



# After the Bell *in Scarborough*

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

Newsletter  
November 2013

Carina and Sharina



## President's Message - Marilyn Hodge

The RWTO/OERO – Scarborough Branch Christmas Luncheon is an extraordinary day for all of us this year as we welcome The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Her Honour Ruth Ann Onley as our special guests.

Our welcome also extends to the Aide de Camp, Lieutenant Colonel Alex Moseanu and to the OPP officers here today as well as to our RWTO/OERO Provincial President, Anne Graham, who will bring greetings from Provincial RWTO/OERO.

As I write this President's message on Remembrance Day, I cannot help but reflect on what we did in our classrooms in the weeks before, on and after Remembrance Day. Attempting to help our students understand the meaning of Remembrance Day, we read poems and books. One of my favourite books was Linda Granfield's book 'In Flanders Fields (The Story of the Poem by John McCrae). Art projects always included crosses, poppies and soldiers. Students were often asked to write what they would say to a veteran and/or to his or her family, if they could meet and talk to them. A few of those who were willing, shared their thoughts with their classmates and with those at the Remembrance Day assembly. If we were fortunate to have a veteran speak, everyone was extremely happy to have had the opportunity to thank him or her for their service. November 11th will always be an emotional day for the veterans, their families and for all of us.

We must never forget.

Last year, Amelia, my little granddaughter shared the following poem that she learned in Junior Kindergarten that week. She repeated it many times while we watched the parade in East York.

"A little poppy that was given to me, shows that Canada is safe and free so I can remember those who fought for me."

I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the planning and execution of this exceptional day, especially the Programme Chairs, Shirley MacDonald and Jeannie Tom, Area 5 Director, Adrienne Johnson (Host), Shelley Goodman, (Vice-Regal Salute), Cathie MacGillivray (special name tags, place cards, programme, and newsletter), Joyce Simmons, Donna Husband (flowers), Elaine Apted, Connie Cole (Communication), Carol Nelson, Judy-Anne Tumber (lunch and liaison with Qssis), Betty Pump (Christmas Gifts), Susan Urie, Linda Jarvis (Treasurers), Isabel Sullivan (arranging Kiwanis) and to all of you for your generous donations of gifts for children and youth who attend the Annual Qssis Christmas Family Dinner for the needy.

Last but not least, we owe our sincere gratitude to John and Jeff, the owners of Qssis and their staff, who went beyond the call of duty to assist us in every way possible and to Eugene Berezovsky, Events Coordinator, Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, who provided guidance and answers to all of our never-ending questions.

My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you for your support and assistance and to Their Honours for making Tuesday, November 19, 2013 an unforgettable day for all of us.

Have a wonderful holiday season.  
Marilyn



### New Location for Luncheon

Q-SSIS Banquet Halls  
3474 Kingston Road  
(Kingston and Markham Road)  
416-265-2030

Allergy Alerts to Judy-Anne Tumber



"Gifts for Kids"

Tuesday, November 19th Luncheon

"White Christmas" - Trip  
Thursday, December 12, 2013

"Going Bananas" - Trip  
Tuesday, February 11, 2013

Tuesday, January 21, 2013  
Luncheon - Doug Cockell  
"Route 66 and All That"

### Grace

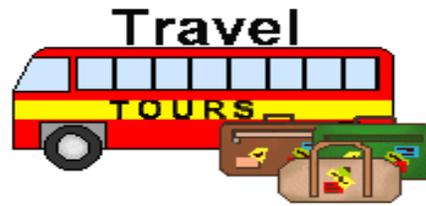
For food in a world  
Where many people walk in  
hunger  
For faith in a world  
Where many walk in fear  
For fellowship  
Where many walk alone  
We give Thee thanks, O God  
Amen

## 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).

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 RWTO-Scarborough and forwarded to the coordinator of each excursion.



### White Christmas

St. Jacob's Country Playhouse

Thursday, December 12, 2013 **Cost: \$118.00**

Depart at 9:00 a.m., return at 6:30 p.m.

Includes bus, St Jacob's market/ Outlet Mall or Village of St. Jacob's, lunch at Verses and Musical Production

Payment due date: Tuesday, November 19

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 1-905-655-0638



In this holiday postcard, two showbiz buddies try to help their old army General, now a struggling inn-keeper in Vermont, save his Inn and lift his holiday spirits. Make your days merry and bright by warming to this unforgettable musical about love, friendship, and loyalty.

### Going Bananas

Famous Players' Dine and Dine Theatre  
(40th Anniversary)

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 **Cost: \$104.00**

Depart at 10:30 a.m., return at 3:30 p.m.

Includes bus, lunch and theatre production

Payment due date: Tuesday, January 21

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 1-905-655-0638



Our performances celebrate famous people and their exceptional achievements through a combination of long-loved music, dance, electrifying special effects and endearing life-sized characters.

### Oh Canada Eh? and Blossom Tour

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 **Cost: \$115.00**

Depart at 8:30 a.m., return at 5:00 p.m.

Includes bus, guided blossom tour of Niagara Region and dinner show

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103



Join our singing Mountie, Hockey Player, Anne of Green Gables and other favorites characters for a night of all-Canadian music, comedy and a family style meal.

### Crazy for You

Festival Theatre, Stratford **Cost: \$170**

Thursday, September 18, 2014 or

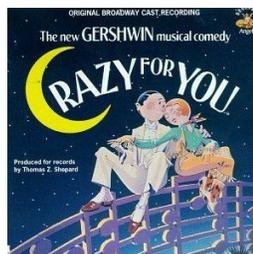
Tuesday, September 23, 2014

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

Bus departs at 8am, returning 8pm

**Payment due date: February 1, 2014**

Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389



Sent to Deadrock, Nevada, to foreclose on a derelict theatre, banker Bobby Child falls for its owner's daughter, Polly Baker. Can he reconcile the demands of duty and love – and his own dreams of dancing? "I Got Rhythm," "Nice Work if You Can Get It" and "Someone to Watch Over Me" are just some of the gems in this dynamic musical's dazzling score.

## *RWTO Christmas Luncheon*



We will be welcoming The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario along with Her Honour Ruth Ann Onley to our luncheon today. His Honour will bring Greetings to the members of RWTO Scarborough followed by Her Honour speaking about "The Role of the Lieutenant Governor's Spouse". An additional highlight of our Programme will be hearing Her Honour sing for us.

We also have the privilege of having our Provincial RWTO President, Anne Graham, attending our luncheon today.

A sincere thank you is extended to our membership for their generous support of "Gifts for Kids". Many less privileged children will receive these gifts when they attend the Annual Christmas Dinner courtesy of the owners of QSSIS Banquet Halls.

### *Julliette's Place*



Margaret Haynes, Executive Director of Julliette's Place, presented a plaque and a thank you for all the support received from the members of RWTO Scarborough over the years. Donations of sports equipment, school backpacks and toiletries have been much appreciated by the families at Julliette's Place.  
Trudy and Sheila

## Craft Show and Sale

Thanks to everyone for another great Craft Show and Sale in October. The true talent of our members was clearly amazing and enjoyed by all of us.



## GOODWILL



We are sorry to report the death of our member, Lorraine Fisher who passed away in October. A sympathy card was sent to her family with our condolences.

A sympathy card was sent to Gwen Darch whose husband Les, passed away. A donation was made in his memory to Scarborough Bluffs Music . We received a very nice note of appreciation from their treasurer.

Also, our sympathies went out to Sharon Green whose husband David passed away. A donation was made to St. David's Presbyterian Church in his memory.

Our sympathy went out to Eileen Murphy whose husband Harold passed away October 20th and a donation was made to the Angel Foundation for Learning in his memory.

A get-well card was sent to Gail Gambriel who recently had ankle surgery.

Betty Caspersen

## OUTREACH

Donations from our members of **new, unused and unopened toiletry items** and of **current magazines** have been greatly appreciated over the last few years by Julliette's Place, a Scarborough shelter for abused women and their children. Each month after the luncheon, we deliver these items to the shelter so that they can be put to use right away.

Although we are not collecting this month, we will resume again at the January luncheon, so please save your items until then.

Sheila Meyer and Trudy Sutton

## 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 Judy-Anne Tumber at 705-295-1995 or e-mail her at [jatumber@nexicom.net](mailto:jatumber@nexicom.net) 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 Judy-Anne informed if there are changes during the year. We want to ensure that you enjoy each and every lunch!**

## RWTO Scarborough has a Webpage

Be sure and check out our Scarborough Branch webpage at:

<http://www.rwto.org/branches/scarborough.asp>

You will find photographs of events and activities as well as our ladies having a good time, our programme, our brochure and our monthly newsletter. We will add to the site each month. You can access this anytime, anywhere on any computer.



## PROGRAMME "Route 66 and All That"

Doug Cockell, artist and award winning teacher will



be our guest at the January 21, 2014 luncheon. He's taught English, Art, and Media at the senior high and university level and received the McLuhan Distinguished Teacher Medal for his work on Visual Communication.



The Kiwanis representatives will be at the November luncheon to bring the items that were ordered. The orders will be paid for and picked up at the conclusion of the luncheon, at approximately 1:30-2:00.

## AFGHANS

In January 2013, a Rendezvous member told some of her members about a project that was being done by a service group in Uxbridge. Women were making knitted squares and then sewing them together to make blankets for children.

A challenge was presented to the members of Rendezvous, Scarborough and York North RWTO/OERO) members. The challenge was—knit an 8 inch square. The response was overwhelming. 52 afghans and blankets were made from the squares donated.

Many were given to Project Linus, an organization that gives blankets to children who are ill, involved in car accidents or spend time in the hospital. Others were given to a women's shelter in Scarborough. York North and Rendezvous Branches donated their blankets to women's shelters in their areas. Scarborough Branch worked with the local police who provide baskets for new moms in the area. A blanket was included in each basket.

Thanks to members, friends and grandmothers who provided comfort to many children in our area. If anyone wants to continue the project, please let me know (416-724-7107). I still have some that need to be put together and they will be donated to a shelter within our community. Carol Nelson

## *RWTO Insurance*



There are three Insurance Plans available to new registrants providing that you are a RWTO/OERO member in good standing. Please refer to the website for a list of these Insurance Plans. ([www.rwto.org](http://www.rwto.org))

If you are planning a winter get-away, did you know that RWTO has teamed up with CanAm Insurance to offer you a wide selection of products? With RWTO and CanAm, you get a customized travel insurance package, so you can travel with confidence. This Plan is also available to family members and friends.

**Travel Insurance Plan - CanAm Insurance - Call 1-888-326-3535 for the direct RWTO Line**

### Benefits of CanAm Insurance

- 1) **Choose** from a wide range of products offered by several different insurance carriers.
- 2) **Save** up to 20% on premiums depending on the coverage you choose.
- 3) **Consult** with travel insurance experts to ensure you get the right coverage.

Just like packing sunscreen, cancelling the newspaper and asking a neighbour to check your home and pick up your mail before you leave home, making sure you have travel medical insurance should be a high priority on your 'vacation to-do list'.

**Please Note:** If you or a family member has a travel emergency, please make sure that you contact your travel insurance company as quickly as possible, preferably, immediately. If you don't, you could have very limited coverage and find yourself responsible for many thousands of dollars of expenses. Costs related to breaking a leg while travelling in the United States could run as high as \$20,000, and treatment for decompression sickness in Thailand can be as much as \$40,000, notes a statement from BMO insurance. This applies to all out-of-province/country travel insurance plans - not just RWTO's or RTO's.

**Please pick up the Travel brochure to learn about all of the CanAm products available.**

*Adrienne Johnson - Insurance Convenor 2013 -2014 with thanks to Marilyn Hodge for her notes.*





# November Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance October 5, 2013 \$6909.20

## **Income**

October luncheon	2775.00	
RWTO membership dues	160.00	
Craft tables	130.00	
Trip – I Love Lucy	5207.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8272.00</b>	<b>\$15181.20</b>

## **Expenditures**

Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	58.40	
West-Enders – October entertainment	100.00	
Qssis – October luncheon	2623.57	
Marg Lyons – membership	102.37	
RWTO membership dues	160.00	
Autism Ontario – Toronto Chapter	100.00	
Mary Morton Tours – trip	5584.00	
Bus driver tip	25.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8753.34</b>	
Bank balance November 8, 2013		<b>\$6427.86</b>



Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

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