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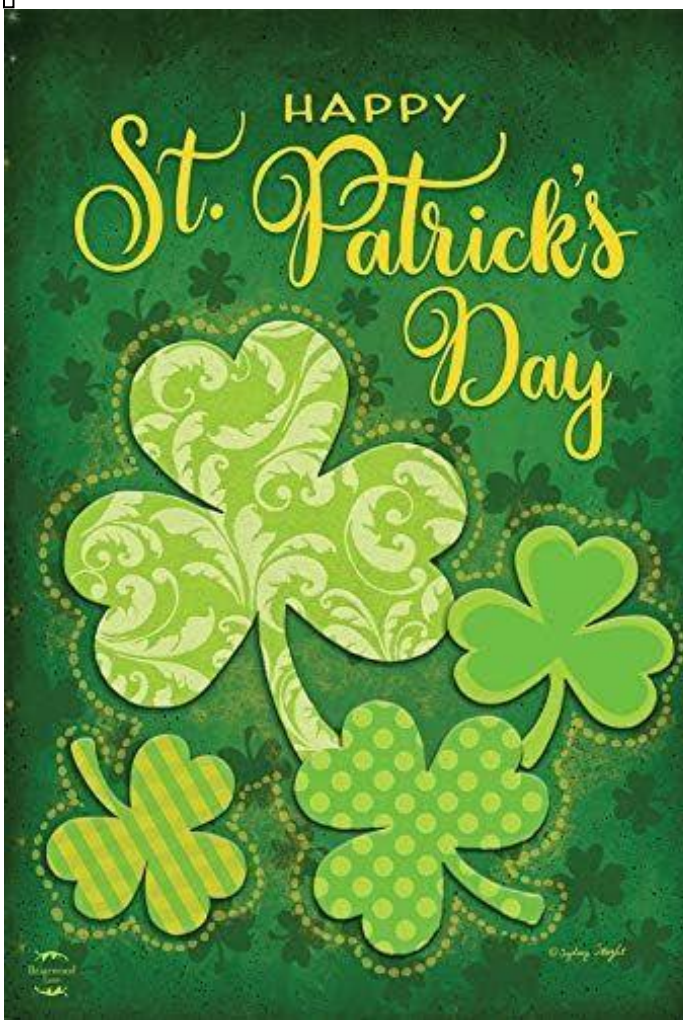
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Retired Women Teachers of Ontario
Organisation des Enseignantes Retraitées de L'Ontario

Newsletter
March 2026

Caring and Sharing

Cathie MacGillivray- President



Happy St. Patrick's Day
Spring is on the way as we notice the snow melting away and the birds returning. It has been quite the winter in Toronto this year. Many of our senior members will be returning to our luncheons now that the weather is more manageable.

Be sure and visit our "Accessory" sale today with many new items added.

Next month is our Fashion Show. Thanks to Pam Parsons for organizing everything for us.

We look forward to seeing everyone in April. Cathie

Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Linda Jarvis
linjar47@gmail.com

Qssis Banquet Hall
3474 Kingston Rd,
Scarborough, ON
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March 17, 2026
Luncheon 11:45 a.m.
Accessory Sale
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



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!
2025-2026

COMMUNICATION

If your e-mail or phone number changes, please

contact: ed.cole@sympatico.ca
Connie Cole- Communications Chair



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

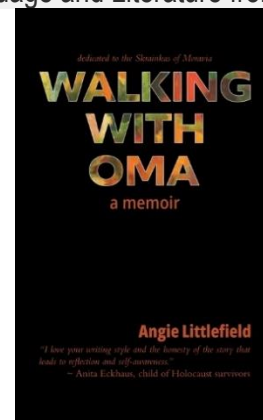


ANGIE LITTLEFIELD

Angie is an independent curator, writer, editor, educator, communications specialist photographer and traveler. She holds an

Honours B.A. in English Language and Literature from the University of Toronto, as well as a Master of Arts in English from York University. An educator for 33 years, Angie has written extensively on a variety of topics. She lives and works in Toronto.

She walked 600 kilometers in her Oma's footsteps for this memoir, *Walking with Oma*.



COMING IN APRIL



Our April luncheon will feature some of our members modelling the latest styles and colours for this spring. Lady Sophisticate specializes in clothing tailored to older women. There will be a Pop-Up Store with clothing and fashion accessories for you to purchase, before and after the fashion show.
Pam Parsons

SILENT AUCTION –

We will be having the popular Accessory Sale at the March Luncheon. Remember to bring your donations of jewelry, handbags, scarves, belts etc. and don't forget to bring small change for purchases

Thank you,
Allison & Pam.

BOOKS –

There will be a book sale at the March Luncheon. Donations of 5 books or less are welcome.
Thank you.
Allison & Pam

FROM OUR AREA DIRECTOR

Welcome Spring after the snowiest Winter in a few years, the mountains of white rose higher and higher as we ran out of places to put the snow being cleared from sidewalks, driveways and roads. In one day of warmth and sunshine this week, the mountains have melted away, and I can see the baseball diamond!

April 9th has been chosen as the day to celebrate RWTO/OERO by lighting beacons all over the province. I have requested Mayor Olivia Chow light the 'Toronto' sign at the City Hall. If all goes to plan, blue and gold lights would bring the letters to life in the evening.

I have been working on a couple of provincial committees as we planned for the AGM and Convention 2026, taking place this June at Western University in London. Helping put The Healthy Aging and Wellness Fair together for the opening day has been a very satisfying challenge. Some Scarborough members will be sharing their quilting skills with women from all over the province. University 'dorm' accommodation has come a long way from what I remember!

Our Area 5 Branches lost several members this past year. I find the 'In Memorium' service, in which a photo of each of these ladies is projected onto the screen as her name is read, is a very moving part of attending an in-person Convention.

Rendezvous Branch just completed milk bag mat #300! It's all about 'Caring and Sharing'.

I am preparing for the ETFO Annual Meeting in Toronto in August. If you would like to come downtown for a day and help staff our table, please let me know. As always, I am hoping to take a break from being the Area 5 Director. Please consider getting more involved in our organization at both Branch and Provincial levels and let Cathie know you are interested.

Caring and sharing and having fun,

Judy Anderson
Area 5 Director

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

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'

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

carol.a.everitt@gmail.com

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,

6:30p.m. Approximate return time home

Payment due: Thursday, June 4, 2026

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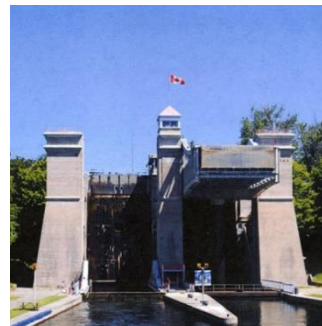
TRAVEL

"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."



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

fighters 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."



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.

The Whetung Ojibwa Centre offers 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.

March Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance February 10, 2026		\$5869.28
Income		
February luncheon	\$2715.00	
Share the wealth	75.00	
Silent auction	20.00	
Book sales	8.50	
Total	\$2818.50	
		\$8687.78
Expenses		
February luncheon	\$2593.50	
Flowers	40.66	
Newsletter	24.91	
Entertainment	250.00	
Total	\$2909.07	
Bank balance March 10, 2026		\$5778.71

Luncheon Cost - \$46

Cheques are made payable to

RWTO Scarborough

Cheques are mailed to

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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, April 10, 2026. Cheques should be in the mail by Friday April 3, 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, Qssis has **not prepared a lunch for you or set a place for you at a table.**