



# After the Bell *in Scarborough*

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

Newsletter  
October 2013

*Caring and Sharing*



## *President's Message - Marilyn Hodge*

Thanksgiving Day in Canada has been celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of October for the past 56 years. I hope that you had a good Thanksgiving with your family and friends and, at the same time, had the opportunity to reflect on all of the good things in your life for which you are grateful. I know that I did.

I feel truly blessed to have a great family and many wonderful friends, many of whom are here today. Being part of several amazing organizations, in particular, the RWTO/DERO Scarborough Branch, I have had the good fortune to meet so many amazing, caring, like-minded people, who give freely of their time, talent and energy.

Our Congratulations are extended to the 2013 Cora Bailey Award recipients, Fern Allen and Joyce Simmons, both very deserving recipients, who have both worked tirelessly for the Scarborough Branch for many years. This award is presented every year in each RWTO/DERO Branch in the province. Adrienne Johnson, Linda Jarvis and Carol Nelson will be on the Cora Bailey Awards' Committee to choose the Scarborough Branch Cora Bailey Award recipients for 2014. Please go to the website at [www.rwto.org](http://www.rwto.org) and click on Awards to read the Criteria for Cora Bailey Award Recipients. If you wish to nominate a member of the Scarborough Branch to receive this award, please contact a member of the Cora Bailey Awards' Committee.

The 2013 September Luncheon was extra special this year as we honoured four of our 90's and over members. Thanks to Linda Jarvis, invitations were sent out and each special lady was presented with flowers and peppermints. We would also like to send our Best Wishes and warm thoughts to Margaret Hughes, Sheila MacKenzie, Peg Niddery, Olive Thorn and Mildred Wideman, our 90 and over ladies who did not attend. At the same luncheon, we welcomed several new retirees. Past President Judy-Anne Tumber presented each one with a special RWTO/DERO member's pin.

Several of our Executive members have been really busy this last month receiving and/or depositing membership and luncheon cheques and planning the menus and the set up for the October and November luncheons. Numerous emails were sent and phone calls made to arrange the details of the Craft Sale as well as to make sure that every minute detail is planned for our very special guests who are attending the November luncheon. In order to abide by the protocol, some changes will be made to the November arrival time, meal service and announcements. We thank all of you for your assistance and cooperation.

Please consider picking up a Christmas gift for a child or youth and bring it to the November Luncheon. You may put it on the stage before you are seated at 11:15am

Free 1-888-697-3613. (Safe Seniors 2013)

My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you for your continual support.

Marilyn



### **New Location for Luncheon**

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

Allergy Alerts to Carol Nelson

"I Love Lucy" Trip -  
Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Luncheon- November 19, 2013  
The Honourable David C. Onley  
and Her Honour Ruth Ann Onley  
Gifts for Kids

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

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

### **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

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.

## I Love Lucy

Royal Alexandra Theatre, Toronto **Cost: \$139**

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Depart at 10:15a.m., Return at 6p.m.

Includes bus, lunch at The Old Mill and theatre production

Payment due date: Tuesday, September 17

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103.

## 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

## 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

## 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

*RWTO on the go.....*



This brand-new hit musical stage show is adapted from the longest-running and most beloved television program in history! Starring Lucy,

Ricky, Fred and Ethel - America's favorite foursome - the show is coming to town for the very first time!



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.



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



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.

# Breaking News for RWTO Scarborough



The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Her Honour, Mrs. Ruth Ann Onley are pleased to accept the invitation of the Retired Women Teachers Scarborough Branch to attend the Luncheon on November 19th, 2013.

In order to accommodate our Viceregal guests, we need to begin our luncheon earlier than usual. All members attending this luncheon will need to be in their chosen seats by 11.15am. awaiting the arrival of Their Honours at 11.30am. Lunch will be served following our special programme at 12.30pm.

The Lieutenant Governor is anxious to speak to us followed by Her Honour. She will share with us "The Role of the Lieutenant Governor's Spouse" as well as give us a chance to hear her sing.

Plan now to attend this very special luncheon on November 19th!

## Communications

Each month on or about the 28th, the Communications Team sends out a luncheon dispatch with details of the upcoming luncheon. Those members who do not have e-mail will receive a phone call. We will also notify members of any bereavement. If you do not receive the dispatch, please notify:



Connie Cole at [ed.cole@sympatico.ca](mailto:ed.cole@sympatico.ca) or

Elaine Apted at [elaineapted@sympatico.ca](mailto:elaineapted@sympatico.ca)

Communications Team

## Membership

Thank you to all of the returning members for your continued support of the RWTO Scarborough Branch. A warm welcome is extended to the new members joining us this year:

Maria Anastasiades,  
Dale Burnett,  
Sharyn Baehr,  
Susan Briggs,  
Lynn Cook,  
Isabella Edgcumbe,  
Sharon Faulhaber,  
Lynn Featherstone,  
Marilyn Fox,  
Liz Gabbott,  
Jillian Gray,  
Elizabeth McGowan,  
Trudy Miller,  
Donna Milovanovic,  
Beth Mitchell,  
Pam Parsons,  
Naomi Regan,  
Pat Roy,  
Yvonne Tait,  
Susan Watson.



A warm welcome to all of you.

So glad to have you with us.

## Gifts for Kids

Every year at Christmas time, QSSIS Banquet Hall opens up its doors and provides a hot dinner to people in the area. RWTO / OERO is one of many community organizations that



provides gifts for the children. They serve about 3500 people in a two day period.

Once again, RWTO Scarborough members are asked to please donate

unwrapped gifts for children between the ages of newborn to 12 years for this Christmas party. Please include a gift bag, tissue paper and a tag giving the appropriate age and the gender of the child to whom the gift will be given. Please bring your gifts to the November 19th luncheon. In previous years the majority of gifts went to the younger children leaving fewer gifts for the 10 to 12 year olds. This might be kept in mind when choosing which age group to buy for. Thank you!

Betty

## Craft Show and Sale



Bring your CASH in case you see a special item that "tickles your fancy" at our Craft Show and Sale. It starts at 10.30am. before

lunch and some vendors may be open after the entertainment.

You can choose from jewellery, pottery, decorative notepaper, artwork, knitted/crocheted/quilted items and preserves! Arrive early for best selection!



To our 90 year old members.



Rea-belle Christiani



Mary Allen (Roz Lee)



Gwendolyn Darch



Martha Massey  
(with Linda Jarvis)

We would also like to send our Best Wishes to Margaret Hughes, Sheila MacKenzie, Peg Niddery, Olive Thorn and Mildred Wideman, our 90 and over ladies who could not attend.

## Programme



'Neil Johnston and The Westenders'....

will entertain us with their music and song. Neil will

provide background dining music during our lunch and his choral ensemble will delight us after our lunch.



Marylla passed away August 30 2013. She retired from the Scarborough Board of Education in 1996. She ended her teaching career at Ellesmere Statton P.S. where she taught Special Education for a number of years. Marylla worked on the RWTO Newsletter for a number of years and she also took many pictures for the newsletter. She worked with immigrants in her Salvation Army Corps in North Toronto. Even though she was weak from the cancer she had, she attended the April and May luncheons. Marylla was a quiet individual who gave great support to those in need. She was always an encourager and she loved to help other people. She will be missed at our luncheons.

Carol Small

## 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 Carol Nelson at 416-724-7107 or e-mail her at [carol.nelson@sympatico.ca](mailto:carol.nelson@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 Carol informed if there are changes during the year. We want to ensure that you enjoy each and every lunch!**

## Greeters

Many of our 'greeters' have participated in this role for a long time. We look forward to some new volunteers to greet our members at the door as they arrive for our monthly luncheons. If you would consider being a volunteer to act as a greeter, please contact Betty Pump - [bettypump@hotmail.com](mailto:bettypump@hotmail.com) Your help would be greatly appreciated! Thank-you!



## Cora Bailey Award



Cora Bailey, from the Peterborough Branch, was RWTO/OERO's first Executive Secretary-Treasurer. She held this position for eleven years until 1982 and wrote the History Book - OASWT 1956-1976. Beginning in 2003, this award was presented in her honour. The Cora Bailey Award is presented to an RWTO member who has contributed outstanding service to her Branch.

## Fern Allen



Fern Allen has served in many capacities as an Executive member. Her organizational skills and the ability to work with many people to solve problems made her a valuable member of the team in whatever role she took in the Branch.

## Joyce Simmons



Joyce Simmons also served on the executive in more than one role. She shared the responsibility of gathering and distributing the name tags. She continues to be the 'flower lady'. Thanks to Joyce, our luncheon tables always have a spark of beauty on them.

*Congratulations from all of us.*

# RWTO Insurance Plans

There are four Insurance Plans available to new registrants providing that you are a RWTO/OERO member in good standing.

Please get in the habit of asking for receipts for costs arising from all benefits, including taxi receipts. When it comes time to fill in a claim form, you will have what you need to be reimbursed.



1. The Hospital and Home Care Plan Please Note: If you are applying during your first year of retirement, you are not required to complete a medical questionnaire but one is required for your spouse. It is a very simple questionnaire and does not need input from your doctor. If you have been turned down due to a preexisting condition, apply again. Conditions change and people have been accepted on their second or third try.

2. Personal Accident Death and Dismemberment Plan. More to follow.

3. Travel Insurance Plan - CanAM Insurance. - 1-888-326-3535

Please Note: The Guaranteed Issue Life Insurance Plan has been closed to new entrants. Those members with existing coverage will continue to be covered provided they continue to pay their premiums when they become due.

The Hospital and Home Care Plan was explained in detail in the September newsletter. Please pick up a brochure for more details.

## **RWTO Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan**

According to Statistics Canada, accidents are the third leading cause of death! In fact, chances are that you know at least one person who has been involved in a serious accident. This Plan protects against accidents occurring around the world, 24-hours a day and 365 days a year. Benefits are paid for accidental death, dismemberment, or paralysis resulting from an accident. You can choose the coverage you need, in units of \$25,000 up to \$200,000. A member may apply for this Plan if she is under 85 years of age. Benefits and premiums reduce by 50% at age 70. Benefits reduce by 50% again at age 80, however, premiums do not. Coverage terminates at age 85. A spouse can only apply if the Member is in good standing and has the Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage. The spouse must apply for the same amount of coverage as the Member. You and your spouse are automatically accepted into The Personal Accidental Death & Dismemberment Plan, regardless of your retirement date.

Like the Hospital and Home Care Plan, a spouse of a deceased Member can continue to be insured under this Plan. A member living outside of Ontario is also eligible for the RWTO Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan as long as she remains an RWTO Member.

## **Benefits of the RWTO Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan that may not be available under other plans.**

**Repatriation Benefit** – If the insured suffers an accidental loss of life outside of Canada while their policy is in effect, Manulife Financial will pay the expense incurred in preparing the body for burial or cremation and the transportation of the body to his or her city of residence. Subject to a maximum cost of \$5000.00

**Home Alteration Benefit** – This benefit will pay the one-time cost of alterations to the insured's residence to make it wheelchair accessible and habitable. It will also pay the one-time cost of modifications necessary to one motor vehicle, owned by the insured, to make the vehicle accessible or drive-able for the insured. This is a onetime payment and is payable only when an insured has lost (or lost the use of) both feet, or becomes or paraplegic, hemiplegic or quadriplegic, subject to an overall maximum of \$10,000.00

**Seat Belt Benefit** – This benefit increases the amount payable under the Schedule of Benefits by 10% when an insured's injury or death results while wearing a properly fastened seat belt in a vehicle the insured is driving or riding in.

**Family Transportation Benefit** – This benefit pays the transportation and accommodation expenses for an immediate family member to visit the insured at the hospital, if the insured is confined to a hospital for at least 5 days and the hospital is more that 200 km away from home, on the recommendation of a physician. Subject to \$5000.00 maximum per accident

If you have a question before you enroll or have a question about your existing RWTO Hospital and Home Care coverage or the Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan, please call Terry Kennedy at 519-583-0098 or Manulife Financial at 1- 866- 410- 05500 0 . They can answer any questions you have, from payment options to how to complete the enrolment form.

Adrienne Johnson – Insurance Convenor 2013 -2014

*New Retiree's Tea Photos*





## October Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance September 10, 2013		\$6901.68
Income		
50/50	\$81.00	
Toonie Tuesday	136.00	
Books	40.70	
September luncheon	3340.00	
Convention rebate	270.00	
RWTO membership dues	1680.00	
Total	\$5547.70	
		\$12449.08
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Joyce Simmons – flowers	32.21	
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter, brochure, postage	189.15	
Speaker – Bonnie Simonata	200.00	
Qssis – September luncheon	3031.22	
Marg Lyons – retirees' tea	8.71	
Linda Jarvis – flowers over 90s	24.53	
Susan Urie – post box	194.36	
Betty Caspersen – friendship	300.00	
RWTO membership dues	1560.00	
Total	\$5540.18	
Bank balance October 5, 2013		\$6908.90

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