

# RTANL Avalon East Division

## Keeping in Touch



Happy New Year

Winter 2017



Greetings and good wishes to all members of our Retired Teachers community! Hopefully you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and holiday season with your family and friends. Now we are into a new year, may you experience much happiness, good health and success in all of your undertakings. While you are trying to keep warm and comfortable, be careful of that ice. You don't want to spend any of your winter in a cast. So take care and walk gingerly!

Our Executive met last week to put plans in place for the upcoming events for this year.

There have been a few email edits that you should be aware of:

Secretary	Barbara Young	<a href="mailto:twoyoungs@nl.rogers.com">twoyoungs@nl.rogers.com</a>	
Visitations	Sharon Reddy	<a href="mailto:sharon.reddy@nf.sympatico.ca">sharon.reddy@nf.sympatico.ca</a>	579-8169
Visitations	Gloria MacDonald	<a href="mailto:gloriam9@nf.sympatico.ca">gloriam9@nf.sympatico.ca</a>	229-7061

### Visitation Committee:

Please note and inform others that **Sharon Reddy** (St. John's area) and **Gloria MacDonald** (Conception Bay area) continue to do the good work of visiting members who are ill, visiting the funeral homes and sending cards to families of deceased members. Please advise them of any members who may wish a visit. They do this on our behalf. *Thank you Sharon and Gloria for this valuable service.*

### Social Committee Report

On Monday, October 3, 2016 we held our first **Fall Hike and Luncheon** at Manuel's River Interpretation Centre. Ninety-One members registered for this event. Although the weather was not ideal, 81 members attended. Misty conditions did not detract from our appreciation of the beauty of the Trails. The fall colors



were still spectacular! The knowledgeable staff and extensive exhibits were second to none. The catering staff provided a delicious lunch. Feedback was positive from all who participated in the event.

Our **Annual Christmas Craft Fair and Luncheon** was once again a huge success. On Monday, December 5, 2016, 308 members gathered at *Holiday Inn* for this much anticipated event. The hot chicken meal was quite enjoyable. Santa made an unexpected appearance and once again Doreen Noseworthy set up her sound system and led us in a Christmas sing-a-long.



Figure 2: Nina Beresford, President of Avalon East Division presented a cheque for \$1000 to Dianne Squiarey, Chair of Retired teachers Foundation for Children's Charities

We would like to thank all those who donated prizes;

In particular we say Thank you to **Paula Cramm, Pat Hayden-Ryan and Sid**

**Wolfrey**. These members donated amazing prizes for the main ticket draw raising **\$1,368 for the RTANL**

**Foundation**. One hundred percent of all money raised goes directly to the Foundation for Children's Charities



Figure 1: Nina Beresford presented a cheque for \$2000 to Ken Hopkins, Exec. Director of the School Lunch Program of NL

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Annual Fun Day - February 24, 2017**

Our Social Committee has made preparations for our **Annual Fun Day**. This event will take place once again at **Bally Haly Golf and Curling Club**. So get your group together or come alone and join us to have a lovely day with games and a hot lunch. This is a very fun social event and there are prizes to be won as well!

Check your flyer for this event and be sure to register.

### **AGM and Spring Luncheon - June 5, 2017**

This year we have decided to hold our **AGM** on the same day as our **Spring Luncheon**. In this way, any members who are interested in hearing the business of the Division can certainly attend the meeting and then we will all be able to enjoy the Spring Luncheon and entertainment together.

This event will be held at the **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 1, Blackmarsh Road**.

The **AGM** will commence at **10:30** - this is an open meeting for all members.

**The Spring Luncheon and Entertainment** will commence at **12:00**.

Please check the flyer carefully for details and registration information.

## **Happy New Year, Everyone!**

### **Retired Teachers' Foundation for Children's Charities**

The Foundation has two functions: to assist children with special needs through their respective associations and to remember the life-work of deceased teachers by having ***Books of Remembrance*** in their honour. As some of you are aware, I accepted the position of Chair of the **Retired Teachers' Foundation for Children's Charities**. This Foundation is 100% volunteer based with any expenses underwritten by the RTANL provincial body. Hence, any contributions donated to the Foundation are completely distributed to the children's charities. Since the Foundation's inception it has contributed **over a quarter million dollars. Wow!**

### **Bakeless Bake Sale**

The Avalon East Division has been one of our greatest supporters. I am very pleased to ask for your continued support in this ***2017 Bakeless Bake Sale***.

Charities that have benefitted include Mazol Shriners Patient Transportation Fund, Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp, Rainbow Riders, Candlelighters, War Amps Champ Program, Autism Society, CNIB Children's Services, Down Syndrome Society, Janeway Foundation, Children's Wish Foundation, Children's Heart Association, Vera Perlin Society, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalis Association, Canadian Diabetes Camp Douwana and Tourettes Society.

Sincerely,  
Dianne Squarey, Chair  
Retired Teachers' Foundation for Children's Charities

## **Think Green in 2017**

Thanks to over **500 of our members** who have signed on to receive our ***Keeping in Touch*** newsletters electronically. If you're not yet part of that group, please help us reduce our postage costs and sign up today!

1. Email your request to: [rtanl@nlta.nl.ca](mailto:rtanl@nlta.nl.ca)
2. In the subject line, type: RTANL Newsletter -Avalon East Division
3. Please include your name, your regular mailing address for our records, and your email address.

Please Note: We are not set up for the online submission of registration forms for upcoming events. You will need access to a printer to make a copy and mail it with your payment to the address provided.

## Obituaries

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the families and friends of our deceased colleagues who have passed away since our Fall Newsletter.

**Brenda Tricco**  
**Dr. Alice Wareham**

**Gerald Hall**  
**Sister Rosalie Morrissey**

**Sister Lillian Wakeham**

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**

**Rest in Peace, Colleagues!**

We look forward to your participation in the social events we have planned for you. Call your friends and make plans to sign up and get out there to reconnect with your former colleagues and friends. Make that your New Year's resolution to get involved this year. Your second resolution should be to see how you can make a difference in the life of someone near you who needs support, encouragement or just a listening ear. Good deeds can be as simple as a smile or a friendly greeting but even that can make a difference in the life of another. Finally, your third resolution is to eat healthy and get active. You may be retired but you must take care of your body and continue your youthful living.

Have a very happy and healthy 2017.

Sincerely, Nina Beresford

