



After the Bell

in Scarborough

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

Newsletter
April 2017

Caring and Sharing

Carol Nelson - President



"SPRING--THE MUSIC OF OPEN WINDOWS
(Terri Guillemets)

Yes, Spring is coming and it brings that time of the year when we think pretty flowers and brighter colours. It also a reminder that we will be having our annual plant sale in May. This day is always a busy day as members prepare their gardens or planters on the balcony.

Our long-time member, Olive Thorne, celebrates her 100th birthday this month. Olive was a past president and a Cora Bailey recipient. She lives in Burlington in a care facility. If anyone would like to send her a card, let me know and I will give you her address.

Invitations have been sent out to each school (elementary and secondary and TDCSB schools) through the courier systems. However, word of mouth is always the best way to remind people who we are and what we do. Pass the word along to everyone you know.

Thank you to Barb Will and Marie Harvey for being the gracious hostesses in March. Also, thank you to Linda Paine for looking after the flowers in March.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be part of the May meeting. Enjoy Spring! *Carol*

Don't Forget!

Allergy Alerts to Shelley Goodman

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

The rising cost of food has made it necessary for the Estates Banquet Hall to raise the price of the lunch to \$35.00. Please make sure your cheque is made out for this amount.

Tuesday April, 18, 2017 – 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon – Estate Banquet Centre
Honouring our 80+ Ladies
Special Guest: Peter Jennings
"Shark Assault: An Amazing Story of Survival"

Tuesday May, 16, 2017 – 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon – Estate Banquet Centre
Plant Sale
Special Guest: Cathy Kavassalis –
Master Gardener

Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Peterborough Lift Locks – Trip

Thursday, October 5, 2017
Guys and Dolls – Trip



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



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 periphery 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 #4488722

RWTO on the go.....



Peterborough Lift Locks

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 **Cost: \$117**

Includes bus and tour of Hutchison House, tea and scones, 2-hour luncheon cruise on the Trent-Severn Waterway, through the Peterborough Lift Locks, while enjoying a chicken lunch, visit to the Whetung Ojibwa Centre for a tour and shopping

Bus departs at 9:30 a.m. and returns at approx. 6 p.m.

Payment due: May, 31, 2017

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638



Enjoy a delicious meal out on the water where the scenery is always changing. This two-hour cruise travels from Little Lake Marina along the 112-year-old Trent-Severn Waterway, up and through

Peterborough's famous Lift lock system. Be amazed as you dine with a view looking 65' out over the city.

Guys and Dolls

Thursday, October 5, 2017 **Cost: \$188**

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

Increase in price is due to a seat price increase in Stratford.

Bus departs at 8 a.m., returns 8 p.m.

Payment due: February 18, 2017

Coordinator: Mary Marchut 416-291-2389

New York's most infamous crap game organizer, Nathan Detroit, hoping for a big pay day, challenges notorious gambler Sky Masterson to a bet he's sure he'll win: take

mission girl Sarah Brown to dinner in Havana, Cuba. Sky accepts and pursues the known prude, seemingly hopelessly, while Nathan deals with his own situation - his 14-year fiancée, Adelaide, who's tired of waiting for a wedding. When bets and love seem at odds, the characters are called to question their priorities to make things right.



Durham Heritage Railway Trip

Thursday, October 12, 2017 **Cost: \$122**

Includes bus, train ride with a Chicken lunch in the elegant dining car, shopping in Stouffville, and a visit to The Leaskdale Manse, former home of Lucy Maud Montgomery, including afternoon tea.

Bus departs at 10:00 a.m. and returns approx. 6:30 p.m.

Payment due: September 28, 2017

Coordinator: Carol Everitt 905-655-0638

Ride in a heritage coach from the 1950's or in a vintage coach from the 1920's. Watch the scenery from the doors-open baggage car or ride with the crew in our red caboose., then relax and enjoy lunch in the dining car.



Oh Canada Eh?

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 **Cost: \$100**

Includes bus, Niagara-on-the-Lake drive, Rossi Glass demo and shopping, luncheon show at Oh Canada Eh? (seven-time winner of Niagara Falls Tourism Attraction of the year Award) Magnotta Wine visit and tasting.

Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approx. 6:30 p.m.

Payment due October 27, 2017

Coordinator: Lamone Mustard 416-494-5103

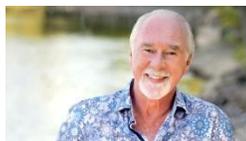


2017 marks Canada's 150th birthday and we are celebrating all summer long! Our show features all-Canadian music; from maritime folk songs to modern pop. Come meet our singing Mountie, Hockey Player, Anne of Green Gables, Klondike

Kitty and more. This high-energy production features over 70 songs from all-Canadian artists including music from Paul Anka, Celine Dion, Shania Twain, the Bare-Naked Ladies, Avril Lavigne, Justin Bieber and many, MANY more. Full of laughs, this musical celebration of Canada will delight audiences of all ages.

coming season.

Our Special Guest – Peter Jennings



. Our guest speaker will be **Peter Jennings**, who was born and raised in Toronto. Peter produced videotapes for training and

corporate communications. He has been cottaging in Muskoka his whole life and moved there in 2009. He has a TV interview show called “Be My Guest”.



He enjoys writing and published his first book *Shark Assault, an Amazing Story of Survival*, which he co-wrote with Nicole Moore, who survived a brutal shark attack in which she lost an arm and much of a leg.

Peter will be selling his book Shark Assault

for \$23 and will accept cash or credit card.

Program

BOOKS

There will be **book sale** at the April Luncheon.

Thank you. *Chris*

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 and every lunch!

Shelley

PROGRAM SURVEY

We will be doing our annual Program Survey at the April Luncheon. If you know of someone who would be an interesting presenter for our ladies, please bring along their name and contact information to include in your survey.

Let's continue to make our RWTO Luncheons enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you.

Program

FREQUENT “FUN” RAISER

Silent Auction



For the April Silent Auction, the theme is **Grandparent Items**. The RWTO members are encouraged to bring gently used, in excellent condition, items that they feel that others will enjoy using with their grandchildren. We welcome

children's items such as: puzzles, games, toys, DVD's CD's, books, art materials & kids' baking/ cooking recipes. Please **NO** clothing. Questions can be directed to Lynne Said lynnesaid@sympatico.ca or Brigitte Bryan bbryan@look.ca.

MEMBERSHIP



The Scarborough Branch of the RWTO would be pleased to receive your membership renewal for **2017-2018**. The membership year runs from September 1 to August 31. We hope that you will

join us again for another great year ahead. The membership fee remains at \$40. Membership forms will be available at the March, April and May luncheons or may be downloaded from the luncheon dispatch. Please make your cheque payable to

RWTO Branch and post-date your cheque to **July 1, 2017** or **August 31, 2017**.

You may bring it to the luncheon or mail to:

RWTO SCARBOROUGH BRANCH
BOX 66564
685 McCOWAN ROAD
SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO
M1J 3N8

We would appreciate it if you would send your post-dated cheque before **August 31, 2017** and make note of your payment.

Thank you, Marg Lyons, Lilli Chu, Membership Committee.

OUTREACH

There **will be** a collection of toiletries, magazines and baby products at the April luncheon.

Thank you! Sheila & Trudy





Convention 2017

CONVENTION 2017:

Thank you to everyone who has contributed a gift which will be used as a door prize at the Annual Convention in June of this year. It has been fun to receive them. We will continue to accept donations. They are in bags and are numbered already so there will be many surprises for winners.

Carol Nelson

CAROL'S FOLLOW THE DREAM PROJECT:

Don't forget your anecdotes/stories of teaching in the last years before you retired. Please submit a story or even two of something that made you laugh during your career, story of something funny that a child or children did. The possibilities are endless and our creative minds can put together something to share with all of us. You can bring it in to Carol at the April luncheon or you can even e-mail Carol a story. Thank you!



RWTO/OERO Scarborough Executive 2017-2018.

We are looking for two people to take over the membership position for next year. If you are interested, please let me know. Marg and Lilly will gladly help you for next year.

Linda Jarvis
Past President

*Coming in May
Annual Plant Sale*



Something new to try...

Start seeds in ice cream cones and then plant in the ground when ready. It's the perfect biodegradable hack



Our Annual Plant Sale will end another fabulous year for RWTO Members. 'Dig up' and share vegetables and perennials from your gardens with other gardeners in our membership for \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00. Program

Our Special Guest in May



Catherine Kavassalis is a passionate gardener and conservationist. A scientist, educator and inspirational speaker, Catherine endeavours to stimulate interest and awe in the living world. She is member of the Halton Master Gardener group,

Past President of Oakville Horticultural Society and a former member of the Board of Director for the Royal Botanical Gardens. Catherine loves to garden and has had her own eclectic organic garden featured on several tours.

“Gardening for Life”

A garden, at its least, is a piece of ground for growing flowers, fruits or vegetables. At its best, it is a paradise – a place of joy. Endlessly mutable gardens are spaces with artistic, recreational, spiritual and social value. They give us opportunities to express ourselves as individuals and opportunities to shape our world. Through our gardens, we can make a meaningful impact on the life of our planet. Join me in celebrating life in the garden and the joys of gardening for life.



RWTO/OERO SCARBOROUGH

Financial statement April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

Income:

Luncheons	35716.00
Fundraising	1425.50
Membership	9025.00
RWTO/OERO rebate	2284.00
Convention rebate	275.00
Donations	32.00
RWTO/OERO grant	250.00
Pin sales	80.00
	<u>Total \$49087.00</u>

Expenses:

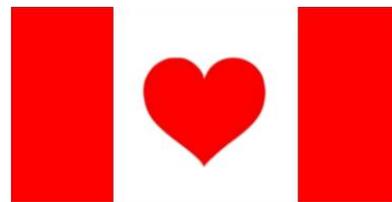
Administration:

Post box	202.27
Treasurer	146.53
Convention	1116.00
RWTO/OERO fees	9085.00
Administration	898.32

Member services:

Luncheons	33385.79
Travel	62.14
Donations	400.00
Outreach	1200.00
Flowers	423.13
Membership committee	122.55
Newsletter, mailing	306.82
Goodwill	20.57
Mix & Mingle	107.47
Program	1389.44
	<u>Total \$48866.03</u>

Canada 2017



150 years

Peach Tree Originals Fashion Show Luncheon



Special thanks to Nancy Hunter, of Peach Tree Originals, for a wonderful show of spring fashions for our ladies.



Insurance Report Did You Know?



Powers of Attorney differs from province to province.

In Ontario, a living will is called a power of attorney for personal care. You can appoint someone to act on your behalf, as long as you understand that person has genuine concern for your welfare and may have to make decisions on your behalf. It can contain your written instructions about what level of medical treatment you want in the event that you are unable to express your wishes verbally. For instance, you may want all possible measures taken to keep you alive – or you could instruct that nothing be done to keep you alive. You could also be very specific about what treatments you want, depending on the condition you are in and could also specify whether you want to donate your organs when you die. Having a Power of Attorney for Personal Care enables you to make your own decisions and ensures that others are aware of these decisions.

Please Note: The person making the power of attorney for personal care and the person appointed to be the proxy, must both be at least 16 years of age. You cannot appoint someone to make your decisions if they are paid to provide health care, residential or social services to you.

The document can be drafted by a lawyer – or you could do it yourself, as long as you follow all the steps that make such documents legal in Ontario. It's also a good idea to review your living will with your doctor. The doctor can ensure that you have understood the choices in the living will and that the instruction directive is suitable for your own health

If you put your wishes on paper, it will take the pressure off family members to make difficult decisions regarding your care.

If you have specific claims or payment questions about eligible expenses, call directly to Manulife Financial at 1- 866-410 - 0550 or contact **Terry Kennedy** by phone **519-583-0098** or E-mail: tkennedy34@cogeco.ca

Marilyn Hodge – Insurance Convenor 2017 - 2018



The best way to look
younger, hang out
with older people.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat



A special thanks to Carol Everitt for a fabulous outing for our members and friends.

April Treasurer's Report

Linda Jarvis

Bank balance March 7, 2017		\$11511.22
	Income	
March luncheon	\$4970.00	
Pin sales	15.00	
Total	\$4985.00	
		\$16496.22

Expenses

The Estate - March luncheon	\$4849.96
Cathie MacGillivray – newsletter, program	96.52
Lynda Paine – flowers	37.63
Mix & Mingle -	21.82
RWTO/OERO convention – delegates	1100.00
Marg Lyons – membership	29.38
Carol Everitt – registered mail	13.79
Mary Marchut – registered mail	11.53
Total	\$6160.63

Bank balance April 7, 2017 \$10335.59

Luncheon cheques are mailed to:
RWTO Scarborough
Box 66564
685 McCowan Road,
Scarborough, Ontario
M1J3N8



From the Editor

Cathie MacGillivray
cathiemacgillivray@hotmail.com





RWTO/OERO Scarborough Branch

Membership Form 2017 – 2018

Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

New member ___ or Returning member ___ (Any change in information ? Yes ___ No ___)

*Note: "I agree to, and understand, that I may appear in some photos posted on the RWTO/OERO website at www.rwto.org , in the Scarborough Branch or Provincial Newsletters."

Date of birth: _____ Retirement Date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Do you have the RWTO/OERO Hospital and Home Care Plan Yes ___ No ___ or the Personal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan? Yes ___ No ___

Membership fee for 2017 – 2018 is \$40.

(Fees for members ninety years of age and over are complimentary.)

*Please make your cheque payable to: **RWTO Scarborough Branch.**

*Please **postdate** your cheque to **July 1, 2017** or **August 31, 2017** and submit with the **membership form**. The Membership year is from September 1 to August 31.

Dues can be paid at the **March, April, or May** meetings, or mailed **before August 31** to:

RWTO Scarborough Branch
Box 66564
685 McCowan Road, Scarborough, ON
M1J 3N8

If you have RWTO insurance and wish to maintain it or wish to participate in the plan, you must pay your RWTO membership fee each year. New retirees are not required to complete a medical questionnaire if they apply within one year of the date of their retirement.