG – Principal

LLOYD ZIMMERMAN - Principal

FERGUS REID - Principal



JULLIETTES PLACE

MAY 29, 2023

Thank your immensely for your continued support of Julliette's Place. We appreciate your generous donation of essential items for the tiniest residents of

our shelter. Toiletries and clothing are always needed! Thank you also for the HUGE donation of sports and outdoor equipment for our families! We are going to have a very active Summer!

Update: a monetary donation was also given to them to support back-to-school supplies.

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON



We will be having a **Meet and Greet** with no presenter but will have a **Caring and Sharing Table** as we've done in the past. Share something, a bottle of something—a package of something—some home baking—a jar of something. Your imagination is the limit with this one—BE UNIQUE—BE

CREATIVE—HAVE FUN. Put your jar, bottle, package on the auction table. EVERYTHING WILL COST \$2.00 so bring a toonie or maybe even two loonies.

Go home with something unique, something creative or something useful. Let's have some fun with this one and meet your friends at the auction table.

Judy Anderson Area 5 Director

Welcome back past Scarborough members of RWTO/OERO and greetings to women educators who have just joined this vibrant group. You may have been a teacher, an Educational Assistant (EA), an Early Childhood Educator (ECE) or a Child and Youth Worker (CYW). You are all welcome to participate in this women's organization which has branches across Southern Ontario, and as far north as Central Algoma. As you read this newsletter you will learn about many of the activities organized by your Scarborough branch. Join in the fun and the charitable work done by your group and get to know some women who are enjoying retirement and contributing to their community.

Caring and sharing,
Judy Anderson
Area 5 Director
RWTO/OER

RWTO SCARBOROUGH CORA BAILEY AWARDS 2023



In every Branch there are members who 'work behind' the Executive and members of the Branch programs. Scarborough is recognizing three of these members, this year, for their contributions to the success of the Scarborough Branch.



DONNA HUSBAND

Donna has become known as The Flower Lady. Each month she brings in her colourful vases with a bouquet of seasonal flowers. This colourful addition to our lunch table is appreciated by everyone. In fact, one month when she was not able to come, it was the first thing that members noticed—Where are the flowers? Donna, your contribution to the monthly luncheon is always noticed. Thank you. You deserve the Cora Bailey award.



ALLISON CHASE

Allison comes every month with her trolley full of yellow boxes---it is always a delight to see what she brings. Allison is responsible for the Silent Auction and the Book table and other items which are put out on the tables for members. Her organizational skills are amazing, and the table looks inviting and encourages Branch members to look at what she brings. Allison brings a cheerful smile and makes it fun to see what is in those boxes. Allison's contributions to each luncheon are appreciated and she deserves to be a Cora Bailey recipient.



MARGARET RATAJ

Marg has been a long-time member of the Branch and not someone whom we see very often. However, she has been a 'phoner' for many years to those members who do not have an email address. Her monthly phone call is very appreciated by those who receive the phone call. Marg has often been a model in the yearly fashion show. Her career as a model is appreciated and her phone calls keep members informed. Marg is a Cora Bailey recipient who certainly works hard behind the scenes for much of the time.

Can You Help?

We are looking for someone to help out with our luncheon programs. Activities have all been organized for the entire year. Help is needed to prepare for or call to confirm or perhaps introduce or thank our guests.

If you are willing to help, please let Linda Jarvis know.

linjar47@gmail.com or call 416-293-8689



FROM THE TREASURER

Please make sure that you date your luncheon cheques for the actual luncheon date or before. I do not deposit cheques until the day after the luncheon. I have been getting too many cheques dated after the luncheon date. I have to hold them, and it makes for more work. Linda Jarvis

SKILLS THAT ONLY TEACHERS HAVE:

Walking backwards through a hallway.

Carrying on five conversations at once with five different people.

Convincing your bladder you do not, in fact, need to pee.

**BORED
TEACHERS**

RWTO/OERO 67th Convention “CRUISING DOWN THE WATERS”



Three members from our branch, Linda Jarvis, Sheila Meyer and Trudy Sutton, attended as delegates to this year's annual convention which was held June 6th to 8th at the Kingston Market Square Hotel in the beautiful city of Kingston. The convention was a great success thanks to excellent planning by the members of the Eastern Ontario branches of Areas 8 and 9 which include Brockville, Gananoque, Kingston, Lanark, Napanee, Ottawa-Carleton, and Upper Canada East.

All the usual aspects of RWTO conventions were included and made for a very enjoyable three days. There were delicious breakfasts and dinners and a very nice luncheon on Thursday before everyone left for home. After the Wednesday banquet we were treated to fabulous entertainment by a band that played many of the “golden oldie” rock and roll songs that got everyone dancing in the aisles for over two hours. There were also awards presentations, a very moving “In Memoriam” presentation, the honouring of the over 90's and the mother and daughter retirees who were in attendance, Tuesday workshops, tours on Wednesday afternoon, a silent auction, and a well-stocked hospitality room. A Thousand Islands dinner cruise replaced the usual banquet on Tuesday evening and this very unique activity was enjoyed by many.

The AGM business meetings, which took place on Wednesday and Thursday morning, included the presentation of reports from the various Provincial committees, the financial report as well as the nomination and installation of the Provincial board members for 2023/2024. Twenty resolutions were put forth, discussed and voted on during the meetings. The most important of these involved inviting other women education workers to join our organization. The delegates voted in favour of allowing retired ECE's, EA's and Child and Youth Workers/ Counsellors to join. They also voted in favour of maintaining the name RWTO/OERO. The resolution to limit the number of delegates to two regardless of the size of the branch was referred to an Ad Hoc committee for further study.

Submitted by Sheila Meyer (Branch Delegate)

Treasurer's Report Linda Jarvis

Bank balance May 10, 2023		\$7257.84
Income		
May luncheon	2886.00	
50/50	103.00	
Book sale	7.35	
Silent auction	7.00	
Plant sales	100.00	
Membership fees	6080.00	
Social membership	10.00	
Donation	20.00	
RWTO convention trip rebate	120.00	
Total	\$9333.35	\$16591.19
Expenses		
May luncheon	2886.00	
Flowers	50.82	
Post office box	230.52	
Newsletter	36.16	
RWTO/OERO remittance	6120.00	
Total	\$10170.46	
Bank balance September 12, 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

October Luncheon

OCTOBER 17, 2023, at TAM HEATHER

IMPORTANT: Cheque for \$39.00 **must reach** the RWTO mailbox no later than October 9 BECAUSE Monday is Thanksgiving Day and there will be no mail. Numbers must be submitted to the chef on Monday.

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