



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
February 2016

Caring and Sharing

Linda Jarvis - President



This is a leap year. There are two big questions this month. Where did January go? Where is winter? Records were set last month for warmest days and little snowfall. I was in Elmira and St. Jacobs last Saturday and there is next to no snow – the fields are bare.

This month is the twentieth anniversary of Black History Month in Canada. February is also Heart Month so be kind to your heart. Eating a sensible diet, exercising regularly and keeping your weight down will help. The first two I handle better!

February is a busy month for celebrations. They are: Groundhog Day on the second (six more weeks of winter), Chinese New Year on the eighth, Shrove Tuesday on the ninth, Ash Wednesday on the tenth, Valentine's Day on the fourteenth, National Flag of Canada Day on the fifteenth and Family Day on the fifteenth. It was a fun month for special activities when we were teaching.

If love is blind, why is lingerie so expensive? *Linda*

Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman

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

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 -11:30a.m.
Luncheon-Estate Banquet Centre
Police Constable Gary Gomez

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 -11:30 a.m.
Fashion Show Luncheon
Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club
55 Mac Frost Way, Scarborough

Wednesday, April 12, 2016
Mama Mia Trip

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 -11:30 a.m.
Luncheon-Estate Banquet Centre

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

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 -11:30 a.m.
Luncheon-Estate Banquet Centre

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

Coming in March...

Fashion Show Luncheon



Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club

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

RWTO on the go.....



Mamma Mia!

Cost: TBA

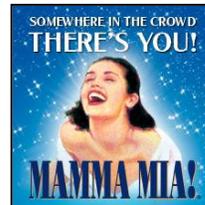
Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Includes bus, Dunnfield Theatre tickets for 2 p.m. performance, Lunch at the Blackshop Restaurant and shopping at the Southworks Outlet in Cambridge

Bus departs at 8 a.m., returning at Approximately 7 p.m.

Payment due date: February 28, 2016

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103



Full of great music, big fun and infectious energy, "Mamma Mia!" is a sunny, funny tale that unfolds on a tiny Greek island. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings back three men from her mother's past. After 20 years, will she finally learn the true identity of her father? You don't have to be a fan of the pop group ABBA (who provides the 23 hit songs for "Mamma Mia!") to fall in love with this unforgettable show.

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.

Payment due date: February 1, 2016

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

Co-ordinator: 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.

February Luncheon



Today we welcome Police Constable Gary Gomez as our special guest. A Crime Prevention Officer for 42 Division, he has been policing for 26 years in various positions. He has been doing Community Policing for 10 years at 42 Division.

His general safety presentation will touch on crime prevention, personal safety, community safety, home safety, financial safety, reporting suspicious persons/activity to the police, and Crime Stoppers. There will be time for questions at the end.

Jeannie, Lana, Marianne
Programme Committee

FREQUENT "FUN" RAISER SILENT AUCTION

1. The theme for February's Silent Auction is gift cards. Being the month of Valentine's Day, people will enjoy going out for a meal, coffee, etc. The gift cards should range in value from \$10 to \$25. Please notify Lynne Said at lynesaid@sympatico.ca or Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan at bbryan@look.ca at least one week in advance, regarding your donation. Kindly bring it to the Estate Banquet Hall by 11:15 on the day of the luncheon.

2. At the **April** luncheon, we will be having an **Accessories Sale**. Please start bringing your donations to the February and March luncheons. We will gratefully accept scarves, jewelry, purses and belts. The items will be priced at \$2.00 and \$5.00 and sold at the April Luncheon. The items that do not sell, will be donated to Juliette's Place.

Thank you!
Lynne Said
Brigitte Kolozsvary Bryan
Fundraising Committee

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

Most common passwords 2015 revealed – and they're ridiculously easy to guess.

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| 1. | 123456 | 14. abc123 |
| 2. | Password | 15. 111111 |
| 3. | 12345 | 16. mustang |
| 4. | 12345678 | 17. access |
| 5. | qwerty | 18. shadow |
| 6. | 123456789 | 19. master |
| 7. | 1234 | 20. michael |
| 8. | baseball | 21. superman |
| 9. | dragon | 22. 696969 |
| 10. | football | 23. 123123 |
| 11. | 1234567 | 24. batman |
| 12. | monkey | 25. Trustno1 |
| 13. | letmein | |

Because I receive emails from numerous RWTO members, I can tell who needs to change their passwords. I receive emails from your computer that you **DID NOT SEND**. You may not realize that your computer has a virus someone sent to you in a message or that you have been hacked.

Have you changed your passwords lately?

The Risk of Using Weak Passwords

- Accessing your bank account
- Purchasing items online with your money
- Impersonating you on social networking and dating sites
- Sending emails in your name
- Accessing the private information held on your computer

Tulip Time in Ottawa

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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 and should be dated March 31, 2016.

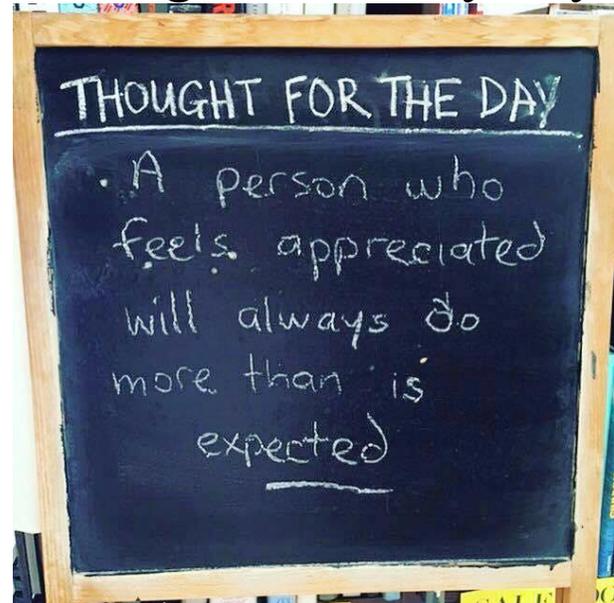
OUTREACH



We will be collecting **NEW, UNOPENED** toiletries and magazines, up to three months old, as well as baby products at our February luncheon. Thank you.

Sheila Meyer
Trudy Sutton
Outreach Committee

Thought for every day...



GOODWILL

We have received thank you notes for donations from Pam Bennett in memory of her mother and Linda Dickson in memory of her husband.

We have received an acknowledgement from Juliette's Place for a donation made in memory of Peg Niddery.

A sympathy card was sent to Betty Cascagnette and a donation was made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation in memory of her husband, Bill.

Betty

Cora Bailey Award

Do you know an RWTO/OERO Scarborough member who has made significant contributions to the Branch and deserves recognition by the Branch?

Each Branch may select up to three members deemed to have made substantial contributions to the Branch. Once again we are opening the selection process to the membership. Ballots, along with a list of past recipients, will be available at the February luncheon in order to initiate the selection process.

A brief explanation of why your candidate should be considered is required. In addition, the committee is asking you to provide your contact information in the event that the committee members require clarification or further information.

(If a member will not be in attendance at the February Luncheon, nominations may be sent, via email, directly to me at: adrjohsevi@gmail.com or via telephone at (416) 284-7644.)

Thank you.

Adrienne Johnson on behalf of the Selection Committee, Linda Jarvis, Lana Peck, Susan Rowe, and Elaine Apted.



Grandmothers' Campaign



Jo-Anne Page, Jeannie, Linda Beck

March Fashion Show Luncheon



Our March luncheon will be our fashion show for this year. It will be held at Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club, Fashions and accessories will be provided by Karen Piper of Peppertree Classics of Main Street Markham. We are looking forward to seeing what fashions are in store for Spring and

Summer 2016. Get your luncheon money in quickly as this is often a sellout event. See you there!!
Programme Committee

RWTO SCARBOROUGH 2016 - 2017

It is time to start planning for the RWTO Executive for the Scarborough Branch starting in May 2016.

Sincere thanks to our current Executive members for volunteering their time to make RWTO Scarborough one of the best branches in the province.

The 2016-2017 Executive, with Carol Nelson as President, will need new Vice Presidents. If anyone would like to serve as *1st Vice President* or *2nd Vice President*, please contact Cathie or Shirley. Job descriptions are available for you.

The present *Programme* Team of Jeannie, Lana and Marianne have chosen to step down in May after organizing 2 years of very great speakers and lively entertainers for us. Two very capable ladies have volunteered to be on the *Programme* Team for next year. Lynn Cook and Lynne Said will be sharing their energy and creative ideas as they arrange programmes for our luncheons.

We are also looking for someone to carry on *Special Events* for next year. Plenty of support will be provided for you.

Please consider volunteering for one of the above positions.

Cathie MacGillivray & Shirley MacDonald
RWTO Scarborough Past Presidents

RWTO/OERO Insurance Report February 2016



Hospital and Home Care Plan – Many of you already have this plan, but if you haven't, please check the RWTO/OERO Insurance Plans brochure available on the table today or go to www.rwto.org and click on Insurance Plan on the left side of the screen.

RWTO/OERO's Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan is another plan that you may

wish to consider. It can be purchased on its own or as a companion to the Hospital and Home Care Plan. Enrolment is guaranteed and there are no medical questions to answer. This Plan provides 24-hour coverage, anywhere in the world, for accidents causing loss or loss of use of limb, paralysis or even accidental death. As an RWTO/OERO member in good standing, you and your spouse may apply for this Plan as long as both of you are covered under a provincial health plan and are both under 85 years of age.

Benefits of the RWTO/OERO Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan that may not be available under other plans include Repatriation Benefit, Home Alteration and Vehicle Modification Benefit, Seat Belt Advantage Benefit and the Family Transportation Benefit.

If you have a question before you enroll or have a question about your existing RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care coverage or this plan, please call or email Terry Kennedy at 1-519-583-0098, tkennedy34@bell.net or Manulife Financial at 1-866-410-0550. (If you are already insured in the plan, please call 1 800 268-3763)

Marilyn Hodge – Insurance Convenor 2015 - 2016



Donna, Janette & Linda



Carol Singing at Christmas



Brigitte & Lynne

2016-2017 RWTO Executive

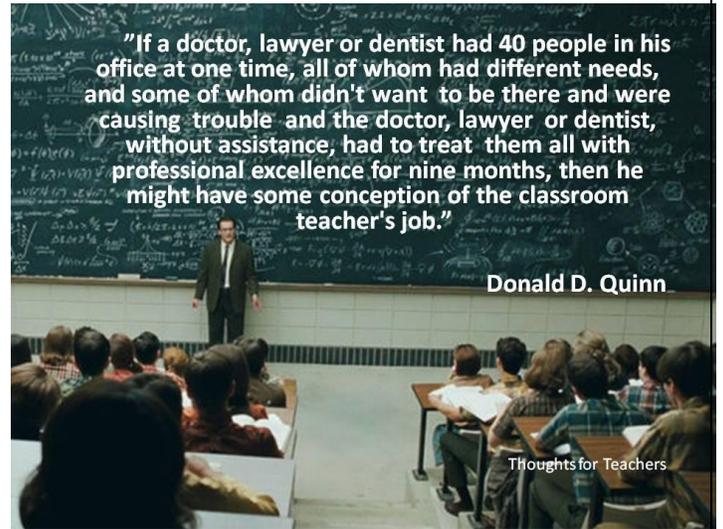
Cathie and Shirley have the responsibility of making sure the 2016-2017 executive meets the needs of members.

As all of you know, it takes many people to plan activities, lunches and trips so that all of us have good times. There is a president for next year, but there is no 1st VP or 2nd VP. Neither of these positions is onerous. If you are interested in either of those positions or would like to assist anyone else on the executive, please contact Cathie or Shirley.

Carol Nelson



New Retirees



"If a doctor, lawyer or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble and the doctor, lawyer or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job."

Donald D. Quinn

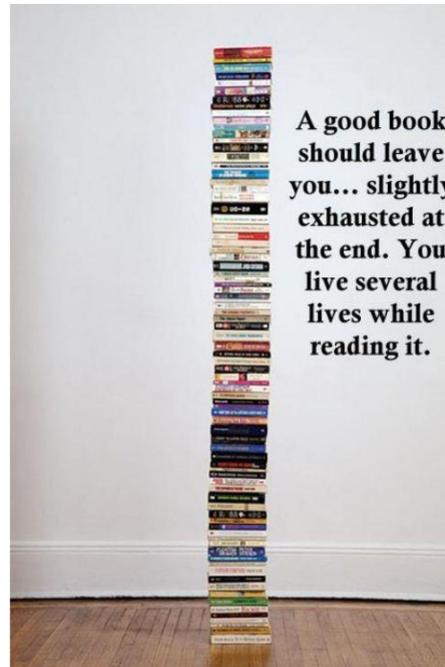
Thoughts for Teachers

BOOKS

A good book should leave you... slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading it.

There **WILL** be a BOOK SALE at the February luncheon. Contributions gratefully accepted. Thank you!

Chris



February Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance January 5, 2016 \$9806.24

Income

January luncheon	\$3680.00
Book sales	34.75
Silent auction	97.00
RWTO/OERO pin sales	35.00
Total	\$3846.75

\$13652.99

Expenses

The Estate – January luncheon	\$3290.56
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	39.55
Honorarium – Sistema Toronto	50.00
Donna Husband – flowers	64.10
Total	\$3444.21

Bank balance February 5, 2016 \$10208.78

Luncheon cheques are mailed to:

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685 McCowan Road,
Scarborough, Ontario
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