



# After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter  
April 2024

*Caring and Sharing*

*Carol Nelson - President*



"Fashion is very important. It is life enhancing and like everything else that gives pleasure—it is worth doing well" (V. Westwood)

There have been timeless classics. There have been hairstyles that have changed over the years—rollers, perms, hairspray, gel. Shoes have changed—platforms, ballet flats, stilettos, running shoes, clogs, loafers, saddle shoes, clogs, desert boots. Our fashion shows have kept up with some of these fashions.

Fashion shows have been an important yearly feature for the Branch. There are photos of 'Hats on Parade" in 1993. Members dressed up in poodle skirts and related timely items in 2006 when Elvis was in the building. Peach Tree, Peppertree and Sears have provided the fashions for some of the fashion shows. 2011 was the fashion show of the century which took members through 40 years of fashions that we wore to work and some bridal fashions. .

Today, Lady Sophisticate comes back with the new spring fashions. Our own models, over the years have included: Irene, Chris, Linda, Jeanne, Nan, Helen, Beatrice, Marg, Pam, Lynne, Carol, Louise, Lynne and Marianne We will remember Linda and Marilyn at the end of the 2011 show. No matter what we have worn, the fashion shows always give us a lift and we know that Spring is coming. Catherine Hepburn said it best "To pull off any look—wear it with confidence".

## Don't Forget!

**Allergy Alerts to Carol Nelson**  
[nelson.carol@gmail.com](mailto:nelson.carol@gmail.com)  
**Tam Heather Curling Club**  
**730 Military Trail,**  
**Scarborough, ON**  
**M1E 4P7**  
**Luncheon Cost**  
**\$43.00**

Tuesday, April 16, 2024  
Fashion Show by Lady  
Sophisticate  
Pop Up Shop  
**EXECUTIVE MEETING 10 a.m.**

Tuesday, May 21, 2024,  
Avril D'Souza - Nutrition  
"Healthy Living, Healthy Eating"



**PROGRAM  
VOLUNTEERS**

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



**Canadian  
Cancer  
Society**

## 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](mailto:linjar47@gmail.com)  
or Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan at [bbryan@look.ca](mailto:bbryan@look.ca)



Update your contact info!

## COMMUNICATION

If your e-mail or phone number changes, please contact: [ed.cole@sympatico.ca](mailto:ed.cole@sympatico.ca)

Connie Cole- Communications Chair 2023-2024

## GOODWILL

A card was sent to Pat Roy, waiting to find out if she'll be having heart surgery. A card was also sent to Sandra Sufrin, who broke her wrist in a fall.

Peggy Irwin

[dragonfly67.mi@gmail.com](mailto:dragonfly67.mi@gmail.com)

647-575-9541



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.**

## BOOKS

There will NOT be a book sale at the April Luncheon.

Allison



## 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

## WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DAFFODILS AT THE CANCER SOCIETY



As the daffodil is the first flower to grow in spring, it has been a symbol of hope for years. Cancer societies and charities first began using the flower in the 1950s, and many other organizations followed suit. Seventy years later, they're still around.

Nowadays, it is celebrated all over the world, but Daffodil Day initially started in Canada. The event was organized by the Canadian Cancer Society in 1957, and it was soon adopted by other countries. In the 1970s, the American Cancer Society launched their own Daffodil Day campaign. Australia joined in on the Daffodil Day celebrations in 1986, swiftly followed by Ireland in 1988. There are many more countries around the world that celebrate Daffodil Day. Often the celebrations are scheduled so that they happen at the same time as the first bloom of the daffodils in each country.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT - DAFFODILS MAY KILL CANCER!

Research published in 2018 reports that a natural extract from daffodils has cancer-killing properties.

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/321069>



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LADIES CELEBRATING 80 YEARS AND UP!

“You know you are getting older when the candles cost more than the cake.” Bob Hope

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their age.” Eleanor Roosevelt

Dale Bartlett, Claire Boyes, Ruth Brackley, Barb Brunsdon, Pat Campbell, Olive Cheron, Jeannie Cholakis, Raidee Corrie, Carol Currie, Pat Devlin, Roberta Dornan, Linda Drecun, Irene Duncan, Chris Elliot, Isabel Hirlehey, Gloria Hutchison, Irene Hyatt, Carmelle Jean, Joan Kehoe, Kathie Krashinski,

Louise Lazure, Sandra Leesti, Pat Lever, Ellen Lowcock, Judith Lowther, Irene Manahan, Mary Matar, Kathleen Matsushita, Ann McClymont, Alice McDonald, Elizabeth McGowan, Eva McPhail, Eileen Murphy, Diane Nevard, Betty Pump, Agnes Rix, Pat Rule, Helen Sharpe, Louise Sloan, Caroline Small, Michele Trantau, Susan Urie, Joyce Van Bochove, Helen Viktora, Joan Watson, Carol Watterson, Rose Marie Zupan.

## 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](mailto: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



## OUTREACH

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

at the April luncheon.

We would also like to remind the membership that we will continue to collect monetary donations to purchase much-needed baby products for Juliette's Place.

Thank you. Sheila Meyer Trudy Sutton  
Outreach Committee

## CARING AND SHARING

### (MINI-PROJECT FOR MOTHER'S DAY)

Let's give the moms at Juliette's Place a special treat for Mother's Day.

Please bring new/unopened cosmetics/skin care products to our April Lunch for Juliette's Place "Moms". There has been a very kind donation of 10 'skin care' packages from the Stouffville Shoppers Drug Mart for this.

Linda Brent

## LADY SOPHISTICATE FASHION SHOW

The models have been busy getting their outfits tried on and ready for your viewing pleasure. What exciting new fashions there are! Every day new items have recently been arriving. The 'Pop Up Store' will allow you the opportunity to check out and purchase items after the show.

Credit cards and cash are best if you wish to make purchases. Lady Sophisticate has the latest styles, sizes, and colours to suit everyone."



CELEBRATING OUR NEW MEMBER



OUR CHEF AT TAM HEATHER

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# RWTO 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

## Winery Tour \$157

### Wednesday, May 29, 2024

9 a.m. Depart Foody's or depart Pickering 9:30 a.m.  
Stop at the Big Apple, apple pies baked on site. Enjoy the Warkworth Lilac Festival with rare and unique varieties of Lilacs.  
12:30 Lunch at the Waring House with an entrée of Chicken  
2:30p.m. Enjoy 3 wine tastings at Huff Estate Winery  
3:30p.m. Spend time at Casa Dea Estates Winery and 3 wine tastings.

**Payment due: Wednesday May 15, 2024**

6:30p.m. Approximate return time home.  
Trip Coordinator: Carol Everitt (905)-492-0232

## Grand River Cruise \$159.00

### Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Pick up in Pickering 8:30 a.m. Pick up at Foody, 9a.m.  
11:00a.m. Arrive at Grand River Cruises and enjoy complimentary coffee and muffins.  
11:30 a.m. Be entertained by "The Blazing Fiddles"  
12:00 p.m. Embark on your lunch cruise, including a snack and dip upon boarding, fresh baked bread and a salad. After the cruise there will be time to browse in the gift shop.  
6:30 p.m. Approximate time home.

**Payment due: Wednesday June 12, 2024**

Coordinator; Carol Everitt (905)492-0232

## Full Monty \$159

### Tuesday July 23, 2024

8:30 a.m. Depart from Foody's (in the Kennedy Common Plaza) – 15 William Kitchen Dr, Scarborough  
9:00 a.m. Depart from 1880 Valley Farm Rd, Pickering  
Spend time browsing in Cobourg.  
11:30 a.m. Lunch is included at the Best Western Cobourg. Enjoy delicious Ribs and Chicken, Bread Pudding, and Tea and Coffee.  
2:00 p.m. It's showtime at the Capitol Theatre Port Hope for The Full Monty.  
6:30 p.m. Approximate return time home  
Payment due:  
Coordinator; Carol Everitt (905)492-0232

## Something Rotten \$210

### Thursday, October 17, 2024

8:30 a.m. Depart from 1880 Valley Farm Rd, Pickering  
9:00 a.m. Depart from Foody's (in the Kennedy Commons Plaza) – 15 William Kitchen Dr, Scarborough  
11:30 a.m. Lunch is included at the Stratford Country Club with roasted chicken breast or pan seared salmon.  
2:00 p.m. It's showtime at the Stratford Festival Theatre for Something Rotten  
7:30 p.m. Approximate return time home  
Payment due:  
Coordinator; Carol Everitt (905)492-0232



"While spying on their wives at "Girls' Night Out," a group of unemployed steelworkers from Buffalo come up with a bold (and unclothed) way to make some quick cash. In preparing for the show, they find themselves extremely exposed, both physically and emotionally. As they conquer their fears, self-consciousness, and prejudices, then men come to discover that they're stronger as a group, and the strength that they find in each other gives them the individual courage to let it all go. Based on the cult hit film, The Full Monty is filled with razor-sharp humour, toe-tapping pizzazz, and the most highly anticipated closing number of any show."



"The Bottom brothers, two struggling playwrights in Renaissance London, need a hit. That's easier said than done when your chief competition is William Shakespeare. The Bottom brothers' plan: write the world's first musical! This is a rollicking song-and-dance extravaganza that sends up the Bard and Broadway and everything in between."



**Pauline Grodin - Storyteller**

## FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

### URGENT!

We need two members to join the Executive to plan the program for next year. Linda Brent will help you get started and she will show you what to do. This is an important job but not a big undertaking when you have two people.

Please let Linda Jarvis know if you are willing to take on this job.

Linda linjar47@gmail.com

### INSURANCE TIDBITS from the Province

- the insurance costs less than 50 cents/day
- . hairline fracture pays \$125 regardless of the limb.
- cataract coverage of \$100 can be used for lenses, meds, tests, prescriptions.
- RWTO insurance has no age limit as long as the member lives independently and does not require any nursing care. Carol;



**CONNECTIONS** is the provincial newsletter that is sent to each member BUT is of utmost importance that members keep up-to-date email addresses and mailing addresses.

Let Connie know if there are changes and they will be passed on to the provincial person. Carol

## Walmart

I was thrown out of the break room of my Walmart yesterday.

They asked me what I was doing there.

I told them I was on a break.

They said you don't work here.

I said I'd just finished using the self checkout so clearly I do.

## MEMBERSHIP

Soon it is time for us to renew our membership for 2024-25. The RWTO Province has raised the annual fee to **\$50.00**. You may renew your membership at the luncheons on April 16 or May 21. Please complete the form and bring this with your **postdated** cheque for \$50.00. If you have any questions, you may contact Brigitte at 416-496-9590 or [bbryan@look.ca](mailto:bbryan@look.ca)

The Membership form is included with the April newsletter.

## COMING IN MAY

In continuing with our health and well-being topics this year we have planned for Avril D'Souza as she talks about providing good nutrition for Seniors. Avril is a Nutrition Manager for Cummer Lodge Senior Services and Long-Term Care in the City of Toronto.  
Linda Brent - Program

a scammer called my grandma  
and said he had all her  
passwords

she got a pen and paper and said  
'thank god for that, what are  
they'



## FROM THE PROVINCE

At last year's convention, a resolution was passed that would see annual membership fee increase from \$40 to \$50 for the coming year.

Scarborough has not increased its provincial fee for many years. The Province does give money back to the Branch to support programs and we have been a recipient of those grants. The 2024-2025 membership form will show the increase. We thank you, in advance, for your understanding and your continued support to the executive as they continue to provide programs for the members.

Carol Nelson

## AREA 5 DIRECTOR

Except for the blizzard today I would say Welcome Spring. Congratulations to your Cora Bailey Award winners and to all of you who volunteer for the Scarborough Branch of RWTO/OERO. You make attending monthly luncheons a time of laughter among friends. Your charitable projects are based on your caring for others in difficult circumstances. Please consider this small step of joining a branch committee to help plan activities for your Scarborough members.

At the Provincial level there is a need for women to step up to the challenge of leadership on the Executive and to represent RWTO/OERO at The ETFO Annual Meeting in August. Getting involved makes good things happen in your Scarborough Branch.

Judy Anderson

Area 5 Director

RWTO/OERO

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*Please join us for the*  
**John A. Leslie P.S.  
100 Year Anniversary**



**SATURDAY, MAY 11TH, 2024  
1:00-4:00PM**

*All are welcome!*

TOUR THE SCHOOL | RECONNECT WITH FRIENDS | ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS |  
MUSICAL PERFORMANCES | DEMONSTRATIONS | SPEECHES | FOOD

**FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:**

[johnaleslie100year.my.canva.site/home](http://johnaleslie100year.my.canva.site/home)

**Have questions? Email:** [johnaleslie100year@gmail.com](mailto:johnaleslie100year@gmail.com)



**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!**

**Hosted by your Provincial Board of Directors**

## APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

LINDA JARVIS

Bank balance March 11, 2024.		\$6953.82
<b>Income</b>		
March luncheon	3264.00	
50/50	112.00	
Silent auction	30.00	
Books	28.00	
Total	\$3434.00	
<b>Expenses</b>		\$10387.82
March luncheon	\$3073.20	
Flowers	67.74	
Newsletter	21.66	
Speaker – Tea	357.32	
Treasurer – stamps	83.17	
NSF lunch cheques	215.00	
Total	\$3818.09	
Bank balance April 11, 2024		\$6569.73

### 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 OA1

#### **May 21st Luncheon**

The cheques for the May lunch should arrive at the P.O. Box by May 10th. To be sure that they arrive on time, please have them in the mail by May 3rd. If you think your cheque may not arrive in time, please phone or e-mail Chris to let her know it is on its way!

Thanks, Chris Elliot  
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**From the Editor**

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