



# Scarbarrio Kwento: The Life of Seniors in Scarborough



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# About the Project

*barrio* [bar-yoh] - neighbourhood

*kwento* [kwen-toh] - story

**Scarbarrio Kwento: the Life of Seniors in Scarborough** is a digital storytelling project that is an opportunity for SOSA members like you to share your stories and experiences in Scarborough.

## **Scarborough + Barrio**

Scarborough is a barrio of Toronto that has a unique and distinct suburban community.

As a Scarborough senior, we are sure you have many stories about your experiences!



## **Now + Then**

We invite you to reflect on your present day life in Scarborough, compared to when you first immigrated to Canada.



## **Here + There**

How did you make Scarborough your home?  
What do you miss about your homeland/place of birth?  
We would love to hear detailed accounts of your feelings and experiences about your journey from your homeland to Scarborough - good and bad!

## **YOUR life + YOUR kwento**

We want to hear your voice!  
Your kwento is important and deserves to be heard and appreciated!

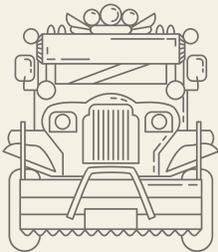
# Purpose of the Project



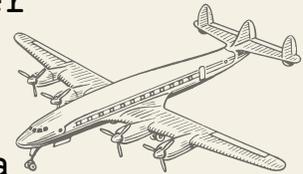
**Showcase**, through photos and stories, your experience as seniors in Scarborough



**Archive** stories by interviewing, reproducing your photos and captions, and sharing with one another in a series of meetings



**Present** the collection as a digital archive, video and/or online exhibition on the new SOSA website [www.sosainaction.com](http://www.sosainaction.com)



**Share** important insights including but not limited to immigration stories, family traditions, the significance of Scarborough in your lives, and your overall feelings about living in Scarborough



**Record** the history of SOSA as we start a multi-year archival project



## Why should I participate?

This is an opportunity to share your stories and experiences in Scarborough in ways that you feel appropriate and best represents your lived experience!



Your stories and photos will serve as a living archive for different communities to help them learn and understand your history!



The project will be a resource for future generations to learn about their elders.



## What will you do with my stories and photographs? What happens to it?

We will work closely with you throughout the duration of the project to make sure you are comfortable with what is being presented. Your stories and photos may be used for public community sharings such as SOSA's website, art exhibitions, booklets, and articles. We will let you know in advance about any of these possible opportunities! Physical items (such as photographs) will be kept safe until returned to you.

**Learn more about our agreements on page 9!**

# How can I participate?

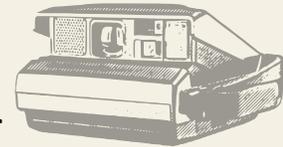
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## **SHARE your story and photographs**

by emailing them to **sosainaction@gmail.com** or by dropping off your physical photographs and written responses to be digitized.

Learn more on page 7!

**Submissions open until September 6, 2021**



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## **JOIN the Samahan Zoom meeting**

for a group session to share your stories and artifacts with other members.

Learn more on page 8!

**Zoom meeting dates: August 23, 24, or 27, 2021**



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## **GATHER for a meet-up**

that will include a photo walk, portrait shoot, picnic, and/or an intergenerational event that will follow COVID-19 health and safety precautions.

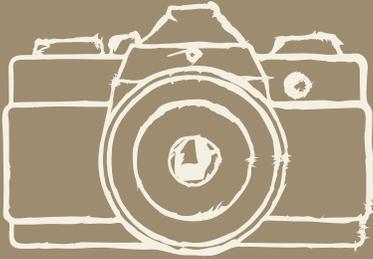
**Location and dates: TBA upon completion of submissions and Zoom meetings**



**You are welcome to join  
any or all 3 of the activities!**

Every participant will be entered into a raffle, for a chance to win 1 of 3 \$25 gift cards to Scarborough Town Centre.

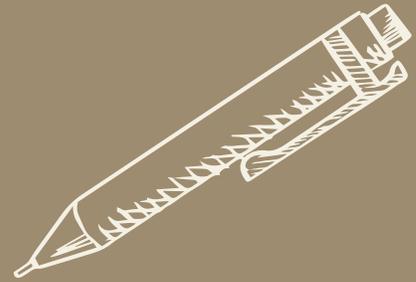
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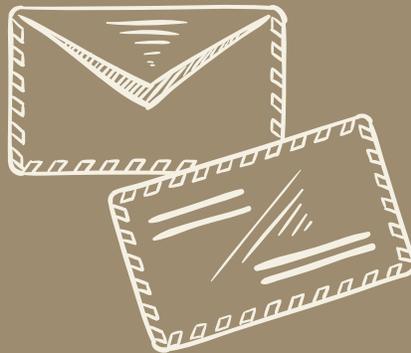
## WHAT KIND OF PHOTOS?

You are invited to share a photo representing any or all 3 of the following categories:

- 1 when you first immigrated to Canada
- 2 your favourite place in Scarborough
- 3 anything that represents your experience as a senior in Scarborough



**WRITE** a caption about your photos and experiences in 150 words (approximately 4-6 sentences). Why is this photo meaningful to you? Your story can be written in any language.



**E-MAIL** [sosainaction@gmail.com](mailto:sosainaction@gmail.com)

high resolution photos with captions.

If you would like your photos or any hand written responses scanned, please contact Carol at [chiro4459@gmail.com](mailto:chiro4459@gmail.com) for drop off location.

**No more than 3 photos per SOSA member, please!**  
**Submissions are open until**  
**September 13, 2021!**

# Join the Samahan Zoom Meeting!

Be the first to kick off SOSA's  
first storytelling project!

## "Isa Lang" (One Word) Game



### Share

your stories and get to know  
other members more by answering  
questions facilitated by the  
SOSA students

Have a pen/marker and  
paper/notepad and your ears  
ready for listening!

## Bring me! Game



### Prepare

1 An artifact that  
reminds you of home  
and/or something you brought  
over when you immigrated

2 A photo from when you first  
moved to Canada and/or your  
favourite place in Scarborough

**1 hour+ on Zoom on  
August 23, 24, or 27, 2021**

**Please email Carol at [chiro4459@gmail.com](mailto:chiro4459@gmail.com)  
for your availabilities**

# SOSA Storyteller Agreement

I agree to have my photos and stories displayed on the SOSA website [www.sosainaction.com](http://www.sosainaction.com)

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

I understand that interviews will be recorded by default. However, I can signal my preference for my participation to not be recorded and have notes taken instead.

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

I understand that I am free to stop my participation at any time without any penalty or consequences.

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

I agree to have quotes from my interviews used in future presentations, workshops or written publications related to this project.

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

I agree that SOSA can contact me by email or phone number about this project.

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

I agree to waive my anonymity at this time.

(This will mean that my face WILL NOT be blurred in my photos, and my real name WILL be made public.)

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

I confirm that I have permission from all the people in my photos, that their image can be used for this project.

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

I understand that if I want to withdraw any information about myself in the project in the future, SOSA will do their best to accommodate my request.

Yes\_\_ No\_\_

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Participant's Name  
(Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
(Year/Month/Day)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**Thank you  
(Salamat po)  
for your  
co-operation!**

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# Scarbarrio Kwento: The Life of Seniors in Scarborough Call for Submissions



## What?

SOSA's first digital storytelling project to record, showcase, and present photos and stories of our seniors in Scarborough.

## Who?

SOSA members like you!

This is your chance to share important insights including but not limited to immigration experiences, family traditions, and the significance of Scarborough in your lives.

## Where?

The collection will be exhibited online on SOSA's new website at **sosainaction.com** and possibly at future public displays.

Upon the completion of the project, we will have an outdoor meet-up that will include a photo walk, portrait shoot, picnic, and/or an intergenerational event following COVID-19 health and safety precautions.

## How? When?

**Share your story and photographs** by emailing them to **sosainaction@gmail.com** or dropping off your physical photographs and written responses to be digitized.

No more than 3 photos, 150 word limit for captions per SOSA member, please!

Please make sure to complete the **Storyteller Agreement Form** if you would like to participate!

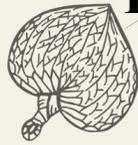
**Submissions are open until September 13, 2021**

## Why?

Your contribution will serve as a living digital archive for different communities to help them understand your history and become a learning resource for future generations.

*Every participant will be entered into a draw for a chance to win 1 of 4 \$25 gift cards!*

**For full details, please refer to the information package at  
[sosainaction.com/scarbarriokwento](https://sosainaction.com/scarbarriokwento)**



# Scarbarrio Kwento: The Life of Seniors in Scarborough Interview/Questionnaire



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## Immigration

Where were you born/Where did you grow up? What year did you come to Canada?  
Did you live anywhere else other than Scarborough? Where?

Why did you decide to move?

Are there any other immigration stories you want to share?

*For example: How old were you? What feelings did you have...excited...scared? What was your first job? What was your first impression of Canada? What do you miss about your old home/place?*

## Scarborough

What year did you move to Scarborough? Why did you move to Scarborough?

If you still live in Scarborough, why did you decide to settle/retire here? How did you make Scarborough your home?

What are your favourite places in Scarborough? Why?

## SOSA

What year did you join SOSA? Why did you join SOSA?

What are your favourite parts of SOSA? Why?

Are there any other stories or experiences you want to share?



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## Imigrasyon

Saan ka pinanganak / Saan ka pinalake? Anong taon ka dumating sa Canada? Nakatira ka na ba sa ibang lugar maliban sa Scarborough? Saan?

Bakit napagpasyahan mong lumipat?

Mayroon ka bang ibang mga kwento tungkol sa imigrasyon na gusto mong ibahagi?  
*Halimbawa: Ilang taon ka noon? Anong naramdaman mo noon...masaya...takot? Ano ang unang trabaho mo? Ano ang unang impresyon mo sa Canada? Anong na-miss mo sa dati mong tahanan/lugar?*

## Scarborough

Anong taon ka dumating sa Scarborough? Bakit lumipat ka sa Scarborough?

Kung nakatira ka pa sa Scarborough, bakit napagpasyahan mong manatili? Paano mo ginawang tahanan ang Scarborough?

Ano ang paborito lugar mo sa Scarborough? Bakit?

## SOSA

Anong taon ka sumali sa SOSA? Bakit ka sumali sa SOSA?

Ano ang mga paborito mong bahagi sa SOSA? Bakit?

Mayroon ka bang ibang mga kwento o pinagdaanan na gusto mong ibahagi?