

**RTO  
ERO** District 23  
**North York**

## **November, 2022 e-Newsletter**



### **Welcome to the “NEW” November e-Newsletter**

**We are debuting** a new “look” for our monthly e-Newsletter. We are using Word to create the layout for this document and RTOERO will use their database to distribute each month to you, our District 23 members. Your email address will not be shared to any other members and security is top notch!

The e-Newsletter will continue to highlight the monthly events going on in District 23 with Conveners indicating the dates and a brief description for their activities. Upcoming events will also be promoted and registration forms may be posted as well.

You can obtain additional information on our District 23 website:

<https://district23.rtoero.ca> or on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/RTOERODistrict23NorthYork>

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## Bridge

**Bridge Dates: November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2022**

**Convener:** Alan Ward

**The weekly sessions meet at:** Willowdale Emmanuel United Church, 379 Kenneth Avenue just north of Church St. (south of Finch, 2 blocks east of Yonge.) Ample parking is available

**New members are welcome--all are asked to assemble by 12:45 p.m. for the 4 Tuesday games this month.**

For further information, contact Alan Ward at: [905-889-3687](tel:905-889-3687).

As Alan stated in **STONY Bridges**: "Given that we are all seniors and that while the pandemic is in decline, it is far from over. Some of us may be more comfortable if all members wear masks at the table, at least for our first few meetings.

For the same reason, no refreshments will be provided for the initial meetings, but attendees may bring their own hot or cold drinks and consume these in the kitchen or the hallway. We hope to relax these precautions if the Fall brings no recurrence of COVID infections."

**There is no charge for participation in the Bridge group for the remainder of 2022.**

## North York Strollers

### Returns

*Lest we forget*

**On Thursday, November 3, 2022**

Meet at the Museum Subway Station

**10:00 a.m.**

**Convener:** Joanne Famiglietti



We will resume our walks, after a very long absence.

If you plan on attending, please email Joanne at: [jcfam12@gmail.com](mailto:jcfam12@gmail.com)

**We hope you are able join us for this first North York Strollers event in over 2 years!**



Turn back the clock on **Sunday, November 6, 2022** at 2::00 a.m.



## Afternoon Tea at Old Mill Toronto

by Mary Valtellini, Trips Convener



Thursday November 10, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Old Mill Toronto

21 Old Mill Rd, Etobicoke, ON M8X 1G5



## e-devices Interest Group (ZM)

**November dates: November 11 and  
November 25, 2022**

December dates: December 9 and December  
23, 2022

**Convener:** Vern Paige

We meet alternate Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Join a few minutes early (after 10:15 a.m.) to check your connection and chat.

If times need to be adjusted, Vern will notify participants and the meeting dates will be changed in an e-Newsletter posting. Vern will send the Zoom link on the morning of each meeting.

E-mail Vern

[PhotoGuy.2019+ZoomLink@gmail.com](mailto:PhotoGuy.2019+ZoomLink@gmail.com) Note that some or all of each meeting might be recorded.



## Pole Walking

**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Convener: Kathy Shorney**

For additional information, contact the convener at: [k\\_shorney@yahoo.com](mailto:k_shorney@yahoo.com) or see page 25 in **STONY Bridges**.

**Location:** Downsview Park  
10:00 am

Participants are asked to enter off Sheppard Avenue West to John Drury Drive. Follow the road to Canuck Ave and park in the lot near the Discovery Centre. (70 Canuck)

We walk in local parks with mostly paved walkways with free parking. Just wear your walking shoes and dress for the weather. Our group is small but loyal, and you may bring a friend. All are welcome. "Watch the monthly e-Newsletters in case of a change of location. I have developed an email list also for contact if needed.



## Have - a - Java

Our second Have - a - Java is on:  
Wednesday, **November 16, 2022**

**Convener** ~ Elizabeth Clarke

We meet at Bayview Village in the east foyer in front of the LCBO between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Each member who signs in and joins the group receives a \$3.00 subsidy towards coffee and a treat.

Some might like to complete their exercise program at the mall.

One lap is just over 1 kilometres or 0.67 miles  
***Finally, we are meeting in person!!***

## Needlework and Crafts

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Convener ~ Olga McKenzie

The Needlework and Crafts Group meets on the third Thursday of the month. All members have looked forward to returning to face-to-face meetings, As always, members enjoy seeing their friends and also to meet new retirees who might wish to explore their creative side. To join us, email Olga McKenzie:

[omckenzie@sympatico.ca](mailto:omckenzie@sympatico.ca)



“Thank you to all who supported us at the Champagne Breakfast. Because of your generosity, we were able to donate \$215.00 to One Voice. We look forward to beating that amount, with your help, at our Holiday Luncheon. Our group has already started to plan our raffle prizes and we’re going to have a great selection of handmade Christmas decorations (3/\$5.00)! See you on November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Luncheon. Come and get a head start on your Christmas shopping!”

### Holiday Season Luncheon

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Cut-off Date: **Friday November 18, 2022**

**Parkview Manor Banquet and Conference Centre**

55 Barber Greene Road (North of Eglinton Ave.) M3C 2H2

10:00 a.m.~Artisan Craft Sale

11:00 a.m.~Cash Bar

12:00 p.m.~Lunch Served

Entertainment: *to be announced at a later date*

Cost:

**\$50.00 for members** (subsidized by D 23)

**\$60.00** Guests/non-members

#### Menu:

Butternut Squash Soup Salad with  
Grilled Atlantic Salmon or Filet Mignon (6oz.)  
Grilled red peppers, asparagus, mashed potatoes  
Rolls & Butter  
Ice Cream Crepes  
Coffee, decaffeinated coffee or tea

Notify Mildred at [speakingfrankly@rogers.com](mailto:speakingfrankly@rogers.com) of any dietary requirements.

The Needlework & Craft Group will offer 5 items for their raffle / draw. A \$5 donation for 5 chances to win! Proceeds will go to support “One Voice”, our Community Grant Project.

For the registration form please follow this link:

<https://district23.rtoero.ca/2022-holiday-season-luncheon>

or page 36 in the Fall/Winter **STONY** Bridges.

## Payment

If you pay by **cheque**, please use this form. Mail it with your cheque before Nov. 24, 2022 to:  
Mildred Frank, Suite 705, 505 Cummer Ave.,  
Toronto, ON M2K 2L8.

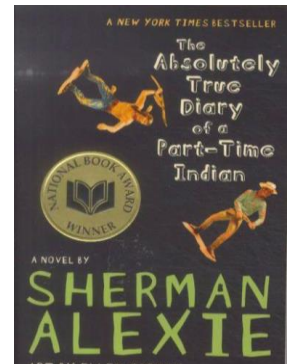
Make your cheque payable to **RTOERO NORTH YORK**

If you pay by **Interac e-Transfer** please email to [rtoeroNorthYork@gmail.com](mailto:rtoeroNorthYork@gmail.com) and email the information in the form to the same email address at about the same time.



## Book Club (ZM)

**Wednesday, November 30, 2022**



Our North York District 23 Book Club has been meeting virtually these past two years and has easily lends itself to the virtual **Zoom** format. We had hoped to meet in person for our October meeting but some members preferred to continue the virtual meetings.

District 23 has purchased a new device, Meeting Owl which has been successful in allowing different groups to meet virtually and in person. There are benefits in using this device and being able to meet in person. We will continue to discuss the possibility of meeting in person and virtually in the future meetings.

This month we will be discussing *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. This is a first-person narrative novel from the perspective of a Native American teenager, Arnold Spirit Jr., also known as “Junior, a 14-year-old promising cartoonist”. The book is about Junior’s life on the Spokane Indian Reservation and his decision to go to a nearly all-white public high school away from the reservation.

Facilitator: Catherine Richardson

Contact Sylvia Skippen to register: [sylvia.skippen@hotmail.com](mailto:sylvia.skippen@hotmail.com)

Please include your name and your email address when you register. We will use that address to

inform you of the link to join the Zoom meeting. The zoom meeting begins at 2:00 pm for approximately one and a half to two hours.

## Goodwill ~ Upcoming Initiative Volunteers Needed



The time has come once again to contact all members who are 80 years of age and over. **District 23** needs new volunteers to assist with telephone calls. If you are a volunteer caller who had expressed an interest to continue, please contact Gwen by email. We deeply appreciate your continued support.

In the past, telephone volunteers have reported about lively and engaging conversations with members in a friendly way. Also, the volunteers and the members enjoyed the telephone experience. You can change the situation of social isolation. The telephone campaign is a wonderful way to meet other members and help reduce isolation.

Would you like to be part of the group that makes these calls to brighten someone's day with a friendly chat? This is an excellent opportunity for you to become involved with District 23 and provide service to fellow members. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Gwen Bumbury, Goodwill Convener, at: [ggrant98@hotmail.com](mailto:ggrant98@hotmail.com)

## 2022 RTO/ERO District 23, North York Artisan/Craft Show Call for Artisan Vendors

We will be featuring our **9th Artisan/Craft Sale** at the Holiday Season Luncheon.

Location: Parkview Manor Convention Centre,  
55 Barber Greene Rd, North York, ON, M3C 2H2,

Date: Thursday November 24, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30 Table Fee for members (\$50 for non-members)

If you would like to participate, complete the Registration form below and forward it as indicated. A registration form is also available on our website.

The items for sale should be self-produced.

There is limited space so please register early. Space will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Should multiple Registration forms arrive on the same date, postmark dates will determine order of receipt. A waiting list will be kept should a registrant drop out.

Set-up details will be sent to registrants.

Craft Show Contact: Maureen Capotosto (905) 883-1496 or  
[mpecapotosto@sympatico.ca](mailto:mpecapotosto@sympatico.ca)



To register, see page 35 in the Fall/Winter edition of **STONY Bridges**.  
or on our website: <https://district23.rtoero.ca/?p=683>



## Excursions and Special Events

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023

@ 1:30 p.m.

Cut-off date: Friday, December 2, 2022

Cost: \$82.50 per person

Convener ~ Mary Valtellini

Mary has secured **20 tickets** for this Mirvish limited run in December/January.  
**THE SMASH-HIT LONDON PALLADIUM PRODUCTION COMES TO TORONTO!**

The sensational brand-new production of **Tim Rice** and **Andrew Lloyd Webber's** *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* comes to the Princess of Wales Theatre for a limited North American premiere engagement!

*Joseph* is the musical that launched the Rice-Lloyd Webber collaboration, becoming a multi-award-winning show performed in over 80 countries and recognized as one of the world's most beloved family musicals. It features many songs that have gone on to become pop and musical theatre classics, including *Any Dream Will Do*, *Close Every Door 'till 30 Me*, *There's One More Angel In Heaven* and *Go, Go, Go Joseph*. To register, see page 37 in the Fall/Winter edition of **STONY Bridges** or follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/RTO23joseph>

**RTOERO District 16 poses the question:**  
**Would you like to converse in Italian with fellow retirees?**

If you are at an intermediate or advanced level in Italian, please join us at a cafe once a month for a chat.  
For more information and to get notifications about upcoming meetings, contact Mara at: [marasantarossa@hotmail.com](mailto:marasantarossa@hotmail.com)





If interested, members from District 23 are welcome to participate in these sessions.

