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**Welcome to
All New Retirees**

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of our Association and encourage you to get involved. You'll find participating in Division activities is an enjoyable way to begin your retirement, especially since so many of your friends are already members.

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**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
CUSTODIAN**
Calvin G. Wheeler

Meeting Dates 2013

April 17, 2013
Regular Meeting

May 15, 2013
Regular Meeting

June 6, 2013
Banquet & Dance

September 18, 2013
General Meeting

October 16, 2013
Sale & Auction

November 20, 2013
Regular Meeting

The meetings are held at Hotel Gander at 11:00 a.m. on the meeting date above unless notified in advance.

**RETIRED TEACHERS'
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PRAYER

May God grant you always...
A sunbeam to warm you
A moonbeam to charm you
A sheltering angel so
Nothing can harm you...
Laughter to cheer you
Faithful friends near you
And whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.

An Irish Blessing

Dedication



We are very proud to dedicate this, our twenty-ninth volume of the *Cornucopia*, to **Millicent Harris**, who became our first and only person from Central Division to have reached the grand milestone of 100 years of age. We are not only celebrating her birthday in this issue but also emphasizing the contributions that she made to the teaching profession and her community.

Millicent was born at Summerville, Bonavista Bay, daughter of George and Sarah Dawe. She received her elementary and high school education at Summerville and Western Bay. After finishing high school she completed university courses to qualify for a First Grade Teaching Certificate.

Millicent had a distinctive teaching career which began in 1930-31 at the age of eighteen. For the first four months she taught at Princeton, Bonavista Bay, and for the next six months – from January to June – she taught at nearby Summerville. (This was a frequent practice in the 1920s and 1930s when small communities had a teacher for only half a year.) From there she went on to Dunfield for two years and then back to Summerville for three. In 1936 she wended her way to Curling for two years and then to Shoal Harbour West for one year before moving on to Glovertown for a year in 1939. Not ready to settle down yet, she went back to Curling for another three years before going to Barr'd Island and Bell Island.

Eventually Millicent met her husband to be, Leslie Harris, whom she married and became a housewife and mother from 1948 to 1958. But when the three children were ready for school, she found herself back in the classroom again teaching at Lewisporte, Buchans and later in Glovertown, until her retirement in the early 1970s. Many of her early schools were one-room all grade schools, so she taught from Grade 1 to Grade 11 inclusive. In later years she did subject teaching in the high school and ended her career with the T.M.R. class which she found most rewarding and interesting.

In most of the places she taught, Millicent was active in all the programs of the United Church, both at the local level and on a wider scale. She held various offices in the church.

She was Vice-President of the Terra Nova Presbyterial of the United Church Women for some years and has been a delegate to the United Church Conference. She was organist for church services and also served as a Choir Director for many years. As a matter of fact, Millicent began playing in church at age 13. During her younger years as a teacher she accepted the responsibilities of Sunday School Superintendent, leader of the C.G.I.T., as well as leader of the Explorers and Mission Band. She was a Brown Owl (Brownies), Lieutenant of Girl Guides, and program director for many concerts and plays. For several years, while still teaching day-school, she also gave private music lessons.

When the Central Division of the RTA was formed in 1980, both Leslie and Millicent were there as charter members. They missed very few meetings and functions of Central Division up to the time of Leslie's passing in 2009. Millicent still attends meetings, banquets and even a BGM when it is possible for her to do so. In 1984 Millicent was elected to the office of Secretary and served in that office for two years. Both Leslie and Millicent have been great supporters of the Central Division and its projects, especially the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Foundation to which they made annual donations.

After retiring in the early 1970s, Leslie and Millicent were just as busy as before retirement. They took time for traveling to see first-hand some of the landmarks of history and to view some of the places and scenes about which they had read. They have traveled extensively through North America and Europe. Millicent's hobbies once included knitting, crocheting, sewing, reading, and embroidery work. However, as the years passed most of these things were not possible. For the past couple of years she has lived at Oram's Birchview Manor in Glovertown where she still enjoys reading, music, live singing and getting out to many of the functions of the Central Division Retired Teachers and the community of Glovertown. She has the love and comfort of her daughter, Elaine, who has returned home to be near her mother.

Both Millicent and her husband had a remarkable career in the teaching profession. It was not always easy. They overcame many obstacles, endured some hardships, and both made an outstanding contribution to the education of the youth of their day. For this and the contributions made to their communities they both should be remembered.

President's Message

It does not seem that long ago I was writing my first report as President of Central Division for our newsletter, the *Cornucopia*, and looking forward to another year of activities within our Division. Much has happened in the past year at both the Divisional and Provincial levels.

We began our meetings in January 2012 with an executive meeting to review our draft Constitution, By-Laws and Governance policies. We wanted to examine the duties of our Standing Committees, the roles and responsibilities of our executive, our financial policies and policies that govern our Division. This draft was presented at a regular meeting for discussion and approval in October by our membership.

In April our first executive meeting was held at Hotel Gander. We have an executive meeting two weeks prior to our general meeting so that we can prepare an agenda and discuss matters relating to our regular meeting. At our April meeting, in addition to our regular business, we had a speaker, Darren Woolridge, from Nova Central School District talk to us about technology in our schools today. Many of us retired before the advent of SMART boards, TEAM boards and other high tech teaching tools that are in schools today. Since 90-95% of our schools have SMART boards it was an interesting and informative presentation and gave us an excellent insight into how our children and grandchildren are learning today in our schools. It is certainly a long ways from a blackboard and a piece of chalk!

In May we were very pleased to have Perry Downey, Administrative Officer, Benefits and Economic Services, NLTA, make a presentation to us on Pensions and Insurance. His PowerPoint presentation entitled *What a Retired Teacher Needs to Know*, included such informative topics as Stacking, Bridge Benefit, Integration, Indexing, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security and Group Insurance benefits. At this meeting our Division made a motion to make a donation of \$2,000 to be given to the Retired Teachers' Foundation instead of sending \$50 for each deceased teacher, the amount to be reviewed annually.

We continue to give a \$1,000 donation to the Foundation in memory of C. Lloyd Buffett, one of the founding members of our Division, who, with Mr. Cyril Bull, helped to establish the Retired Teachers' Foundation.

In June we had our 32nd Annual Dance and Banquet at Hotel Gander which was very well attended. The entertainment by Bill Colbourne and Freeman Piercey was excellent and the dance music by Derm Coady continues to highlight our annual get-together. Everyone seemed to be very pleased with the festivities. The C. Lloyd Buffett Award was presented to Mr. Jim Dobson who accepted on behalf of the Foundation. In lieu of purchasing plaques or gifts to recognize members of our Division for their dedication and support, we make a donation of \$100 to the Foundation. This year we honored three worthy individuals – Past President Phil Patey, former executive member Stewart Ralph and our Communications Officer, Don Carter. We sent \$300 to the Foundation in their honor.

After our June meeting we took time to relax and enjoy some time with family and friends, not to mention our gardens. This summer was a great growing season and our tomatoes ripened on the vine. We have had a bountiful harvest and gardening in Newfoundland and Labrador this summer was a pleasure.

As August came along we all saw the *Back to School* signs in our local stores. We know that it doesn't apply to us but we start to think about meetings and the startup of our Divisional activities. At our regular meeting in September our guest speaker was Mr. Fred Parsons, General Manager of ERMA (Environmental Resources Management Association) in Grand Falls-Windsor. Mr. Parsons gave an excellent overview of his organization and the work that they are doing and have done to improve the number of salmon returning to the Exploits River. The number of salmon is



President
Thomas Kendell

increasing each year. You can view the salmon going up the river by visiting the Salmon Interpretation Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor. It is located across the river behind the former paper mill.

The NLPSPA AGM and Convention took place in Gander from September 21-23, 2012 at Hotel Gander. The keynote address was *Dividing Generations – The Fight for Retirement Security in Canada* by Irene Mathyssen, NDP, Member of Parliament and Official Critic for Pensions. She made the point that by raising the age of eligibility for OAS and GIS the government is cutting away at the security of seniors in this country and that her party would reverse those decisions made by the Conservative Government. Some retired teachers from our Division and members of our Political Action Committee attended to take in the keynote and other sessions on *Affordable and Social Housing, Homelessness Amongst Older Persons*, a session on *Myths and Truths About Long Term Care* and another on *Seniors' Security*.

In October our Twelfth BGM and Reunion was held at the Holiday Inn in St. John's. Many retired teachers from our Division attended this wonderful get-together that comes around once every two years. It was a great opportunity to get acquainted with old friends and meet new ones. Our theme was *Living Well in 2012* and the retired teachers who attended certainly enjoyed the whole event and especially the presentation by Dr. Patrick O'Shea on staying healthy. Three people from our Division were elected to the Provincial Executive. I was elected President and Jim Dobson and Phil Patey were elected as Members-at-Large. Jim Dobson was also re-elected as President of the Retired Teachers' Foundation and Don Carter was re-elected as a Director. Jim also received the 2012 Biennial Award for recognition of his volunteer service to retired teachers in our province. We look forward to our next Reunion in 2014 in Corner Brook.

At our regular meeting in October we discussed and approved our new Constitution, By-Laws and Governance Policies that will guide our Division for many years to come. In the afternoon we had our Fall Sale and Auction which is a highlight of our year and the proceeds go to the Retired Teachers' Foundation. The Auction was quite successful. Yours truly was the auctioneer. The sale brought in \$642 and

additional donations amounted to \$245 for a total of \$887. Many thanks are extended to all our members for their contributions to the sale and the purchase of items available. In addition, Mr. Calvin Wheeler has generously donated another of his paintings on which we are selling tickets and the winning ticket will be drawn at our Christmas Dinner on January 6, 2013. The proceeds from this draw will also be going to the Foundation.

In November we celebrated the birthday of a founding member of our Division. Mrs. Millicent Harris from Glovertown turned 100 years old on November 24. Her two daughters accompanied her to the meeting and she was presented with many birthday cards, a cake and flowers. It was a great event and Mrs. Harris was very appreciative of the recognition given to her by the retired teachers in Central Division.

We have published a second Book of Remembrance listing 182 obituaries of teachers who have taught in our Division. At our regular meeting in November we invited Patricia Parsons, the Regional Representative of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries in Gander, to attend our meeting. At that time we presented her with copies of our new book that will be in all libraries in Central Newfoundland for the general public to view. Ms. Parsons also gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Division regarding library services for retirees and seniors and the new e-book services that they provide.

So we continue to be active and involved as a Division and are always trying to encourage more retirees to join us.

On behalf of your executive and members of Central Division I would like to wish you all a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

2011-2013 Executive



President
Thomas Kendell



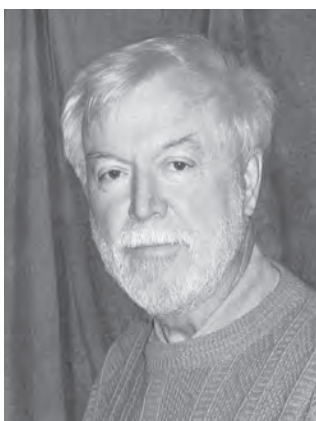
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Don Carter



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Book of Remembrance
Custodian Calvin G. Wheeler



Central Retired Teachers' Executive



Executive Revising the By-Laws

Notes from Minutes

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

May Notice of motion was re-introduced. It read: "Whereas our current donations for deceased teachers in Central Division is too encompassing and very difficult to track, be it resolved that an annual donation of \$1,000.00 be donated to the Retired Teachers' Foundation in memory of deceased teachers." There was considerable discussion on the motion; however, a motion by Fannie Simms, seconded by Max Bussey, to amend the proposed motion to read "Be it resolved that an annual donation, of an amount to be decided annually, be given to the Retired Teachers' Foundation in memory of deceased teachers." Motion carried. It was then moved by Valerie Taylor and seconded by Max Bussey that this year a donation of \$2,000.00 be given to the Retired Teachers' Foundation in memory of deceased teachers. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

April Notes of thanks from Clarence Riggs, Faye Eveleigh and Rosalie Spurrell, for monetary gifts sent to them were received.

September President Tom received an e-mail from President Geraldine Wall asking that we donate prizes to the BGM in St. John's in October. The Executive has already decided to donate four prizes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

April In the absence of the Treasurer, a financial statement for the period August 31, 2011 to January 31, 2012 was circulated showing Revenue of \$19,747.68 and Expenditure of \$10,227.65. President Tom informed the meeting that the executive will be bringing forward a motion at its next meeting that: Central Division would donate one lump sum per year of \$1,000.00 to the Retired Teachers' Foundation in memory of deceased teachers, replacing the former practice of \$50.00 for each.

May The Treasurer, Malba Butt, presented her financial statement for the period August 31, 2011 to April 30, 2012. It showed total Revenue of

\$19,747.68 and Expenses of \$10,257.65 leaving Revenue over Expenditure of \$9,490.03. Malba moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Don Carter. Motion carried.

September The Treasurer presented a financial statement for the period September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012. It showed a Total Revenue of \$24,609.88 and Expenses of \$19,197.28 leaving a Balance of \$5,412.60. The report was moved by Malba Butt and seconded by Valerie Taylor. Motion carried.

November The Treasurer presented her report. It stated that Total Revenue was \$9,728.89 with Total Expenditure \$4,770.23 leaving a Balance of \$4,958.66. Acceptance of the report was moved by Malba and seconded by Marilyn Bry. Motion carried. Malba later reported that everything has been clued up with the Fall Auction and we have now forwarded \$1,597.00 to the Foundation.

HEALTH OF MEMBERS:

April There were no reports of any in hospital. Deceased since last meeting in November: Reginald Pretty, Clifford Penny, Bridget Pardy, Munn Paddock, Isaac Gullage, Max Colbourne, Pearl Andrews, Marguerite Saunders, Roland Abbott, Dorothy Baker, Mary Blackmore, Henrietta Oldford, Lester Gill, Wayne Rice, Fran Locke, Linda Hynes.

September We regret the passing of the following members: Aubrey Goulding, Roberts Arm; Nina J. Roberts, Triton; Wallace Boone, Mount Pearl; Walter (Jack) Pond, Centreville; Gordon Norris, Newtown.

November The following members recently passed away: Watson Lane, Glovertown; Claude Tulk, Lewisporte; and Audrey Jewer, Botwood.

PROVINCIAL REPORT:

April Next meeting is in Grand Falls-Windsor on Monday, April 23, 2012.

September The BGM is being held at Holiday Inn, St. John's, October 2-4, 2012.

As of August 29, 2012, 97 members had registered with 16 of those from our Division.

October The President reported on the elections held in St. John's at the BGM. He stated that Jim Dobson was re-elected President of the Retired Teachers' Foundation and Don Carter was re-elected to the Board of Directors. Congratulations are extended to President Tom Kendell who was elected President, and to Jim Dobson on his election and Phil Patey on his re-election to the Provincial Executive. Congratulations are also extended to Jim Dobson who received the Biennial Award for Service for 2012.

November The BGM was held in October in St. John's. The next BGM will be held in Corner Brook from September 30 to October 2, 2014. Please note the website for RTANL and NLTA.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

April Don Carter reported a Balance of \$15,000. The painting by Lloyd Pretty brought in \$3,010.00.

September Tickets on the painting by Calvin Wheeler are available for only \$1.00 each with close to 500 tickets already sold. Jim Dobson will announce at the BGM that \$22,000.00 will be paid out for children's charities. There may be some changes in the constitution of the Foundation that were made necessary by the Federal Government.

November President Jim gave a report. He said that this is the first year we have had donations from all Divisions.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:

April Fifty copies have been printed at a cost of \$5,016.00. Some are to be placed in libraries throughout the central region. No decisions have been made as yet as to whether members may purchase or what the cost would be.

May Chairman of the Remembrance Book Committee, Jim Dobson, reported that copies of the Book of Remembrance could be placed in the libraries around the central region. It would leave about 10 copies to be sold. Vice President, Gerald, suggested that Jim Dobson should be the one to

deliver the books to the Central Library Board in Gander for distribution.

September The Remembrance Book just completed includes those deceased teachers from 1997 to the present. It is available for \$100.00. Calvin stated that he has started Book 3. It was suggested that we invite a representative of the Libraries Board to our November meeting.

November The third Book of Remembrance is now being prepared for the Central Division by Calvin Wheeler. He has already written over ninety obituaries for the book.

STATUS OF CORNUCOPIA:

April Recently a copy has been mailed to all members in the Central Division. Calvin is always looking for new material.

September Calvin stated that he would appreciate any biographies and other articles of interest to print.

November The *Cornucopia* should be available sometime in January. The membership cards will be included in the envelope with the *Cornucopia*.

TALES TOLD BY TEACHERS:

April Copies of both volumes still available.

September There are copies of *Tales Told By Teachers* (Vols. I and II) for sale now. The price for teachers is \$10.00.

November Copies are available for teachers at \$10.00 each.

NEW BUSINESS:

April

(a) Political Action Committee: Various meetings were held in the central area of our province. The Committee is still active and trying to get meetings with Government members. Re NLPSPA, there will be a meeting in Gander on September 21-23. All members are welcome to attend. The speaker will be John Crosbie. There will be panel discussions on Housing and Seniors' Security. Francis Reid further

reported that correspondence re NLPSPA requesting our Division be a sponsor by making a financial donation. A motion by Max Bussey, seconded by Lloyd Bulgin, that this be discussed at the executive meeting and report back at our May meeting was made. Motion carried.

(b) The Annual Banquet will be held at Hotel Gander June 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$15.00. Tickets will be available at the May meeting.

(c) Constitutional Review: There should be a copy by this Fall.

May

(a) Francis Reid gave an update saying that the NLPSPA will be having a meeting in Gander on September 21 to 23. All pensioners are welcome to attend. It is hoped that our Division could sponsor by making a financial donation. It was moved by Phil Patey and seconded by Jim Dobson that we donate \$300.00. The motion was carried.

(b) June Banquet: The June Banquet will be held on June 5, 2012 at Hotel Gander with the dinner being at 6:30 p.m. and the cost to be \$15.00 single. The music at the dance would be by Derm Coady.

(c) Constitutional Review: There is nothing new to report.

(d) A beautiful painting by Calvin Wheeler has been presented to the Retired Teachers' Foundation for the sale of tickets. Don Carter has the tickets for members to sell as many as they can. Tickets are \$1.00 each. It would be appreciated if members took as many as they can.

(e) The next meeting will be September 19, 2012.

September

(a) The BGM and Convention of the NLPSPA will be held on September 21-23, 2012. Francis Reid spoke about the Convention taking place in Gander. It is open to all pensioners.

(b) Draft Constitution and By-Laws and Governance Policies were copied and passed out, to be voted on at our October meeting.

(c) Don updated us on the ticket sales. He said that they were going very well but some were still available.

(d) The Twelfth BGM and Reunion to take place on October 2-4, 2012 at Holiday Inn in St. John's. The theme is *Living Well in 2012*. At the BGM donations of \$1,000.00 in memory of C. Lloyd Buffet and \$2,000.00 in memory of deceased teachers will be presented to the Foundation from the Central Division.

(e) At the October meeting, to be held on October 16, 2012, the usual items will be auctioned off. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

(f) Mrs. Millicent Harris will be celebrating her 100th birthday in November. Some suggestions for the celebration were put forward, however, it was decided to wait until the October meeting to make a decision. A decision has to be made at the October meeting regarding what we will do for her birthday. A motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Foundation was defeated.

(g) Our thanks to Calvin for auditing the books. He reported to the President that the books were well kept and in perfect order. He commended the Treasurer, and stated that in his opinion the monthly reports presented by the Treasurer show the true and accurate financial position of the Central Division of the RTA.

October As time was moving along, the President stated that because of our Annual Fall Sale and Auction this afternoon, we should now proceed with 8(b) of the agenda – Draft Constitution By-Laws and Governance Policies. The President would deal with Articles 1 to 6 with Philip Patey doing Articles 7 to the end. This procedure was followed with little or no change. Any changes and additions will be reviewed and brought back to the next meeting in November for final approval.

November

(a) The President took members through the various Articles of the Draft Constitution and By-Laws of the Central Division of RTANL. All the articles were approved. It was moved by Jim Dobson and seconded by Stewart Ralph that the Constitution and By-Laws be accepted. Motion carried. The Policy Handbook of the Central Division of the RTANL was next approved

by the membership. It was moved by Sandra Knight, seconded by Betty Brett that the Handbook be approved. Motion carried.

It was agreed that a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws and a copy of our Policy Handbook be sent to the Provincial Executive.

(b) An update of the ticket sales was given: All 700 tickets on the painting by Calvin Wheeler have been sold as well as all 100 tickets on the lunch box have been sold.

(c) The President reported that the BGM Reunion of the RTANL was very successful. He noted that there was a motion at the BGM to provide honorariums of \$2,500.00 to the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for the time and work involved on behalf of retired teachers of Newfoundland and Labrador.

(d) We will have a celebration of Mrs. Millicent Harris' birthday after the meeting this morning.

(e) Francis Reid had some comments on the cost of drugs at different pharmacies. Some discussion followed, but as time was running out it was agreed that we invite a Johnson's Insurance representative to our meeting next Spring to discuss this further.

ENTERTAINMENT:

April After lunch those members present gathered at the Nova Central School Board Office at 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for a presentation by Mr. Darren Woolridge on new technology in our schools today – Smart Boards and Team Boards. The presentation was well received by those members attending.

May Guest speaker, Mr. Perry Downey from the NLTA, was introduced. He gave a presentation on Pensions and Insurance. It included Benefits, Pension Plans, Changes made to the OAS and Canada Pension Plan, and how these changes affect members.

President Tom thanked Mr. Downey for his presentation. Everybody present found his presentation interesting and informative. If any member wishes a copy of the folder provided, contact Jim Warren.

September A presentation on the Salmon Enhancement Program on the Exploits River was made by Mr. Fred Parsons, General Manager of ERMA. Mr. Parsons, with the use of a video and explanations, gave a very interesting talk and answered many questions posed to him afterwards. An invitation was extended to all to visit the Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor if they have not already done so.

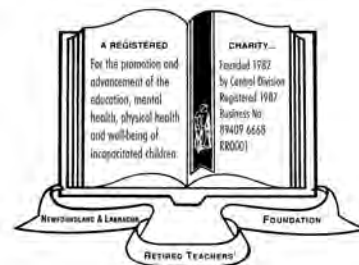
October President Tom began the auction process at 1:30 p.m. It was very successful. We will learn at our next meeting the proceeds of the Auction. Our thanks to all those who contributed items for the Auction and to those who bought them.

November

(a) After a delicious buffet dinner, President Tom proceeded to outline the life and work of Mrs. Millicent Harris during her 100 years. Both her and her husband, as teachers, had a very successful and active life together. He emphasized their contribution to Central Division of RTANL. A birthday cake with 100 on top was presented, cut and shared with members in attendance. A bouquet of flowers from Central Division was presented. There was also a bouquet of flowers from the Provincial Executive of RTANL presented by the president, Tom Kendell, on behalf of all teachers in the province. Mrs. Harris thanked everyone for the best wishes and presentations to her on this special occasion. Mrs. Harris was accompanied by her two daughters.

(b) Our guest speaker for today was Patricia Parsons, Regional Manager of Public Library Services in Gander. She said there are 99 libraries in the province. She proceeded to outline services provided by the libraries for children and for retirees and the e-book services which they provide. Everyone is encouraged to make more use of the libraries. The speaker was thanked by the President and presented with copies of *Tales Told By Teachers*. Jim Dobson passed over copies of the *Book of Remembrance* to be placed in all of our libraries in Central Newfoundland.

Retired Teachers' Foundation Report



The Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation ended another successful year on October 3, 2012, at the BGM and Reunion. At the BGM the annual contributions to children's charities were distributed. President Jim Dobson and other members of the Foundation Board presented a total of \$22,000.00 to the following organizations:

Mazol Temple Shriners (Transportation Fund)	\$5,000.00
Candlelighters	\$2,000.00
Canadian Diabetes Association (Camp Douwanna)	\$2,000.00
Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp	\$2,000.00
Autism Society	\$2,000.00
Downs Syndrome Association	\$2,000.00
Turettes Syndrome Association	\$2,000.00
Rainbow Riders (therapeutic horseback riding)	\$2,000.00
The War Amps – Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program	\$3,000.00

This year the Central Division of the RTANL has been able to donate a total of \$4,887.00 to the Foundation. This amount included the following:

- Annual donation of \$1,000.00 in memory of C. Lloyd Buffett.
- A donation of \$2,000.00 in memory of all deceased teachers during the year.
- The Annual Fall Auction realized \$642.00.
- Personal donations at the time of the Auction amounted to \$245.00.
- To honor three worthy members of our Division \$300.00 was sent.
- Tickets sold on a painting realized \$700.00.

The RTF Board extends a very sincere thank you to each and every individual who has supported the Foundation during the past year, and throughout the years. It is this moral and financial backing that enables the Foundation to perform its mandate.

Donald Carter, Director, RTF



Recipients of the donations.



Executive 2013-14.

Executive Member



Gerald Giles

Gerald was born in 1957 at Ramea, Newfoundland to Meta and the late Gerald Giles.

He attended St. Boniface School for Grades K to 11, from where he graduated in 1974.

He attended Memorial University from 1974 to 1978,

and graduated with a B.A. (Ed). During his university years he attended Harlow Campus, Harlow, England to do his internship in teaching.

After graduation, Gerald was hired by the Green Bay Integrated School Board (1978-79) to be the Sole-Charge Teacher at Round Harbour, Green Bay. It was a one-room school with grades K – 6, and 9 students. From 1979 to 1981 Gerald was the Principal of Holy Trinity School, Codroy, NL. From 1981 to 1982 he was the Principal at James Cook Memorial, Cook's Harbour, after which he attended Memorial University to work on his Masters of Educational Administration and graduated with his M.Ed. in 1985. He was hired as Principal of the school in Burgoyne's Cove from 1983 to 1986 and was Principal of Port Blandford Elementary from 1986 to 1998. He was Assistant Principal of Clarenville Primary from 1998 to 2008 from where he retired from teaching.

In July 1983 Gerald married Lorna Gale at Codroy, Newfoundland. They moved to Clarenville, NL and then Port Blandford and had three children, Julie, David and Ian.

During his teaching career Gerald was very active in the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association (NLTA). He served as an executive member for twenty years. Gerald was also a very active member of the School Administrators Council for many years. He presented at many NLTA Special Interest Council conferences around our province and attended many professional development seminars. Gerald also served on a provincial educational committee to develop a curriculum guide for Grades 4 – 6 in Newfoundland and

Labrador. He was very active in teaching environmental issues in schools and, as a result, Gerald received the Provincial Environment Teacher of the Year Award in 2001.

Gerald served on several committees and boards that were community oriented, including the Clarenville Library Board and the Discovery Health Board Advisory Committee for Its Needs Assessment. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Clarenville for 26 years. During these years, he served as a member of the executive or Board of Directors. Gerald was president of the club for ten years and served on the planning committee for the Kiwanis Eastern Canada and Caribbean Conference in St. John's, NL in 2006. He was also the Chair of the Kiwanis Club of Clarenville Music Festival for several years. In 2007, he received the Mel Osbourne Fellow Award from their Club, District, and The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada for dedication to Kiwanis and the community.

Gerald has been an active member in his church for many years. He served as a member of the vestry and served as Chair of the Anglican Parish Council of Smith Sound. Gerald is a lay minister for his church. He is currently a full-time student at Queen's College doing a Masters of Divinity for ordination and working on a diploma in Ministry and Theology from Queen's College at Clarenville. He has served the Central Division of Retired Teachers well as Secretary and is currently Vice-President of Central Division. He is also a member of the Eastern Health Ethics Community Representatives Interest Group.

Spiritual Bliss

"An old Cherokee told his grandson, "My son, there is a battle between two wolves inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy and truth."

The boy thought about it, and asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?"

The grandfather replies, "The one you feed."

Executive Member



Calvin G. Wheeler

Calvin was born in Lower Island Cove, Conception Bay in 1941, the only son of Charles and Mildred Wheeler. At a very early age, his father gave him the option of the 'school on the hill' or the 'fishing boat'. He chose the former and graduated with Grade XI Honours from the three-room school in June

1957. Following a six-week summer school in St. John's he received a P-License and began a career in teaching that lasted for thirty years, until his retirement in 1991.

At the age of sixteen, Calvin began his teaching in a sole-charge school at Long Pond, Manuels. He was not old enough to receive pay for the P-License he had obtained, but with his father's help managed to save enough to do his first year at Memorial University the following year. His next position was at Bonavista, before returning to University to complete his B.A. Ed. in 1963. Each Spring Calvin accepted a position to teach for May and June. He taught those times in Triton, Fairbanks, Bonavista and his home at Lower Island Cove. After three years teaching high school in Botwood, from 1963 to 1966, he returned to University where he completed a B.Sc. in Physics and Chemistry. The next two years found him teaching at Smallwood Collegiate in Wabush before returning to the Island as Principal at Peterview Academy for one year and then returning to Botwood to teach Mathematics and serving as the Mathematics Department Head until his retirement in 1991.

Calvin considers Botwood his home. It was there that he and his wife Lurley raised their family of three girls. In Botwood he became very active in the Kinsmen Club and held most positions on the Executive of that Club. He was a member of the Botwood Senior Citizens' Housing Committee. Today, he still attends meetings of the K-40 Club, which is a branch of the Kinsmen Club. It was while in Botwood that he spent several summers attending Memorial University completing his M.Ed. degree in 1976. In 1970, Calvin was approached to teach a Mathematics Course from Memorial University to a

class of teachers at Gander Collegiate. This he did by commuting from Botwood to Gander on Saturdays.

Retirement from teaching duties in 1991 for Calvin did not mean actual retirement. He has been active for all twenty-one years since. For several years he spent much of his time tutoring Mathematics to high school students. He returned to the Botwood Senior Citizens' Housing Committee as Secretary Treasurer for eighteen years. Shortly after retirement, Calvin joined the Retired Teachers' Association of Central Newfoundland and has been active on the Executive of Central Division and involved in raising funds for the Retired Teachers' Foundation. Also with the Central Division, he completes a newsletter, the *Cornucopia*, each year and is presently working on the third edition of the Remembrance Book. After retirement, he found time to pursue his hobby of oil painting, several paintings of which have been donated to the Foundation for fund raising.

Calvin's work with the Central Division and his painting does not prevent him from spending time at other things. He enjoys spending time in his flower garden and as much time as possible, with his wife Lurley, visiting their daughters and four grandchildren.

MILLICENT DAWE HARRIS of Glovertown and Summerville was 100 years on November 24, 2012.

Millicent's daughters are assembling a memory box – a collection of memories from various people who have known Millicent over the years. Were you her colleague, her pupil in school or for piano, a member of her CGIT or camp group, or had contact in another way? Would you be willing to contribute a few written lines about that to a box of memories for her? Your memory can be simple or light-hearted, w/or without photos.

For more info, contact ejh@shaw.ca or mail directly to: E.M. Harris, Box 21, Glovertown, NL, A0G 2L0.

The Retired Teachers' Association Twelfth BGM and Reunion

On the afternoon of **Tuesday, October 2, 2012** almost 130 retired teachers and their guests assembled at the Holiday Inn in St. John's for the Twelfth BGM and Reunion of the Retired Teachers' Association. Retired teachers registered in the



The Passing of the Torch afternoon at registration desks set up in the lobby of the hotel. This gathering brought together members from all areas of the province as well as some, we are glad to say, from outside the province. This time gave everybody an opportunity to meet with old and new friends that, in many cases, they hadn't seen since university years.

Following registration, the evening consisted of a get-acquainted period and a sit-down dinner provided by the hotel. The dinner of stuffed chicken with vegetables and dessert was enjoyed by all. Following the dinner, we were treated to an hour or more of entertainment provided by the Vera Perlin Players of St. John's. This was one of the highlights of the Reunion. After the entertainment, Dianne Squarey, Chairperson of the Nomination Committee, gave her report and listed the names of those members who would be seeking nomination to the various Provincial and Foundation Executive positions. For the remainder of the evening members spent socializing with friends.



The New Executive

On **Wednesday** morning, President Geraldine Wall called the meeting to order as we gathered in the meeting room for this year's BGM. After the Invocation Prayer, greetings were brought to the group by Dennis O'Keefe, Mayor of St. John's, Lily B. Cole, President of the NLTA, Arnold Hull, President of ACER-CART, and Sharon Callahan for the NL Public Sector Pensioners Coalition. The business portion of the morning ended with the election of officers for the Provincial Executive for the next two years.



The Banquet

One of the highlights of Wednesday morning was the keynote address by Dr. Patrick O'Shea. Most members agreed that his presentation was very entertaining and informative. He spoke on the topic, *Lessons I've Learned About Aging: What My Patients Have Taught Me*. He said that enjoyment of life as we get older depended on four main things: our genes, the amount we exercise, our diet and our spirit. He made the case that despite the influence of our genes, a longer and better life could be possible if we exercise regularly, watch what we eat and maintain a healthy attitude.

The second speaker of the morning was Mr. Edward Hancock who brought greetings from the NLTA before giving us an update on the *Funded Status of the*



Malba Presents Donations to the Foundation



The Registration Desk

Teachers' Pension Plan. Following his presentation, he answered several questions from the floor.

All of those present were especially interested in his presentation because retired teachers have seen a significant decrease in their purchasing power over the years with no increase in their pensions. It seems that there is a move by Government to further erode our Pension Plan. Some members in attendance expressed the fear that younger teachers who are not yet retired are not aware of those changes in the Pension Plan for them.



Vera Perlin Players

After lunch, which was served in the hotel to members and donated by Johnson Insurance, the Retired Teachers' Foundation held their Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers. The highlight of this session was the presentations to representatives of the various children's charities. Those receiving the donations, which amounted this year to \$22,000.00, thanked the Foundation and gave a brief report on how the money is spent to help those children.

In the second half of the afternoon members attended a church service at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church for a worship service of thanksgiving. This year, members were taken downtown to the Basilica by buses. This trip downtown gave an added opportunity to talk and renew old friendships

and old memories. As usual, the names of those deceased teachers since our last BGM two years ago were read. This year there were 173 deceased teachers on the list.

A banquet was prepared for the evening session. After a delicious dinner, entertainment was



Guest Speaker – Dr. O'Shea

provided by Cheri and Sean Carroll, who displayed their magnificent voices as they sang several old and new songs. The entertainment was followed by a dance with music by Dennis O'Reilly. Throughout the session, as was the case all during the weekend, names were drawn for prizes that were donated. The highlight for us from Central was the selection and awarding of the RTANL Biennial Award. This year it was awarded to Jim Dobson of Central for the service he has given to the Association for the last number of years.

On **Thursday** morning the final gathering took place with the finishing of business that

was not completed



Painting Donated by Johnson Insurance

on Wednesday. In the place of Perry Downey, Don Ash, Assistant Executive Director of the NLTA, gave a detailed report on our Group Insurance Benefits. After the new President and his Executive was installed for 2012-14 a closing prayer ended the BGM for another year.

We have to be very grateful to the members of Avalon District for the planning of such a successful event. It is the opinion of the writer that everybody in attendance enjoyed themselves tremendously. It is hoped that more members will join us in two years for the next BGM and Reunion to be held in Corner Brook.

Activities



Guest Speaker – Perry Downey



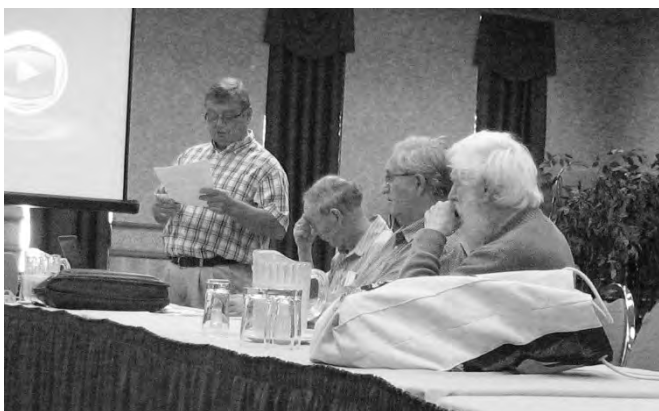
Speaker – Patricia Parsons



President Tom is our Auctioneer



Malba Speaks at the Banquet



Guest Speaker – Fred Parsons



Entertainment – Bill Colbourne and Freeman Piercey



Don and Jim Display the Painting



Baked Goods at the Auction



Special Celebration



Knitted Goods at the Auction



Flowers and Cake for Millicent



Darren Woolridge Demonstrates the Smart Board

Activities



Dinner Upstairs



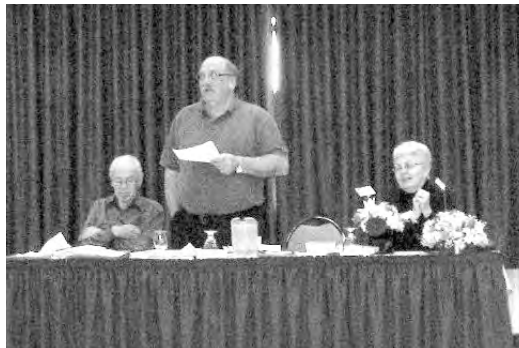
Millicent is 100 Years Old



Jim Receives the Biennial Award



Viewing the Smart Board



Meeting in Progress



Don Presents to Children's Charity



Meeting Time



Listening Attentively



June Banquet



Jim Presents Books of Remembrance

Women's Page

The One Flaw in Women

By the time the Lord made woman, He was into his sixth day of working overtime. An angel appeared and said, "Why are you spending so much time on this one?"

And the Lord answered, "Have you seen my spec sheet on her?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have over 200 movable parts, all replaceable and able to run on Diet Coke and leftovers, have a lap that can hold four children at one time, have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart – and she will do everything with only two hands.

The angel was astounded at the requirements. "Only two hands? No way! And that's only on the standard model. That's too much work for one day. Wait until tomorrow to finish."

"But I won't, the Lord protested. "I am so close to finishing this creation that is so close to my own heart. She already heals herself when she is sick AND can work 18 hour days."

The angel moved closer and touched the woman. "But you have made her so soft, Lord."

"She is soft," the Lord agreed, "but I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish."

"Will she be able to think?" asked the angel.

The Lord replied, "Not only will she be able to think, she will be able to reason and negotiate."

The angel then noticed something, and reaching out, touched the woman's cheek. "Oops, it looks like you have a leak in this model. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this one."

"That's not a leak," the Lord corrected, "that's a tear!"

"What's the tear for?" the angel asked.

The Lord said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her pain, her disappointment, her love, her loneliness, her grief and her pride."

The angel was really impressed. "You are a genius, Lord. You thought of everything! Woman is truly amazing."

AND SHE IS!

Women have strengths that amaze men. They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love and joy. They smile when they want to scream.

They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are nervous. They fight for what they believe in. They stand up for injustice. They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution. They go without so that their family can have. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They love unconditionally. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart. Women come in all shapes, sizes and colors. They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning. They bring joy, hope and love. They have compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends. Women have vital things to say and everything to give.

HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE TINY FLAW IN WOMEN, IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR WORTH.

Being a Mother

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after having a baby. That somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "Normal" is history.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother. That somebody never helped a fourth grader do his Math.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first. That somebody doesn't have five children.

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labour and delivery. That somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of school.

Somebody said if you're a good mother, your child will "turn out good". That somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married. That somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a son or daughter-in-law to her worries.

Somebody said being a mother is boring. That somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Men's Page

Why Men Are Never Depressed

Men, we are much happier people
Because we are such simple creatures.

HERE ARE THE REASONS WHY WE ARE SO HAPPY:

Your last name stays put.
The garage is all yours.
Wedding plans take care of themselves.
Chocolate is just another snack.
You can be President.
You can never be pregnant.
You can wear a T-shirt to a water park
You can wear NO shirt to a water park.
Car mechanics tell you the truth.
The world is your urinal.
You never have to drive to another restroom because this one is just too icky.
You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.
Same work gets more pay.
Wrinkles add character.
Wedding dress costs \$5000, tuxedo costs \$100.
People never stare at your chest when you are talking to them.
New shoes don't cut or blister your feet.
You have one mood all the time.
Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
You know stuff about tanks.
A five day vacation requires only one suitcase.
You can open all your own jars.
You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.
Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.
Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.
You almost never have strap problems in public.
You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.
Everything on your face stays the same colour.
The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
You only have to shave your face and neck.
You can play with toys all your life.
You have one wallet and one pair of shoes.
You have one colour for all seasons.
You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.
You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife.
You have freedom of choice about growing a moustache.
You can do Christmas shopping in 25 minutes.

My Garmin

I have a little Garmin
It sits there in my car
A Garmin is a driver's friend
It tells you where you are.

I have a little Garmin
I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones
My Garmin is my wife.

It gives me full instructions
Especially how to drive
"It's thirty miles an hour," it says
"You're doing thirty-five."

It tells me when to stop and start
And when to use my brake
And tells me that it's never ever
Safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red
And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively
Just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front
And all those to the rear
And taking this into account
It specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver
Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car
It still gives me more advice.

It fills me up with counseling
Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it
And get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house
Makes sure I'm properly fed
It washes all my shirts and things
And – keeps me warm in bed.

Despite all these advantages
And my tendency to scoff
I do wish that once in a while
I could turn the darn thing off.

Laughter – Good Medicine

A Conversation in Heaven

Sylvia: Hi! Wanda.

Wanda: Hi! Sylvia. How'd you die?

Sylvia: I froze to death.

Wanda: How horrible!

Sylvia: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm and sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death.

Wanda: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected my husband was cheating on me, so I came home early only to find him all by himself watching TV.

Sylvia: So what happened?

Wanda: I was so sure there was another woman there that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up to the attic, down to the basement, in every closet and checked under the beds. I became so exhausted that I keeled over with a heart attack and died.

Sylvia: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer... we'd both still be alive.

Why Not Go to School?

One Monday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to go to school, to which he replied, "I'm not going." "Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "First, they don't like me, and secondly, I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you **SHOULD** go to school. First, you're 59 years old, and secondly, you're the principal."

Best Ever Senior Citizen Joke

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbour and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbour asks, "What is it supposed to be when it is finished?" The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbour decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she had the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a cup of tea, and then, we'll put the Corn Flakes back in the box."

Marrying a Newfoundland Girl

Three friends married women from different parts of the world...

The **first man married a Greek girl**. He told her that she was to do the dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and dishes washed and put away.

The **second man married a Thai girl**. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the second day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done, and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The **third man married a Newfoundland girl**. He ordered her to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. The first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything either but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye and his arm was healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher. However, he still had trouble making his water.

A Cowboy Tombstone

Here are the **Five Rules for Men to Follow for a Happy Life** that Russell J. Larsen had inscribed on his headstone in Logan, Utah. He died not knowing that he would win the 'Coolest Headstone' contest.

Rule 1. It's important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up, and has a job.

Rule 2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh.

Rule 3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust, and doesn't lie to you.

Rule 4. It's important to have a woman to love you, and likes to be with you.

Rule 5. It's very, very important that these four women do not know each other or you could end up dead like me.

Newfoundland Ghost Story

This guy in Norris Arm was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night in the middle of a terrible rainstorm, and no cars were on the road. The storm was so strong he could see only a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly, he saw a car come toward him and stop. The guy, without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door and only then did he realize there was nobody behind the wheel. The car started to move very slowly. He looked at the road and saw a curve coming his way. Petrified, he started to pray, begging for his life. He had not come out of shock when, just before the car hit the curve, a hand suddenly appeared through the window and moved the steering wheel. Paralyzed in terror, he watched this happen two or three times until he finally got his chance, opened the door and jumped out. Without looking back, he ran through the storm all the way to the nearest town.

Soaking wet, exhausted and in a state of utter shock the pale, visibly shaken guy walked into a bar, asked for a drink and started to relate his terrible experience of the spooky car with nobody driving and a hand that kept appearing. Everybody in the bar listened in silence and became frightened, hair stood on their heads when they realized he was telling the truth because he was crying and obviously not drunk.

After about half an hour two more guys came into the bar. One said to the other, "Look, Garge, me son, there's the crazy guy who got into our car when we were pushing it!"

Sweet Revenge

A Torontonion walks into a bar and is about to order a drink when he sees a guy close by wearing a Newfoundland ballcap, and two beers in front of him. He doesn't have to be an Einstein to know that this guy is a Newfoundlander, so he shouts over to the bartender so loudly that everyone can hear, "Drinks for everyone

in here, bartender, but not for the Newfoundlander over there."

Soon after the drinks were handed out, the Newfoundlander gives him a smile, waves at him, then says, "Thank you!" in an equally loud voice. This infuriates the Torontonion.

The Torontonion once again loudly orders drinks for everyone except the Newfoundlander. The Newfoundlander continues to smile, and yells, "Thank you!"

After the third time ordering drinks and the Newfoundlander thanking him, he spoke to the bartender. What is the matter with that Newfoundlander? I've ordered three rounds of drinks for everyone in the bar but him, all he does is smile and thanks me. Is he nuts?

"Nope," replies the bartender. "He owns the place."

Newfie in Texas

A Newfie is visiting Texas and starts a conversation with a Texan at a local bar. The Texan asks the Newfie where he's from and the Newfie says, "You know where New York is?" The Texan says, "Yeh, yeh, I know where that is." The Newfie says, "Well boy, you just drive north of there about 6 hours, turn right for 6 hours and catch a 6 hour ferry and you're there in Newfoundland." The Texan says, "That got to be close to China!" The Newfie thinks about this and then says, "By gosh, I think you might be right. I work with a Chinese guy and he goes home for lunch every day!"

Romance

An older couple was lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk.

She said, "You used to hold my hand when we were courting." Warily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep.

A few minutes later she said, "Then you used to kiss me." Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said, "Then you used to bite my neck." Angrily, he threw the bed clothes and got out of bed.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

"I am going to get my teeth."

Going Bananas!

Do you feel drained of energy? Do you feel a little depressed? Do you feel somewhat sick at times? Well I have the perfect advice for you.

A well-known professor at a New York university told his physiological class about bananas. He said that the expression ‘going bananas’ is from the effects of bananas on the brain.

Bananas contain three natural sugars – sucrose, fructose and glucose combined with fibers. A banana gives you an instant, sustained boost of energy. Research has proven that just two bananas provide enough energy for a strenuous 90-minute workout. No wonder the banana is the number one fruit with the world’s leading athletes. But energy isn’t the only way a banana can help us keep fit. It can also help overcome or prevent a substantial number of illnesses and conditions, making it a must to add to our daily diet.

Depression: According to a recent survey undertaken by MIND amongst people suffering from depression, many felt much better after eating a banana. This is because bananas contain tryptophan, a type of protein that the body converts into serotonin, known to make you relax, improve your mood and generally make you feel happier.

PMS: Forget the pills – eat a banana. The vitamin B6 it contains regulates blood glucose levels, which can affect your mood.

Anemia: High in iron, bananas can stimulate the production of hemoglobin in the blood glucose levels, which can also affect your mood.

Blood Pressure: This unique tropical fruit is extremely high in potassium yet low in salt, making it perfect to beat blood pressure. So much so, the US Food and Drug Administration just allowed the banana industry to make official claims for the fruit’s ability to reduce the risk of high blood pressure and stroke.

Brain Power: Research has shown that the potassium-packed banana can assist learning by making students more alert.

Constipation: High fiber, including bananas, in the diet can help restore normal bowel action, helping to overcome the problem without resorting to laxatives.

Hangovers: One of the quickest ways of curing a hangover is to make a banana milkshake, sweetened with honey. The banana calms the stomach and, with the help of the honey, builds up depleted blood sugar levels, while the milk soothes and rehydrates your system.

Heartburn: Bananas have a natural antacid effect in the body, so if you suffer from heartburn, try eating a banana for soothing relief.

Morning sickness: Snacking on bananas between meals helps to keep blood sugar levels up and avoid morning sickness.

Nerves: Bananas are high in B Vitamins that help calm the nervous system.

Ulcers: The banana is used as the dietary food against intestinal disorders because of its soft texture and smoothness. It neutralizes over acidity and reduces irritation by coating the lining of the stomach.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD): Bananas can help SAD sufferers because they contain the natural mood enhancer tryptophan.

Smoking and Tobacco Use: Bananas can help people trying to give up smoking. The B6 and B12 they contain as well as potassium and magnesium found in them, help the body recover from the effects of nicotine withdrawal.

Stress: Potassium is a vital mineral which helps normalize the heartbeat, sends oxygen to the brain and regulates your body’s water balance. When we are stressed, our metabolic rate rises, thereby reducing our potassium levels. These can be rebalanced with the help of a high-potassium banana snack.

Strokes: According to research in the New England Journal of Medicine, eating bananas as part of a regular diet can cut the risk of death by strokes by as much as 40%.

Warts: Those keen on natural alternatives swear that if you want to kill a wart, take a piece of banana skin and place it on the wart, with the yellow side out. Carefully hold the skin in place with a plaster or surgical tape.

Combat Cancer Cells: A fully ripe banana with dark patches on yellow skin produces a substance called TNF (Tumor Necrosis Factor) which has the ability to combat abnormal cells. The riper the banana, the better the anti-cancer quality.

So, a banana really is a natural remedy for many ills. When you compare it to an apple, it has four times the protein, twice the carbohydrates, three times the phosphorus, five times the Vitamin A and iron and twice the other vitamins and minerals. It is rich in potassium and is one of the best value foods around. Maybe it’s time to change that well-known phrase to ‘A banana a day keeps the doctor away’

Did You Know?

That in the 1500s...

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly baths in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor, hence the custom today of **carrying a bouquet when getting married**.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children, last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. This is where the saying, **“Don’t throw the baby out with the bath water”** comes from.

Houses had thatched roofs – thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived on the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof, hence the saying, **“It’s raining cats and dogs”**.

Roofs were made of straw. There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other things could drop into the bed. To prevent this a sheet was hung over the top of the bed and these became the **first canopies**. The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. This is where the expression **dirt poor** comes from.

People cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Here we get the rhyme, **“Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old”**. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, **“bring home the bacon”**. They would cut off a little to share with guests and they would sit around and **“chew the fat”**.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road

would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out while the family gathered around eating and drinking and waiting to see if they would wake up. Hence, we have the term **“Holding a Wake”**.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening the coffins many coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to take **the graveyard shift** for all night to listen for the bell. The corpse, if still alive, would be **saved by the bell** or was considered a **dead ringer**.

People with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning. Tomatoes were considered poisonous.

In those days they used urine to tan animal skins, so families used to save the urine in a pot and sell it to the tannery. Those people were very poor, and given a very common name.

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Do You Remember?

Excerpts Taken from *Tales Told by Teachers*

The “Five-Month Schools”: Prior to the days of resettlement, many families in Newfoundland lived in small communities scattered along the coastline. As only a few children lived in some of these communities, the Department of Education provided “five-month schools” so that those children could be taught the three Rs. Many times the church was used as a classroom. School opened the first week in August and ended with the Christmas holidays, then the teacher was off to another five-month school to complete a teaching year. The second one began in March or early April because it cost too much to keep the large building heated, and also the distance was too great for students during the cold winter months.

The “Church Duties”: When applying for a school, you had to state that you were willing to assist in Sunday School and church, conduct services, if necessary, when the clergy could not be there. You were expected to assist with music for the church and play music if there was music available. Most teachers had to marry, bury, and baptize in their community.

The Salary Received: The salary was very low. Most teachers can remember receiving less than \$100.00 per month, but how about \$21.00 per month. Out of those meager wages you were expected to pay for room and board (very low as well), buy some clothes, give to the church, save for the next year when you went to University, and have some for the necessities of life. It is no wonder that most teachers had to depend on their parents to pay their way to and from each teaching position. Do you remember that you could not receive pay for a Probationer’s License until you reached the age of 17? Most of us spent a full year waiting for our seventeenth birthday.

The School Buildings: The schools were not very modern. The windows leaked and the wind found its way through the cracks. There was no worry about asbestos or mold. The asbestos was definitely missing but not the mold. The floor was usually made of tongue and groove lumber, not covered with tile or carpet. In many cases the school building was near the main road with little attention paid to

safety. Do you remember the long, hard, hand-made, wooden benches that students sat in? The seats were uncomfortable, marked and marred by years of students leaving their marks with pocket knives. Students had to sit two or three to a bench. This caused a problem every time someone had to move. The absence of indoor wash and toilet facilities meant a walk up the road to a shed that was far from sanitary or even available during the winter months.

Teaching Aids: “What’s that,” you ask? So true – they were, in most cases, nonexistent. The teacher had to be a genius to create aids that he/she could use to assist learning. The “times-tables” and other facts were included on the back of student scribbles. This was helpful. I cannot remember using the “slates” but I am sure that many of you remember correcting work on the slates before the students erased them. This erasing was done with a cloth and a bottle of water (not always clean). That leaves the main teaching aid, the chalkboard and chalk, with the chalk being very scarce and had to be used sparingly. There were few libraries or even books in the schools. The books we did have in the homes were the catalogues or church hymn books and the Bible.

Heating the Building: The wintertime was not an easy time for students and teachers in those days. No matter how stormy and cold it was, you had to walk over banks of snow only to arrive at a cold school. The heating was done by a pot-bellied stove in the center of the room which was fed, if you were fortunate, by a student who came early and lit the fire with wood that all students took their turn at bringing. If you sat by the stove you were too hot, or by the window you were too cold. An extra holiday was often granted because someone knocked down the stove-pipe, filling the school with soot and smoke.

Discipline and Punishments: In most cases discipline was not a problem. Teachers were the masters of their classrooms and they had the full support of the principal and the parents. If a student misbehaved in school, he was assured punishment by not only the teacher but his/her parents at home. Most teachers kept the “strap” in the desk and all students knew this.

Removing recess periods from a student acted as a deterrent for some, so was used on many occasions. Corporal punishment was used by some teachers when all other things failed. Today, such punishments could not be used because laws prohibit such use and teachers could very well find themselves in some difficulty with the parents and the school board.

The Christmas Concert: One thing was a must for each school – the Christmas Concert. It was the social event of the year. Long before it came, even as early as November, students practiced their lines over and over again. When the big night came the parents, grandparents and everybody else came out to the school for the event. After the program was over, Santa Claus came with gifts, maybe not much, but how it was appreciated. The pupils' faces gleamed with pleasure. With or without music there was singing and always a pleasant time for all in attendance.

The Red Cross: If you were a student or a teacher in the early to mid 1900s you will remember the Junior Red Cross in the schools. It was established to create a mandate of good health, service and international friendliness. Each member received a card, on which was printed the twelve rules of good health, and a Junior Red Cross button which he/she wore proudly. Regular Junior Red Cross meetings were held and pennies were raised to assist with various efforts, especially during the war years and to assist in the times of natural disasters. And who would forget the Junior Red Cross programs where the children recited poetry, sang songs or performed in skits, their teacher and class peers serving as an audience.

Visits from the Supervisor: One of the most dreaded happenings of the school year was that of the rare visits by the supervisor of schools. In many schools in isolated communities, supervisors came to visit without the teacher's prior knowledge. Many times they came when the teacher was ill-prepared or the students at their worst behaviour. Usually, he (it was always a man) sat at the back of the room, observed and took notes for an hour or more. The teacher's whole career could depend on this one brief visit so it is no surprise that teachers tried to be at their best during this visit. The students were prompted to stand at attention when the supervisor, clergyman or a school board member visited. There were some supervisors who appreciated the plight of the new teacher and assisted in or even taught a lesson to

the students. I always enjoyed teaching a lesson in Logarithms because a supervisor did an excellent presentation for me on one of his visits.

Cocomalt and Cod Liver Oil: I remember the days when many children who attended our classes did so without having the necessary nourishment for learning. It was decided by the Government of the day to supplement the students' diet with a warm drink of cocomalt and cod liver oil. At 10:30 or later, on went the kettles, out came the mugs and the cocomalt, which was a mixture of cocoa, milk and sugar. The teacher was responsible for the serving among her/his many other duties. The cod liver oil was delivered in bottles to take home for parents to serve. I remember accidentally dropping a number of bottles so that I didn't have to taste that nasty liquid. The city schools were a bit more privileged. A bottle of milk was provided for each child, and from the bakery came a raisin bun. All of this was a good source of healthy food.

The Hectograph: It consisted of a metal pan into which was poured a clear liquid from a bottle or tin. Then it was left to set, usually overnight. The teacher would write the test, using the purple pencil. The test was then placed face down on the jelly-like substance and smoothed into place. The purple lettering was transferred to the paper and a number of copies could be made until the needed amount was copied. To use it again, it was necessary to melt it down and reset it again overnight for the next test. This was a marked improvement over copying tests on the blackboard.

Augmentation: It was a payment from the government's assets, with regard to education. It was paid to each teacher at Christmas time, Easter and in June. The amount paid was given according to the Teacher's Grade standing and years of experience; Associate, First, Second or Third. This was considered a big bonus, but in the Depression years, 75% was retained by the government to help those less fortunate.

Cleaning the Building: There was no janitor, or cleaning lady. The cleaning was done by students or parents on a day when school was closed for that purpose – usually once a month. Students and teachers alike looked forward to those days. The blackboard was dusted and periodically washed with a wet cloth by students. Teachers, also, on many occasions found themselves doing those chores.

Tribute



Owen Junior Hiscock

**December 14, 1937 –
August 28, 2011**

Retired: Clarenville

Owen Hiscock was born at Flat Islands, Bonavista Bay. He enjoyed all the fun and excitement of a young lad growing up in

a Newfoundland outpost fishing community. Owen attended a one-room school where he finished Grade 11 before the communities were resettled in 1958. At age sixteen, after attending Prince of Wales College for six weeks, he began his teaching career in Jamestown at a one-room school. After one year there, he began his studies at Memorial University for teacher's training.

He continued to alternate teaching and studying at Memorial University over the next few years until he graduated with a BA(Ed) in 1964 and a BA in 1965. He spent fourteen years as a teacher and administrator in various parts of the province including: Jamestown, Great Harbour Deep, Eastport, Buchans, Robinsons, Happy Valley, Stephenville, and Gander Bay North. In 1972 he accepted a supervisory position with the Bonavista-Trinity-Placentia School Board at Clarenville. He worked with that Board for seventeen years as a General Supervisor and Program Co-ordinator in English and Language Arts. In his capacity as Program Co-ordinator, he attended conferences on creative writing, and conducted several training sessions for teachers. He also co-ordinated the drama festival for the school district for a number of years.

Owen was a community and church volunteer. He especially enjoyed reading, writing, woodworking, and bowling. Owen published several books beginning with *The Way It Was* in 1990. Copies of this book were placed in the library of all schools in the province by the Department of Education. A book of poems was written in 1992 entitled *Back Home*. The poems were written prior to the Flat Islands reunion in 1992 in which Owen played a large organizational role. He spent much time researching the history and genealogy of the Hiscocks

of Flat Islands and wrote a book on the same. Another book, *The Place We Call Home*, has been accepted for publication in 2012.

Owen was one of the founding members of the Kiwanis Club of Clarenville and served as their Lieutenant Governor. He received the Mel Osbourne Award, the highest award given to Kiwanians. He served as an executive on the Co-op Board for several years and with the local Red Cross. Over the years he gave time to his church as a lay reader, vestry member, warden and parish treasurer. For several years he served on the executive of the Anglican Charitable Foundation for children.

Away from work Owen was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. It was while he was teaching in Buchans that he met his wife, the former Lorraine Porter. They were blessed with four children: Paul, Lynn, Janice and Heather. On August 18, 2011, just ten days before his death, with his nine children, grandchildren and extended family, Owen and Lorraine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Owen and Lorraine especially enjoyed traveling with their family in NL, and in the other provinces and the US over the years. They especially enjoyed their two trips driving across this vast and wonderful country from Clarenville to Victoria, BC.

Owen's interests and achievements were many, as those who knew and love him are aware. He will be greatly missed.

While he passed on many life lessons to his family, some of his core philosophies may be found in the following words written to the Centennial High School students in a yearbook message to his students in 1972 when he was Principal:

I think what I have said about school applies equally to life; what we get out of life depends on what we are willing to put into it. 'It is more blessed to give than to receive', was said a long time ago, but it is still true and applies to our school, our work and our life.

(Submitted and written by Owen's wife, Lorraine)

Tribute



Roland Winfield Abbott

**April 4, 1913 –
January 26, 2012**

Retired: 1970 Musgrave Harbour

Roland Abbott was born at Doting Cove, Newfoundland as the seventh child and fifth son of George and Dorcas Abbott. As was the custom in those days, he went fishing with his father and brothers at a very early age. He continued fishing until he finished high school at the Salvation Army two-room school on The Sands, as it was commonly known.

On January 2, 1930, Roland began his teaching career. It was at the same school he attended. In 1931-32 he attended the Salvation Army College at St. John's. He graduated from there, as a certified teacher, in July 1933. Early teaching years took him to many Newfoundland communities including Englee, Card's Harbour and Ragged Harbour. In 1944, Roland was given the rank of Envoy and was appointed to command the Salvation Army Corps and schools at Horwood, Change Islands, Moreton's Harbour, Bridgeport, Wesleyville, Carmanville, Greenspond, Birch Bay, Peterview and Bishop's Falls. From 1952-54 he pursued his studies at Memorial University and received a First Grade Teaching Certificate. After university he went to Hare Bay and back to Peterview where he used his boundless energy to teach, preach and to strive for improvements in community affairs. Most of things accomplished were done as Mayor of the Peterview Council. He was rewarded in 1982 when the new school was called R.W. Abbott Academy. Finally, Roland returned home and assumed principalship of the elementary school in Musgrave Harbour.

Roland was always interested in Christian and fraternal societies. His leadership qualities led him to assume the following positions during his lifetime: Past Master of the Orange Young Britons, the L.O.A., and member of L.O.B.A., Grand Lodge Officer of the Royal Black Knights, Grand Chapter of Newfoundland, Past Grand

Master of the Black Chapter and Grand Master of the Independent Order of Oddfellows for the Maritimes. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Botwood, President of the Bishop's Falls Red Cross Society, and a member of the Navy League of Canada for the Botwood area.

He was a member of the Musgrave Harbour Council and Town Clerk for eight years. As a *Gander Beacon* correspondent, he wrote many articles for this newspaper. He was, for three years, President of the Hamilton Sound Branch of the NTA. Roland was a Justice of Peace, Secretary of Fishermen's Museum Committee and Secretary of the Senior Citizens' Club of Musgrave Harbour. He was also a founding member of the Central Division Retired Teachers' Association and for several years was its Vice-President. Other interests of Roland, in his home town, included the Evangelistic and Social Work of the Salvation Army and the Christian Church. He was a man of boundless energy and courageous vitality and was interested in what happened in education up until his passing.

Roland passed away peacefully at Lakeside Homes, Gander on January 16, 2012 where he had been a patient for a short time. Funeral service was held at the Salvation Army Citadel, with interment following at the Church Cemetery in Musgrave Harbour.

(Adapted from a Biographical Sketch written by Ralph E. Evans, a lifelong friend)

Reflections

If you walk in honour, then honest men
Will meet you along the way;
But if you are false, you will find men false
Wherever you chance to stray.
For good breeds good and bad breeds bad.
You are met by the traits we show.
Love will find a friend at the stranger's door,
Where hate will find a foe.

Anonymous

Tribute



Raymond William Smith

Raymond was born on December 1, 1948 in Boat Harbour, Placentia Bay. He received his early education in several small communities including Boat Harbour, Grand Bank and Norman's Cove. He graduated from Memorial University with a B.A. in 1970

and a B.Ed. in 1973.

Ray's teaching career began in 1970 and spanned thirty years until his retirement in 2000. He spent his early years teaching in Fogo, Seldom and Labrador City. He then returned to Fogo to teach at Fogo Island Central High School for twenty-five years.

Ray was passionate about teaching and had an enormous impact on many students. Patient, helpful, caring and devoted to all of his students, he was highly respected as an educator and a friend. He was a skilled Math teacher who left a lasting impression on all of his classes.

Ray married Judy Purchase from Fogo in 1971. They were blessed with two sons, Craig and Colin, and four precious grandsons.

Ray was involved in the community in many capacities. He was a deeply dedicated member of St. Andrews Anglican Church where he served as Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader, Choir Member, Parish Treasurer, Congregational Treasurer and Vestry Member.

He also served on various committees, including the Fogo Town Council, the Hospital Board and the local Fire Department. Ray was also a devoted and dedicated member of the Fogo Island Lions Club where he held the position of Treasurer for many years.

After his retirement, Ray enjoyed doing carpentry work. A man with many talents, Ray was skilled at building, renovating, electrical and plumbing work. His impeccable workmanship can be seen in many homes throughout Fogo Island.

Ray had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to tell jokes. It was always a pleasure to be in his company and he left us with many cherished memories.

On May 10, 2011, surrounded by his loving family and friends at the Health Sciences Centre, Ray was called to his eternal home. A funeral service was conducted at St. Andrews Anglican Church, and interment followed at the Anglican Cemetery in Fogo.

"Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant."

(Submitted by Ray's sister-in-law, Linda Hewitt)

The World is Mine

On a bus, I saw a beautiful woman
And wished I were as beautiful.
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the isle.
She had one leg and wore a crutch.
But as she passed, she passed a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs; the world is mine

I stopped to buy some candy.
The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.
If I were late, it'd do no harm.
And as I left, he said to me,
"I thank you, you've been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you.
You see, "he said, "I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me if I whine.
I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,
I saw a child I knew.
He stood and watched the others play,
But he did not know what to do.
I stopped a moment and then I said,
"Why don't you join them dear?"
He looked ahead without a word.
I forgot he couldn't hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I go..
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
With ears to hear what I'd know.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

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2007: **ANTLE**, Theresa; **BOWN**, Melvin; **BURRY**, William; **BURT**, Doyle; **CHURCHILL**, William D.; **FOLEY**, Pierce; **FUDGE**, Mary Hannah; **McCLEAN**, Mary E.; **OLIVER**, Wilfred; **PYNN**, Warrick; **QUINLAN**, Carrie; **SAMSON**, Albert; **SUTTON**, Ruby Violet; **TAYLOR**, Marguerite; **TILLER**, Robert Samuel; **YOUNG**, Wilfred Earl

2008: **BULL**, Audrey; **BUTLER**, Robert; **COLBOURNE**, Mabel; **COLBOURNE**, Wade; **COVE**, Robert Joseph; **CRITCH**, Charlie (William); **FOLEY**, Sylvia; **FORDE**, Arthur Leslie; **HEFFERN**, Barbara Mary; **KING**, Catherine; **NURSE**, Joseph; **PALMER**, Raymond; **POWER**, Pierce; **REES**, Sadie Eunice; **RIDEOUT**, Amelia; **SHEA**, Bernadette; **SILK**, Nina; **SMITH**, Nina; **SNOW**, Alfred; **SPURRELL**, Ronald; **STUCKLESS**, Iona Grace; **WALSH**, Kathleen; **WOOLRIDGE**, Freda

2009: **ANDREWS**, Doreen; **BABSTOCK**, Roy; **BISHOP**, Nellie Louise; **BLANCHARD**, Lloyd; **BOYDE**, Jean; **BOWERING**, Stephen; **BURT**, Mae Edith; **BURTON**, Marlene; **BUTLER**, Fronie; **CLARKE**, Roland; **DOWNEY**, Sr. M. Liguori; **HARRIS**, Leslie; **KING**, Evangeline; **LACEY**, Ruth Taylor; **LOCKYER**, George; **MATTHEWS**, Mary; **MURPHY**, Elizabeth Ita; **NOFTLE**, Edward; **OSMOND**, Grace; **PEDDLE**, Anna Belle; **POPE**, Annie; **POWER**, Edwina; **PILGRIM**, Roy; **RYAN**, Samuel; **SHORT**, Rupert; **SMART**, Reginald; **TAITE**, David; **VINCENT**, Florence; **WARFORD**, Irene

2010: **ADAMS**, Lillie; **ANTHONY**, Maj. Edith Fern; **BEST**, Gwendolyn; **BEST**, Edgar; **BILLARD**, Shirley; **BOYD**, R. Neil; **BROWN**, Frazer; **BUTT**, Sybil R.; **CALLOWAY**, Maj. Linda A.; **CHALK**, Laurie; **CHAPLIN**, Ronald Patrick; **CLARKE**, Kerry; **COMBDEN**, James; **CORNICK**, Judy; **COWARD**, Audrey; **COX**, Una Norma; **DAVIS**, Edgar; **FISHER**, Alma; **FREAKE**, Madeline Constance; **HOLLETT**, Jamie Oswald; **LEGGE**, Muriel; **LOVELESS**, Clary; **MAYO**, Michelle Denise; **MELINDY**, Lloyd; **MILLS**, Clifford Elijah; **MOSS**, Rev. Ralph N.; **NOEL**, Theresa Marie; **PENNY**, Irene; **PENNY**, Alma; **ROSE**, Dorothy; **RYAN**, Patricia; **SMALL**, Leonard James; **YOUNG**, Malviny Leona

2011: **AVERY**, Silas Maxwell; **ANDREWS**, Baxter; **BAKER**, Harvey Gordon; **BURRY**, Barbara Maud; **BEST**, Roy; **BLACKMORE**, Stella; **BOWERING**, Rosa Belle; **DALE**, Harold; **FITZGERALD**, Mary Cecilia; **FORWARD**, Beverley Ann; **FREAKE**, John; **GALAM**, Nena; **GILLINGHAM**, Florence; **HANCOCK**, Gerald Lloyd; **HARBIN**, Alma; **HINCHEY**, Caroline Theresa; **HISCOCK**, Owen Junior; **HODDINOTT**, Rev. Albert J.; **HUNT**, Walter; **HYNES**, Linda Madonna; **LOCKE**, Fran; **MARTIN**, Neta Ruby; **MURRAY**, Murdo; **PARDY**, Lorraine Patricia; **PAYNE**, Richard; **PELLEY**, Neil; **PITCHER**, Comm. Arthur; **RICE**, Wayne Donald; **ROGERS**, Alan; **SMITH**, Raymond W.; **SWYERS WHEELER**, Ruby; **THOMAS**, Hubert; **THORNHILL**, Patricia Mary; **WEIR**, Laura; **WHITE**, Dorothy Lenora; **WILLIAMS**, Maj. Grace

2012: **ABBOTT**, Roland W.; **ANDREWS**, Pearl; **BAKER**, Dorothy Lynn; **BLACKMORE**, Mary; **BOONE**, Wallace Whitfield; **BURKE**, Leo Joseph; **COLBOURNE**, Maxwell; **FOLEY**, Anthony; **GILL**, Lester Densmore; **GOULDING**, Aubrey; **GULLAGE**, Isaac W.; **HOBBS**, Allan Walter; **HOBBS**, Maj. Amelia; **HOBBS**, Maj. Rodger; **HOLLETT**, Delphine; **JEWER**, Audrey Veta; **LANE**, Watson; **NORRIS**, Gordon Thomas; **OLDFORD**, Henrietta; **PADDOCK**, Munn R.; **PARDY**, Bridget; **PENNY**, H. Clifford; **PICKETT**, Patrick; **POND**, Walter John; **PRETTY**, Reginald; **ROBERTS**, Nina J.; **ROGERS**, Laura; **SAMSON**, Margery; **SAUNDERS**, Marguerite; **TULK**, Claude

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ADDRESSES • ADDRESSES • ADDRESSES

If you have a change of address or know of a retired colleague not receiving correspondence from the RTANL, please advise your Division President, and RTANL Treasurer c/o 3 Kenmount Road, St. John's NL, A1B 1W1 or clayton@warp.nfld.net.

We would really like to keep our mailing list up to date so that members are informed and we avoid mail returns.

Your cooperation in this matter would be much appreciated.

Sick Visitation

All Divisions have Sick-Visiting Committees. Please notify your Division as soon as you hear that any member is ailing at home or in the hospital, so that visitations can be arranged. Members from other Divisions sent to hospital in St. John's will be visited by Avalon East members, if requested by those Divisions.

Early notification is essential. You may contact:

Clayton Rice	St. John's	782-8914
Jim Dobson	Grand Falls-Windsor	489-5243
Carol Sturge	Gander	256-7825

Website Information

Between newsletters visit the NLTA website (www.nlta.nl.ca) for new and updated information. Go to "Links", then click "R" for Retired Teachers' Association.

The Remembrance Book II

Central Division is proud to present

The Remembrance Book II

Copies have been placed in all of the Libraries throughout Central Newfoundland.

A limited number of copies are available for sale at \$100.00 each.

Please contact any member of Central Executive.

MEMBERSHIP CARD BENEFITS

1. Ultramar Home Heating Centres: 3 cents off a liter of home heating fuel and 10% off the furnace insurance plan. (*Note: Clients in areas of the Province that are served by an Ultramar Agent are offered this discount. However, in areas served by an Authorized Branded Distributor (ABD), these discounts do not apply.*)
2. The Paint Shop: 10% off all regularly priced items, except floor coverings.
3. Jennifer's of Newfoundland in Corner Brook: 10% off all evening meals and 10% off all regularly priced items in the gift shop.
4. Notre Dame Castle Building Centre in Corner Brook: 10% off all regularly priced items and 5% off lumber.
5. Roberts' Artistic Electronic Creations in Bareneed: 10% off all regularly priced items.
6. Roberts' Sleepy Hollow B&B in Clarkes Beach: 10% discount.
7. Movies and Music Plus in Carbonear and Music Plus in Bay Roberts: 10% discount.
8. Fine Things Jewelry in Clarenville: 10% discount off regularly priced items.

(You must show your RTANL Membership Card to "reap the benefits".)



At the September 2012 meeting of the NLTA Provincial Executive Council, the following motion was passed: "That ALL members of the NLTA (Life, Associate, Honorary and Active) be provided access to the Teacher Discount List."

We are pleased to advise you that the Teacher Discount List can be accessed on the RTANL Link on the NLTA website (www.nlta.nl.ca). Go to Links, R for Retired Teachers' Association, and then click "Retired Teachers' Discount List".

REMINDER re DECEASED MEMBERS

Please notify your Division President if you hear that any Member in your area has passed away. All Divisions make an annual donation to the Retired Teachers' Foundation in memory of their deceased members. Also, your Provincial Executive extends sympathy to their families and friends through our *In Memoriam* column, and honours their memory as we read their names from the *Honour Roll* during the Church Service portion of our Biennial Reunions. We need your help to make sure that every name is included in the *In Memoriam* column and on the *Honour Roll*.

INFORMATION ON DECEASED TEACHERS

Retired Teachers' Association CENTRAL DIVISION

Name: _____
(include maiden name where applicable)

Place of Birth: _____
(country, province, town, city, bay, etc.)

Date of Birth: _____
(day, month, year)

Early Education: _____
(primary, elementary, secondary school attended)

Post-secondary Education: _____
(college, university, degrees and dates)

Years of Experience Teaching: _____

Names of Communities and Schools Taught In: _____
(include positions held, first teaching position, when, where; plus time spent as: classroom teacher, administrator, board person)

Date of Retirement: _____ Date and Place of Death: _____

Place of Interment: _____

Other Pertinent Information: _____
(community activities, church activities, volunteer work, hobbies, awards or honours received, travels, any reference in newspaper clippings)

Additional information may be included on a separate sheet. Please enclose photograph.

Date: _____

Name of person submitting the above information: _____

Address of person submitting information (include phone number): _____

PLEASE FORWARD TO:

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