



# After the Bell

in Scarborough

Retired Women Teachers of Ontario  
Organisation des Enseignantes Retraitées de L'Ontario

Newsletter  
September 2025

*Caring and Sharing*

*Cathie MacGillivray- President*



Welcome back for another year with RWTO Scarborough. We are very pleased to be returning to Qssis and thrilled to maintain our luncheon cost of \$46. Thank you to Mark and his staff for welcoming us back. We appreciate all you do to ensure all of us enjoy our time together. We will be celebrating RWTO's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year beginning with an activity on each of your tables. Please take a moment to record your thoughts for "How has RWTO/DERO impacted my life." Be sure to add your name.

## Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Linda Jarvis  
[linjar47@gmail.com](mailto:linjar47@gmail.com)

**Qssis Banquet Hall**  
**3474 Kingston Rd,**  
**Scarborough, ON**  
**M1M 1R5**

September 16, 2025  
Luncheon 11:45a.m.  
Elaine Charal

Cruises and Cranberries Trip  
Saturday, October 4, 2025  
Cruises and Cranberries

October 21, 2024,  
Luncheon 11:45a.m.  
Art & Craft Sale

November 18, 2025  
Luncheon 11:45a.m.  
Gifts for Kids

January 20, 2026  
Luncheon 11:45a.m.  
Lianne Harris

February 17, 2026  
Luncheon 11:45a.m.  
Amy Barron

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



## GOODWILL

Unfortunately, over the summer, our member, Marion Penrose lost her daughter, Lynda. On behalf of RWTO, a sympathy card was sent to Marion and a donation to Julliette's Place was made in memory of Lynda.

While the summer is usually a time that we look forward to, a time to go out and socialize, for some of our members it's been a difficult time. Some have had planned surgeries that they have worked hard to recover from. Many others have had bad falls. This is a time in our lives that we really need to be extra careful. On behalf of RWTO, Thinking of You cards have been sent to..... Shiela Spanos, Cathie MacGillivray, Allison Chase, Shelley Goodman, Roberta Dornan, Pat Devlin and Helen Frenette

Lorraine West-Maidens -Goodwill Convenor

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**BEREAVEMENT NOTICE:** Recently, the Executive was made aware of the passing of our member, Patricia Wright, several months ago. Her friends miss her greatly and remember her fondly as an avid naturalist, theatre goer, and music lover. She also had many other interests, all of which she pursued actively right up to and past her 91st birthday. In accordance with Patricia's wishes, there was no public service or interment. We regret that we did not inform the general membership earlier of this sad news.



## SHARE THE WEALTH

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

## 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)



## COMMUNICATION

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

Connie Cole- Communications Chair 2025-2026



Get ready for another amazing RWTO Arts and Crafts Show & Sale at our October Luncheon, celebrating the talents of our members. Vendors are asked to contact Pam Parsons at [pamparsons@rogers.com](mailto:pamparsons@rogers.com) by September 16, 2025. The cost of a table is \$5. It is very important that all vendors book a table by the September 16th Luncheon, as we make arrangements for table setup, with Qssis, well in advance. We are unable to accommodate new vendors on the day of the sale. Thank You, Pam

## ELAINE CHARAL

Come prepared to laugh and learn during Elaine's "Power of the Pen" while you discover how to communicate even more effectively with family and friends through knowing what the strokes of handwriting mean. Everyone will learn about their strengths as reflected in the 'paper mirror' of their handwriting. Elaine will be e-mailing Handwriting Profiles to the Participants who fill out the Handwriting Form!

**RWTO/OERO welcomes Retired Women Educational Professionals:**

- ~ Audiologists
- ~ Child & Youth Workers/Counsellors
- ~ Early Childhood Educators
- ~ Educational Assistants
- ~ Office Support Staff
- ~ Psychologists
- ~ Social Workers
- ~ Speech & Language Pathologists
- ~ Teachers

Please share with your friends!

## ALLERGIES & FOOD 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 Linda Jarvis 416-293-8689 or email [linjar@gmail.com](mailto:linjar@gmail.com) to let her know about these allergies or restrictions. She will confirm the change with you once you have advised her. If there are no changes from last year, you will not have to contact Linda. This will be done automatically. Please keep Linda informed if there are changes during the year. We want to ensure that you are safe to enjoy your meal. Linda Jarvis

## A WORD ON RETIREMENT

To every teacher walking out of the classroom for the final time, In the coming days, many of you will lock the classroom door one final time, not just for the summer, but for good. Some of you are retiring after decades of shaping lives. Others are stepping into a new season of chasing dreams, healing from burnout, caring for family, or answering a different call.

Wherever you're headed, we just want to say thank you. Sincerely, thank you.

Thank you for the early mornings, the late nights, the personal sacrifices. Thank you for believing in students who didn't believe in themselves yet. For being a safe place. For teaching far more than what was in the curriculum, like resilience, respect, empathy, grace, and effort.

You were more than an educator. You were a mentor, a coach, a counselor, a cheerleader, parent, friend, and sometimes even a lifeline. Your fingerprints are all over the future in ways you'll never fully see.

So as you walk out of the building one last time, know this...

You made a difference.

You mattered.

And you always will.

Here's to your next chapter with deep gratitude and all our best.

Travis Akers

I am a history teacher at Atlantic Coast High School and retired Intelligence Officer at US Department of Defense.

## DURHAM MASTER GARDENERS



Our ticket sellers: Beatrice for 50/50 & Lynda for our Flowers Pot draw in May.



Winner of our Spring Plant Pot.



Donna also won a Spring Planter Pot.

All buses will depart PROMPTLY from 1880 Valley Farm Rd, Pickering and 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

# TRAVEL

## **Cruises and Cranberries Cost \$194**

**Saturday, October 4, 2025**

8:00 a.m. Depart from 1880 Valley Farm Rd, Pickering  
8:30 a.m. Depart from Foody's (in the Kennedy Commons Plaza)  
11:30 a.m. Enjoy a luncheon cruise onboard the Wenonah II.  
3:00 p.m. Spend time at Johnston's Cranberry Marsh  
Enjoy 6 wine tastings at their Muskoka Lakes Winery,  
7:15 p.m. Approximate return time home

**Payment due: Friday September 18, 2025**

Trip Convenor – Carol Everitt - 647-294-2988  
[carol.a.everitt@gmail.com](mailto:carol.a.everitt@gmail.com)



The Wenonah II, a modern interpretation of a traditional steamship, is named in honour of Wenonah II, the first steamship to sail Lake Muskoka. Accommodating up to 216 passengers, Wenonah II combines turn-of-the-century charm with modern conveniences including air-conditioning and an on-board elevator. Passengers can enjoy three dining rooms and three decks offering the ultimate lakeview experience.

## **Christmas Cheerlight Charter Cost \$197**

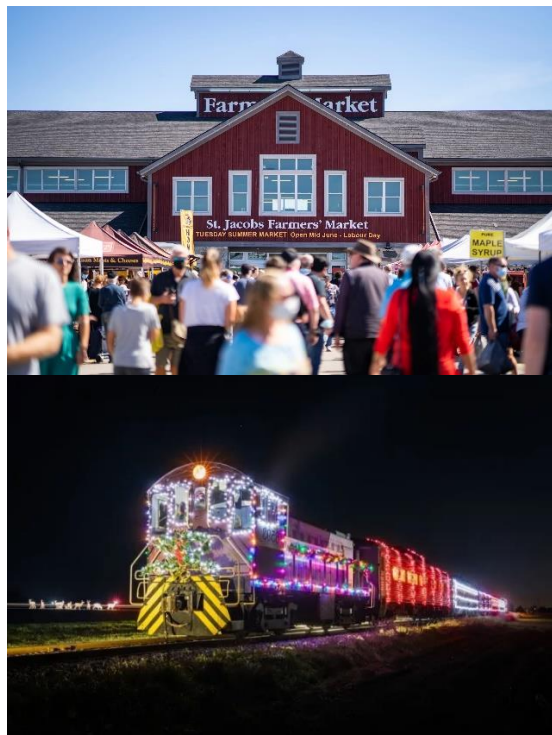
**Thursday, December 4, 2025**

9:30a.m. Depart 1880 Valley Farm Rd, Pickering  
10:00a.m. Depart from Foody's (in the Kennedy Commons Plaza)  
11:30 a.m. Spend time browsing at Picard's Peanuts  
12:00 p.m. Spend time at the St Jacobs Farmer's Market **OR** Spend time browsing in the Village of St Jacobs.  
2:30 p.m. Enjoy a late lunch at the Golf Steak House and you may make your Entrée choice there  
5:30 p.m. As the sun sets and the lights of the season begin to glow, it's time for Christmas Spirit Training! Head to the Waterloo Central Railway and climb aboard the Christmas Cheerlight Charter, a spirited evening adventure where guests of all ages help restore the magic of the holidays by completing joyful challenges and collecting stamps in the Merry Mission Passport. This immersive journey includes a visit from Santa, festive music, and a special memento to commemorate your holiday mission. It's a heartwarming ride filled with laughter, connection, and just the right amount of North Pole Magic.

8:30p.m. Approximate return time.

**Payment due: Monday, November 3, 2025**

Trip Convenor – Carol Everitt - 647-294-2988  
[carol.a.everitt@gmail.com](mailto:carol.a.everitt@gmail.com)



The Provincial Board is planning to publish anniversary information in our December **Connections** issue. Branch involvement is very important. The centre pages will be devoted to RWTO/OERO Branch members' responses to this question: **"How has RWTO/OERO impacted your life?"**

Answers should be brief – only one or two sentences. She must include her name.



## OUTREACH

There **will** be our regular collection of **new, unopened** toiletries as well as 3-4-month-old magazines at the September Luncheon.

Thank you, Sheila & Trudy

## BABY PRODUCTS FOR THE SHELTER

Thank you to all those members who made monetary donations for the purchase of baby products for the families at Julliette's Place women's shelter. With your generous donations we collected \$250 to spend on some of the items that we were told were most needed including diapers, diaper cream, teethingers, baby cereal, rusks and food pouches as well as toddler pajamas and slippers.



### Julliette's Place JULIETTES PLACE

Thank you 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!

Simone Cornelissen

Julliette's Place

Manager – Community Outreach & Development

## CELL PHONE DONATIONS



There will **NOT** be a collection of cell Phones at the September Luncheon. Collections will continue in October.  
Beatrice Kelly

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Cathie 647-299-5800 [cathiemacgillivray@hotmail.com](mailto:cathiemacgillivray@hotmail.com)

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Waterloo, Ontario N2J 4B8

[tkennedy34@bell.net](mailto:tkennedy34@bell.net)

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



Shirley and friends enjoying the luncheon.

## GREETERS

Are you the kind of person who says Hello to everyone? We are looking for people like you to casually stand at the entrance of Qssis to welcome our members to the luncheon.

Let Cathie MacGillivray know at the luncheon.  
[cathiemacgillivray@hotmail.com](mailto:cathiemacgillivray@hotmail.com)

## Program

September 16 – Elaine Charal “Power of the Pen”

October 21 – Art & Craft Sale

November 18-

January 20 – Lianne Harris

February 17- Amy Barron

March 17- Angie Littlefield “Walking with Oma”

April 21- TBA

May 19- TBA

**BOOKS** There will be a Book Sale. You are invited to donate up to 5 books (paperbacks only, please).  
Allison & Pam

## FUNDRAISING

There will not be a Silent Auction this month. Instead, we will have a **Caring and Sharing Table**. You'll be able to share a jar, a bottle or a package of something — jams, jellies, candies, home-baked goodies etc. Everything will cost \$2.00. So, raid those piggy banks and bring your loonies and toonies.

Allison and Pam

# RWTO'S TRAVELS



Carol



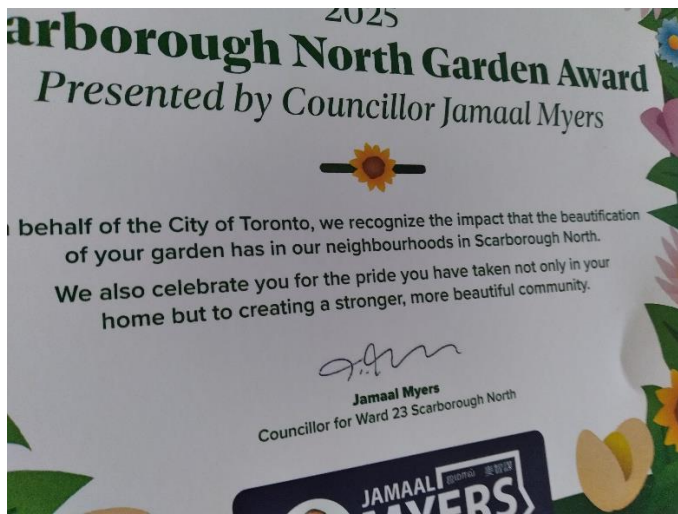
## RAPTORS & LAVENDER



## DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS



## ANYTHING GOES



Linda Jarvis, our award-winning- gardener and treasurer, did it again this year. The Councillor for Ward 23 Scarborough North presented the award to her for the gardens Linda planted for this season.

Congratulations Linda

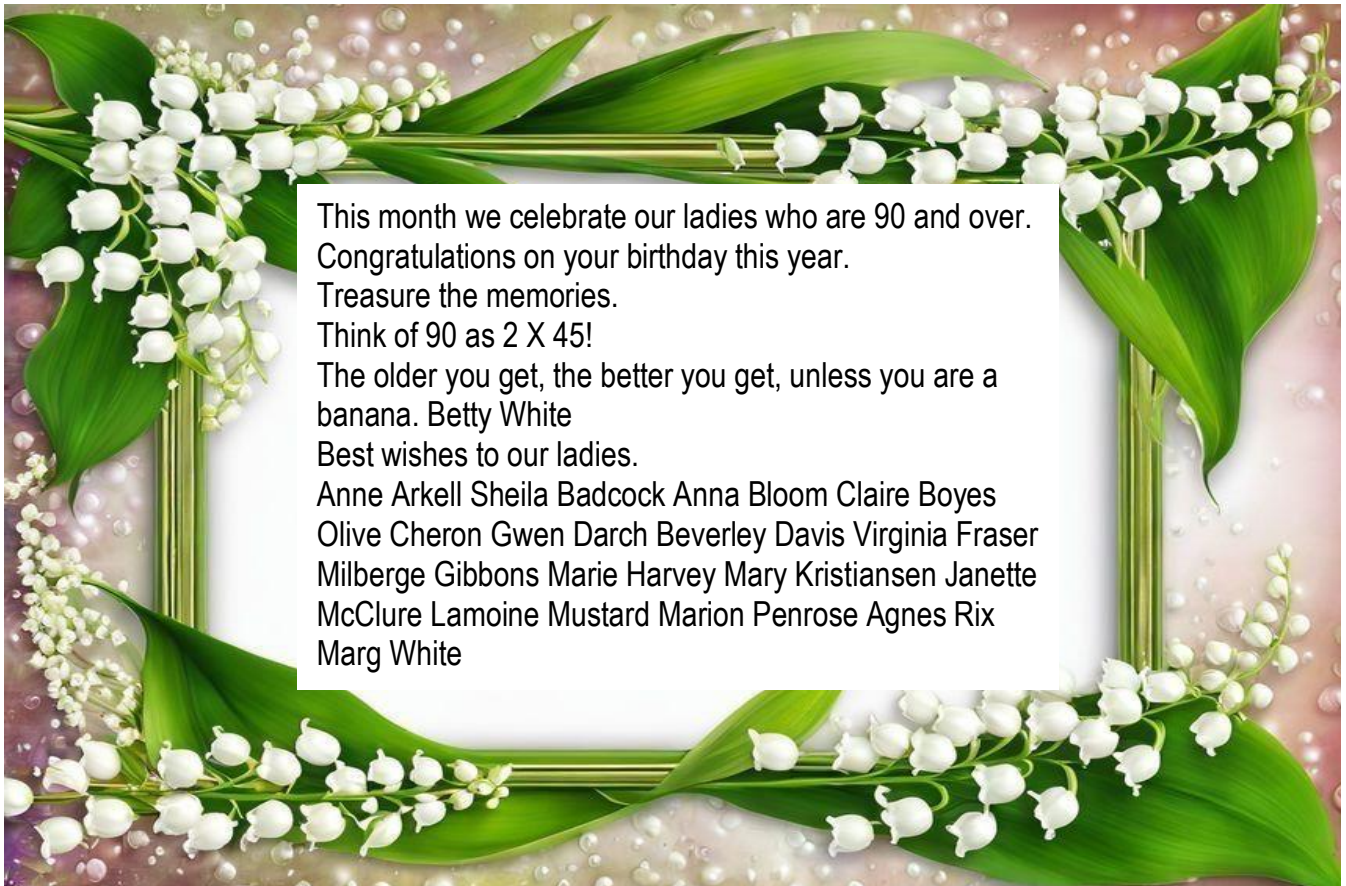
## FROM THE TREASURER

Ladies. Please date your cheques with the proper date. Right now, I have membership cheques dated August 31, September 23, September 31. All cheques are due to the Provincial Office by August 31. For every membership cheque I get after August 31, I have to send them in as soon as I get them. This is costing us a stamp and a cheque. Money we don't need to spend.

If you don't know the date of the next luncheon, date your cheque for the first of the month. I don't deposit them until the day after the luncheon.

If there has been a problem with a cheque, I will send three emails before I start phoning. Please respond to my emails. This is very time consuming.

Thanks. Linda



This month we celebrate our ladies who are 90 and over.  
 Congratulations on your birthday this year.  
 Treasure the memories.  
 Think of 90 as 2 X 45!  
 The older you get, the better you get, unless you are a banana. Betty White  
 Best wishes to our ladies.  
 Anne Arkell Sheila Badcock Anna Bloom Claire Boyes  
 Olive Cheron Gwen Darch Beverley Davis Virginia Fraser  
 Milberge Gibbons Marie Harvey Mary Kristiansen Janette  
 McClure Lamoine Mustard Marion Penrose Agnes Rix  
 Marg White

# Cora Bailey Awards 2025 RWTO Scarborough Branch



Pam Parsons

Pam retired in 2013 from Poplar Road, after 28 years teaching grades 1,2 and 3 as well as directing the Primary Choir. After joining RWTO Scarborough, Pam jumped in right away whenever help was needed.

Pam began looking after our special Over 80s luncheons. When the pandemic hit, the treasurer started sending out "Congratulation Letters" to those over 80 and 90. Pam was there to help address, stuff, and stamp the envelopes. She also helped audit the books for the Provincial yearend financial statement.

Pam and a partner organized a wonderful fashion show, with our member ladies modeling. She also volunteered to help with Program, for a period of time, when one of our members was ill. Pam is also happy to welcome and announce introductions for our guest speakers at our luncheons. She is a valued member of our Branch.



Congratulations to Pam Parsons. Thank you for all you do for RWTO Scarborough.

## Treasurer's Report – September – Linda Jarvis

Bank balance May 10, 2025 \$5227.15

### Income

May luncheon	\$3266.00
Share the wealth	91.00
Books	5.00
Silent auction	41.00
Share the wealth	69.00
Membership fees	7450.00
Error	1050.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11972.00</b>

\$17199.15

### Expenses

May luncheon	\$3196.77
Donna Husband - flowers	79.10
Cathie - newsletter	24.41
Convention gift	57.04
Post box	236.17
Julliette's Place – sports' equipment	350.00
Durham Gardeners	185.00
Tanya Brignall	50.00
Rabia Kahn	52.19
Bank charges	163.32
Membership remittance	6300.00
Julliette's Place – backpacks	750.00
Lynda Madigan – stamps	70.06
Treasurer – columnar book	45.25
Treasurer – stamps	70.06
Treasurer – Bank stamp	48.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11677.95</b>

Bank balance September 8, 2025 \$5522.20

### Luncheon Cost - \$46

Cheques are made payable to  
RWTO Scarborough

### Cheques are mailed to

RWTO Scarborough  
Huntingwood Postal Outlet  
Box 30042  
2355 Warden Ave  
Scarborough, Ontario  
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Cheques for the October luncheon need to arrive at the PO Box by October 10, 2025. Cheques should be in the mail by October 3, 2025.

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 [chris.elliott99@hotmail.com](mailto:chris.elliott99@hotmail.com)

416-497-6192

If your cheque is late or you decide, at the last minute, to attend, Qssis has **not prepared a lunch for you or set a place for you at a table.**



### From the Editor

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