



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
February 2026

Caring and Sharing

Cathie MacGillivray- President



Every morning
is a canvas
waiting to
be painted
with the vibrant
colors of
positivity.

Thank you to the members who took our plea for help to heart, at the January luncheon, and volunteered for various jobs within our Branch. Your Executive works hard to ensure luncheons, trips and entertainment are well organized and available for you. Much of this work is done during our "at home time" Extra hands make this so much easier for all of us. As Carol always said: "Many hands make light work."
Cathie

Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Linda Jarvis
linjar47@gmail.com

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

February 17, 2026
Luncheon 11:45a.m.
Amy Barron
"Digger, Teacher, Soldier, Spy"

March 17, 2026
Luncheon 11:45 a.m.
Angie Littlefield "Walking with Oma"

April - Fashion Show
Lady Sophisticate

May TBA

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



FROM THE TREASURER

As I said a couple of times last year: if I order your lunch, no matter what the weather or whatever else comes up, I have to pay for it. Like tickets to a Mirvish production: if there is a storm or you are sick YOU DO NOT GET YOUR MONEY

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
2025-2026

GOODWILL

A Thinking of You card was sent Connie Colle after a fall on the ice.

Lilli Chu lilli_chu@yahoo.ca



OUTREACH

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

Thank you. Sheila Meyer Trudy Sutton Outreach

Coming in March

Walking With Oma – Author Judy Littlefield

The journey begins In 2003 Judy Stonkus was my partner for the 1000 km walk around Lake Ontario. We're shown starting Apr 12, 2003, and in a tea shop outside Brighton, about a week later. It took six weeks to complete "Once Around the Lake"

Walking with Oma, my 600 km trek along the Elbe River from Terezin's concentration camp to Hamburg starts in April 2008. The 48-day walk is an homage to my oma, Anna Skraika Schilling, who left Terezin alone in May 1945 to see if anything of her life remained in Hamburg.



DR. AMY BARRON

Amy Barron received her PhD at the University of Toronto in the field of Mesopotamian history and archaeology, specializing on the military history of Iron Age Assyria. She has excavated predominantly in the Middle East but has travelled widely studying the archaeology of various

remote parts of the world from Peru to China. Amy has taught archaeology, ancient history and classics at the universities of Toronto and Guelph and presently teaches museum studies in Fleming College's post-graduate program. She has worked in the museum world for over 30 years and loves sharing her passion for the past.

Digger, Teacher, Soldier, Spy

What do archaeologists do when the world is at war? Surprisingly, many of them turn spies. During wartime, archaeologists on all sides have become involved with military intelligence, turning their in-depth knowledge of the land and the peoples, they studied to support their countries at war. This was no more apparent than in the Middle East where prominent archaeologists played a very political game during the First World War. Some of these names, such as T.E. Lawrence, also known as Lawrence of Arabia, would become legendary. Others, when the war was over, simply went back to their museums and their excavations.

FUNDRAISING

The theme for February is "Think Pink." Pink is often associated with love, romance and friendship, and that's why it's often seen primarily around Valentine's Day. Pink is also the colour of calmness and compassion. This month, we ask you to bring something that you associate with the colour "Pink."

Also, a reminder that the Accessories Sale will take place in March. Allison

Allison and Pam



CONVENTION 2026



Clare Hall Western University
 217 Ramsay Road
 London, ON
 N6G 0S2

For More Information Contact:
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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 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



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

CELL PHONE DONATIONS



There will be a collection of cell Phones at the January Luncheon.
 Beatrice Kelly

So me and my husband were sitting on our couch watching TV yesterday. Suddenly, I hear that I got a text on my phone that I left in the kitchen. I go to the kitchen to check it, and it's a text from my husband: "Please bring the chips on your way back"

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Program

September 16 – Elaine Charal “Power of the Pen”

October 21 – Art & Craft Sale

November 18- McGreger Carolers

January 20 – Lianne Harris

February 17- Amy Barron

March 17- Angie Littlefield “Walking with Oma”

April 21- Lady Sophisticate Fashion Show

May 19- TBA

I am Canadian

1. Smarties (not sold in the USA)
2. Crispy Crunch, Coffee Crisp (not sold in the USA)
3. Baseball is Canadian - 1st game June 4, 1838 - Ingersoll, ON
4. Hockey is Canadian
5. Basketball is Canadian
6. Apple pie is Canadian
7. Mr. Dress-up beats Mr. Rogers
8. Tim Hortons beats Dunkin' Donuts
9. We invented ski-doo's, jet-skis, zippers, insulin, and the telephone..
Also short wave radios which save countless lives each year.
10. We have ALL frozen our tongues to something metal and lived to tell about it.
11. A Canadian invented Superman.
12. We have coloured money.

A HUGE THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Linda de Jonge van der Halen, Sharon Shipton and Brigitte Kolozsvary for volunteering as “Greeters” at the luncheons.

Pam Parsons has volunteered to look after our Fashion Show and Lilli Chu has volunteered to look after Goodwill for us.

We appreciate you for stepping up to ensure our Branch remains strong.

We are hoping someone, or several members will look after Program for next year. We have many resources for you.

Anyone good at taking pictures? We need you as well.

Please let one of the Executive know if you are interested.

IN HONOUR OF INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

CELEBRITY SERVER NIGHT

10% OF PROCEEDS (EXCLUDING
ALCOHOL) FROM 6 PM TO 9 PM GO
TOWARDS JULLIETTE'S PLACE

RAFFLES & 50/50 DRAW
WIN FOR YOURSELF, GIVE BACK TO OTHERS

**5
MARCH**

BOSTON PIZZA MORNINGSIDE
25 CINEMART DRIVE, SCARBOROUGH, M1B 3C3

JULLIETTE'S PLACE

BP

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

A Murder Mystery Experience Cost: \$189.00

Saturday, March 21, 2026

8:30 a.m. Depart from 1880 Valley Farm Rd,
9:00 a.m. Depart from Foody's (in the Kennedy Commons plaza
10:30 a.m. Spend time at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton.
12:30 p.m. Enjoy lunch and a Murder Mystery Theatre at the Aberfoyle Mill. You may make your Entrée choice at the restaurant.
4:00 p.m. Approximate return time home.

Payment due: Thursday, March 4, 2026

**Trip Convenor – Carol Everitt - 647-294-2988
carol.a.everitt@gmail.com**

Men of the Deeps - Sanderson Centre Cost: 199.00

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

8:30 a.m. Depart from 1880 Valley Farm Rd, Pickering 9:00a.m.
Depart from Foody's
10:30 a.m. Enjoy a guided tour of the Bell Homestead National Historic Site
11:45 a.m. Lunch is included at the Olde School Restaurant, with an Entrée choice of Pickerel or Chicken.
2:00 p.m. It's showtime for 'Men of the Deeps.'
6:30 p.m. Approximate return time home

Payment due; Thursday, April 2, 2026

**Trip Convenor – Carol Everitt - 647-294-2988
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Guys and Dolls – Stratford Cost: \$246.00

Thursday, May 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. Depart from 1880 Valley Farm Rd, Pickering 9:30 a.m.
Depart from Foody's (in the Kennedy Commons plaza)
11: 30a.m. Lunch is included at the Golf Steak House, and you may make your Entrée choice there
2: p.m. It's showtime for Guys and Dolls.
7:30p.m. Approximate return time home.

Payment due: Thursday, April 23, 2026

**Trip Convenor – Carol Everitt - 647-294-2988
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Peterborough Lift Locks Cruise Cost: \$159.00

Saturday, June 20, 2026

9:15 a.m. Depart from Foody's
9:45a.m. Depart 1880 Valley Farm Rd, Pickering
11:15a.m. Lunch is included at Jack's Restaurant, with an Entrée choice of Fish and Chips or Chicken
1:00 p.m. Enjoy a 2-hour lift lock cruise over the famous and world's largest hydraulic Lift Lock, a 65-foot lift.
3:30p.m. Spend time at the Whetung Ojibwa Centre for shopping, offering a spectacular collection of Native crafts as well as fine art, jewelry, moccasins, leather work, sculptures, and much more from Curve Lake First Nations and across Canada.
6:30p.m. Approximate return time home

Payment due: Thursday, June 4, 2026

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TRAVEL

Enjoy the Royal Botanical Gardens' 2026 floral showcase, "Bloomland in Oz," where imagination blossoms into a spectacular adventure inspired by the pages of the original novel The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. The land of Oz awaits, featuring captivating botanical displays, delightful artistic creations, and 25,000 real blooms. Brighten your day as you journey through fragrant flowers and lush greenery as radiant as the Emerald City itself!



The Murder Mystery is a marriage of the Mill's fine cuisine and the entertainment of The Mysterious Players. Throughout the meal the entertainers, with the help of the diners, act out a play, during which there is a murder. The audience is then challenged to determine the method, the motivation, and the perpetrator of the crime



"For six decades, Cape Breton's Men of the Deeps choir have been travelling the world as Canadian Ambassadors, singing and storytelling their way into the hearts and minds of fans and friends from all over the world. Join them for a journey

like no other, as they celebrate their incredible 60-year legacy."



while another high roller desperately fights to keep his game alive and his fiancée from walking away. In a city ruled by chance, love takes unexpected turns and both men soon discover they are risking far more than money."

"In the bustling streets of New York, a smooth-talking gambler wagers he can charm a pious missionary,



The captain will give a humorous and informative commentary of the waterway and how the locks work, while entertaining with stories of the area of days gone by.

One of only two hydraulic lift locks on the waterway. Opened on July 9, 1904, it leaves a visible and lasting

impact on Peterborough's landscape.



Lunch at Qssis



Welcome to our newest members, Maria Lucassen & Taharimoon Ali.



February Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance January 12, 2026		\$6592.27
Income		
January luncheon	\$2484.00	
Share the wealth	73.00	
Silent auction	42.00	
Book sales	8.50	
Total	\$2607.50	
		\$9199.77
Expenses		
January luncheon	\$2787.42	
Flowers	62.15	
Newsletter	30.92	
Entertainment	250.00	
Donation – Canadian Tire Jumpstart (RWTO Grant)	200.00	
Total	\$3330.49	
Bank balance February 12, 2026		\$5869.28

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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From the Editor

Cathie MacGillivray

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Cheques for the March luncheon need to arrive at the PO Box by Friday, March 6, 2026. Cheques should be in the mail by February 27, 2026.

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
416-497-6192

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