



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
April 2026

Caring and Sharing

Cathie MacGillivray- President



We usher in a new season with hope for our own growth as well as that of our gardens. This year Retired Women Teachers of Ontario celebrates its 70th year, with a rich history and caring women at the helm. Read the brief history on our website at <http://rwto.org/>. We have certainly come along way! A reminder that we are looking for someone to look after Program next year and a photographer to record our luncheons.

Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Linda Jarvis
linjar47@gmail.com

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

Executive Meeting – 10a.m.
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 Fashion
Show
Lady Sophisticate

May TBA

Tuesday September 15, 2026
Welcome back Luncheon

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

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Join or Renew Your Membership



Dear Ladies, This is a friendly reminder that your RWTO membership will expire on August 31, 2026. If you have Manulife insurance and wish to keep it, be included in our directory and receive the monthly newsletter, you must renew your membership for 2026-27. The annual fee is \$50.00. Kindly date your cheque July 1 or August 15, 2026. We do not do e-transfers. Kindly keep a record of your cheque. We are all volunteers, who do not have the time to acknowledge each individual cheque via email. Our treasurer also requires time to send your information to the provincial level, so that your membership may be promptly effective on September 1, 2026. Any late membership renewals must be sent to the provincial office asap. This costs us additional time, another stamp and cheque. Please mail your completed membership form, together with your cheque at your earliest convenience to: RWTO Scarborough Huntingwood Postal Outlet RO. Box 30042 2355 Warden Ave. Scarborough, Ontario M1T0A1 For any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan at 416-496-9590 Email; bbryan@look.ca

PROGRAM COORDINATOR NEEDED

The following is a description of the job of the Program Committee. 1. Survey members for guest presenter ideas. 2. Select and arrange for entertainment for luncheons. 3. Introduce and thank guest presenter.

I currently have 14 options for Program presenters to contact. All that is needed is to book them for the luncheons. If you are interested in helping or know someone, please speak to Cathie MacGillivray or email cathiemacgillivray@hotmail.com
If there is no one willing to take this position, there will probably not be any entertainment next year,



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

CELL PHONE DONATIONS.

There will be a collection of cell phones at the April Luncheon. Beatrice Kelly



OUTREACH

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

Thank you, Sheila & Trudy

CELEBRATING RWTO's 70TH



BEACON OF LIGHT

Seven decades of wisdom, a legacy bright,
Twelve original branches,
our beacons of light

From those first pioneers who paved the way,
To the retired women educators leading today.
With goodwill as our compass and hearts ever kind,
Community involvement is a treasure we find.
In every small gesture, the message is clear,
The RWTO/OERO spirit is felt far and near.
Our motto of caring and sharing rings true,
A bond of sisterhood in all that we do.
Our history we highlight with these illumination lights
April 9th will show such marvelous sights!
So, we celebrate seventy years of this grace,
For the women who make this a much better place.
Still shining, still leading, with stories to tell,
Congratulations RWTO/OERO, 70 years,
We've done quite well!
by Colleen Robertson

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

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'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

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

Trip Convenor – Carol Everitt - 647-294-2988

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Funny Girl at the Shaw Festival Theatre

Cost: \$215.00

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

8:30 a.m. Depart 1880 Valley Farm Rd,

9:00am Depart from Foody's (in the Kennedy Commons p

11:00p.m. Spend time browsing in Niagara-on-the-Lake

Today, lunch is on your own.

1:00 p.m. It's showtime at the Shaw Festival Theatre for 'Funny Girl.'

4:30 p.m. An early dinner is included at the Skylon, with an Entrée choice of Chicken or Salmon

8:30 p.m. Approximate return time home

Payment due:

Trip Convenor – Carol Everitt - 647-294-2988

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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

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."



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.



"Fanny Brice has everything it takes to be Broadway's next big thing: the voice, the charm, and more than a little chutzpah. But does she have "the look?" This touching comedy explores her unlikely rise to stardom with the Ziegfeld Follies as well as her turbulent

love life with gambler Nick Arnstein. One of the greatest musical scores of all time, Funny Girl includes classics like 'Don't Rain on My Parade, "I'm the Greatest Star", "People" and much more.

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



Almost time for planting

TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMMERS AND IDENTITY THEFT:

- ❖ Delete unsolicited emails – no legitimate company will ask for your personal information by email
- ❖ Never give out personal information over the phone – if someone claims to be from your bank or credit card company, hang up and call your financial institution at the number listed in the phone book or on their personal website to verify if the call is genuine. Don't access a phone number or email address in that email. Scammers can send an email or phone message using someone else's name or number.
- ❖ Keep your bank account and credit card information safe – don't give out passwords and shred papers containing your account numbers.
- ❖ Report lost or stolen credit or bank cards immediately.
- ❖ Review bank/credit statements every month.



MURDER MYSTERY EXPERIENCE

How Does the Provincial Organization of RWTO/OERO Spend My Membership Fee?

Provincial membership fees are currently **\$50** a year. Some of our 46 Branches also include a smaller top-up fee to assist with their own expenses.

Provincial current sources of income:

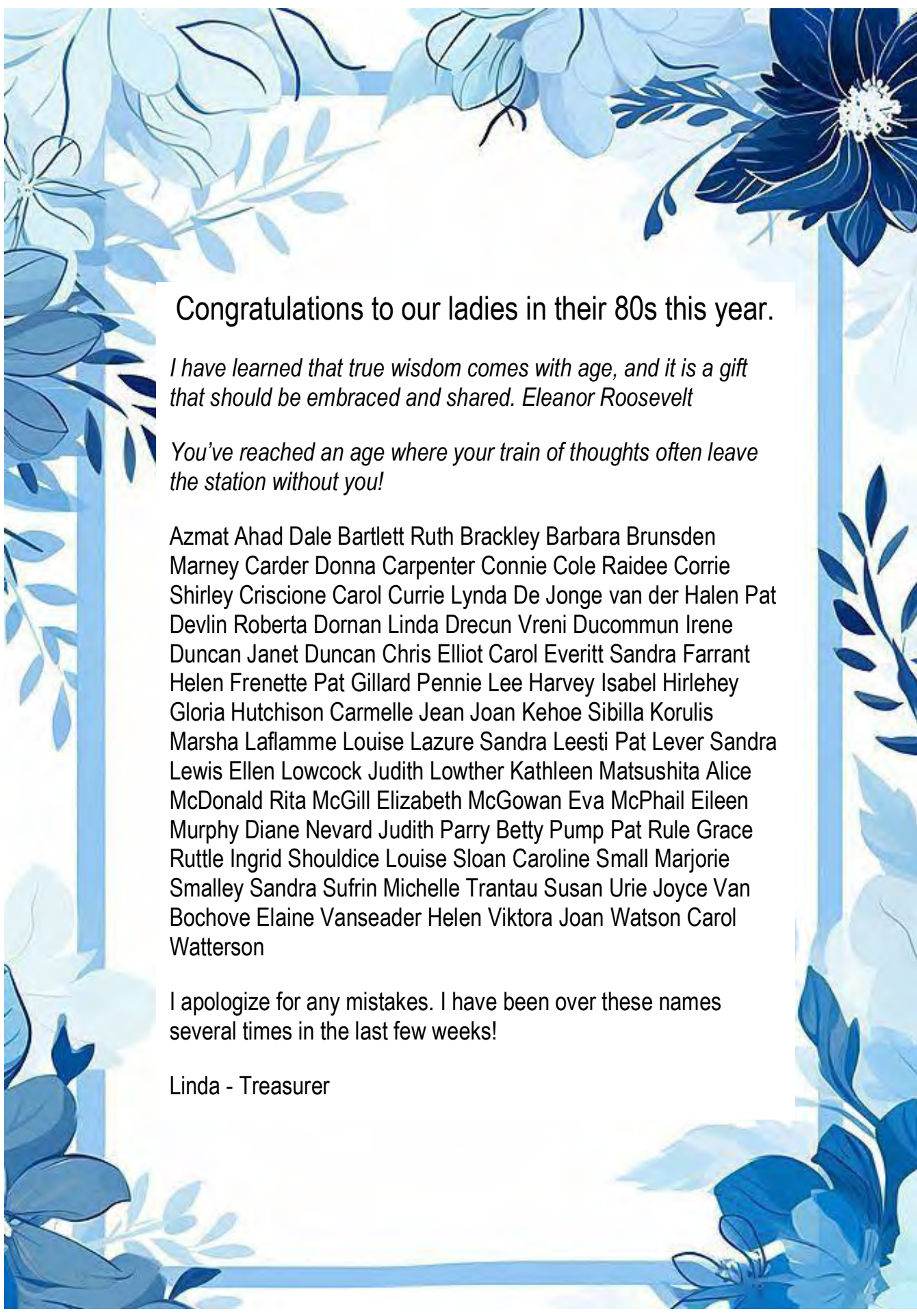
- Membership fees (our only guaranteed funds)
(Life Members - elderly/infirm who are unable to attend activities pay no fees)
- Manulife insurance - annual premium rebate & promotional support
- Bank investment income
- Convention surplus - if any
- Bequeathment by members (occasionally) – something to consider?

Expenses:

- Note - 30% of your membership fee is returned to your Branch (\$15), leaving Provincial with \$35 of your fee to assist with the following items:
 - Convention costs (approx. \$80,000 - \$100,000) - reimbursements to delegates, Over 90's Luncheon, workshops, printing, etc.
 - Connections Newsletter, creation, as well as printing and postage for the 2500 members who do not receive it by email X 3 times a year
 - Website expenses - domain costs, creation, updates
 - Salary - Executive Secretary-Treasurer
 - Liability Insurance
 - Annual Branch Awards - Barbara Bain (Branch membership increase), Feather-in-your-hat (Branch projects), Cora Bailey Award Pins
 - Special Awards - Honorary Members (Provincial Service Award), Centenarian Awards (for each member who turns 100), Honorarium for the Provincial President and Recording Secretary
 - Small Branch Grants - 12 small Branches receive \$400 annually to help costs
 - Branch Grants - given periodically (e.g. \$200 this year to each of our 46 Branches to help celebrate our 70th anniversary.)
 - Board of Directors Meetings (once or twice annually - 3 days each)
 - Goodwill Committee - mails 3 cards each year to each member 90+
 - Committee Projects & Expenses, e.g. brochures, sales & materials
 - Office expenses (computer programs, postage, supplies, etc.)
 - Area Director Meetings with their Branches
 - Insurance Meetings with Branches
 - President's visits to Branches

Provincial Membership - March 2025 - 4423

Over 90	293	Most are life members
80 - 89	1,148	
70 - 79	1,519	
60 - 69	338	
50 - 59	49	
No birth dates known	1,076	

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Congratulations to our ladies in their 80s this year.

I have learned that true wisdom comes with age, and it is a gift that should be embraced and shared. Eleanor Roosevelt

You've reached an age where your train of thoughts often leave the station without you!

Azmat Ahad Dale Bartlett Ruth Brackley Barbara Brunsten
Marney Carder Donna Carpenter Connie Cole Raidee Corrie
Shirley Criscione Carol Currie Lynda De Jonge van der Halen Pat
Devlin Roberta Dornan Linda Drecun Vreni Ducommun Irene
Duncan Janet Duncan Chris Elliot Carol Everitt Sandra Farrant
Helen Frenette Pat Gillard Pennie Lee Harvey Isabel Hirlehey
Gloria Hutchison Carmelle Jean Joan Kehoe Sibilla Korulis
Marsha Laflamme Louise Lazure Sandra Leesti Pat Lever Sandra
Lewis Ellen Lowcock Judith Lowther Kathleen Matsushita Alice
McDonald Rita McGill Elizabeth McGowan Eva McPhail Eileen
Murphy Diane Nevard Judith Parry Betty Pump Pat Rule Grace
Ruttle Ingrid Shouldice Louise Sloan Caroline Small Marjorie
Smalley Sandra Sufrin Michelle Trantau Susan Urie Joyce Van
Bochove Elaine Vanseader Helen Viktora Joan Watson Carol
Watterson

I apologize for any mistakes. I have been over these names several times in the last few weeks!

Linda - Treasurer

April Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance March 10, 2026 \$5778.71

Income

March luncheon	\$2714.00
Share the wealth	64.00
Sale	2.00
Book sales	5.00
Total	\$2785.00

\$8563.71

Expenses

March luncheon	\$2728.95
Flowers	62.03
Newsletter	16.53
Speaker	100.00
Lynda Madigan – stamps	42.04
RWTO Convention	750.00
Treasurer – stamps	84.07
Total	\$3783.62

Bank balance April 10, 2026 \$4780.0

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 May luncheon need to arrive at the
PO Box by Friday, May 8, 2026. Cheques should be in
the mail by Friday May 1, 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.**