

RTANL Avalon East Division

Keeping in Touch



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President's Message

Amazingly, as teachers and students return to school and as we move through September the flowers are still blooming beautifully after our long, hot summer, so let's continue to enjoy every bit of heat and sunlight before the cool air of the Fall sets in.

We extend warm Greetings to all Retired Teachers but especially to those who are recently retired. We welcome you and encourage you to spread the word to your newly retired friends that we wish to provide an arena for you to keep in touch and stay connected with your colleagues. Our purpose is threefold: to provide events throughout the year for you to come together and socialize, to keep you informed through our September and January newsletters and to strengthen and support our RTA Foundation which supports Children's Charities. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions, so feel free to pass them along.

At our AGM in June, 2017 we welcomed Elizabeth Hamlyn to our Executive as a Member at Large. Welcome Elizabeth. We look forward to working with you for years to come. If any of our members would like to get more involved, please come forward. We have an amazing Social Committee aiming to address your needs. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our Fall, Winter and Spring events. Join us, have fun, get involved, send along your suggestions and bring a friend!

We also take this opportunity to welcome Doreen Noseworthy as our Provincial President of RTANL. We look forward to working with you over the next years. Thank you for the great work you do on behalf of all retired teachers.

Following is a complete **list of our Executive**. *Keep this copy near for future reference.*

Sincerely,

Nina Beresford

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Upcoming events:

Although our Fall Hike last year was a tremendous success, we have decided, for this year, to return to our traditional **Octoberfest** Luncheon.



Our Octoberfest Luncheon will take place on **Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 1 on Blackmarsh Road.** We will have a hot turkey dinner, dessert and tea or coffee. Entertainment will be provided by none other than **Chris Andrews** the lead singer of Shanneyganock. So make sure you are there to enjoy the great music. It will be a real treat. The Board of the **RTA Foundation** will also join us to make their presentations to the Children's Charities for this year. We look forward to seeing everyone at our first event for the year.



On **December 4, 2017** we return to The **Holiday Inn** on Portugal Cove Road for our annual **Christmas Craft Fair and Luncheon.** This is always a well enjoyed event and helps us all get into the mood for Christmas preparations. So come see and purchase the crafts for gifts, get your red ready and come out to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with your friends.

In **February, Fun Day with Bridge and Cards** will take place at a venue to be announced in our next newsletter.

Mark your calendars for March 3, 2018. It is our intention to have a **dance** with live entertainment at **The Bella Vista.** Tickets will go on sale early in the New Year to ensure that we have sufficient interest for this event.

Our final event for the year will be our **AGM** to be held at the **NLTA Boardroom on June 11, 2018.** All members are welcome and encouraged to attend, as we will be electing our new executive. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved and set the direction of the organization for the future.

***** Please adhere to our deadlines on our registration forms. These dates are firm and are imposed by the caterers at the various venues; not by your social committee.**

Past events

Fun Day 2017

On Friday, February 24, 2017 our **Annual Fun Day** was held at Bally Haly Golf and Curling Club, LogyBay Road. 107 participants attended the day. All enjoyed the games and bridge. Lunch was prepared by the staff at Bally Haly and a great time was had by all. Thank you to Carmel Strong who donated the beautiful acrylic on canvas to be put on tickets for the Foundation. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Spring Luncheon June 5, 2017

Our Spring Luncheon was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 1, Blackmarsh Road on Monday June 5, 2017. 85 people attended this event and thoroughly enjoyed the delicious hot chicken dinner. The meal was delicious, the crowd was electric and the entertainment was amazing. Thank you to magician, Gary Summers for treating us to such a great afternoon of fun and magic. You really have perfected your skill and you amaze people with every performance. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Margie Walsh Best who donated a beautiful water color and Dianne Squarey and her sister, Noreen Powell who prepared the Bridge basket and made a beautiful quilt to go on tickets for the Foundation. You are so thoughtful and generous.

Online Newsletters

In earlier newsletters, we introduced the option of your receiving future newsletters electronically. Thanks to those of you who have signed on. Our mail-outs will continue, but we encourage more of you to consider our electronic format to help offset rising costs of printing and postage.

If you haven't yet signed up to receive our newsletters electronically, please do it now to help us reduce costs.

1. **Email your request to rtanl@nlta.nl.ca**
2. **In the subject line please write: Avalon East RTANL Newsletter**
3. **Include your name, mailing address, and your email address for our records.**

Communications

In order to ensure we reach all our members we respectfully ask that you inform us regarding the following:

- any colleague who is not receiving a copy of this newsletter (contact any member of the executive)
- A member who may be ill or for any reason is in need of a visit (contact Sharon Reddy, Gloria MacDonald)
- A member who passes away (contact Cynthia Fardy). It is important that these members be included in the RTANL **Book of Remembrance**.

Contact numbers for the above persons are included on the front page of this newsletter.

Mailouts - Volunteers

If you are interested in assisting us with preparing the newsletters for our Mailout, which usually takes an hour or two twice a year – September and January, please contact Cynthia Fardy at 368-6717 and we will add your name to the list of volunteers. The next mail out will be January, 2018 at 9:30 am at the NLTA building boardroom. At this time I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped us in the past.

Visitations:

The members of the visitation committee, Gloria MacDonald and Sharon Reddy, continue to make contact with families of retired teachers who have passed away, as well as retired teachers who are hospitalized, ill at home or those residing in seniors' homes and nursing homes. If you know of a retired teacher who falls into any of the categories mentioned above please contact either Gloria or Sharon and a visit will be made or a card sent on behalf of RTANL Avalon East.

Contact information is as follows...gloriam9@nf.sympatico.ca

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Thank You!

DID YOU KNOW ???

That many establishments offer Retired Teachers Seniors' discounts. All you need is your Teacher's card or just ask. Complete list is available on the NLTA Website.

Obituaries

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of deceased colleagues who have passed away since our Winter newsletter:

Kathleen Willis	Margaret Bennett	Roseanne Linehan	Barbara Hall
Raymond Tucker	Elizabeth Quick	Veronica Power	Cecil Parsons
Mary Fitzgerald	Sister Mary Pius Shea	Sister Perpetua Gosse	Cas Browne
Sister Mary Genevieve Drake	Brother Joseph Manning	Anna Courish	Ronald Kieley

To assist us with collecting information for the Book of Remembrance, please forward the name of any newly deceased member with a family contact to Cynthia Fardy at c_fardy@hotmail.com or phone 368-6717.

In closing, the Executive and Social Committee take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful and safe Fall and Christmas season. See you at the upcoming social events. Remember both registration forms are included in this mail out. There will not be another before the Christmas event. Check your flyers and be sure to register on time for Octoberfest and Christmas Craft Sale and Luncheon. Don't forget to invite a fellow colleague to join you!

Wishing you a happy, healthy and productive year of retirement.

Nina Beresford