

RTANL Avalon East Division

Keeping in Touch



FALL 2016



President's Message

Warm Greetings to all Retired Teachers, those enjoying retirement for years 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 connected with your colleagues. Our purpose is to provide events throughout the year for you to come together and socialize. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions, so feel free to pass them along.

At our AGM in June, 2016 a few new members were added to our executive. 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 and bring a friend!

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

Nina Beresford

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Social Co-Chairs	*Mary Purchase and Denise Barbour		

Social Committee

Under the chairpersonship of **Mary and Denise**, members **Susan Wade, Carmel Strong, Anne Marie Smyth, Judy Prim and Sandra Harnett** form our Social Committee this year. These women will work generously to plan wonderful, fun social events. On your behalf, I would like to thank all members of the Executive and Committees for their contribution of time and effort to ensure Avalon East Division remains a vibrant member of the Provincial RTANL.

Recent Past Events News

On May 27, 2016 our **Annual BBQ** was held at the *Royal Canadian Legion, Blackmarsh Road*. Attendance was down this year though about 50 people stayed to enjoy the music of *Metro Music*. With a wide repertoire of music there was something for everyone. The crowd enjoyed the meal, music and prizes. Thanks to Sandra Harnett and the social committee members for the great organization. Our new Social Committee will review and make decisions on the social events for the coming year.

On June 8 we held our **AGM** at the *Network Cafe, Pleasantville*. Dianne Squarey chaired the meeting since Betty Lou was out of town. Several new members attended and joined us for lunch. Two positions were filled on our executive. Nina Beresford replaced Betty Lou Kennedy as President and Wanda Hand took over the roll as Treasurer. Denise Barbour returned as Vice-President and she will Co-chair the Social Committee with Mary Purchase. We welcome Trudy Buckle as a member at large. We express our sincerest thanks to all those who have been so dedicated to the Avalon East Branch of RTANL for the past several years especially our **Past President, Betty Lou Kennedy**, our **Social Committee Chairs – Sandra Harnett and Judy Prim** and **Dianne Squarey**, who will now be more involved at the Provincial level. Your service has been greatly appreciated.

Please consider getting involved. It is rewarding and offers great service to our retired teachers of Avalon.

Upcoming Events



Fall Hike, Exhibits and Luncheon Oct. 3, 2016

In response to requests from our members for a variety of activities we decided to make a departure from our traditional sit down Thanksgiving Dinner. This year we are offering a **Guided River Tour Hike and Lunch** at the *Manuels River Hibernia Interpretation Centre*. Participants do not need to be experienced hikers. We will be walking the trail, in small groups, at a moderate pace with our guides. Both the trail and the Centre can accommodate individuals of all physical abilities, as the site is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear to ensure an enjoyable walk. On the day of the hike there will be three hike options to choose from. Consider this opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, be active, and discover the natural habitat within our community, all, while socializing with others in our professional association. So, bring along a friend and explore one of the oldest river systems in North America.

Please see the attached registration flyer.



Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair Advance Notice

The next social event will be held Monday, December 5th, 2016 at the **Holiday Inns** beginning at 10:30am Please come along and help us ring in the Christmas Season. Awaiting us will be a superb meal, prizes, music and a chance to avail of gifted crafts designed and made by our very own retired teachers. Don't miss out! This is always a sold out event so be sure to mail in your registration forms and money by the deadline noted on the flyer.

Please see enclosed flyer.

This year we are including your 2 flyers for these events in one mailout as we are trying to cut mailing costs Please be sure to keep your registration forms in a safe place and mail them in on time. There will be **NO** opportunity to pay at the door for either of these events. Please note as well that should you have to cancel a minimum of two days notice is required to have your money refunded. Also, as is our policy (11b), **free admittance is given to members 80-89 years old as well as their spouse AND to members 90 years old and older and a guest.**

The Craft Fair is scheduled from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. Interested persons please note the following:

1 table per person - Allow time to set up (we suggest 10:00am)

Please respond ONLY to Susan Wade at susanwade@nf.sympatico.ca or call 722-1827.

Important notice: Please return Registration forms and your payment in **two separate envelopes** if you are attending both the **Fall Hike and Lunch** and **Christmas luncheon**. It is necessary to send **2 separate cheques** as the events are organized by different members of Social Committee. We hope to see you there!

BGM

The Provincial Bi –Annual General meeting of RTANL will be held in Gander on **October 4-6, 2016. This is an election year** for Provincial RTANL and we anticipate that there will be candidates from our district running for positions on the executive. We offer them our support and wish them well as they offer themselves for office. I will be attending the meeting on behalf of the Avalon East Division of the RTANL and will report back to the Executive of Avalon East at our next meeting.

Going Green Continues

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. Please follow these instructions if you wish to receive Avalon East newsletters online and encourage others to do the same. **Please take a few minutes and sign up now.**

1. Send an email to RTANL@nlta.nl.ca
2. In the subject line, type: RTANL Newsletter-Avalon East Division
3. Include your name, mailing address, and your email address in your request. You will receive a confirmation email

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

It has been the custom of Avalon East to keep our 2000+ members informed in a timely fashion via newsletters, flyers, etc. hence, we have "mail out bees." These mail outs simply involve putting printed material in envelopes. It does take time and we all know that many hands make light work. The "Bee," includes a cuppa and something sweet amid laughter and tales. It is usually an hour or 2 that goes by very quickly. Should you be able to come along and help, please contact Cynthia Fardy at 368-6717 and we will add your name to the list of volunteers. The next mail out will be September 9, 2016 at 9:30 am at the NLTA building boardroom. The next will be in January and April. At this time I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped us in the past.

Obituaries

We offer our Deepest Sympathy to the families and friends of our deceased colleagues who have passed away since our last newsletter:

Harold Fillier

Thomas Bartlett

Sister Marilyn Costello

Brother Augustus Spurrell,CFC

Thomas Rossiter

Sister Ellen Whitty.

Douglas Bussey

If you know of any of our members who are deceased please be sure to send them along to Cynthia Fardy. We ask that all new submissions be sent with the name and contact info of a family member of the deceased. It would make things so much easier for us to collect information for the Book of Remembrance.

Cynthia Fardy c_fardy@hotmail.com or 368-6717

DID YOU KNOW ???

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

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 the Fall and Christmas events. Don't forget to invite a fellow colleague to join you!

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

Sincerely, Nina Beresford