



# After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter  
January 2015

*Caring and Sharing*

*Shirley MacDonald – Co Presidents – Cathie MacGillivray*



The boarding on Flight 2015 has been announced.  
Your luggage should only contain the best souvenirs from 2014  
the bad and sad moments should be left in the garbage.  
The duration of the flight will be 12 months.  
So tighten your seatbelt.

The next stop-overs will be:  
Health, Love, Joy, Harmony, well-being and Peace.  
The captain offers you the following menu  
which will be served during the flight  
A Cocktail of Friendship, A Supreme of Health, A Gratin of Prosperity  
A Bowl of Excellent News, A Salad of Success, A Cake of Happiness  
All accompanied by bursts of laughter.

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable trip on board flight 2015.

Author unknown

*Shirley & Cathie*

## Don't Forget!

New Location for Luncheon  
**The Estate Banquet Centre**  
430 Nugget Avenue  
(at Markham Road)  
Scarborough

**Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman**

Tuesday January, 20, 2015  
Luncheon at The Estate  
Joan Kehoe's new book – "Butterfly  
Born on a Windy Day" - available for sale  
Jane Cramer's 100 Quilt Journey

Tuesday February 10, 2015  
Valentine Dessert Café  
Marleigh Retirement Residence  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday February 17, 2015  
Luncheon at The Estate  
Choice of entre on your cheque  
Millie Morton – "Grace" available for sale

Tuesday March 17, 2015  
Fashion Show Luncheon  
Special guest:  
Provincial President- Marilyn Emmett  
Remington Golf & Country Club

Saturday, April 11, 2015  
Dame Edna Trip

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



*You are invited to a Valentine Dessert Café*  
*Tuesday February 10, 2015*  
*Special entertainment - Andy DeCampos*  
*2 p.m. - 4 p.m.*  
*The Marleigh Retirement Residence*  
*Decadent Desserts, Door Prizes, Music*

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 **Mary Morton Tours** and forwarded to the coordinator of each excursion.

Mary Morton Tours Presents

TICO #4488722

*RWTO on the go.....*



## Dame Edna

Royal Alexandra Theatre

**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

**Cost: \$163**

2 p.m. Show

Includes lunch at Baton Rouge (choice of 5 entrees, salad or soup, dessert and theatre ticket (orchestra seating)

Bus departs at 10:45 a.m., returning after the show

Coordinator: Carol Everitt: 905-655-0638



In a side-splitting, historic finale, Dame Edna Everage is capping a spectacular career spanning 50 years of bravura showmanship in this farewell celebratory, sold-out performances show across the world. With her take-no-prisoners comedy and hijinks, Dame Edna is not going out with a whimper:

## Titanic

Princes of Wales Theatre

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

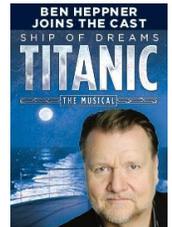
**Cost: \$156**

Includes theatre ticket, bus and dinner at the Mandarin

Bus departs at 12 noon, returning at 8 p.m.

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103

**Ben Heppner**, the greatest opera tenor of his generation, will be joining the cast of the new production of the Tony Award-winning Best Musical **TITANIC**.



## Sound of Music

Festival Theatre, Stratford

**Cost: \$170**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015 or Thursday, September 24, 2015**

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, 2015**

Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389



Overflowing with such beloved songs as "My Favorite Things" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain,"

this heart-warming family musical tells an inspiring story of the discovery of love – and a daring bid for freedom.

## IMPORTANT TRAVEL NEWS

In order to comply with the rules of the Travel-Related Protocol of the Travel Industry Council of Ontario,(TICO), all cheques for payment of trips will be made payable to Mary Morton Tours and given to the coordinator of each trip who will forward them on to Mary Morton Tours.

Thank you for your cooperation. We anticipate a year of caring and sharing as we travel together.

Mary, Carol & Lamoine

## FREQUENT FUN RAISER SILENT AUCTION



We are accepting your theme basket donations at every luncheon and we encourage our members to take part in this "Fun" raiser. Notification of your donation must be made

**at least one week prior to the luncheons.** Please **DO NOT** bring donations without prior notification. If we receive enough donations for any particular month, you will be asked, upon notification of your intent to donate, to postpone your donation until the following month. Thanks to all who have generously donated their theme baskets and have given their time to participate in this fund raising activity. For further information and to notify of your intent to donate for the upcoming Frequent Fun Raiser, please contact:

Linda Brent: email [lbrentic@yahoo.com](mailto:lbrentic@yahoo.com)  
or call 905-640-9279

Susan Rowe: email [rowejsh@sympatico.ca](mailto:rowejsh@sympatico.ca)



Thank you to our members for your generosity in "Gifts for Kids" at our Christmas Luncheon.

### 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](mailto: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.**



*New member, Linda-Lee, receives her RWTO pin.*

## OUTREACH

Please bring only **NEW, UNOPENED** toiletries and one/two month old magazines for Juliette's Place. When asked if the children need any other items over the year the response was the following:  
**Diapers -all sizes, diaper rash cream, baby wipes, lotions, baby shampoo, children's toothbrushes**



If you wish to donate any of these items or make a monetary donation towards the purchase of these items, we would be happy to get them to Juliette's Place along with our regular donations of ladies toiletries and gently used magazines.

We thank our RWTO members for all of their donations and look forward to another year supporting Juliette's Place.

Sheila Meyer  
Trudy Sutton

### Remembering



*Our thoughts and prayers are with our members who have recently lost a loved one.*

## Another Special Event

### Valentine Dessert Cafe

Featuring Andy DeCampos

Tuesday February 10, 2015

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Marleigh Retirement Residence  
34 Main Street South, Unionville

Join us for delicious decadent desserts, music with crooner Andy DeCampos, door prizes and a sweet social time celebrating Valentine's Day at The Marleigh Retirement Residence in Unionville.

Tickets - \$20

Limited number of tickets are available at the January Luncheon.

## A Thank You Letter from Project Linus

Dear Ladies,

We would like to thank you for the lovely blankets we have received from your loving hands.

Each one is so unique and beautiful. They are so well received by the nurses who then give them to the children. The nurses have said how much they are appreciated by the children and their parents. Your efforts are not in vain as each one of these blankets gives comfort to a child while they are going through the time spent in the hospital as well as when they go home. We have gotten notes from parents telling them us that after the children get home they will keep the blanket with them. It is truly a source of comfort.

Thank you once again ladies and please keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Diana Delic  
Project Linus Coordinator

## Jane Cramer's 100 Quilt Journey



Sit back and let Jane Cramer, President of the York Heritage Quilters Guild, with the largest membership in Canada take you on her delightful quilting journey. Jane, a retired school educator began her fabric adventure in 2009. In just five, short years, Jane has

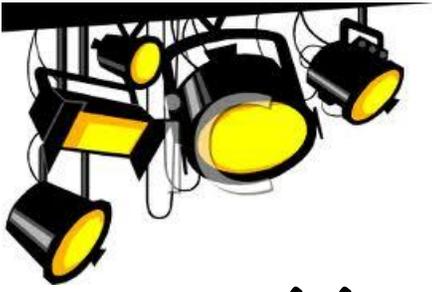
embraced all things quilt-related and has found a way to combine the enjoyment of sewing, crafting and quilting with being involved in a volunteer organization.

Jane will inspire you, inform you on modern trends, make you laugh, entertain you as you travel along with her as she chronicles her skill development and shares a selection of her more than 100 quilts from this very challenging fabric art-form, known as quilting!

Lana

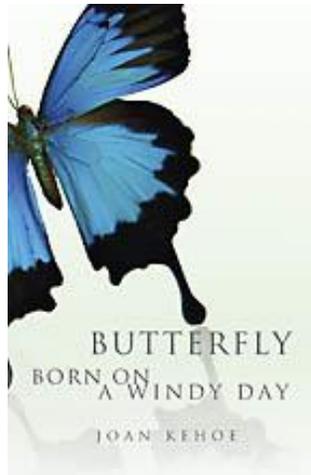


A special Happy Birthday wish  
for Peg Niddery.



*Spotlight on members...*  
**Joan Kehoe**

Joan Kehoe immigrated to Canada from the north of England as a young child in 1948. She Attended Birch Cliff Heights Public School and Scarborough cum R.H. King Collegiate. After a year at Toronto Teachers College, she became a kindergarten teacher at Bendale Public School at the ripe old age of 19. She eventually married and retired to be with their three babies at home. Part time university courses became a way of life and she eventually returned to the teaching job she loved.



From 1990 to 1993 she was a consultant for kindergarten and retired from Heron Park Public School in 1997.

Through the years she loved writing poetry. Her work has been published in numerous anthologies and publications. She has receive three awards for her poetry. She also likes to sing and is currently with the inspiring Serenata Singers.

Her late husband David, always encouraged her writing efforts and this has helped her cope with his loss.

Joan finds much joy with her three children and is thrilled to be the Grandma to three amazing children.

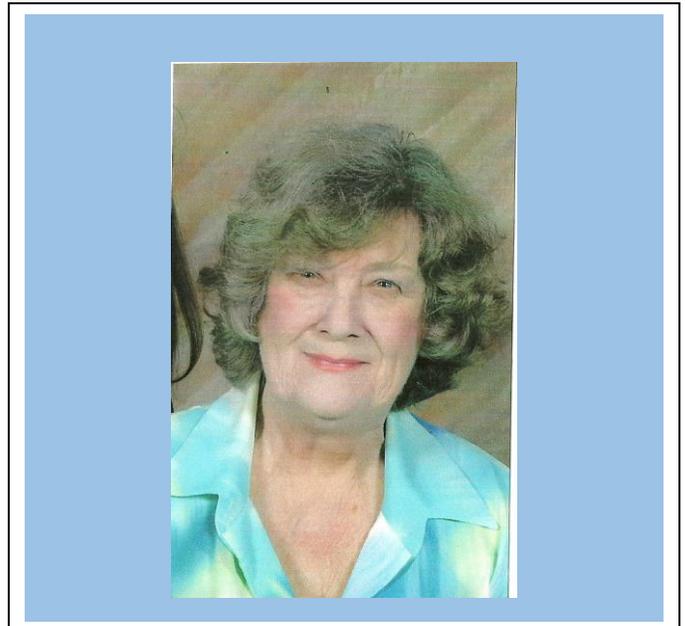
## *Saving Memories*

On sunny days  
 I keep a bit of sun  
 To hold on rainy days

I keep the peace of a rose  
 In my heart  
 To calm me  
 When lightning and thunder threaten  
 In sad moments  
 I think of the wild joy of squirrels  
 Tearing from grass to trees  
 Total abandon in the endless playground  
 Not rooted on land

I think of you flowers warmth  
 Sweet words...soft hands deep brown eyes  
 Loving me  
 Memories that let me live  
 To face another day  
 Now that you have gone  
 To live among the stars

*Joan*



**Butterfly Born on a Windy Day**  
**Epic Press**

essencebookstore.com  
 E-Book on Kindle, Kobo and iBooks Store

Joan will have books with her at our January Luncheon. Please stop by her table for a chat about her newly published book of poetry. The cost of Joan's new book is \$20.

## RWTO/OERO – Past President’s Report – January 2015 News

Happy New Year and welcome to 2015.

I hope that all of you were able to enjoy the festive season with family and friends. This year’s holiday season was certainly much better than it was in 2014. How can we forget the freezing rain, the ice storm and the power outages making it almost impossible to get around and able to share the holidays with family and friends. Thank goodness most of these severe weather conditions didn’t happen over the holidays this year.

First of all, I would like to thank the Scarborough Branch Executive for all of your hard work this past year. All of us have a job to do and we do it well. Membership fees are received in the spring and during the summer. Before every luncheon, the Assistant Treasurer receives the cheques and keeps track of how many people are attending, then gives the information to the person in charge of the luncheon. Special meals related to dietary restrictions are also taken care of at every luncheon.

Great lunches are planned and a monthly dispatch is sent out to let us know what is happening, what trips we can take and what the entertainment will be as well as when and where to send our luncheon or trip cheque.

We have a variety of entertainment each month, the Craft Sale and the Silent Auction gets organized and other off-site opportunities and events, such as High Tea, Card Making and a Valentine’s Dessert Cafe as well as a Fashion Show have been planned for us.

The Co-Presidents’ send out a luncheon and/or meeting agenda, *Sympathy*, *Get Well* and *Thinking of You* cards are sent out to members who need them. Members donate items for fundraising and beautiful name tags get designed for everyone to wear at our luncheons. Some of us tend to forget names and the name tags certainly help us know to whom we are speaking.

Gorgeous flowers are on all of the luncheon tables and we have a great outreach program where members bring toiletries for a Women’s Shelter. Beautiful quilts are made and distributed to a New Parent Resource Centre. Financial donations to the RTO-District 24 Golf Tournament and Autism Ontario as well as Juliette’s Place are also made on our behalf. Every year, a huge

variety of Christmas gifts are always donated by our members and given to local children and youth in need.

At the end of every luncheon, the Treasurer pays the luncheon bill as well as any other bills submitted by members. She also keeps track of all of our expenses and reports on the income from fundraising and prepares a financial report for our monthly newsletters. At the end of March, she submits the yearly financial report to the RWTO/OERO provincial office.

The Scarborough Branch is a great branch and one in which I am proud to be a member and Past President. As long as all of us continue in “Caring and Sharing”, our Scarborough Branch will continue to be a great branch. All of us are grateful for all that is done to make the Scarborough Branch so successful.

My wish for all of you and your families is that 2015 will be a happy, safe and fun-filled year and that winter will remain nice enough to keep us warm enough and to make our travels safe.

Marilyn Hodge - Past President, 2014 -2015



What an amazing day! The venue is beyond comparison with the ambiance, the care in making creative and quality meals that are happily delivered by The Estate’s expert staff. I inhaled the meal!

The RWTO ladies are so heartfelt, dedicated, inviting and willing to welcome new ideas and people. It is a learning atmosphere in every aspect of your well planned event. Today’s “Holiday Flower Arranging”, presented by Leonard Teengs, was stellar. So informative and a celebration to learning.

Gratefully,  
(New Member)

## GOODWILL



A sympathy card was sent to Judy-Anne Tumber on the death of her step-mother Lucy Mary Legassicke. A donation

was made to the Salvation Army in her memory.

We sent a sympathy card to Olive Cheron whose husband, Frederick, passed away in November. A donation was made to St. Jude's church in his memory. A thank-you note was received from Olive.

We were saddened to hear of the death of a former member of R.W.T.O. Joyce Tzakawa, also in November.

A donation was sent to the Barbara Schlifer Commemorative Clinic in memory of our member Mary Horney who passed away October 31st.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, a sympathy card was sent to Marylou Dallas, whose mother, Pansy Trunks, passed away and a donation was made to the Heart and Stroke Society in her memory.

A sympathy card was sent to Jeanette Ferraro whose granddaughter- one-year old Ellie Speight, passed away early in December.

We sent a get-well card to Jeannie Tom who spent the holidays in hospital. Hope you are on the mend, Jeannie.

## February Luncheon Menu

We are going to try something different for our February luncheon. You will have a choice of salmon or chicken.

To make this work, you must indicate on the front of your cheque, your choice of entrée - salmon or chicken.

If you do not indicate your choice, you will be served chicken. People requiring a vegetarian/vegan meal will not be affected by this luncheon change. Please try to get your cheques to Susan Urie by the date indicated in the Dispatch. Better yet, pay for the February luncheon at the January luncheon. I must give the numbers to Estate Banquet Hall the week before the luncheon so that they can shop appropriately.

Thank you.

Shelley Goodman

## Coming in February Millie Morton

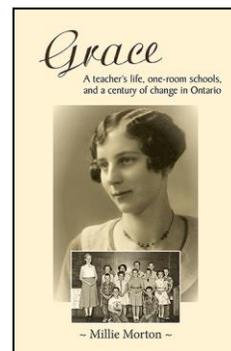


**Millie Morton** is a sociologist and author. Her publishing credits include articles in *Expedition*, *Americas*, and *Horticulture*. Recently, she's written numerous memoirs in *Vista*, the publication of the Seniors Association in Kingston, Ontario.

**Grace** is her first book.

She grew up on a farm near Stirling, Ontario, and attended a one-room elementary school. After graduating from the University of Guelph, she earned a Ph.D. at Cornell University. Her work as a sociologist took her to many countries. She taught in Nigeria and the United States. She did research in Latin America and Africa. In 2003, she received a Centenary Award from the University of Guelph for contributions to applied social science and international development.

She is an enthusiast for small museums, local history, and nature walks. She lives with her husband in Kingston.



**Grace** is the true story of an Ontario teacher's life in one-room schools and small communities. During the twentieth century, she taught children who wrote on slates and children who used computers.

Her lessons went far beyond the classroom. She was one of the first mothers in her area to work away from home. She was a dedicated volunteer in her community and a poet who celebrated country living.

Grace Morton's life (1907-2008) illustrates how much Ontario has changed.

*Millie Morton's book "Grace" will be available, for sale, at the February Luncheon. The cost of the book will be \$25 with 10% of sales going to RWTO fundraising.*

## RWTO/OERO Insurance Report – January 2015 News

**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](http://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.

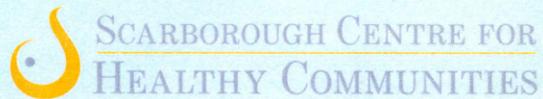
If you have a question before you enroll or have a question about your existing RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care coverage or this plan, please call or email **Terry Kennedy** at 1- 519-583-0098, [tkennedy34@bell.net](mailto:tkennedy34@bell.net) or **Manulife Financial** at 1- 866- 410- 0550.

Adrienne Johnson – Insurance Convenor 2014 - 2015



*Celebrating our ladies.*





Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Retired Women's Teacher Federation  
c/o Donna Milovanovic  
24 Southmarine Drive  
Toronto, ON M1E 1A2

Dear Donna and the members of the Retired Women's Teacher Federation,

On behalf of Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities, I would like to thank you for your very generous support of gift cards, toys and food donations to our food bank. Your commitment to helping us is sincerely and greatly appreciated. We could not continue the level of work we do without your generous support.

Our food bank continues to be identified by Daily Bread Food Bank as the largest food bank in the Scarborough area. We serve a diverse population of new comers, families, single parent led families, seniors and single adults. Our client base has continued to grow with an average of 15 new families per week and an increase of 43% to date this year. This means we are now serving over 1,650 families per month.

Each year Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities continues to advance its mission of serving families, single led families, and youth during the holiday seasons and all year round, by providing them with food, clothes, and furniture. Through our food, clothing and furniture bank, we have seen many lives in our community changed for the better. With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we are confident that we will continue to see great improvements in our neighborhood.

Thank you again for your generosity and supporting our efforts.

Warm wishes for the Holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Bolton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'N' and 'B'.

Nancy Bolton  
Community Engagement Manager KGO

# Treasurer's Report – Linda Jarvis

RWTO Scarborough Branch - January

Bank balance November, 2014 \$6377.95

## Income

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| November luncheon | \$5025.00 |
| Membership dues   | 160.00    |
| Craft tables      | 10.00     |
| Silent Auction    | 209.00    |
| Books             | 20.50     |

Total \$5424.50

\$11802.45

## Expenses

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| The Estate – November luncheon       | 4495.14 |
| Leonard Teengs – November speaker    | 150.00  |
| Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter     | 81.01   |
| Donna Husband – flowers, vases       | 86.17   |
| RWTO fees                            | 240.00  |
| Autism Ontario – Scarborough Chapter | 100.00  |

Total 5152.32

Bank balance January 8, 2015 \$6650.13

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Beautiful table flowers thanks to Donna and Genevieve.



**From the Editor**

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