

Winter Newsletter



January 2024



President's Message

Bill Bowden

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Happy New Year and welcome to 2024 I hope your year is filled with happiness, health, peace, and satisfaction. I hope that the only thing you have to concern yourself with is the extra day that you have this year.

There are many things to talk about involving RTO/ERO and DISTRICT 7. First, of course, those of you who carry our benefits plan know that you will not be paying the annual membership fee. Almost 66,000 members are covered by our plan with over 100,000 for all plans. If you are not covered, you might consider checking out what we have to offer.

Our fall lunch was a rousing success with food, music, a guest choir from La Salle Public School, and a solo singer who got toes tapping and members dancing in the hall. We were joined by South Region board liaison Ms. Gayle Manley who brought greetings and some encouraging words from Toronto.

On a personal note, I would like to thank District 7 for presenting myself with the Mary Mason award. I was surprised and humbled on receiving an award named in honour of a lady who was so thoughtful and giving. Thank you very much.

2023 was a great year for District 7. Our 50-50 draws at luncheons and on our trips raised almost \$1000 for our charity of the year. A new charity for 2024 will be selected this month; I hope we exceed the 2023 total.

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President's Message

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We have arranged many events for members this year: theatre trips, a river cruise, a golf tournament, a wine tour, a casino trip, fun and fellowship and more to come.

Check out the back of this newsletter, mark your calendars and make your choices. Call or email me to book your selections. **Our prices can't be beat and our seating is always the best.**

Join us each month as our **Breakfast Club** meets in the city and county dates and locations may be found also in the Newsletter.

Toronto has commissioned a firm to look into a **possible new name** and rebranding of our organization. Let me know what you think about the possible omission of the word Teachers in the new name.

Stay warm, enjoy the winter, either in Essex County or warmer climes.

Goodwill Report

Glenna Hemphill

At the time of this writing, I am in the midst of Goodwill's Christmas season. Liz Antal and I prepared 1,088 cards. Christmas gift bags are being delivered - approximately 155. This is the time of year when we discover that members have moved. If you know of someone who has recently moved, please check to see if they changed their address with RTO. This is extremely important for our members in senior residences and nursing homes. I do like to keep in touch.

Thanks to Liz for wrapping all those gifts and helping to deliver the bags. You are such a gift to me.

A big thank you to Helen Biales, Jan Countess, the Bowdens, and Hilda Watkins for helping with gift bag deliveries. Your help makes a big difference.

I continue to send out cards for birthday, cards of sympathy and cards for special occasions. I have received many cards of thanks for doing this so am constantly reminded of how important this is to our members. I am still looking for someone who would be willing to be my "assistant" for the next few years and eventually take over from me. If you are even a little bit interested, give me a call.

Please continue to keep me informed if you know of someone in need of a cheery card.

Best wishes to you all for a Happy New Year.

Contact Glenna at 519-967-7102 or rhemphill@sympatico.ca



À la Une



Diane Picard

Préparez-vous pour votre prochaine étape

Atelier de préparation à la retraite – réservez la date



Samedi, le 13 avril 2024

Serbian Centre

*Sessions offertes
dans les deux langues !!!*

Ce n'est jamais trop tôt pour
planifier et poser vos questions
même si la retraite n'est pas cette
année.



Club du déjeuner

***Nos nombres mensuels augmentent!
Venez prendre un petit déjeuner
entre amis...vous courez la chance de
gagner votre déjeuner !!!***

Jeudi, le 11 janvier 2024 9h30
Baker's Bar and Grill
5570, rue Wyandotte E., Windsor

Jeudi, le 8 février 2024 9h30
The Lumberjack Restaurant
475, rue Tecumseh E., Windsor

Jeudi, le 14 mars 2024 9h30
Hi-Ho Diner
2584, rue Manning, Tecumseh



Evenements a venir

***Votre exécutif planifie tant de belles
activités variées...réservez les dates
dans vos calendriers. A ne pas
manquer !!!***

Mercredi, le 10 avril 2024
FireKeepers Casino
Battle Creek, Michigan

Mercredi, le 8 mai 2024
**Réunion annuelle et déjeuner du
printemps**

Jeudi, le 9 mai 2024
"Something Rotten"
Stratford Festival

Vendredi, le 7 juin 2024
"My Fair Lady"
Shaw Festival, Niagara on the Lake

Mardi, le 16 juillet 2024
Sweet Soul Music
Victoria Playhouse, Petrolia

août 2024
(date précise à déterminer)
Grand River Cruise

septembre 2024
(dates précises à déterminer)
Tournée aux vignobles
Tournoi annuel de golf

RTO/ERO

Breakfast Club



FEBRUARY - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, February 8, 2024

[Lumberjack](#)

475 Tecumseh Road

Windsor

MARCH - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, March 14, 2024

[Johnson's Restaurant](#)

2414 Division Road/County Road 42

(North side at Walker Road)

Windsor

APRIL - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, April 11, 2024

[Hi-Ho Diner](#)

2584 Manning Road

(at County Road 42)

Tecumseh



*FOR THE LATEST
BREAKFAST CLUB
AND TRAVEL
NEWS BE SURE
TO CHECK OUR
DISTRICT
WEBSITE*

*COME OUT AND
JOIN OUR
GROWING CROWD
FOR GOOD FOOD
AND GREAT
CONVERSATION
AND FELLOWSHIP*

If you have any suggestions to add to our list of Breakfast Diner/Restaurants please let me know. We are always looking for new venues. For information contact Guest Hostess Val @519-839-5128 or @luscottvalerie@gmail.com



Know of Anyone Thinking About Retirement?


RTOERO District 7 Windsor-Essex invites you to a free retirement planning workshop

Hosted by  RTO
ERO

For anyone who:

- Works in schools and school boards, early years, post-secondary
- Wishes to learn about retirement planning
- Wants a workshop tailored to the education community

RTOERO District 7 Windsor-Essex vous invite à un atelier gratuit de planification de la retraite

Organisé par  RTO
ERO

Pour toute personne qui...

- travaille dans les écoles et conseils scolaires, pour la petite enfance et les institutions postsecondaires
- désire se renseigner sur la planification de la retraite
- veut assister à un atelier spécialement conçu pour le secteur de l'éducation

Learn about:

- Financial planning
- Health benefits in retirement
- Retirement and lifestyle planning

Attendees receive:

- Retirement planning booklet
- Chance to win exciting prizes
- Free RTOERO membership until retirement!

When:

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Check-in & breakfast: 9:00am

Workshop: 9:30am - 11:30am

When:

Serbian Centre

6770 Tecumseh Rd. E.

Windsor



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DID YOU KNOW?

FAST FACTS ABOUT THE RTOERO FOUNDATION

We are the philanthropic partner of RTOERO

- Registered Canadian charity, established in 2011.
- Inspired by RTOERO members' desire to improve the quality of life for aging adults.
- Our mission is to invest in programs, research and training to support healthy, active aging for all Canadians.
- Our activities aim to improve seniors' health care, end social isolation and combat ageism.

In case you didn't know

- The Foundation is not funded through membership fees. RTOERO provides in-kind support to the Foundation in the form of office space and shared human resources; a standard arrangement for a parent association with a charity formed under its umbrella.
- We rely on voluntary donations from RTOERO members, as well as financial support from corporate partners and others who care about improving the quality of life for older adults.
- The Foundation issues a tax receipt for every donation of \$20 or more.

Granting History

- \$2.97 million for geriatric research
- \$554,000 for community projects addressing social engagement

A message from Ted Whiteland, Foundation board chair

Over the past several months, the RTOERO Foundation has been working tirelessly to complete its membership application for Imagine Canada's standards program.

Imagine Canada's mission is to support the 2.6 million people and the organizations that make up the nonprofit sector so that they can better serve individuals and communities across the country.

Through their advocacy efforts, research and services, Imagine Canada helps strengthen the sector. Imagine Canada's Standards Program offers a Canada-wide set of shared standards for charities and nonprofits designed to strengthen their capacity and monitor and improve their practices.

Organizations are able to demonstrate publicly that they meet these standards by participating in a voluntary peer-review-based accreditation process and receiving formal accreditation.

The Foundation is currently preparing for its formal accreditation. The application process is rigorous and includes proof of sound operational procedures in the areas of board governance, financial accountability & transparency, fundraising, staff management and volunteer involvement.

Membership with Imagine Canada signifies that our Foundation is operating at its highest capacity and serving its community under the strictest guidelines of the industry.

It is a badge of honour that the RTOERO Foundation looks forward to proudly displaying to all RTOERO members in the near future.





ENTENTE

If you are a member of the **Entente Health plans (formerly RTOERO Health plans)** , along with your most recent issue of Renaissance magazine you also received a copy of the latest copy of Communique which covers the most recent updates to your Health Plans.

Just a couple of highlights from that document

First and foremost, with respect to the name change – that is all that has changed.

There is no need to sign up for Entente. Your coverage remains the same and your premium will be paid in the same fashion as you have been paying them in the past. With the exception of the dental coverage premium (8.5% increase) premium rates remain the same.

New in 2024

1. As a participant in the Health Plan the annual RTOERO membership fee which is paid in January is waived Effective Jan. 1, 2024. This fee is separate from the health premiums that you pay. RTOERO's long-term investments, funded by those insurance premiums, have grown significantly and investments now generate enough annual interest income to offset the membership fee for plan participants.
2. Effective Jan. 1, 2024, there has been an increase in the convalescent care benefit. Now, you can access the three-day convalescent care coverage following elective surgery in a hospital. Be sure to check the Entente Insurance Programs booklet for more information on convalescent care coverage — rtoero.ca/resources/communique-insurance-plan-updates.
3. You can now supplement your existing coverage when your trip value exceeds \$6,000 per insured by purchasing the supplemental trip cancellation and trip interruption plan for a specific trip to get coverage of up to \$12,000 per insured, for that specific trip. Coverage is subject to the same terms and conditions as the Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption Insurance Plan Certificate of Insurance of the RTOERO travel plan of your booklet. Be sure to check the Entente Insurance Program booklet for full details.
4. If you're travelling for longer than 93 days outside your province or territory of residence, you can easily add coverage for extra days. Coverage can be customized based on your needs. Additional Premiums are added to your regular monthly payment and deducted in equal monthly installments.

For full details, including the premiums and application form, go to rtoero.ca/insurance/supplemental-travel. To purchase the coverage or to get your questions answered by a licensed Johnson Insurance representative by calling 1-877-406-9007.

Reminder

As of 2023, RTOERO policy requires you to submit your claims within six months from the date the expense was incurred. For example, if you had a massage on December 7, 2023, you have until June 7, 2024, to submit your claim. This timeframe is determined by the date the expense was incurred, up to the point when the claim is received by Johnson Inc., the administrator.

If you're using the online claims portal, your claim is received immediately!

If you're mailing your claim, the received date is the date on which your claim reaches the administrator's office.



Insurance

In Memoriam

October and November 2023



Catherine Bickerton

Helen Ciuciura

Shirley Elliott

Eunice Goyette

Irwin Kelly

Susan Kellar

Jaqueline Papineau

Charles Raheb

John Schmidt

Patricia Vandersluys

REMEMBERING
OUR COLLEAGUES





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

My Long Story

by C. Elizabeth (Betty) Leslie

as told to Glenna Hemphill

My parents, Alexander and Euphemia Leslie, emigrated from Scotland in 1922 and settled in Walkerville, Ontario. Seven years later, I was born. I was named Catherine Elizabeth for my two Scottish grandmothers but was called Betty.

I have had 5 graduation ceremonies. The King Edward Public School ceremony was followed by my graduation from Walkerville Collegiate. When I was 18, I graduated from London Normal School. While teaching, I received my B.A. from the University of Western Ontario and my M.Ed. from the University of Toronto.

Ages 9 and 14 were important years in the development of my self-awareness. When I was nine, my wonderful Grade Six teacher, Miss Roemmele, had a table at the back of the classroom where she placed an atlas, a small globe, and a collection of National Geographic magazines. I hurried to finish my work so that I could read the magazines and let my imagination soar to faraway places. I knew at age nine that I wanted to be a teacher and that I wanted to travel.

At age fourteen, when I was in Grade 11, I was invited to join the Inter-School Christian Fellowship. It was there that I committed my life to Jesus Christ. I was now secure in the knowledge that I was loved by God and that He would direct my future.

My career expanded over 36 years. My first position (1948) was with the Windsor Board of Education as a primary teacher at Benson and then as a Kindergarten teacher at Brock. During this time, I worked on my B.A. on an extramural basis from the University of Western Ontario. I also worked on my Primary Supervisor's Certificate through Ministry of Education Courses.

I was an exchange teacher (infants' mistress) at Elkington Street Infant School in Birmingham, England. (1956-57). There was a great contrast in observing and teaching my class of 5-year olds in a slum school where the children lived in back-to-back tenement housing and being invited, through the Commonwealth Teachers' Exchange Association, to attend the Garden Party held in the garden of Islington Palace, the residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to be presented to Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. We were told to wear gloves to the elbow and a hat. I went shopping and bought a pair of kid gloves that cost more than the dress and fascinator that I wore.

I returned to Windsor where I taught Kindergarten at Taylor Public School.

My next position was as a Primary Teacher and Consultant for the Board of Education of the Township of Etobicoke (1959). I was offered a new position being formed by the Canadian National Defence Schools (RCAF) as a Primary Supervisor to serve the teachers of the children on the NATO Air bases in France and Germany. I was honoured to accept and was stationed at the RCAF HQ in Metz, France.



BETTY LESLIE - IN THE SPOTLIGHT

From 1962 to 1964, I traveled in my little Volkswagen Beetle from Metz to 3 bases in France, 4 bases in Germany and 2 International schools, just outside of Paris, where there were RCAF personnel working. While with the military, I observed the tension at the 4 Wing Base in Germany at the time of the Cuban Crisis in 1962 and the reaction of fear when President John Kennedy was killed in 1963. In 1964, I was invited to attend the 20th anniversary Remembrance Ceremonies at the 3 beaches in Normandy where the British, Canadian, and American troops landed.

During my time as Master at London Teachers' College (1965), I organized and taught many Ministry courses. It was a privilege to teach and observe future teachers.

I was seconded to work half-time as a Field Service Officer for the Ministry of Education Western Ontario Region 4 developing and promoting Primary School Curriculum.

When London Teachers' College was integrated with the University of Western Ontario, I became an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Education.

My final position was as a Primary Supervisor Co-ordinator for the Norfolk Board of Education (1976 -1984).

I took an early retirement in 1984 because my elderly parents, who were living in Windsor, were both ill. I cared for them until their deaths.

I have travelled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, North, South, and Central America as well as doing a safari in East Africa. I have visited about 30 countries as well as visiting every province and territory in Canada.

During my retirement, I have served on the Board of Directors and the Resident Council in the two condominiums in Windsor where I lived. I served on the Windsor Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and for ten years I was involved with Bible Study Fellowship. I also organized a Prayer Group at Banwell Community Church for three years.

I taught for 36 years and have now been retired for 39.



I recently sold my condominium and moved to Seasons Royal Oak Village. I now am blind and have other limitations but agree wholeheartedly with Paul in Philippians 1 when he says: "I always pray with joy ... being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion".

When Betty was asked to what did she attribute her longevity – this was her reply!



FALL LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 22, 2023

GAYLE MANLEY, LIAISON TO THE SOUTH REGION
BROUGHT GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD

GINA PRESENTED PRESIDENT BILL WITH THE MARY MASON AWARD
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY.



LA SALLE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR ENTERTAINED US WITH A WONDERFUL PROGRAMME OF
CHRISTMAS SONGS. BROUGHT BACK FOND MEMORIES OF OUR SCHOOL DAYS.



AND THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE
ONLY COMING FOR LUNCH!!



A GOOD TIME
WAS HAD BY ALL!



OUR ENTERTAINER, GARY MacDONALD, LED OUR VERSION OF
THE ROCKETS, AS THEY DANCED TO THE TUNE OF NEW
YORK, NEW YORK.



FIREKEEPERS CASINO



BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



Arrive at the CASINO - 11:00A.M
Depart the CASINO AT - 5:00 P.M.

Cost - \$65.00 (Transportation)

PERKS

Free-play-\$20, Meal Voucher-\$5

Departs from:

Essex (Arner & Hwy#3 Car Park) at 8:30 A.M.

&

Windsor (In front of Sears - Devonshire Mall) at 9:00 A.M

Returns:

8:00 P.M. (approx.)



FIREKEEPERS
CASINO • HOTEL
BATTLE CREEK



STRATFORD FESTIVAL
PRESENTS

SOMETHING ROTTEN

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

Something Rotten! is a musical comedy based on a book by John O'Farrell and Karey Kirkpatrick and music and lyrics by Karey and Wayne Kirkpatrick. Set in 1595 South London, the story follows the Bottom brothers, Nick and Nigel, who struggle to find success in the theatrical world as they compete with the wild popularity of their contemporary William Shakespeare. Something Rotten! opened on Broadway at the St. James Theatre on April 22, 2015, where it played for 708 performances. It was nominated for ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Leaving ESSEX at 7:30 A.M. and DEVONSHIRE 8:00A.M.

Arriving Stratford intime for lunch, shopping and theatre

Stopping at White Oaks Mall, London for a bite to eat and a little shopping.

Returning to Devonshire Mall at approximately 8:30 P.M.

COST - \$180.00

INCLUDES Transportation & Theatre Ticket

OUR PRICES CANNOT BE BEATEN

A+ SEATS ON THE MAIN FLOOR AND FRONT ROW BALCONY

CONTACT BILL - billben9999@yahoo.ca or 519-948-5214



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia - For the fantasy novel, see [Something Rotten](#)

We are non-profit and reservations and some deposits/payments are required in advance, there are no refunds. However, should it be necessary for you to cancel you may sell your reservation to another member.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 7'S GOODWILL COMMITTEE

THURSDAY MAY 30, 2024
1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

AMICA RIVERSIDE
4909 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, EAST
WINDSOR

JOIN YOUR HOST **GLENN HEMPHILL** FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
FUN * GAMES * LIGHT SNACKS * LAUGHS
COME WITH A FRIEND AND MEET NEW FRIENDS!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
rhemphill@sympatico.ca

SHAW FESTIVAL PRESENTS



LERNER AND LOEWE'S

MY FAIR LADY

The most beloved musical to ever hit the stage.

Book and Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner - Music by Frederick Loewe
Adapted from Bernard Shaw's Play and Gabriel Pascal's Motion Picture Pygmalion

This timeless classic has been dazzling audiences since its debut on Broadway in 1956. Based on the play *Pygmalion* by Bernard Shaw, it's the story of Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower girl caught in the middle of a bet between Henry Higgins, a professor of phonetics and Colonel Pickering, a fellow linguist. With unforgettable songs such as "On the Street Where You Live," "I Could Have Danced All Night" and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" *My Fair Lady* is one of the most beloved musicals of all time – and now it's returning to The Shaw!

Information taken from <https://www.shawfest.com/playbill/my-fair-lady/>



COST: \$180.00

DATE: JUNE 7, 2023

Leaving ESSEX at 7:30 A.M. and DEVONSHIRE 8:00A.M.

Arriving Niagara-on-the-Lake in time for lunch, shopping and theatre

Stopping at White Oaks Mall, London for a bite to eat and a little bit of shopping.

Returning to Devonshire Mall at approximately 9:00 P.M.



Call Bill for information

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VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE
PRESENTS

SWEET SOUL MUSIC

Created by D2 Entertainment - Music Arrangement by Mark Payne - A Victoria Playhouse Original

Get on board the Soul Train as they showcase the very best music of this iconic genre. Smooth, soulful voices, pay homage to legends such as Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Lionel Richie and Marvin Gaye. Get ready to move and groove in this parade of non-stop soul.

DATE: TUESDAY JULY 16, 2024

COST: \$125.00

Includes tickets and transportation

GREAT Seats – The Best – Front 3 rows - Main Floor

DEPART Essex at 9:30 A.M.

Arner and Hwy #3 Car Park

DEPART Windsor at 10:00 A.M.

Devonshire in front of Sears

RETURN Approx. at 6:30 P.M.

For information contact Bill

@519-948-5214 or at billben9999@yahoo.ca

As we are non-profit and deposits/payments are required in advance, there are no refunds. However, should it be necessary for you to cancel you may sell your reservation to another Member.

ADVANCE NOTICE!!
CHECK OUT AUGUST AND OCTOBER



GRAND RIVER
CRUISE

Thursday August 22, 2024

Begin your day with a performance of [The Blazing Fiddles](#) in our auditorium at 11:30 a.m. You will then embark on a private 2-1/2 hour cruise at 12:30 p.m. featuring a delicious [3-course lunch](#) served to each table. During the cruise your captain gives an informative commentary and you can sit out on the promenade deck to enjoy the river scenery.

Since 1978, Grand River Cruises has been offering a unique and unforgettable dining experience in Southern Ontario.



TURKEYVILLE, USA

Marshall, Michigan

October, 2024

Date TBA

Back by popular demand
Cost (TBA) includes
Transportation, Full Turkey Lunch, followed by a great show

Now Playing
Award Winning
“MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET”
featuring

Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Elvis Presley

***ADVANCE NOTICE!!
CHECK OUT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER***



FRANKENMUTH
Michigan's Little Bavaria
AND
GREAT LAKES CROSSING

NOVEMBER 26, 2024

VISIT
BRONNER'S CHRISTMAS
WONDERLAND The world's largest
CHRISTMAS store

LUNCH
(on your own)
ZEHNDER'S FAMOUS CHICKEN
(or another place of your choosing)

Plan to join us for a fun filled day spent with old and new friends. Enjoy good conversation; good food and of course - great shopping!

Look for more information in your upcoming Newsletters and don't forget to mark your calendar.



'Starbright Christmas'

VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE

PETROLIA

December 2024

EXACT DATE TBA

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

a glorious tradition - a musical variety show featuring a host of entertainers that will ignite your Christmas spirit

LOOK WHAT'S COMING IN 2024

APRIL 10, 2024	FIREKEEPERS CASINO, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN	\$65.00

MAY 8, 2024	ANNUAL MEETING/SPRING LUNCHEON	
MAY 7, 2024	STRATFORD FESTIVAL "SOMETHING ROTTEN"	\$180.00
MAY 30, 2024	FUN AND FELLOWSHIP	NO CHARGE

JUNE 7, 2024	SHAW FESTIVAL – NIAGARA ON THE LAKE "MY FAIR LADY"	\$180.00

JULY 16, 2024	VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE PETROLIA – "SWEET SOUL MUSIC"	\$125.00

AUGUST 22, 2024	GRAND RIVER CRUISE -ENTERTAINMENT, LUNCH, CRUISE	\$180.00

SEPTEMBER-TBA	LOCAL WINE TOUR	
SEPTEMBER-TBA	GOLF TOURNAMENT	

OCTOBER-TBA	TURKEYVILLE USA – "MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET"	

NOVEMBER-TBA	FALL LUNCHEON	
NOVEMBER 26, 2024	FRANKENMUTH/GREAT LAKES CROSSING SHOPPING – LUNCH – SHOPPING = FUN	

DECEMBER-TBA	VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE PETROLIA – "STARBRIGHT CHRISTMAS"	
DECEMBER-TBA	CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA	

MAKE YOUR PLANS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR! MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!
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