



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
March 2024

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



AN IRISH BLESSING: MAY YOUR POCKETS BE HEAVY AND YOUR HEART BE LIGHT. MAY GOOD LUCK PURSUE YOU EACH DAY AND NIGHT

We are halfway through our year and have had some interesting presentations. We are still dealing with a few glitches with Tam Heather, but they have been so cooperative. They are always willing to make changes to make our lunch pleasant and fun.

We are still looking for people to assist with program for 2024-2025. This could be one person with an idea or two or three people who can work together. This is what the coming year: could look like.
September—Meet and Greet +Toonie Tuesday. (Carol)
October—Craft Show—someone to gather the fee and just look after the vendors and work with TH to set up the tables.
November—Christmas Celebration—a Carol Sing—I know that there are many of our members who can help out.
January—a speaker/presentation
February—a speaker/presentation
March—a speaker presentation
April—A fashion show—this would be good to have 2 or 3 members work together for this. There have been suggestions for this.
May—Plant Sale, a speaker regarding gardening?

You can see that it does not need to be just one person looking after the entire year. If you have any ideas, please share them with us. If no one offers some suggestions and/or assistance—think about what happens! There is a lot of support for anyone who is willing to help.

It looks like we have had Spring and hope that this great weather continues—I think I had to wear winner boots once! Enjoy the lunch and the tea traditions.

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, March 19, 2024
Tea, Legends and Traditions - Pauline Grandin - Storyteller

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
Fashion Show by Lady Sophisticate

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

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



PHONERS & PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

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 Janette McClure, who has been receiving care at home for some health issues. She was awaiting a short-term stay at a retirement home (for a couple of weeks) for respite care.

Peggy Irwin

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 be a book sale at the March Luncheon. Paperbacks would be appreciated. Allison

OUTREACH



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

Thank you. Sheila Meyer Trudy Sutton
Outreach 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

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tkennedy34@bell.net

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

COMING IN APRIL

Lady Sophisticate, Fashions with Flair



We will be showcasing the fashions from Lady Sophisticate at the April Luncheon. They offer an eclectic mix of fashions ranging from sportswear to smart dressing in sizes 4-16, with larger sizes available. A pop-up shop, featuring tops, handbags, jewelry and scarves, will be open after

the show, with Mastercard, Visa and American Express accepted.

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

Mennonite Countryside Tour **\$129.00** **Saturday, April 6, 2024**

8:30 a.m. Depart Pickering, or 9:00a.m. at Foody.
10:30 a.m. Spend time at St. Jacobs Market
12:00p.m. Lunch at the River Song Restaurant
After lunch enjoy a countryside tour, with a local step-on guide. Tour area where Mennonites live, with a stop at the Mennonite General Store, followed by a visit to West Montrose to see Canada's last remaining covered bridges, still in use and known as the "Kissing Bridge".

Payment due: Friday March 22, 2024

Coordinator: Carol Everitt (905)492-0232

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, offering a serene country setting and 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 enjoy 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.

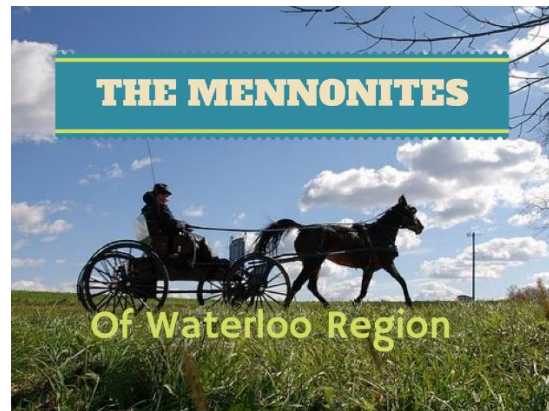
11:30 a.m. Be entertained by "The Blazing Fiddles" during their live Music show.

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, where bread, apple pies and other baked good are available.

6:30 p.m. Approximate time home.

Payment due: Wednesday June 12, 2024

Coordinator; Carol Everitt (905)492-0232



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



Help Support the
John A. Leslie P.S.
100 Year Anniversary

Did you know our 100 Year Anniversary Event is funded solely by Donations?

We need your support to help make this event a success! No donation is too small! Gold, Silver & Bronze Sponsorship Opportunities are also available!

FOR DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN DONATE OR SPONSOR THE EVENT, VISIT
johnaleslie100year.my.canva.site/home

Have questions? Email: johnaleslie100year@gmail.com

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SUPPLY PHONERS NEEDED!

Are you able to make a couple of phone calls a month to three or four of our members who do not have email availability?

The Communication Team would appreciate having two or three back up phoners available if one of our long serving volunteers is unavailable due to personal reasons. It is extremely important to us that each and every member be informed in a timely manner of RWTO Scarborough events and news, and while you get your notification through email, there are a number of our members who do not have access to email and are notified of luncheons etc through phone calls. Please email Connie Cole to indicate your willingness to participate. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Connie Cole ed.cole@sympatico.ca

THINKING OF...

LEILA MAE LEIGHTON passed away in February.

She was the wife of Al Leighton (deceased in January) and mother of Marilyn Leighton. Leila was a long-time member of the Scarborough Teachers' Choir and was known for her great apple pie.

Carol

MODEL NEEDED



I need one more model for the fashion Show in April. No previous experience is required. If you are interested in participating, please let Linda Brent know at:

lindabrent63@gmail.com

FUNDRAISER

In keeping with our guest speaker for March, the theme will be "Tea Traditions" — marmalade, jams, preserves, loose-leaf teas, cups and saucers etc.

Allison

Tea, Legends and Traditions Pauline Grondin – Storyteller



Pauline Grondin is “multiheretorial”, a professional storyteller, heritage performer, historical interpreter, 1812 reenactor and musician who

has been telling stories and making music all her life to listeners from the age of 2 to 102.

Victorian Tea

“Afternoon tea provided the simple function of ladies getting together to give and receive mutual support and to enjoy the warmth of friendship.

One would keep up with the happenings in the community, share news and yes, even gossip...”

When the men joined the tea it was referred to as a Kettledrum Tea...There was a great deal of noise and less to eat.” Invite Pauline to tea and she will tell you more about the beginnings and customs of tea and the etiquette required when you host and attend Afternoon Tea and the “Five O’clock Function” in the colonies.



Chair Yoga



Silent Auction

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

MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT LINDA JARVIS

Bank balance February 10, 2024		\$7066.13
February luncheon	3014.00	
50/50	92.00	
Books	15.50	
Silent auction	80.00	
Total		\$3201.50
Expenses		\$10267.63
February luncheon	\$3063.08	
Flowers	101.53	
Newsletter	19.20	
Speaker (yoga)	130.00	
Total	\$3313.81	
Bank balance March 11, 2024		\$6953.82

Luncheon Cost - \$43

Cheques are made payable to
"RWTO Scarborough"

Cheques are mailed to:

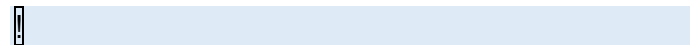
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From the Editor

Cathie MacGillivray

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April Luncheon

The cheques for the April luncheon need to arrive in the P.O. Box by Friday, April 5th.

Cheques should be mailed by April 1st. to be sure of arriving on time. 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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