



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
January 2024

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



"In the New Year, never forget to thank your past years because they enabled you to reach today! Without the stairs of the past, you cannot arrive at the future!" Mehmet Murat ildan

This year we celebrate the 54th year of the Branch. There have been thirty-five presidents. We celebrate their leadership and continued support for the Branch—Janette McClure, Marie Harvey, Eleanor Rudner, Lamoine Mustard, Beverley Williamson, Joan Watson, Adrienne Johnson, Judy-Anne Tumber, Marilyn Hodge, Cathie MacGillivray, Linda Jarvis and Carol Nelson. The Cora Bailey award has been presented to forty-nine members since its inception in 2007. These are only a few of the leaders in our Branch. Their leadership has been the backbone of the Branch.

What will 2024 bring? We will continue to bring interesting programs to the members. The Program Committee has this year planned. There is a trip planned for February. We will continue to meet at Tam Heather and enjoy the delicious lunches that are prepared for us.

We have had seven members join this year, but we also remember those who have passed away this year—Shirley MacDonald, Helen Nighswander and Martha Massey. Gwen Darch celebrated her 100th birthday in December.

The Branch continues to be busy and continues to support Juliette's Place to assist with their programs. So, my personal thanks to everyone for their support and wishing everyone health and happiness.

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024

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, 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 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 Thinking of You card went to Isabella Edgcumbe, who had surgery Dec. 20th.

A Sympathy card was sent to the family of Helen Nighswander c/o Reg Nighswander. RWTO made a donation to Knox United Church, Scarborough, in Helen's memory.

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



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.**

NB REMINDER TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

There will be an Executive meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at Tam Heather before the luncheon. Updates from the members will be shared.

NOTE the time: The meeting will start at 10am and will finish shortly after 11am, before members start to come in for lunch.

Any RWTO member is invited to this meeting.



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



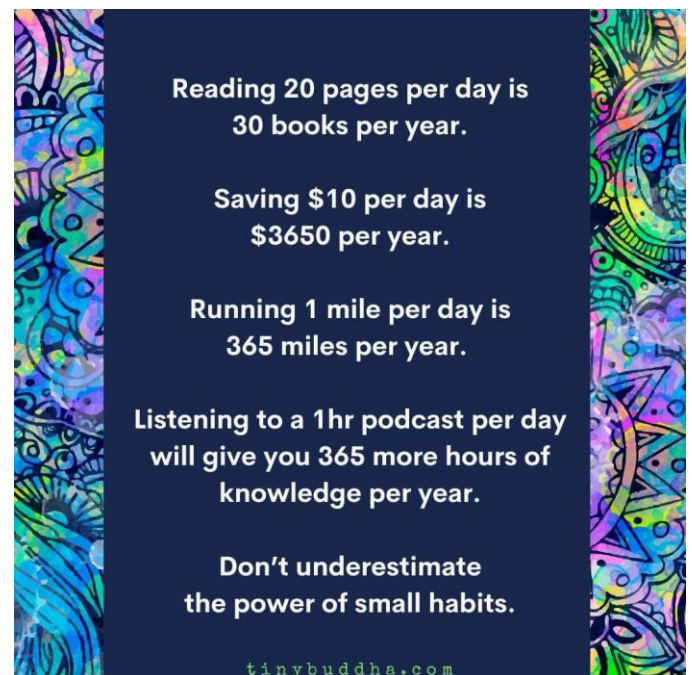
There will be a book sale at the January Luncheon.
Allison

OUTREACH



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

Thank you. Sheila Meyer Trudy Sutton
Outreach Committee



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 or 1880 Valley Farm Road Pickering. Please park around the perimeter of Foody's 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 the excursion by the Payment Due Date.
Mary Morton Tours Presents TICO #448872



Mardi Gras – Winery Tour

Cost: \$177

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:15a.m. Depart Foody's
or depart Pickering 8:45a.m.

Stop at the Big Apple

10:00a.m. Casa Des Estates and enjoy 3 wine tastings.

12 noon Lunch is included at Waring House

2:00p.m. Enjoy 3 wine tastings at Huff Estate Winery

3:15p.m. Enjoy 3 wine tastings at the Hinterland Wine Company

Cost includes all taxes and gratuities, and wine tastings.

Payment due: Friday January 23, 2024

6:30p.m. Approximate return time home.

Cheques due: Friday, January 23, 2024

Trip Coordinator: Carol Everitt -905-492-0232



GWEN DARCH celebrated her 100th birthday on December 12. She received flowers on behalf of the province and the card from the members was given to her. Gwen joined the Branch in 1983. She was responsible, during the years for Insurance, Program and was the Assistant Treasurer. She was presented with the Cora Bailey Award in 2015 acknowledging her service to the Branch. Gwen now becomes a Lifelong member of RWTO.

FROM THE PROVINCE.

Season's Greetings wishes from the Provincial Executive
Every member should have received the provincial newsletter-CONNECTIONS--either by email or snail mail. If you have not received this communication, please let me know. Carol

INSURANCE

Insurance information is available—contact Terry Kennedy if you need assistance (1-519-583-0098) She will help with claims or answer questions. Don't forget to keep all of your receipts—Terry often finds things that you may have missed. The Manulife policy number is 17777C.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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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

Our long-time member, **Eileen Brown** passed away on November 21

Helen Nighswander passed away on December 21

Ken MacKenzie—teacher, Special Education consultant and Principal at GB Little school, passed away in December

John Barker—teacher, Principal and Superintendent—passed away in December.

Betty Cascagnette – Educational Assistant, passed away in December.

PROGRAM

In January we will have Constable Christopher Mitchell, Crime Prevention Officer, helping us learn more about Fraud Prevention, an escalating problem affecting all of us.

Linda, Pam,

Program Committee



NIAGARA on the LAKE Trip



GIFTS FOR KIDS



On November 18, 2023, Carol and Brigitte enjoyed representing RWTO at the 42 Division Toy Drive kick off. On December 16, Angela Ogden, one of our new members, jumped into action as she assisted in delivering the gifts to various shelters. It was an exciting and fulfilling day. Thank you, Angela. Our appreciation is also extended to Pamela Parsons and Linda Morose for their consistent enthusiasm in volunteering to take the gifts to 42 Division and/or offering to help with deliveries to the shelters. Whether or not our members' services are used, it is rewarding to know that they are available.

On November 21, PC Alison Avery and Auxiliary Officer Fanny Lau were guests at our festive luncheon. They were pleased to accept the gifts which our RWTO members so generously contributed. Many thanks, Ladies!

Julliette's Place greatly appreciated RWTO's festive donation of \$1,385.00 The money certainly benefits the needs of the young families who reside at the shelter. Thank you to the members who contributed. Thank you also to Linda Jarvis, our Treasurer, for taking up the collection. Brigitte Bryan



FUNDRAISER

The theme for the January fundraiser is "Warm & Cozy."
Allison.

COMING IN FEBRUARY

For 2024 we have presentations planned for your health and safety. First, in January we have Chris Mitchell coming to speak about FRAUD Prevention-something very much in recent news.

In February we have your personal health in mind as "Didi" will lead us through some simple Chair Yoga Exercises for all levels of us.

*Please remember to dress in casual, comfortable clothes for this February activity.



You will need to get your casual on when doing simple stretches geared to helping us strengthen our bodies in a safe way with Diane (Didi) Duro and her CHAIR YOGA. We will use a chair for our upcoming practice to welcome

back your healthy movement, joint mobility and even strength, **regardless of your age and fitness level.**
Linda, Pam



Happy New Year Scarborough retired women educators! I bring you greetings from the Provincial Board of RWTO/OERO which is beginning to plan the virtual convention for June. You will all be invited to participate, from the comfort of your own computer, in many of the programs often only available to Delegates and others attending this Convention and Annual General Meeting.

Along with your many interest groups, it is wonderful to see that your branch is holding its monthly luncheons, organizing excursions and continuing to support the local charities who depend upon your goodwill.

Congratulations Scarborough Branch Executive and Members!

Caring and sharing,
Judy Anderson
Area 5 Director



Coming Soon ...
to a computer,
tablet or
smartphone
near you!



Virtual AGM Convention 2024
Tuesday June 4th & Wednesday June 5th
Opportunities for both Delegates and All Members will be included.
Watch for details in the March Connections!

RWTO Scarborough Memories





TREASURER'S REPORT LINDA JARVIS

Bank balance November 7, 2023.		\$5252.17
Income		
November luncheon	\$3818.00	
50/50	95.00	
Books	11.75	
Silent auction	56.00	
Christmas misc.	17.00	
Membership fees	80.00	
RWTO rebate	2268.00	
Julliette's Place	1385.00	
Total	\$7730.75	
		\$12982.92
Expenses		
November luncheon	\$3891.60	
Flowers	118.57	
Newsletter	24.86	
RWTO/OERO remittance	80.00	
Jullette's Place	1385.00	
Enchanted Flutes	350.00	
Total	\$5850.03	
Bank balance January 9, 2024.		\$7132.89

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

Cathie MacGillivray

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February Luncheon

The cheques for the February 20 luncheon have to arrive in the P.O. Box by Friday, February 9th. and therefore, should be mailed no later than January 29th. If you think your cheque might not arrive in time, call or email Chris Elliot to be sure a lunch will be ordered for you.

Thanks, Chris Elliot

Chris.elliott99@hotmail.com

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