



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
April 2016

Caring and Sharing

Linda Jarvis - President



It was great to go out shopping early this morning. Although it was cool, the sun was shining brightly and it wasn't raining. The forecast for the next few days doesn't look as promising, but then the old saying says that April showers bring May flowers. My tulips and daffodils have been snowed on and iced over several times in the last couple of months. Although they are very hardy it will be interesting to see how well they do. I have hundreds of bulbs in my gardens and once they start blooming I have flowers for almost two months.

April is Daffodil Days: Cancer Awareness. To find out other special days go to Health Canada.

Special days in April:

- 7th World Health Day
- 23rd First day of Passover
- 27th Earth Day
- 29th Orthodox Good Friday
- 30th Last day of Passover
- May 1st Orthodox Easter

Next month we have our plant sale so you can add to your gardens with beautiful perennials and other plants. If you have any to share please bring them along. *Linda*



Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman

The Estate Banquet Centre
430 Nugget Avenue
(at Markham Road)
Scarborough

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 -11:30 a.m.
Luncheon-Estate Banquet Centre
Special Guest-Frankie Ferrragine
Fashion Accessory Sale
Book Sale

Thurs. May 12 to Sat. 14, 2016
Tulip Time in Ottawa Trip

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 -11:30 a.m.
Luncheon-Estate Banquet Centre
Special Guest - Ted Barris
Plant Sale

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

Fashion Accessory Sale



April Luncheon



CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF
DAFFODIL MONTH
BUY A PIN OR DONATE AT
www.cancer.ca/daffodil

RWTO on the go.....

All Buses will depart PROMPTLY from the northwest parking lot, where the AMC Movie Theatre was located at Kennedy Commons (Kennedy Rd. south of Hwy 401). Price includes all taxes and gratuities.

Paid reservations are NON-REFUNDABLE! Please let the coordinators 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.

Mary Morton Tours Presents
TICO #4488722



Tulip Time in Ottawa

Cost: Single: \$859
Twin: \$675

Thursday, May 12- Saturday, May 14, 2016

A fabulous trip to Ottawa for the Tulip Festival.

Included; all taxes and gratuities, deluxe motor coach transportation, baggage handling, hotel accommodation, 4 meals (2 breakfasts and 2 dinners), all admissions and fees as listed.

Payment due date: April 12, 2016

See full trip description in Newsletter.

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638



A Chorus Line

Cost: \$182

Festival Theatre, Stratford

Wednesday, September 21 or Thursday, September 22, 2016

Includes bus, shopping time, orchestra seating theatre tickets, lunch, dinner and all gratuities

Bus departs at 8 a.m., returns 8 p.m.

Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389

Hundreds of hopefuls congregate at a cattle call for Broadway



dancers. A sour director, Zach, and his brusque assistant whittle down the ranks until they're left with 16 dancers.

All tell their life stories -- some tragic, some comic -- and explain their love of dance.

'A Rocking Country Christmas' in St. Jacob's

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Cost: \$128.00

Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approx. 6:30 p.m.

Includes: bus, stop at Picard's Peanuts, shopping in St. Jacob's, lunch at the Stone Crock Restaurant, Orchestra seating at the St. Jacob's Playhouse Theatre for 'Red Rock Diner', a fun-filled, bop down memory lane, all tips and gratuities, Transponder for Hwy. 407

Payment due date: October 31st, 2016

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638



Vancouver, 1957. Five teens come of age while DJ Red Robinson plays the biggest hits of the time—from the raucous “Great Balls of Fire” and “Jailhouse Rock” to ballads like “Diana” and “Crying.”

This infectious musical captures the excitement and innocence of the city's burgeoning rock 'n' roll scene.

RWTO
Welcomes
Frank
Ferragine



I am sure we are all looking forward to our April luncheon speaker, **Frankie Flowers**. His 2016 title, **Food to Grow** was released on March 8th. Would you believe that last week it made the number one spot on the Non-Fiction best sellers list! Wow! We are so fortunate to have him present and to teach us about one of his specialties: gardening. His focus will be on his latest book, available for \$25.00 cash. Whether you are a brown or green thumb gardener, you will come away with tips on how to get started. Frankie believes that everyone should have some control over what is put on their tables. Growing your own vegetables and herbs is his answer to better, healthier eating as well as saving money on your grocery bill. His other two books, **Get Growing** and **Power Plants** (\$20.00) each, will also be for sale by the publisher. Make sure you get your book autographed----by Frankie.

If you choose, you may decorate your gardening hat and come "in style" to the meeting. Add a few items and get in the mood, decorate for the gardening theme. Who knows, you may win a prize for the most creative hat!

FREQUENT "FUN" RAISER SILENT AUCTION



At the **April** luncheon, we will be having an **Accessories Sale** for our silent auction. Please bring your donations to the April luncheon. We will gratefully accept gently used scarves, jewellery, purses and belts. The items will be priced at \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00 and sold at the April Luncheon.

Please bring small change for your

purchases. The items that do not sell, will be donated to Juliette's Place.

Thank you!

Lynne Said
Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan
Fundraising Committee

Tulip Time in Ottawa

Cost: Single: \$859 Twin: \$675

May 12-14, 2016

Day 1 - Thursday, May 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. Depart from Kennedy Commons.

There will be a coffee stop at the Big Apple, near Colbourne, on own. Lunch stop will be in Kingston, on own. We will be stopping for a tour of the Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum. The site was built to protect the government in the event of nuclear war. For the 33 years it was in operation it was the key strategic communications facility for the Canadian Forces. We will then check in to the Lord Elgin Hotel, where we will also be eating dinner that evening.

Day 2 - Friday, May 13, 2016

8:00 a.m. Breakfast is included at the hotel. We will then depart for a city tour with a step-on guide to see the tulips and sights. There will then be free time at Commissioners Park, home to the Capital's most dazzling display of over 300 000 tulips.

Lunch will be on our own at the Byward Market, the bustling 200 year old market which is host to many artisan vendors. We will enjoy a guided tour of the National Gallery of Canada. Dinner is included, followed by a "Mystery Evening"



Day 3 - Saturday, May 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast travelers will get a choice to visit:

a) Museum of Civilization,
Canada's national museum of

human history, whose primary purpose is to collect, preserve, and present objects that illuminate the human history of Canada and the cultural diversity of its people.

OR

b) Canadian War Museum, a unique collection of more than 3 million artifacts that include rare vehicles, artillery, uniforms, personal memoirs and sound and visual recordings.

At 2:00 p.m., we will depart for home, stopping on route to purchase a light refreshment on our own. Return time to Kennedy Commons is expected to be around 7:00 p.m.

Includes: All taxes and gratuities, deluxe motor coach transportation, baggage handling, hotel accommodation, 4 meals – (2 breakfasts and 2 dinners)
All admissions and fees as listed.

Trip coordinator: Carol Everitt (905) 655-0638

Cheques are payable to Mary Morton Tours.

Food Allergy Reminder

If you have **food allergies or dietary restrictions**, it is important that we know about these so that accommodations can be made for you. We need to have this information **BEFORE** the luncheons. Please call Shelley Goodman 416-491-1683 or e-mail her at shelley.goodman@sympatico.ca 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 Shelley informed if there are changes during the year. We want to ensure that you enjoy each and every lunch.**
Shelley

MEMBERSHIP NOTE:



The Scarborough Branch of the RWTO would be pleased to receive your membership renewal for **2016-2017**. The membership year runs from September 1 to August 31.

We hope that you will join us again for another great year ahead.

The membership fee remains at **\$40.00**.

Membership forms will be available at the March, April, and May Luncheons or may be downloaded from the luncheon dispatch.

Please make your cheque payable to **RWTO Scarborough Branch** and postdate your cheque to **July 1, 2016** or **August 31, 2016**.

You may either bring it to the luncheon or mailed to:

**RWTO Scarborough Branch
Box 66564
685 McCowan Road, Scarborough, ON
M1J 3N8**

We would appreciate it if you would renew **before August 31, 2016**.

Marg Lyons & Lilli Chu
Membership Committee

We need your help...

In order to keep our RWTO Scarborough Branch membership strong, we need your help recruiting new members.

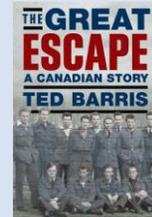
If you know of anyone who is about to retire or is retired, please encourage them to join our group. Please pass along their information to Marg or Lilli so they can get in touch with them.

Invitations to the September Mix & Mingle will be sent out in May.

Looking Ahead to May



Author, Ted Barris, a non-fiction writer, will be joining us and presenting his book, *The Great Escape: A Canadian Story*



Programme Survey

At the April meeting you will have an opportunity to give the Programme Committee feedback on this past year's speakers and to bring 'fresh' ideas for future programming. We are looking for suggestions in all areas, so we may plan an interesting, diverse and varied programme for our members. A coloured survey form will be provided, so please bring specific details like names, content, and emails for contacting speakers, so we may follow up. Thank you to the members who have already submitted suggestions. The committee will be considering all ideas and planning our programmes over the next couple of months.

Lana, Marianne, Jeannie

Welcome to our newest members.





Lunch in the Country
& Fashion Show
at
Cedar Brae Golf
&
Country Club



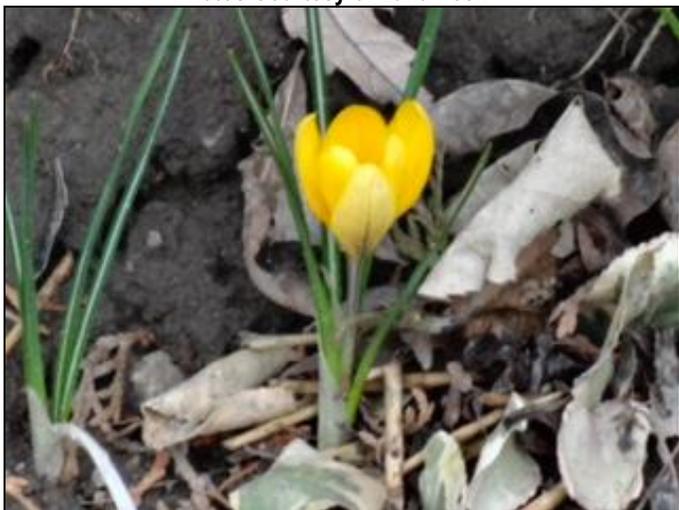
May Plant Sale



A Plant Sale will end our year whereby members 'dig up' and share vegetables, and perennials with other gardeners for \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00.



Photos Courtesy of Lana Peck



"CONNECTIONS"

Could you receive your Provincial Newsletter "Connections" on your computer via email instead of mail? Last year the total cost of mailing "Connections" was just over \$8,900 for the three newsletters.

To receive your newsletter by email, please email Gloria at info@rwto.org or phone Gloria at (1-877) 607-6696. Thanks, Mardie.

OUTREACH



There **WILL** be our regular collection of toiletries or magazines at the April luncheon.

Sheila Meyer
Trudy Sutton
Outreach Committee

BOOKS

There will be a sale of books at the April Luncheon. Donations gratefully accepted. Thank you, Chris



Treasurer's April Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance March 5, 2016		\$10315.07
Income		
March luncheon	\$4672.00	
Silent auction	111.00	
RWTO/OERO pin sales	5.00	
Total	\$4788.00	
		\$15103.07
Expenses		
Cedarbrae – March luncheon	\$3700.00	
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	62.53	
Lynda Paine – flowers	60.82	
RWTO/OERO Convention – delegates	1100.00	
Lilli Chu – membership flyers	73.53	
Marg Lyons – membership forms	31.65	
Total	\$5028.53	
Bank balance April 5, 2016		\$10074.54

Luncheon cheques are mailed to:

RWTO Scarborough
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685 McCowan Road,
Scarborough, Ontario
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From the Editor
Cathie MacGillivray
cathiemacgillivray@hotmail.com





RWTO/OERO Scarborough Branch
Membership Form 2016 – 2017

Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

New member___ or Returning member___ (Any change in information ? Yes ___ No ___)

*Note: "I agree to, and understand, that I may appear in some photos posted on the RWTO/OERO website at www.rwto.org , in the Scarborough Branch or Provincial Newsletters."

Date of birth: _____ Retirement Date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Do you have the RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care Plan Yes___ No___ or the Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan? Yes___ No ___

Membership fee for 2016 – 2017 is \$40.

(Fees for members ninety years of age and over are complimentary.)

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Dues can be paid at the March, April, or May meetings, or mailed before August 31 to:

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If you have RWTO insurance and wish to maintain it or wish to participate in the plan, you must pay your RWTO membership fee each year. New retirees are not required to complete a medical questionnaire if they apply within one year of the date of their retirement.