



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
February 2018

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



The second month of the year and already it has been interesting—at least the weather has kept us alert from day to day. Tonight, as I write this, the snow is gone (again) and it is raining. You know that this will change as we move through the month.

Hopefully, the flu season is ending and everyone is feeling better. Let's hope that warmer weather and sunshine will make us feel better.

Again, the executive has been working for all of you. Linda Jarvis is looking for members who would like to become part of the executive. There are some people leaving and moving positions this year (will be announced in a later newsletter) and new faces are always welcome. There is always a place for you if you are interested in joining the executive. Meetings are usually held in September, January and April. Email is often used, if necessary, if something needs to be discussed in between meetings. Meetings are held before luncheons.

We are an active branch but it is only active because of the people involved. Let Carol or Linda know how you would like to help.

The days are getting longer with more hours to go out during the day. Enjoy them.
Carol

Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman

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

Please try to pay in advance for the next luncheon at the previous luncheon. If you are unable to attend, your cheque will be held for a future luncheon. This helps us with an accurate number of attendees and the Estate will be better able to accommodate your special needs.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Sylvia Sarkus-Financial Planner

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Glad Bryce- *First in, Last Out*

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 - 11:30
Luncheon - Estate Banquet Centre
Fashion Show - Northern Reflections

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





RWTO/OERO ON THE GO

All buses will depart PROMPTLY from in front of the shops at Kennedy Commons, in front of Michaels and LA Fitness. Please park around the perimeter of that parking lot. 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 by the Payment Due Date.

Mary Morton Tours Presents
TICO #448872

Come From Away (Waiting List)

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Cost: \$159

Includes bus, lunch at the Hot House Café and orchestra theatre tickets.

Note: More tickets currently on hold for Oct. 31st. Cost is \$182. If interested, call Carol.

Bus departs at 10:15 a.m. returning at approx. 4:15 p.m.

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638

Holiday Inn

Thursday, May 24, 2018 Cost: \$129

Includes bus, visit to St. Jacob's Farmer's Market, buffet lunch at Crossroads, orchestra seating for *Holiday Inn* performance at the Drayton Festival Theatre

Bus departs at 9:30 a.m., returning at approx. 6:30 p.m.

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103

The King and I

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 Cost: \$160

Includes bus, Toronto City Tour, lunch at the Hot House Café and orchestra theatre tickets

Bus departs at 9:00 a.m., returning at approx. 5:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Lamoine Mustard 416-494-5103

Agawa Canyon 4-Day Tour

September 25 to 28, 2018 Cost: Twin: \$949
Single: \$1179

Includes deluxe motor coach transportation, 3 nights' hotel accommodation, 8 meals: 3 breakfasts / 2 lunches / 3 dinners, ticket for the Agawa Canyon Train Tour, step-on guide, ticket for travel on the Chi-Cheemaun Ferry

Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. returning at approx. 5 p.m. p.m.

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638

Music Man

Thursday, October 4, 2018 Cost: \$185

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

A Christmas Carol

Friday, December 7, 2018 Cost: \$145

At the Shaw Royal George Theatre, Niagara-on-the-Lake
Includes bus, lunch at the Prince of Wales, orchestra seating theatre tickets, shopping in Niagara-on-the-Lake, visit to Pickard Peanuts

Bus departs at 8:15 a.m., returning approx. 7:30 p.m.

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638

COME FROM AWAY is the breathtaking new musical that



Toronto embraced with open arms and had audiences leaving the theatre night after night claiming they were "proud to be Canadian!" The weather is wild, but the locals never lack for warmth. And it's here, in Newfoundland, where a remote town became the epicenter of a remarkable true story filled with unusual characters, unexpected camaraderie and uncommon generosity.



Check in for a tap-happy musical about a crooner and a hooper vying for the affections of a beautiful up-and-coming performer in this new stage adaptation of the beloved 1942 Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire film.



Based on a true story, *The King and I* traces the blossoming romance between an English governess and the King of 19th Century Siam. Part love story and part culture clash comedy, the show contains some of musical theatre's greatest numbers, from *Shall We Dance* to *Getting to Know You*, to *I Whistle a Happy Tune*.



"The seemingly unending mixed forests of the Canadian Shield open up as you skirt the shores of northern lakes and rivers, cross towering trestles, and set eyes on the same rugged landscapes and majestic views that inspired the Group of Seven."



A LOVE STORY WITH TWISTS AND TUNES. A charming but fraudulent salesman arrives in River City to work his usual scam – only to find that a bill of goods can be the real deal. With melodies that include the rousing "Seventy-Six Trombones," this musical-comedy classic will delight the whole family.



Ebenezer Scrooge is a miserable old miser. But when three ghosts decide to swoop in overnight, he gets the wake-up call of a lifetime. This charming Christmas classic by Charles Dickens has one of life's most inspiring questions at its heart: what — and who — will really matter in the end? See it brought to life in the historic Royal George Theatre by the Shaw Festival's world-class Ensemble.

Welcome Sylvia Sarkus



Our guest speaker for our February Luncheon will be **Sylvia Sarkus**, a Certified Financial Planner who provides independent consulting to individuals and corporate clients. She counsels them to meet their financial challenges and responsibilities in both their personal and business lives. She

has been featured in the Weekend Living section of the Toronto Star and has been a guest on CBC's The Current.

ALLERGIES AND DIET RESTRICTIONS:

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 the information **BEFORE** the luncheon. Please call Shelley Goodman at 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 lunch!

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Can you help?

Doctors and Pharmacists in rural communities in developing countries do not have prescription pill bottles to give to a patient when he receives medication from a doctor. The patient is given his pills wrapped in newsprint or put into a paper envelope. By the time he has walked the mile or two home, the pills are lost or have started to disintegrate in the heat.

If you have empty pill bottles, we will be collecting them in January and February. These pill bottles will be taken down to the developing countries by travelers who support their clinics and/or facilities. Please remove the labels from the bottles.

Thank you. Carol



OUTREACH

There **WILL** be our regular collection of toiletries, magazines and baby products at the February luncheon.

Thank you, Sheila & Trudy
Outreach Committee

FUNDRAISING:

There **WILL** be a silent auction at the February Luncheon. The theme is '**Comfort items**'.

Thank you,

Lynne lynnesaia@sympatico.ca

Brigitte bbryan@look.ca

Fundraising Committee

BOOKS

There **WILL** be a Book Sale at the February luncheon. Thank you.

Chris

Coming in March Glad Bryce



Glad Bryce, with Dr. Roberta Bondar, who wrote to forward of her book, *First In Last Out*

"Glad Bryce has written with great respect and passion of the Canadian women who became the WDs of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Their story is an important part of our country's history, and it is imperative that today's young women and men know how and why their grandmothers and great grandmothers were pioneers in changing how women were perceived by society at large. The stories these women have told are fascinating and it is a wonderful and necessary book that Glad has so movingly written about."
Dr. Roberta Bondar

RWTO INSURANCE

Some frequently asked questions...



Q. If you are in the hospital 3 days you qualify for the 350.00/ month but if you have day surgery, requiring an incision, you qualify for only 72.50/week for ONLY up to 4 weeks. What

if you have surgery but are in hospital less than 3 days. Do you only qualify for the 72.50 for up to 4 weeks? There are now some major procedures where they keep you in hospital for less than 3 days. What if it is keyhole surgery with no incision, but it is still major? Do you still qualify?

A. *If you have surgery but are in hospital less than 3 days, you qualify for the \$72.50 for up to 4 weeks...regardless if the surgery is considered "major" or "minor" and the incision requirement has been removed.*

Q. On discharge from hospital, does one apply to the Community Care Access Centre to collect what the government pays for Home Care first, before submitting the claim under the Hospital and Home Care Plan?

A. *Yes, the government is always the first payor.*

Q. Under the Death & Dismemberment policy, would the benefit be paid quickly enough to cover the funeral?

A. *No--since most funerals take place within 3-4 days of death. In the event of an accidental death, benefits would be paid for claims within 1-2 weeks of Manulife's receipt of the appropriate documents.*

Q. Does the doctor's validation expense include the transfer of medical records from doctor to doctor?

A. *Unfortunately, it does not. It pays for the expenses charged by a doctor when validating or completing a claim form for the benefits eligible under this policy.*

For assistance with your insurance claims please contact
TERRY M. KENNEDY 419-583-0098
tkennedy34@bell.net

May also call: 1 800 268-3763

Branch Insurance rep:

Carol Nelson: 416 724 7107/ carol.nelson@sympatico.ca

Highland Creek Public School



Highland Creek Public School is gearing up to celebrate 100 wonderful years. We invite you to join our 100th Anniversary celebrations which will be taking place on **Friday April 27 & Saturday April 28, 2018.**

Pub Night

Details to follow.

Former Staff Coffee & Treat

9a.m.-10a.m.

Contact:

Jack Shaw staffcuppa@gmail.com

Helen Sharpe rsharpe2345@gmail.com

Decade Rooms and Ceremonies



Basic Points of Computer Etiquette



Replying to an email:

When you receive an email, "**reply**" to the sender within 24 hours, saying that you received it. Messages can be lost in cyberspace and the sender will be wondering if it went astray. If it requires a detailed answer and you are short of time, simply reply with "Received, ttyl." Time well spent?

When to use "Reply All":

If you receive an email and several others are also listed as recipients, reply only to the person who sent the email to you. One uses "Reply All", only if adding new information that all recipients need to read.

Using CAPITALS:

CAPITALS in an email mean that you are SHOUTING at the recipient. It is considered offensive.

CONVENTION 2018

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It is very important that your cheque for the luncheons are received well in advance. We are required by The Estate Banquet Centre to give them the number of meals

required **A WEEK IN ADVANCE**, so they can accommodate everyone.

If your cheque is late or you decide, at the last minute, to attend, the Estate has not prepared a lunch for you. To avoid putting the Estate and our branch Executive in a difficult position, please ensure that Susan Urie is aware of your attendance by receiving your cheque. Many thanks to those who honour this.

GOODWILL

Thinking of You cards were sent to Janette McClure who had a respiratory virus and to Barbara Brunson who was in hospital and also to Kathy Matsushita and Nan Collicot, both having had knee surgery. We hope they are showing great improvement. A thinking of you card was also sent to Louise Steele and hope she is on the mend.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Ron Halvorson who passed away recently. A donation was made to St. Margaret - in the Pines church in his memory.

Betty

Agawa Canyon Trip

Day One - Tuesday, September 25, 2018

8:30 a.m. Depart from Kennedy Commons - Travel to Sault Ste Marie (Coffee stop en route, on own) Lunch stop en route in Parry Sound, (on own).

Check into the Delta Hotels Sault Ste Marie Waterfront. Modern, beautifully appointed hotel rooms showcase plush bedding, free Wi-Fi and flat screen TVs and indoor pool. 6:30 p.m. Dinner at hotel

Day Two - Wednesday, September 26, 2018 8:00 a.m.

The Algoma Central Train departs for Agawa Canyon. Enjoy the beauty of the region and experience the same rugged landscapes that inspired the Group of Seven. A commentary will be provided, which will tell you about upcoming points of interest and share some of the rich history of the region Just when you thought you'd experienced it all, the train will begin its descent, traveling down 500 feet to the floor of Agawa Canyon. You can enjoy scenic walks on graveled trails leading to several waterfalls and experience an invigorating climb up over 300 stairs to the breathtaking Lookout, perched 250 feet above the canyon floor. There are opportunities to enjoy the Canyon through more relaxed means, as well. Breakfast and a boxed lunch will be included on the train. Return to hotel at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at hotel at 6:30 p.m.

Day Three - Thursday, September 27, 2018

Breakfast at hotel 8:00 a.m. Depart for Manitoulin Island. Lunch on own at Little Current. Meet guide and stop at 10 Mile Point. This is a great place to stop, stretch your legs, and soak in the spectacular view from the point. The store boasts the island's biggest collection of traditionally designed native crafts and aboriginal art. An historic marker commemorates an early Jesuit mission at Wikwemikong. See High Falls. Enjoy commentary en route to South Baymouth 2:30 p.m. Arrive at Ferry in South Baymouth 3:40 p.m. Take the Chi-Cheemaun to Tobermory 5:40 p.m. Travel to Owen Sound 7:30 p.m. Check into the Best Western Inn on the Bay. Hotel amenities include an on-site restaurant, hot tub and whirlpool and a cocktail lounge to name a few. Dinner at the hotel.

Day Four - Friday, September 28, 2018

Breakfast at hotel. Tour Owen Sound. Tour through Harrison Park, with more than 40 hectares of streams, trails, gardens, playgrounds, forest, and green space. Its network of trails connects directly with the Bruce Trail, the longest footpath in Canada, which will take you to Inglis Falls or the Centennial Tower, one of the highest points in Owen Sound. See Fish Ladder. Stop at Grandma Lambe's in Meaford, for browsing. Enjoy a scenic drive to Singhampton and a delicious hot turkey lunch at Mylar and Loretta's. 5:00 p.m. Approximate return time home.

Cheques for \$100, by May 31st, will confirm your interest. Balance due with cheque post dated to July 31st.

Treasurer's Report for February

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance January 6, 2018 \$12611.69

Income

January luncheon	\$3570.00
Membership	80.00
RWTO/OERO rebate	10.00
Silent auction	42.00
Books	31.50
Total	\$3733.50

\$16345.19

Expenses

The Estate – January luncheon	\$3604.60
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter	36.84
Donna Husband – flowers	40.65
January speaker – Doug Purdon	150.00
RWTO/OERO membership fees	80.00
Total	\$3912.09

Bank balance February 6, 2018 \$12433.10

Cheques are mailed to:

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DOING LITTLE THINGS
FOR OTHERS.
SOMETIMES THOSE
LITTLE THINGS
OCCUPY THE
BIGGEST PART
OF THEIR
HEARTS.**

