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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 2016-17

September 21, 2016
General Meeting

October 20, 2016
Sale & Auction

November 16, 2016
Regular Meeting

April 19, 2017
Regular Meeting

May 17, 2017
Regular Meeting

June 14, 2017
Banquet & Dance

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

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PRAYER

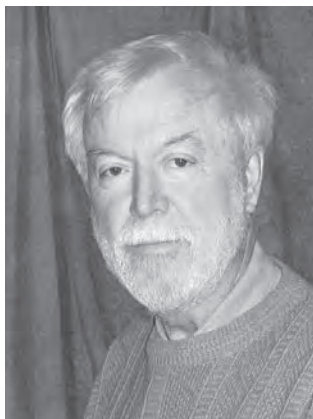
May God grant you always...
A sunbeam to warm you
A moonbeam to charm you
A sheltering angel so
Nothing can harm you...
Laughter to cheer you
Faithful friends near you
And whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.

An Irish Blessing

2015-2017 Executive



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Malba Butt



Secretary
Arthur Symonds



Gander Representative
Don Carter



Cornucopia Chairman
Book of Remembrance
Custodian Calvin G. Wheeler



Executive in Action

President's Message

Central Division starts its year in September and at our first meeting we had some newly retired teachers in attendance. In the morning we had our annual general meeting and election of officers for 2015-2017. The following members were elected to serve on the new executive for a two-year term: President – Thomas Kendell; Vice-President and Immediate Past-President – Phil Patey; Secretary – Art Symonds; Treasurer – Malba Butt; Communications Officer – Don Carter; Cornucopia and Book of Remembrance Chair – Calvin Wheeler; and Political Action Officer Chair – Francis Reid.

Since the Federal Election was upcoming on October 19, 2015 we invited the federal candidates for the Central Region (Coast of Bays-Central-Notre Dame) to come and talk to us about their platforms. Guest speakers for the afternoon session were Kevin O'Brien (Conservative), Scott Simms (Liberal) and Claudette Menchenton (NDP). They outlined their stance on Federal Election issues and then answered questions from our members. It was very interesting and informative and many questions were asked. Everyone was reminded to "get out and vote" on October 19.

At our regular meeting in October we held 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. I would like to thank Marilyn Bry and Roger Melindy for agreeing to be our auctioneers. Many thanks are extended to all our members for their contributions to the sale, the purchasing of the items and also for their generous monetary donations to RTF.

Also in October, as President of Central Division, I was invited to address retiring teachers at an NLTA Pre-retirement Seminar in Grand Falls-Windsor. Those teachers were from all over Central Newfoundland. Some may not be retiring until one or two years in the future; however, it gave me an opportunity to inform them as to the functions of the RTANL and to encourage them to join us when they retire.

In November we celebrated the birthday of one of our chartered members who participated in the establishment of Central Division on June 13, 1980. Mr. Clarence Riggs

who resides in Glovertown turned 100 years old. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Riggs for a wonderful birthday and many more to come. After the November meeting we take a break during the winter months and resume our meetings in April. However, each year we have our "Old Christmas Night" dinner at Sinbad's.



President
Thomas Kendell

Our Division started again in April with an executive meeting on April 7 and with a regular meeting on April 25 in Gander where we had Ms. Dolores Jones speak on the activities of the 50 Plus Club in Gander. This was a very informative session and concluded with a question and answer period. Ms. Jones was presented with a copy of "Tales Told by Teachers" as a token of our appreciation.

Our second executive meeting was held on May 5 with a general meeting on May 18, at which time we planned our June Banquet. Our guest speaker in May spoke on the topic quite timely and relevant to our members – "Nutrition and Diabetes". On June 15 we held our 36th Annual Banquet at Hotel Gander. This year we were honoured to have the executive members of our Foundation attend the dinner with us.

We published our division newsletter, the Cornucopia, in October 2015. However, because of the rising costs of postage, this edition was not mailed out to our members. For those members who would like a hard copy delivered to them, please contact a member of the executive; however, it is available on line through the RTANL link on the NLTA website at www.nlta.nl.ca. This newsletter is dedicated to two Founding Members and centenarians of Central Division – Clarence Riggs and Faye Eveleigh. I would like to express our Division's thanks and appreciation to Calvin Wheeler from Botwood for all the work that he does in compiling the Cornucopia.

Central Division has completed three volumes of the Book of Remembrance in "loose leaf" and Calvin has already completed 85 obituaries for Volume IV. However, it will be another year or more before it is ready for completion.

In those volumes you will find obituaries of teachers who taught in Central Newfoundland communities from the Baie Verte Peninsula in the west to Chance Cove in the east. These men and women devoted their lives and careers to teaching in our province and many taught in communities that are no longer in existence. We want to honour those pioneers in the teaching profession who went before us and remember them in a Book of Remembrance. If you have any information on teachers who have passed away in Central Newfoundland, please pass along notification of their deaths to Calvin at lurcal@nl.rogers.com.

Our Division continues to give generously to the Retired Teachers' Foundation. Every year we donate around \$4,000 to the Foundation from In Memoriams, C.L. Buffett Award, Volunteer of the Year awards, auction sales, individual donations and ticket sales. I would like to thank everyone who contributes to this very worthwhile cause. This money goes to children's charities throughout the province and it is well appreciated. Last year RTF donated \$28,000 to ten different children's charities throughout the province – the highest amount ever donated by the Foundation.

RTANL will be hosting its 14th BGM and Reunion in Gander from October 4-6, 2016 and our Division will be playing a pivotal role in ensuring that we have another successful conference.

So we continue to be active and involved as a Division and are always trying to encourage more retirees to join us. Our meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at Hotel Gander and they are always announced on the radio, all community newspapers from Clarendville to Springdale and Rogers TV. All retired teachers are always welcome to come out and join us.

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.

President's Letter to Minister of Education

9/05/16

Mr. Dale Kirby
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
3rd Floor, West Block
Confederation Building
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL
A1B 4J6

Dear Minister Kirby,

I am writing you as President of the Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador to express our concern and consternation with the cuts in Education in the provincial budget 2016.

The increase in class sizes and multi grading in our schools is a reflection of the past. Many of us who are retired can vividly remember the times when there were one, two and three room schools, with three to four grades in a classroom in our province. That was the time when we taught the book and NOT the student. Today we are living in a society where students have many complex needs and the curriculum is so varied. 21st Century Learning is quite different from what it was in the twentieth century when the focus was on memorization and rote. Today students need to be developing various learning, literacy and life skills that will enable them to succeed in an Information Age. You cannot expect to make those drastic cuts to Education and expect things to improve. This is a slippery slope towards a degradation of educational services in our province.

Reducing school supply budgets and professional learning funding for teachers, closing libraries in rural communities and laying off teachers is not the future that we would like to see for our children and grandchildren. A better tomorrow is a better education for all of us. We do not have to look too far into our history to the time when our parents and grandparents signed their name with an X. In today's ever-changing society we need more educational services in our schools not less.

We urge you and your government to reflect on those drastic cuts to Education and we fully support the NLTA in their endeavors to provide a quality education to the children of this province.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kendell
President, RTANL

Dedication

We are very proud to dedicate this, our thirty-second volume of the Cornucopia to **Clarence Riggs** and **Fay Eveleigh**, both of whom have reached the grand milestone of 100 years of age. They are the second and third members of Central Division that have done so. We are not only celebrating their birthdays in this issue but also emphasizing the contributions that they have made to the teaching profession and their community.



Clarence Riggs

Clarence Riggs was born at Bull's Cove, Burin on November 2, 1915, the son of Thomas and Clara Riggs. He received his early education at Bull's Cove and then at Garnish, Fortune Bay. After finishing high school he attended Memorial College in 1931 and received a Grade I

teaching certificate. He then began a career in education that lasted for 38 years beginning in 1934 when he taught at Sagona Island, Fortune Bay. It was the beginning of a distinguished teaching career which took him to Frenchmen's Cove, and Burgeo. After Burgeo, he taught in Terra Nova where he met his future wife, Neatha of Glovertown. He followed his teaching at Eastport, Sandringham, Summerside, Pasadena, Cartwright, North West River, Labrador, Norris Point, Pound Cove and finally Glovertown, where he taught until his retirement in 1972.

Clarence's achievements came with many sacrifices and hardships. When he was only a boy three years old, his father was drowned at sea. This meant that he was left to help his mother. Life had to be difficult, and teaching in those early days required much dedication and commitment. Clarence dedicated his life to the education and well-being of young people. While teaching in Labrador, he and his wife spent two years running the Grenfell Mission dormitories at Cartwright and North West River. In 1964 Clarence was supervisor for a group of students who went to Manitoba as part of Centennial Travel. In 1972 Clarence worked for four years as co-ordinator for twenty students in Conservation at the Terra Nova National Park. All these indicate his interest in and commitment to the youth that he taught.

In all of the communities he taught Clarence found time to spend on a nearby river fishing for trout or salmon. He became an ardent fisherman and one could find him on the weekends with a salmon rod at his favourite river. He loved books and spent much of his spare time reading. As an amateur musician, his music was enjoyed by many and especially at Central Division banquets and dinners, when he was called upon to supply the entertainment.

As most early teachers were required to do, Clarence was a Lay Reader for 65 years in the Anglican Church of Canada. He was active in all aspects of his Church. He spent countless hours in advancing the work in his community as a volunteer. He is a Life Member of the Glovertown Lions Club and was a member of the Canadian Red Cross. When the Central Division of the RTA was formed in 1980, Clarence was there as a charter member, missing very few meetings for many years. Clarence is still a member of the Retired Teachers' Association.

Clarence has had a remarkable career in the teaching profession. It was not always easy. He overcame many obstacles teaching in smaller schools around the province. His contribution is exemplary to the youth of his day. For this and the contributions made to his community he should be remembered. Clarence, today, lives in Glovertown near his son and two daughters – his wife, Neatha, and one son recently deceased. As he celebrates his 100th birthday we extend our very sincere congratulations.

On November 18, 2015, there was a celebration at Hotel Gander to honour Clarence.



Fay Eveleigh

Fay Eveleigh was born on February 15, 1916 in Joe Batt's Arm where she attended school. After graduating from high school she went on to Summer School and later to Memorial University College for Teacher Training in 1944. In between teaching

appointments she continued studies until she attained a Grade IV Teaching Certificate. After teaching for 32 years in Kingwell, Placentia Bay, Rose Blanche,

Channel-Port Aux Basques, St. John's and Gander, Fay retired in 1977.

Being a charter member of the Central Division of the Retired Teachers' Association she served as its Treasurer for the first seven years from 1980-1987. She was Custodian of the Book of Remembrance for 11 years, co-editor of the newsletter, Cornucopia, for its first seven years and secretary of Central Division for two years. She also served on the Provincial Retired Teachers' Association as Member at Large for three years and secretary for four years. Fay is one of the last three founding members who participated in the establishment of the Central Division of Retired Teachers on June 13, 1980.

After retirement she travelled extensively throughout Europe, in the British Isles, Germany, Austria, France, Switzerland, Spain, Norway and Sweden, also in the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. She even panned for gold in the Yukon, went on three cruises through the Panama Canal and spent several winters in Florida and Victoria, British Columbia.

She was very much involved with her local church, serving as secretary or treasurer of various groups over the years as well as attending sessions of the General Synod. She wrote a history of St. Martin's Cathedral in Gander and worked to preserve its archives. Her church interests never waived in her later years. She was 90 years old when she took a Theology course from Queen's College. She planned to follow up with more courses. Lifelong learning has been an important part of her activities. She did courses in creative writing, painting, public speaking and calligraphy. Her painting course was in Saintes, France and the public speaking course was the Dale Carnegie Course. She always found time for sewing, reading, puzzles, cribbage, scrabble, bridge and computer.

In 2005 Fay moved from Gander to a cottage at Saint Luke's Homes in St. John's. There, she lived independently enjoying her new surroundings until the age of 94. Unfortunately, at that time, she had a stroke and after some months of rehabilitation Fay was transferred to assisted-living at Saint Luke's Homes. She continues to enjoy looking at books, chatting with family and reminiscing the good old times of teaching and growing up in Joe Batt's Arm.

On February 15, 2016, there was a birthday celebration at Saint Luke's to honour Fay with members of the Retired Teachers' Association present.

Newfie Medical Terminology

Serology	A study of English Knighthood
Artery	A study of fine printing
Barium.....	What to do when CPR fails
Caesarean Section	A district in Rome
Colic.....	A sheep dog
Coma.....	A punctuation mark
Congenital.....	Friendly
Dilate.....	To live long
Fester.....	Quicker
G.I. Series.....	Baseball game between teams of soldiers
Grippe	A suitcase
Hangnail.....	A coat hook
Medical Staff.....	A doctor's cane
Minor Operation.....	Coal digging
Morbid.....	A higher offer for pay
Nitrate	Lower than day rates
Node.....	Was aware of
Organic.....	Musical
Post-Operative.....	Letter carrier
Protein.....	In favour of young people
Tablet.....	A small table
Tumor.....	An extra pair
Urine	The opposite of 'out'
Varicose Veins	Veins which are close together
Out-Patient	One not allowed in
Secrecion	The hiding of anything

Memory Lapses

Just a line to say I'm living
That I'm not among the dead.
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And so mixed up in the head.
I got used to my arthritis
To my dentures I'm resigned.
I can manage my bifocals,
But, Oh God, I miss my mind.
For sometimes I can't remember
When I stand at the foot of the stairs,
If I must go up for something
Or I just came down from there.
And before the fridge so often
My poor mind is filled with doubt.
Have I just put food away, or
Have I come to take some out?
And there's times when it is darkened
With my night cap on my head.
I don't know if I'm retiring,
Or just getting out of bed.

Notes from Minutes

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

September There was no Business arising from the minutes.

October The business arising from the minutes was mainly a comment on the three Federal candidates we had at our last meeting and wondering if we could get Provincial candidates to come to a meeting. This was turned down because of our large geographical area with numerous ridings.

November A question was raised by Max Bussey as to the cost of joining the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Servants Pensioners Association. As Max is a member of the NLPSPA he will check the monthly cost he is paying and will report at the next meeting.

April There was very little business arising from the minutes of previous meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

September President Tom referred to a recent e-mail sent concerning research being done by MUN. Austin questioned whether or not money was saved by hiring a consultant to look into the payback faced by some retired teachers. Tom stated that he did not have information in that regard.

October The only correspondence was an information sheet called "Health Care For All" that was passed out to all members.

April An e-mail was received from Don White (Provincial Secretary) Re: Resolutions for the AGM. A card was received from Clarence Riggs thanking us for the birthday party given on his 100th birthday.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

September Malba presented the Treasurer's Report covering last year (2014-2015) and moved that it be accepted as presented. Jim Dobson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

October The Treasurer's report was circulated and presented by Malba Butt showing a balance of \$7,222.02. It was moved by Malba and seconded by Jim Dobson that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

November The Treasurer's report was circulated and presented by Malba Butt. It showed a balance of \$9,724.05. Malba reported that the auction brought in \$483.25 and there was \$200.00 in direct donations. \$683.25 was sent to the Retired Teachers' Foundation. It was noted that this year's donation was down from the last two years. It was moved by Malba and seconded by Fannie Simms that the report be accepted. Motion was carried.

April In the absence of the Treasurer a brief report was presented and accepted by the members.

May The Treasurer's Report was passed around and there were no questions about it. The account showed that there was a balance of \$11,389.90. It was moved by Malba and seconded by Audrey Samson that the report be accepted. The motion carried.

HEALTH OF MEMBERS:

September We learned, with regret, that 11 deaths have occurred since May. They are: Jasper Lake – GFW; Elizabeth Best – GFW; Archelaus Goodland – Musgravetown; Dorothy Ford – Lewisporte; Sarah Mary Beresford-Lalonde, GFW; Aloysius Drover – Baie Verte; Frank Denny – Lewisporte; Nathan Ralph – Nova Scotia; Jerry Prior – GFW; Elizabeth Rendell – GFW; Reta Blake – Botwood. Our division donated \$2000.00 to the RTF last year in memory of deceased teachers.

October The report on the health of members was given by Calvin Wheeler. He reported the following deaths: William James Smith of Eastport; Anne Mary Curtis of Botwood; Alphonsus V. Farrell of Grand Falls-Windsor; William Mouland of Lewisporte; and Dr. Otto Tucker of St. John's. Not all of the above are members of Central RTANL. There have been 36 deaths this year so far.

November The report on the health of members was given by Calvin Wheeler. He reported the deaths of Lester Vey of Hodges Cove and of Helen Martin of Grand Falls-Windsor who taught briefly in Grand Falls-Windsor.

April The health report was given by Calvin Wheeler. The deaths of the following were reported: Members passing were Beverley Butler, Isaac Caravan, Major Wilburne England, Pleaman Hicks, John Wesley Hunt, Jocelyn Lane, Benjamin Perry, Ida Tilley, Leonard Button, Selby Critch, Bertram Freake, Elizabeth Hollett, Paul Kelly, Mary Moss, Brother Patrick Taylor. Retired teachers but not members included Norma Dollimount, Sheila Mullowney, Ruby Tucker, Randolph Ralph, Jean Walsh.

May It was noted that we have five deaths recorded from our Division. They are: Gerald Burton – Middle Arm; Millicent Harris – Glovertown; Shirley Pinksen – St. John's; Audrey Sceviour – Gander; and Lewis Frank Williams – Lethbridge.

PROVINCIAL REPORT:

September There was no report.

October The Provincial report focused on the fact that we are hosting the 2016 BGM.

November The Provincial Report noted that the BGM would be held on October 4 and 5, 2016 here in Gander.

April It was announced that we will be hosting the 2016 BGM in Gander this year.

May The next meeting of the Provincial Executive would be held prior to the BGM.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

September A meeting scheduled for September 17th in Corner Brook will see 10 organizations accepting donations of \$28,000.00 from the \$30,000.00 collected over the year. The RTA reduced its donation to the RTF from \$4000.00 in 2014 to \$2000.00 in 2015. Since Central Division launched RTF, Jim wanted to make us aware of this change. Jim made a motion that a digital copy of Volume III of the Book of Remembrance be sent to the RTF. Calvin agreed to do this and will forward the document to Jim. Max Bussey seconded Jim's motion and it was carried. Jim went on to explain that he will arrange for the NLTA print shop to make hard copies – some of which will be given back to Central. All obituaries received by the RTF will be archived at The Rooms.

October The Foundation Representative had nothing new to report. Our sale and auction will go toward our 2015-2016 goal.

April Don Carter reported that the winner of the quilt, donated by Mrs. Joan Reid (of Francis) was won by Beverley Fisher of Bonavista who is on the RTANL Provincial Executive and President of Bonavista Division. This project raised \$324 for the Foundation.

May The next regular meeting is set for June 15, just before our Banquet. Last year we donated \$28,000.00, so far this year we have raised \$18,000.00 but there is a fair bit of time between now and the BGM. Jim Dobson reported that he attended an appreciation dinner at Lions Simms Camp on behalf of the Foundation. Teachers are reminded that ticket sales on Calvin's painting all go to the Foundation.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:

September Three volumes have been done in "loose leaf" and Calvin has already completed 25 obituaries for Volume IV. Members were asked to pass on news of deaths to Calvin.

October Calvin reported that he is working on Book 4 of the Book of Remembrance and has 32 completed and is working on 50 more. A question was asked about having the books put on line. Calvin will check with Linda Farrell.

April Calvin Wheeler continues to work on Book 4 of the Books of Remembrance.

May Calvin reported that the Book of Remembrance is coming along and that he has recently received the names of fifteen deceased Presentations Sisters who taught in our area.

STATUS OF CORNUCOPIA:

September There is an issue at the printer now – only 300 copies will be printed. This issue will not be mailed to members. The question of whether or not to mail copies will be further discussed by the executive

October Volume 31 of the Cornucopia has been received from the printers and is available on line or 300 hard copies are on hand. We thank Calvin for his labour of love.

November Copies of the latest Cornucopia were made available at the meeting for people who were present or wanted to take copies to members in their area.

April Copies are available to those who wish to have them.

May The Cornucopia preparation is on target and it is hopeful that it will be printed in time for the BGM in October.

TALES TOLD BY TEACHERS:

September There was no comment.

October There are still copies of “Tales Told By Teachers” available for sale – A great Christmas Gift!

November There are still copies of “Tales Told By Teachers”. The current price is \$10.00 for either Volume 1 (only a few copies left) or Volume 2 (lots of copies left). A combined price for both would be \$18.00.

April There are copies still available to anyone wishing to purchase a copy.

May There is only one copy of Volume I left and about half a box of Volume 2.

NEW BUSINESS:

September

(a) The Audit. Calvin has completed the audit of our financial records and reports that all is in proper order. It was moved by Phil and seconded by Shirley Bailey that the audit report be accepted. Motion was carried. Many thanks to Calvin for his willingness and reliability and thanks, also, to Malba for keeping “true and accurate records” for the past 11 years.

(b) Fall Sale and Auction. This will be held in the afternoon session on October 14th. Shirley and Dorothy will fill their usual roles of pricing items. Please bring only items that you would want to buy.

(c) Ticket Sales. Tickets are still available at \$2.00 each. The quilt draw will be made at Sinbad’s dining room on January 6, 2016.

(d) Nominations Committee Report. The following will serve on the executive for a two year term – September 2015 – September 2017:

- President – Tom Kendell
- Vice President – Phil Patey
- Secretary – Art Symonds
- Treasurer – Malba Butt
- Communications Officer – Don Carter
- Cornucopia and Book of Remembrance Rep. – Calvin Wheeler
- Political Action Officer – Francis Reid
- Immediate Past President – Phil Patey

An effort will be made to get some help for Don in his role.

Tom extended thanks to Francis and to all who offered themselves to serve on our executive..

(e) Other Business. Art spoke of the upcoming 100th birthday of member Clarence Riggs. Everyone felt that a celebration should be organized. Our executive will arrange for this to take place at the November meeting.

October

(a) A report on the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Servants Pensioners Association showed that President Tom and Jim Dobson attended from here. They reported the meetings were well organized, the guest speaker, Roger Butt, was excellent. The issues discussed were all related to seniors. Individuals may join at a cost of \$1.00 per pay period.

(b) It was reported that founding member, Clarence Riggs, would be turning 100 on November 2, 2015. We are hoping that he will make our November 18, 2015 meeting so we may celebrate with him. Executive will work out the details with his daughter and Hotel Gander for a dinner. Members were reminded that there will also be an open house celebration for Clarence on November 7, 2015 at the Lions Club in Glovertown starting at 2 p.m.

(c) Members were reminded that there are still tickets available for the quilt. The cost is \$2.00 each and the draw will be held at Sinbad’s Hotel on January 6, 2016. All proceeds from the sale are for the Foundation.

(d) Jim spoke about the Municipal Assessments that were recently received. He mentioned that the agency was an arm of the Provincial Government but that the mill rate for taxes was the responsibility of each town.

Jim said we need to be familiar with the process and we need public input. We need to be proactive and appeal (a \$25.00 cost) if we feel our assessment is too high. A general discussion followed.

November

(a) We still have tickets left on our quilt. The cost is \$2.00 each. The drawing will be January 6, 2016.

(b) A sheet was passed around for those signing up for the Old Christmas Day 2016 get together. We need to know how many to expect. As noted earlier, the quilt will be drawn for at that time.

(c) Calvin Wheeler has again donated one of his paintings to be used as a fundraiser for the Retired Teachers' Foundation. It is a beautiful scene of Trinity. Don Carter will get the tickets printed and will have them available at our April 2016 meeting.

(d) Dates for our upcoming meeting for 2016 were given as follows: April 20, 2016 and May 18, 2016. The date of the Banquet is June 15, 2016.

(e) President Tom informed everyone that a buffet luncheon in honour of Clarence Riggs would be held following this meeting.

April

(a) Tickets on Painting. We are again grateful to Calvin for his donation of a beautiful painting of Trinity, Trinity Bay. Tickets are available now at \$1.00 each. The lucky ticket will be drawn for at our Christmas Dinner on January 6, 2017.

(b) June Banquet, Entertainment, Dinner – Buffett. This event will take place on June 15, 2016.

(c) Volunteer of the Year Award Nominees. Fannie Simms name was suggested.

(d) Biennial Award 2016. To be discussed at a later time.

(e) Division Resolutions to BGM 2016. To be dealt with later.

(f) Future Meeting Dates. May 5 – Executive Meeting. May 18 – Next Regular Meeting. June 15 – Banquet.

(g) Provincial Budget 2016. It is creating a lot of Discussion and Protests everywhere.

(h) NLPSPA-Newfoundland and Labrador Public Sector Pensioners Association. A meeting at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow, May 3 at Hotel Gander.

May

(a) A motion was made by Calvin Wheeler, seconded by Malba Butt that our donation this year to the Retired Teachers' Foundation to honour deceased teachers be two thousand dollars (\$2000). After discussion about our financial position the motion carried.

(b) Tickets for the June 15th banquet are available for \$20.00, free to members over the age of 80. It will be a buffet dinner as before and a program has been put together. It was noted the cost to us is approximately \$36.00.

(c) It was decided that Fannie Simms will be receiving our volunteer of the year award. The \$100.00 award that goes with it will be donated to the Retired Teachers' Foundation.

(d) It was moved by Art Symonds and seconded by Jim Warren that Calvin Wheeler be asked to audit our financial records. The motion carried.

(e) In the matter of sick visitation committees it was noted that Jim Dobson had looked after the Grand Falls-Windsor area in the past but that there is no committee currently in the area. Francis Reid has agreed to look after the Gander area and to send out get well and sympathy cards anywhere in our Division.

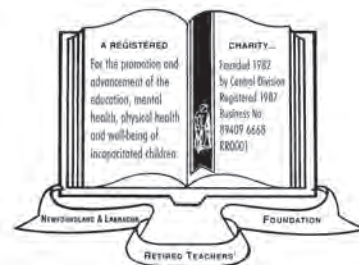
(f) It was noted that a Group Insurance overview became effective as of May 1, 2016. The overview was also in the last provincial bulletin. Members should be getting their individual overviews shortly in the mail.

(g) The regular meeting dates were reviewed as follows: June 15, 2016 Banquet at Gander Hotel, September 21, 2016 meeting in Salon A at Gander Hotel, October 20, 2016 (Thursday) meeting at Gander Hotel, November 16, 2016 meeting in Salon A at Gander Hotel.

ADJOURNMENT:

All meetings adjourned by a motion and after the Closing Meditation.

Retired Teachers' Foundation Report



A sincere thank you to all Members and Friends for your continued support of our Foundation. Through your generous donations it was possible to contribute \$28,000.00 to ten children's charities again this year. The Foundation Executive met in Gander on June 15, 2016 and made the following decisions:

Mazol Shriners Transportation Fund	\$5,000.00
Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp.....	\$4,000.00
Candlelighters Camp Delight.....	\$3,000.00
The War Amps – Champs Program	\$3,000.00
Canadian Diabetes Association Camp Douwanna	\$3,000.00
Tourettes Syndrome Association	\$2,000.00
Rainbow Riders	\$2,000.00
Down Syndrome Society	\$2,000.00
CNIB Children Services.....	\$2,000.00
Autism Society.....	\$2,000.00

Geraldine Wall, Chairperson, RTF

This year the Central Division of the RTANL has been able to donate a total of \$4,182.25 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 \$683.25.

Other donations and ticket draws realized \$499.00.

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



Presentation to the Candlelighters by Thomas Kendell and accepted by Kirk Wiseman.



Presentation to the CNIB by Jim Dobson and accepted by Dianne Durnford.



Presentation to the Autism Society by Don Carter and accepted by Kelly Lannon.

RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
Central Division
Financial Statement
September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016

Revenues:

Opening Balance	\$7,222.02
Tales Told By Teachers	\$250.00
RTANL Rebate	\$10,361.00
Foundation	\$1,082.25
Guests Luncheon	\$60.00
Sale of Banquet Tickets	\$1,440.00

Total Revenues: \$20,415.27

Expenses:

Meetings	\$1,042.06
Executive Travel	\$852.92
Tales Told by Teachers	\$250.00
Service Fees	\$90.00
Retired Teachers' Foundation	\$4,182.25
Supplies.	\$450.82
Luncheon 100th Birthday Clarence Riggs	\$1,195.83
Visitation	\$55.31
NLTA Printing	\$204.00
Banquet Prizes	\$101.85
Entertainment.	\$300.00
Dance Music	\$350.00
Banquet Hotel Gander	\$3,070.13

Total Expenditures: \$12,145.17

Revenues over Expenditures:. \$8,270.10

Chequing Account . . \$8,270.10
Voting Shares. \$181.45

Biographies



Francis Eli Reid

Francis was born on January 7, 1946 to Mae and Claude Reid of Change Islands. He attended the United Church School in Change Islands but finished high school at the Lewisporte Amalgamated High School. He began his teacher training at Memorial University

where he received degrees in Education in 1968, Arts in 1969 and Learning Resources in 1973.

He began his teaching career in September 1964 at Port Saunders, where he spent one year. From there to Change Islands for one year, Carmanville for three years, Fogo Island for three years and finally to Gander where he spent the last 22 years of his career teaching at Gander Collegiate until his retirement in 1997.

Francis met and married his wife, Joan, at Change Islands. They were blessed with one daughter and one son.

Francis has taken an active role in the communities in which he taught, especially in Gander. Before retirement, he was a member of the Scouts Committee, the Local and Provincial Sports Associations, the Library Board, the District Political Association and the Local Development Association. Since retirement, he has been a Political Activist, a Scout Leader Recruitment member, Rural Sustainability Speaker, After Dinner Speaker and Interviewer for Local History. In the Anglican Church, he was a Lay Reader. He is an active member of the Retired Teachers' Association. As well, he was an active member and Secretary of the Hamilton Branch of the NTA and the Gander Branch. He was Chairman of the Gander Public Library Board, President and Secretary of the NTA Learning Resources, President and Secretary of the Gander District Liberal Association, Chairman and Secretary of St. Martin's Anglican Scouts Committee and Treasurer of the NLPSPA, Gander Branch, and a member of Canadian Association of Retired People.

Despite all of his involvements as outlined above, Francis enjoyed the time spent playing and observing sports, especially softball, curling, hockey and bowling.

He enjoyed boating, fishing, beach combing, reading and berry picking.

For his work and involvement, Francis has received a Merit Award from the Nova Consolidated School District in 1992, the Barnes Award from the NTA in 1991, was nominated for Citizen of the Year Award in Gander in 1995, the Gold Medal Award – Scouts Canada in 1997 and graduated from the Culinary Institute of Canada (P.E.I.) in 2000.



Joy Freake

Joy was born on June 3, 1949 to Donald and Ella May of Boyd's Cove, Notre Dame Bay. She attended St. George's Anglican School in Boyd's Cove for her early Grades but Lewisporte Amalgamated High School for Grades X and XI. She

began her teacher training at Memorial University where she received a Bachelor of Education Degree in 1976 and a Grade V Teaching Certificate in 1983.

She began her teaching career in September 1965 at Boyd's Cove for one year when she had an Emergency Supply License. She then followed that with one year at Grand Falls, one year at Embree and then Lewisporte for the next 27 years until her retirement in June 1996.

Joy met her husband, Ronald, in high school and they were blessed with one son. Joy and Ronald have made Lewisporte their home.

Before retirement, Joy took an active role in her community and her church. She was a member of the Lewisporte Women's Institute for 25 years, holding all the executive positions of the Institute. She is proud of the work done by the Institute as they started the Day Care, Museum By the Bay and Craft Shop. Since retirement, Joy has been busy at the Interfaith Goodwill and Food Bank as a volunteer and Treasurer. She tutored adults through Laubach and was Treasurer and Chairperson of the local council of the Calypso Foundation. In her church, she has been a choir member, a member of the United Church Women, and a member of the Church Session. She has been a member of the school councils at all levels from Elementary to

High School. She is a member of the Retired Teachers' Association attending most of the meetings and banquets of Central Division and assisting in some of the Division projects.

Despite those involvements listed above, Joy has found time to bowl, to make quilts, to do some gardening. However, her greatest joy comes from the time she spends at her cabin at Bread and Cheese Cove with her husband and her Jack Russell Terrier, Fredo.



Ross Williams

Ross was born on July 19, 1941 to Bert and Emma Williams of Woody Island in Placentia Bay. He attended the United Church School in Woody Island until he completed his Grade XI. He began his teacher training at Memorial University where

he received a Bachelor of Education Degree in 1967 and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1969.

He began his teaching career in September 1957 at Petites on the West Coast for two years. From there he moved to Port Blandford for three years and finally to Gander, where he taught at Gander Collegiate for the remainder of his career until he retired in 1992.

Ross grew up with Alma Smith in Woody Island and they were married in 1962 at Cochrane Street United Church. They were blessed with two sons and have three granddaughters and one grandson.

Ross has taken an active role in the community of Gander. Before retirement he was involved in Scouting for 25 years, in United Church organizations including the United Church Choir and various other committees. After retirement he was involved in church activities on a wider scale – namely Chair, Ministry and Personnel and Secretary of the provincial United Church Conference Staff. He was on the Board of Directors in Staff Relations and Property. In 2005 much of his activities had to be curtailed because of a double brain aneurysm.

Despite his illness, Ross has been able to continue being involved in much of what he enjoyed doing before. His favourite sports were/are bowling, curling, swimming, fishing, accordion playing and golf. He is a member of the Retired Teachers' Association and attends many of the meetings and banquets of Central Division.

Snapshot in Time

Twillingate, 1847, Teacher: John MOSS, 19 Copy Books exhibited, containing fair specimens: 5 Cyphering books, 2 as far as Fellowship, George YATES, the best scholar, ciphers in Fellowship aged under 12. The School pretty well attended, but much retarded for want of School requisites and desk accommodation. No Bibles have ever been supplied to this school. There are 6 Testaments in pieces, furnished in 1852, being a gift from the Rev. J. BREWSTER. No pens or pencils have been supplied the last twelve months; a new stove wanted. Salary 50 pounds. There were 58 boys and 26 girls, about half being under 7. 260 School days reported. Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar were being taught.

Value of Time

To realize the value of ten years: Ask a newly divorced couple.

To realize the value of four years: Ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of nine months: Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.

To realize the value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize the value of one second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

Treasure every moment you have.

Senior Exercises

The doctor told me to start an exercise program. Not wanting to harm this old body, I've devised the following:

Beat around the bush

Jump to conclusions

Climb the walls

Wade through the morning paper

Drag my heels

Push my luck

Make mountains out of mole hills

Hit the nail on the head

Bend over backwards

Jump on the band wagon

Run around in circles

What a Workout!!

Our Year in Pictures



Beverley Fisher wins quilt



Puzzle time at the Banquet



Ms. Dolores Jones
– April Speaker



Quilt draw at Sinbad's



Ms. Jill Wheaton –
May Speaker



Banquet Guests



Dinner for Clarence



Fannie Simms – Volunteer
of the Year



Marilyn Bry and Roger Melindy
– Auctioneers



Melvin King gives a Tribute to
Clarence



Francis Reid speaks



Kevin O'Brien speaks

Our Year in Pictures



Jim Warren speaks



Gander Academy Choir



Claudette Menchenton speaks



Francis presents book



Dinner for Clarence



Banquet guests



President Tom presents book



Dinner at Sinbad's



Scott Simms speaks



Clarence Riggs



Dinner for Clarence

Laughter – Good Medicine

The Returned Tax Form

The Canadian Revenue Agency returned the Tax Return to a man in Canada after he apparently answered one of the questions.

The question was: Do you have anyone dependent on you?

He answered; “2.1 million illegal immigrants, 1.1 million crackheads, 4.4 million unemployable scroungers, 80,000 criminals in over 85 prisons plus 450 idiots in Parliament, thousands of ‘politicians’ and an entire group that call themselves ‘Senators’.

The CRA stated the response he gave was unacceptable.

The man’s response back to CRA was, “Who did I leave out?”

The Scribbles

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, “My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$5.”

The second boy says, “That’s nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$10.”

The third boy says, “I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon... and it takes eight people to collect all the money!”

Abe and Esther

Abe and Esther are flying to Australia for a two-week vacation to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Suddenly, over the public address system, the Captain announces, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on this island for the rest of our lives!”

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island.

An hour later Abe turns to his wife and asks, “Esther, did we pay our Visa and Mastercard bill yet?”

“No, sweetheart,” she responds.

“Esther, did we pay our American Express card yet?”

“Oh, no! I’m sorry. I forgot to send the cheque,” she says.

“One last thing, Esther. Did you remember to send the installment cheque for Revenue Canada this month?” he asks.

“Oh, forgive me, Abe,” begged Esther. “I didn’t send that one either!”

Abe grabs her and gives her the biggest kiss ever.

Esther pulls away and asks him, “What was that for?”

Abe answers, “Thank God, they’ll find us!”

Nine is Enough

A Tennessee couple, Dave and Rebecca Kosmitis both qualified as rednecks, had nine children. They went to the doctor to see if they could put a stop to them having children.

The doctor gladly started the required procedure and asked them what finally made them make this decision. Why, after nine children, would they choose to do this?

Dave replied that they had read in a recent article that one out of every ten children being born in the United States was Mexican, and they didn’t want to take the chance on having a Mexican baby because neither of them could speak Spanish.

Speeding Ticket

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, “I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!”

Computer Issue

I was having trouble with my computer so I called David, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over.

David clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, “So what was wrong?”.

He replied, “It was an ID ten T error.”

I didn’t want to appear stupid, but none the less inquired, “An ID ten T error? What’s that? In case I need to fix it again.”

David grinned, “Haven’t you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?”

“No,” I replied.

“Write it down,” he said, “and I think you’ll figure it out.”

So I wrote it down. ID10T ERROR.

Definition of a Politician

While stitching a cut on the hand of a 75 year old farmer, whose hand was caught in the squeeze gate while working cattle, the doctor struck up a conversation with the old man.

Eventually the topic got around to politicians and their role as leaders.

The old farmer said, “Well, as I see it, most politicians are ‘Post Turtles’.”

Not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked what a ‘Post turtle’ was.

The old farmer said, “When you see a turtle sitting on a fence post you know he didn’t get up there by himself, he doesn’t belong up there, he doesn’t know what to do while he’s up there, he’s elevated beyond his ability to function, and you just wonder what kind of a dumb arse put him up there to begin with.”

The Smart Woman

Harold and Roger, two Newfie Engineers, were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walks by and asks what they are doing. “We’re supposed to find the height of this here flagpole,” says Harold, “but we got no ladder”.

The woman took out a wrench from her purse, loosened the bolts, and laid the pole on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her purse, took a measurement and proudly announced ‘twenty one feet, six inches’ and walked away.

Roger just shakes his head and laughed, “Lard tunderin, Harold, just like a woman, we want the height and she gives us the length”.

The Debt

A man went to his lawyer and told him: “My neighbour owes me \$500 and he won’t pay up. What should I do?”

“Do you have any proof he owes you the money?” asked the lawyer.

“Nope,” replied the man.

“OK, then write him a letter asking for the \$1000 he owes you,” said the lawyer.

“But it’s only \$500,” replied the man.

“Precisely. That’s what he will reply and then you’ll have your proof!”

Stop or Else

A London lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by an Irish Police. He thinks that he is smarter than the police because he is a lawyer, from London, and is certain that he has a better education than any Paddy cop. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Police’s expense.

Police says, “License and registration, please.”

Lawyer says, “What for?”

Police replies, “You didn’t come to a complete stop at the stop sign.”

Lawyer says, “I slowed down, and no one was coming.”

Police says, “You still didn’t come to a complete stop. License and registration, please.”

Lawyer says, “What’s the difference?”

Police says, “The difference is, you have to come to a complete stop, that’s the law.”

Lawyer says, “If you can show me the legal difference between ‘slow down’ and ‘stop’, I’ll give you my license and registration and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don’t give me a ticket.”

Police says, “Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, sir.”

The lawyer exits his vehicle. The Police takes out his baton and starts to beat the living daylights out of the lawyer with it and says, “Do you want me to stop, or just slow down?”

Great Advice for Seniors

Some of us have reached our golden years, and some of us have not. But these suggestions should be read by everyone. They have been collected from many a senior, each with his own piece of advice. Some you know, some may surprise you, and some will remind you of what's important.

1. It's time to use the money you saved up. Use it and enjoy it. Don't just keep it for those who may have no notion of the sacrifices you made to get it. Remember there is nothing more dangerous than a son, a daughter, or in-laws with big ideas for your hard earned capital.
2. Stop worrying about the financial situation of your children and grandchildren, and don't feel bad spending your money on yourself. You've taken care of them for many years, and you've taught them what you could. You gave them an education, food, shelter and support. The responsibility is now theirs to earn their own money.
3. Keep a healthy life, without great physical effort. Do moderate exercise (like walking every day), eat well and get your sleep. It's easy to become sick, and it gets harder to remain healthy. That is why you need to keep yourself in good shape and be aware of your medical and physical need. Keep in touch with your doctor, get tested even when you're feeling well. Stay informed.
4. Always buy the best, most beautiful items for your significant other. The key goal is to enjoy your money with your partner. One day one of you will miss the other, and the money will not provide any comfort then, so enjoy it together.
5. Don't stress over the little things. You've already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let the past drag you down and don't let the future frighten you. Feel good in the now. Small issues will soon be forgotten.
6. Regardless of age, always keep love alive. Love your partner, love life, love your family, love your neighbour and remember "A man is not old as long as he has intelligence and affection."
7. Be proud, both inside and out. Don't stop going to your hair salon or barber, do your nails, go to the dermatologist and the dentist, keep your perfumes and creams well stocked. When you are well-maintained on the outside, it seeps in, making you feel proud and strong.
8. Don't lose sight of fashion trends for your age, but keep your own sense of style. There's nothing worse than an older person trying to wear the current fashion among youngsters. You've developed your own sense of what looks good on you – keep it and be proud of it. It's part of who you are.
9. Always stay up-to-date. Read newspapers, watch the news. Go online and read what people are saying. Make sure you have an active email account and try to use some of those social networks. You'll be surprised which old friends you'll meet. Keeping in touch with what is going on and with people you know is important at any age.
10. Respect the younger generation and their opinions. They may not have the same ideals as you, but they are the future, and will take the world in their direction. Give advice, not criticism, and try to remind them of yesterday's wisdom that still applies today.
11. Never use the phrase "In my time". Your time is now. As long as you're alive, you are part of this time. You may have been younger, but you are still you now, having fun and enjoying life.
12. Some people embrace their golden years, while others become bitter and surly. Life is too short to waste your days on the latter. Spend your time with positive, cheerful people, it'll rub off on you and your days will seem much better. Spending your time with bitter people will make you older and harder to be around.
13. Do not surrender to the temptation of living with your children or grandchildren (if you have a financial choice, that is). Sure, being surrounded by family sounds great, but we all need our privacy. They need theirs and you need yours. If you've lost your partner (our deepest condolences), then find a person to move in with you and help out. Even then, do so only if you feel you really need the help or do not want to live alone.

14. Don't abandon your hobbies. If you don't have any, make new ones. You can travel, hike, cook, read, dance. You can adopt a cat or a dog, grow a garden, play cards, checkers, chess, dominoes, golf. You can paint, volunteer at an NGO or just collect certain items. Find something you like and spend some real time having fun with it.
15. Even if you don't feel like it, try to accept invitations: baptisms, graduations, birthdays, weddings, conferences. Try to go. Get out of the house, meet people you haven't seen in a while, experience something new (or something old). But don't get upset when you're not invited. Some events are limited by resources, and not everyone can be hosted. The important thing is to leave the house from time to time. Go to museums, go walk through a field. Get out there.
16. Be a conversationalist. Talk less and listen more. Some people go on and on about the past, not caring if their listeners are really interested. That's a great way of reducing their desire to speak with you. Listen first and answer questions, but don't go off into long stories unless asked to. Speak in courteous tones and try not to complain or criticize too much unless you really need to. Try to accept situations as they are. Everyone is going through the same things, and people have a low tolerance for hearing complaints. Always find some good things to say as well.
17. Laugh. Laugh a lot. Laugh at everything. Remember, you are one of the lucky ones. You managed to have a life, a long one. Many never get to this age, never get to experience a full life. But you did. So what's not to laugh about? Find the humour in your situation.
18. Take no notice of what others say about you and even less notice of what they may be thinking. They'll do it anyway, and you should have pride in yourself and what you've achieved. Let them talk, and don't worry. They have no idea about your history, your memories and the life you've lived so far. There's still much to be written, so get busy writing and don't waste time thinking about what others might think.
19. If you have been offended by someone, forgive them. If you've offended someone, apologize. Don't drag around resentment with you. It only serves to make you sad and bitter. It doesn't matter who was right. Someone once said: "Holding a grudge is like taking poison and expecting the other person to die." Don't take that poison. Forgive, forget and move on with your life.
20. Pain and suffering go hand in hand with getting older. Try not to dwell on them but accept them as part of the cycle of life we're all going through. Try to minimize them in your mind. They are not who you are, they are something that life added to you. If they become your entire focus, you lose sight of the person you used to be.
21. If you have a strong belief, savour it. But don't waste your time trying to convince others. They will make their own choices no matter what you tell them, and it will only bring you frustration. Live your faith and set an example. Live true to your beliefs and let that memory sway them.

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Macbeth (and it ain't no Shakespeare)

Here we go,

Listen up people, 'cause I'm startin' this story
Macbeth was out lookin' for some fame and glory,
Spendin' all his time, out fighting for the land
He was top gun, head dude, Duncan's main man.
Now this is where our story starts to get so serious,
Three witches said he'd be king, and he went delirious.
Duncan had to die, but Macbeth couldn't wait,
Then he found he didn't have the heart, began to hesitate.

Now this is where his lady comes into this thing
Saying, "Hey Big Mac, Don't ya wanna be king?"
She said, "Take this knife go and carve you some roast
And don't you come out until Duncan is toast."
He nodded the affirmative and off he went,
And ten minutes later old Duncan was spent.
Old Mac was on a roll an' he said, "What the Hell!"
An' then he ripped out Duncan's guts as well.

Then he was ruler over all the land
Dealing out justice with an iron hand.
Killin' anyone who got in his way,
It was, "Off with your head, an' have a nice day."
He went to see the witches, they were stirring their brew
And he believed every word that they said was true.
They went and called up, count them, three apparitions
I don't know what it was, maybe a tradition.
But he knew that it all was too good to last
'Cause if something catches up on you it's usually your past.

His lady went crazy from imaginary stains,
He watched her life slowly slipping down the drain.
He knew it was over, he knew it was the end,
He had nothing left to win, had nothing to defend.
So he once again went fightin' his silly little war,
But the enemy was waiting outside his front door.
He knew for a fact that he wouldn't get far
'Cause someone shot the driver of the get-away car.

I guess you all know just what happened then
Our man got wasted, now that's the end.
Macbeth, the Scottish king, from the year 1057
Was taken out in battle, on his way to bagpipe heaven.
So I hope he's not turning and I hope he's not upended.
And if he's spinning in his grave, from what I've written here,
Well all I'm sayin' is "Sorry Bill, but I ain't no Shakespeare".

(Clayton Brownlee, St. Paul's High School)

From a Strictly Mathematical Viewpoint...

What equals 100% ? What does it mean to give more than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 101%? What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formulas that might answer these questions.

Take the twenty-six letters of the alphabet and assign them, in order, from 1 to 26.

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$$

And

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$$

But,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$$

And

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D

$$12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that: While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, it's the Love of God that will put you over the top.

Just a Thought

If you can sit quietly after difficult news,
if in financial downturns you remain perfectly calm,
if you can see your neighbours travel to fantastic places without a tinge of jealousy,
if you can happily eat whatever is put on your plate,
if you can fall asleep after a day of running around without a drink or a pill,
if you can always find contentment just where you are,
you are probably a dog.

Dear Algebra

Dear Algebra,

Please stop asking us to find your **X**. She's never coming back and don't ask me **Y**.

Teacher Training – The Normal School

Prior to 1920 and in many cases after that date, the majority of teachers in Newfoundland had little if any training before taking charge of a classroom. The major denominations conducted schools of a very high caliber in St. John's around the turn of the century but many of the teachers came from abroad. In the outports, the classrooms were, in many cases, makeshift and contained very few facilities other than a chalkboard, slate and pencil. The lack of an adequate supply of teachers meant that many communities had no schools and it was not uncommon for a teacher to teach in one community for a few months and then move on to another for the remainder of the year so that the children could at least get the opportunity to read, write and do some ciphering.

The authorities of the denominations were always on the lookout for bright children who had some promise of acquiring an education if given a chance. Consequently, many a young person was encouraged to come to St. John's to attend school for a few months in order to be able to go to some isolated community and take charge of a school. As can be imagined the standard of education at that time was very low. It was, therefore, agreed to set up a Normal School so that teachers of all denominations should have some common standard of training.

The first Normal School classes were held in the Synod Building in St. John's. There were two semesters each year. Those who attended from the first of September up to Christmas went teaching, usually in some isolated outport, for the balance of the school year. The second semester, with a new class of prospective teachers, was held from early January until about the last of April. The graduates were then sent off to other outport communities to teach from May up to the end of August.

When Memorial University College on Parade Street was opened in 1925, the Normal School classes were held in that building. It was not until several years later that teacher-training classes were conducted for a full university year from September to May. In addition to these Normal School classes, Summer School sessions were held so that teachers could upgrade their education. The first Summer School sessions were held in 1917.

Death of an Iceberg

The day was fine and beautiful
And the lines were cleanly drawn
Between earth and sky and deep blue sea
And a perfect blue white form
Across it swathed a ribbon blue
A frozen glacial stream
That flowed one time through Greenland
Now through an artist's dreams
Now many years sailing
Out from Disco Bay
Through wind and wave and winter storm
Lashed cross the Davis Strait
Now sculpted to a perfect form
That would inspire Moore
And comes to rest near Hebron
On the coast of Labrador
Where long ago the church came to
This god forsaken land
To reign the light of Jesus down
Upon the souls of men
The church is leaning now
The choir too is still
The wind whispers hymns and howls
Through the window sills
While out upon the harbour
The pearls were beading down
To join the pernod water
And gurgle laughing sound
That snuggled long that fine white edge
That fine bright afternoon
Who would have thought that fine white form
Would be dying soon
Perhaps the sun – the day was warm
And beating on her side
Found weakness ne'er wind nor wave
She always had survived
Then thunder cracked I turned and saw
A spire slip away
Then turned again that mighty form crashed into the bay
I stood in stunned amazement
And leaned against the rail
But a moment from that time beside her I had sailed
I bowed to thank my angels
Though not one to be saved
And tossed a gift out to the one
Who lives beneath the waves.

(Author Unknown)

The Night Before Christmas in Newfoundland

T'was the night before Christmas, all hands was in bed,
Enough noise goin' on to wake up the dead.
Long stockings and vamps were nailed to the wall,
With girt four-inch nails so ne'er one would fall.
The youngsters were jumping up and down on the bed,
T'inkin' bout the presents he hid in the shed.
Mudder in the kitchen was washin' her hair,
And I was sot down wit' a glass full of cheer.
When out in the yard I heard such a noise,
I said, "Put on the soup – dat must be the boys".
Away to the window I started to race,
Tripped over two kittens and fell on me face.
The moon and the stars shone down on the snow,
It's s'pose to be dat way, it's Christmas you know.
When what to my bloodshot eyes should appear,
But a queer looking Santa without his reindeer.
Long rubbers, red suit, and a beard on his jaws,
I said to the missus, that's not Sanny Claus.
When I opened the door to see what was the matter,
I seen 'im climb on the porch wit my ladder.
Now the roof of the 'ouse was covered wit snow,
But he sang and he danced and he bawled out "Ho, Ho".
He tripped up in the chimney when I looked around,
I saw 'im and the chimney squat up on the ground.
He was soot and snow from his head to 'is feet,
But he started to come 'round when he got in the heat.
He walked in wit' me chimney and sot on the chair,
The youngsters started screechin', "Santa is here!"
There was icicles hangin' from eyebrows and nose,
So he sot by the stove cause his face was half froze.
He took off 'is boots to warm up 'is feet,
While mudder was mixin' 'im something to eat.
Wit' a wink of his eyes and a nod of 'is 'ead,
He ate t'ree bowls of soup and six slices of bread.
He spoke not a word 'til he finished 'is scoff,
Said t'anks to the missus, now I gotta take off.
Wit' the side of his finger he wiped off 'is nose,
And asked for a face clot' to clean off 'is clothes.
Sorry 'bout the chimney he said wit' a laugh,
When I fell on top of 'em, I broke 'em in 'alf.
He left in a hurry as quick as he came,
We never got the chance to ask 'em 'is name.
But I 'eard 'em bawl out as he put on 'is boot,
Merry Christmas to all and t'anks for the soup.

The Month After Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the nog I did taste
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there rose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk, more a lumber)
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd said, "Yes, thank you, please".
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt.
I said to myself, as only I can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So away with the last of the sour cream dip
Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip.
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie – not even a lick.
I'll need only chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or cornbread or pie.
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot
Happy New year to all – and to all a good diet.

Teaching Memories

Do you have a story about some teaching memory that you may have had?

If so, then write it down and send it to the editor of the CORNUCOPIA for publication.

Did you have a favourite colleague or principal that has retired that you would like to honour?

If so, then send us some information that we might publish in the CORNUCOPIA. Please include with your information the teacher's name, education, teacher training, schools he/she taught in, picture and any other information you might want to use.

Did you have a favourite teacher, now retired, that you would like to honour?

If so, then send the information listed above for publication.

How is Your Vitamin F?

Why do I have a variety of friends who are all so different in character?

How is it possible that I can get along with them all?

I think that each one helps to bring out a “different” part of me.

With one I am polite.

With another I joke, with another I can be a bit naughty...

I can sit down and talk about serious matters with one.

With another I laugh a lot. I listen to one friend's problems.

Then I listen to another one's advice for me.

My friends are like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.

When completed, they form a treasure box.

A treasure box of friends!

They are my friends who understand me better than I understand myself.

They're friends who support me through good days and bad.

Real Age doctors tell us that friends are good for our health.

Dr. Oz calls them Vitamin F (For friends) and counts the benefits of friends as essential to our wellbeing.

Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of depression and terminal strokes.

If you enjoy Vitamin F constantly you can be up to 30 years younger than your real age.

The warmth of friendship stops stress and even in your most intense moments,

It decreases the chance of a cardiac arrest or stroke by 50%.

I'm so happy that I have a stock of Vitamin F!

We should value our friends and keep in touch with them.

We should try to see the funny side of things and laugh together.

We should pray for each other in the tough moments.

The most beautiful thing about friendship is that we can grow separately without growing apart.

What Happiness Isn't!

Happiness isn't about getting what you want all the time. It's about loving what you have and being grateful for it.

A Wonderful Resolution for the New Year!

What amazing gifts the new year brings! An entire year's worth of wonderful opportunities, given to us one sunrise at a time. Many of the moments ahead will be marvelously disguised as ordinary days, but each one of us has the chance to make something extraordinary out of them.

Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in turning that diary into the best story you possibly can. Have pages on understanding and tales of overcoming hardships. Fill the story with enthusiasm, adventure, learning, and laughter.

Make each chapter reflect time doing these things. Follow your dreams. Work hard. Be kind. Do what you can to make the door open on a day that is filled with inspiration in some special way. Remember: Goodness will be rewarded. Smiles will pay you back. Have fun. Find strength. Be truthful. Have faith. Don't focus on anything you lack.

Realize that people are the treasures in life, and happiness is the real wealth. Have a diary that describes how you're doing your best, and the rest will take care of itself.

I Was Dying...

First I was dying to finish high school and start college.

And then, I was dying to finish college and start working.

And then, I was dying to marry and have children.

And then, I was dying for my children to grow old enough for school so I could return to work.

And then, I was dying to retire.

And now, I am dying.... and suddenly I realize that I forgot to live.

(Anonymous)

My Cordless Phone

The first **Cordless Phone** was created by God. He named it **Prayer**. It never loses its signal and you never have to recharge it. Use it anywhere!

Teachers Do Make a Difference

Teddy's Story

As she stood in front of her 5th grade class on the very first day of school, she told the children a lie. Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said she loved them all the same. But that was impossible, because there in the front row, slumped in his seat, was a little boy named Teddy Stoddard.

Mrs. Thompson had watched Teddy the year before and noticed that he didn't play with the other children, that his clothes were messy and that he constantly needed a bath.

And Teddy could be unpleasant. It got to the point where Mrs. Thompson would actually take delight in marking his papers with a broad red pen, marking bold X's and then putting a big "F" at the top of his papers. At the school where Mrs. Thompson taught, she was required to review each child's past records and she put Teddy's off until last. However, when she reviewed his file, she was in for a surprise.

Teddy's first grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is a bright child with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners... he is a joy to be around."

His second grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is an excellent student, well liked by his classmates, but is troubled because his mother has a terminal illness and life at home must be a struggle."

His third grade teacher wrote, "His mother's death has been hard on him. He tries to do his best, but his father doesn't show much interest and his home life will soon affect him if some steps aren't taken."

His fourth grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school. He doesn't have many friends and he sometimes sleeps in class."

By now, Mrs. Thompson realized the problem and was ashamed of her self. She felt even worse when her students brought her Christmas presents, wrapped in beautiful ribbons and bright paper, except for Teddy's. His present was clumsily wrapped in heavy, brown paper that he got from a grocery bag. Mrs. Thompson took pains to open it in the middle of the other presents.

Some of the children started to laugh when she found a rhinestone bracelet with some of the stones missing, and a bottle that was one quarter full of perfume. But she stifled the children's laughter when she exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was, putting it on, and dabbing some of the perfume on her wrist.

Teddy Stoddard stayed after school that day just long enough to say, "Mrs. Thompson, today you smell just like my mom used to."

After the children left, she cried for at least an hour. On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. Instead she began to teach children. Mrs. Thompson paid particular attention to Teddy. As she worked with him, his mind seemed to come alive. The more she encouraged him, the faster he responded. By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class and, despite her lie that she would love all the children the same, Teddy became one of her "teacher's pets."

A year later, she found a note under her door, from Teddy, telling her that she was still the best teacher he had ever had in his whole life. Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy. He wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and she was still the best teacher he had ever had in his whole life.

Four years after that, she got another letter, saying that while things had been tough at times, he'd stayed in school, had stuck with it, and would soon graduate from college with the highest honors. He assured Mrs. Thompson that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Then four more years passed and yet another letter came. This time he explained that after he got his bachelor's degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had. By now his name was a little longer – the letter was signed Theodore F. Stoddard, MD. The story doesn't end there. You see, there was yet another letter that spring. Teddy said he'd met this girl and was going to be married. He explained that his father had died a couple of years ago and he was wondering if Mrs.

Thompson might agree to sit in the place at the wedding that was usually reserved for the mother of the groom. Of course, Mrs. Thompson did. And guess what? She wore that bracelet, the one with several rhinestones missing and she made sure she was wearing the perfume that Teddy remembered his mother wearing on their last Christmas together.

They hugged each other, and Dr. Stoddard whispered in Mrs. Thompson's ears. "Thank you Mrs. Thompson for believing in me. Thank you so much for making me feel important and showing me that I could make a difference. Mrs. Thompson, with tears in her eyes, whispered back. She said, "Teddy you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me that I could make a difference. I didn't know how to teach until I met you."

(Author Unknown)

*A teacher builded a temple
Crumbled into the dust
Low lies each stately pillar
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the Teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.*

Vegetables

A carrot has a green fringed top;
A beet is royal red;
And lettuces are curious
All curled and run to head.

Some beans have strings to tie them on,
And, what is still more queer,
Ripe corn is nothing more or less
Than one enormous ear!

But when potatoes all have eyes,
Why is it they should be
Put in the ground and covered up,
Where it's too dark to see?

Funny Stages of Life

Teen Age: Have time and energy – but no money.
Working Age: Have money and energy – but no time.
Old Age: Have time and money – but no energy.

I Am A Seenager (Senior Teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only sixty years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and they do not use drugs.

And I don't have acne.

Life is great.

Just a Little

A little more kindness,
A little less greed,
A little more giving,
A little less creed.
A little more smile,
A little less frown,
A little less kicking,
A man when he's down.
A little more "we",
A little less "I",
A little more laugh,
A little less cry.
A little more flowers,
On the path of life,
And fewer on graves,
At the end of the strife.

World's Shortest Fairy Tale

Once upon a time, a guy asked a girl to marry him. The girl said, "No!" And the guy lived happily ever after and rode motorcycles and went fishing and hunting and played golf a lot and drank beer and scotch and had money in the bank and left the toilet seat up when he wanted to.

My English Lesson For Today

i before e except... when either your weird feisty neighbor or his eight foreign heirs forfeit their beige heifers and seize freight.

The Remembrance Book

Central Division has completed three editions of our **Remembrance Book** containing almost 500 obituaries of teachers who, at one time, taught in the area of Central Division. These obituaries have been compiled since we began in 1981 and are now done in loose-leaf form because of the cost of printing.

We are presently working on **Remembrance Book 4**. In this respect we are seeking information on other deceased teachers. If you were a family member or a friend you could help by completing the Information Sheet at the back and sending it to a member of the Central Executive. These deceased teachers are:

AVERY, Silas Maxwell	2011	MIFFLIN, Clive	2013
BAXENDALE, Bradford	2005	MILLEY, Georgina	2015
BRAGG, Michael	2013	MOORE, Harry	2004
BRAZIL, Lynn	2000	NEWHOOK, Frederick J.	1999
CORNICK, Judy	2010	PELLEY, Neil	2011
CULL, James	2013	PENNY, Bruce	1998
DAWE, Wallace	2006	REID, Faye	2008
EARLE, Wilson	2003	ROBERTS, Ruth E.	2001
GALE, Susanna	2013	RUSSELL, Brig. Stella	2001
JACKMAN, Barry	2006	SHORT, Lloyd	2015
LITTLE, Walter	2003	STACY, Annie	????
LOCKYER, George	2009	STROUD, John	2014
MANNING, Bridget	2006	STROWBRIDGE, John	2002

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You may read this edition and previous editions on the following website:

http://files.nlta.nl.ca/wp-content/uploads/public/documents/rtanl/rtanl_nwsletters.html

For those members who need a hard copy delivered to them, please contact a member of the Central Executive.

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***.

Honour Roll

The following is a list of the members who passed away since the inception of the Central Division of the Retired Teachers' Association in June 1980.

- 1981: ABBOTT, Shirley; BOLAND, Edgar; BURDEN, Hayward T.; CURTIS, Reginald W.
1982: BOONE, Ruby (Bowring); CHALK, Harry; LAING, Aubrey Bruce; PIKE, Susie
1983: CRANT, Russell; BISHOP, William (Bill); SNELGROVE, Douglas; WARREN, Edna M.
1984: ELLIOTT, Violet; FORD, Howard S.; JACKMAN, Theodore; KELLIGREW, Mark; LETHBRIDGE, Myra Grace; MANUEL, Edith M.; SMITH, Kathleen Regina
1985: BOONE, Patricia D.; BUTLER, Mary (Aylward); MORRIS, Harold; MURPHY, Wilfred; NIPPARD, Wesley Charles
1986: BANFIELD, Frazer; DWYER, Allan G.; PERRY, Gordon; RUSSELL, Alfreda Kathleen; SHORT, Beatrice; THOMAS, Mabel; THOMS, James Ernest
1987: COLE, Alan John; PENNY, Boyd; SNELGROVE, Maj. Pearl
1988: BOURDEN, Doreen; DUNN, Sr. Fabian; LOCKE, Gertrude
1989: COLLINS, Elizabeth (Betty); COOK, Angus; GILLINGHAM, Marjorie; LACEY, Alice; MERCER, Terry Winston; PARSONS, George; PYNN, Lorna; WHITEWAY, Stanley
1990: BRAGG, Daniel W.; BRAGG, Mary; BUTLER, Neville; GILL, Grace; LANE, Nina; LODER, Harold B.; MARTIN, W. Wade; RANDELL, Rev. Clarence C.; SHEPPARD, Cecil E.; TILLER, Ishmael
1991: ABBOTT, Berkley; ANDREWS, Alfred; GILLINGHAM, Ralph; YOUNG, Arthur H.
1992: AUCOIN, Sr. Bernadette; BOUZANNE, Sr. Celestine; CARLESON, Sheila; FITZGERALD, James; KEEPING, Rowena; LANE, Cornelius; ROSE, Margaret Rodway; SELLARS, Felix; SELIDON, Connie
1993: CHALK, Walter; KELLY, Stewart; MACINTYRE, Mary; OLDFORD, Stephen Blair; PEARCE, Lily; PHILPOTT, Marie; ROSE, Berkley; SLADE, Melvin; THOMAS, Willoughby; WALSH, Aloysius; WHEATON, Irving; WHITE, Joseph Freeman
1994: BOLAND, John P.; BURRY, Owen William; BURTON, Otis; CHALK, Albert; CLARKE, Rex; DRAKE, Evangeline Edna; EVANS, Ralph; GALLARDO, Eugenia (Marquez); HANN, Winston; HODDER, Walter; HOFFE, Crystal; MOORE, Edwin; PATEY, Brig. Cecil; WALBOURNE, Peter; WHITEWAY, Everett; WILLIAMS, Maj. Philip.
1995: BUTTON, Samuel D.; CHAPPELL, Netta; DAVIS, Janie (Sparkes); FRANSON, Leonard Eric; GILLET, Abram M.; GILLINGHAM, Juanita; KELLY, Mary; MURPHY, Alice M.; NOEL, Marion; ROSE, Rev. J. Merrill; SCAMMELL, Arthur R.
1996: BROADERS, Margaret; BROOKING, Gertrude; BUFFETT, C.Lloyd; DOWDING, Hubert; GULLIFORD, Lawrence; MARSHALL, Robert Raymond; MILLER, Florence; NOLAN, Inez; WARREN, Nellie
1997: BARBOUR, Emma; BOYD, Allan; BRADLEY, Christina; GWILLIAM, Dorothy; HOGAN, Florence; HOPKINS, Marcus; KINDEN, Sophie; MILLS, Mildred; MORRIS, Fred; O'BRIEN, Sr. Mary Redempta; PEACH, Elsie; PELLE, Nita; ROCKWOOD, Derek; SHEPPARD, George; TURNER, Abram; VIVIAN, Rex
1998: BROWN, Stephen H.; HEAD, Elizabeth (Glavine); MATTHEWS, Ruth; MULLETT, Maxwell; NOEL, Truman; PENNY, Bruce; PRITCHETT, Belle; TOOPE, Stewart R.
1999: BULGIN, Shirley; BUTT, Freeman; CONNORS, Patricia Ann; DUFFETT, Leslie; HALE, Frederick P.; HILARIO, Marina; HILL, James; HOBBS, Calvin N.; NEWHOOK, Frederick J.; PARSONS, Sandy; WILLIAMS, Willis
2000: BARNES, Edward; BECK, Harvey J. W.; BRAKE, Ruby Eileen; BRAZIL, Lynn; CASSELL, Marjorie Louise; ELLIOTT, Howard; ELLIOTT, Jean; ELLIOTT, Meryl Marie; ENNIS, Barbara Anne; FELTHAM, Elijah; HICKMAN, Dean George A.; HISCOCK, Vernon W.; KELLY, Joan Ann; McPHERSON, Mollie E.; O'KEEFE, Alice; PICKENS, Terry; STARKES, Florence; STONE, Lloyd; SUTTON, Douglas Gordon; TRASK, Boyd; TROKE, Raymond
2001: BOND, Elsie; DAY, Marilyn; DUNPHY, Donna; EASTMAN, Wilson; ELLIOTT, Hubert; FOSTER, Mervyn Roy; GREEN, Daniel; HALL, Albert; HILLYARD, Elizabeth; LEGROW, Bernice; LEGROW, Samuel H.; OAKLEY, Frazer; ROBERTS, Ruth E.; RUSSELL, Brig. Stella; ST. CROIX, Christina; WIGHT, N. Ray

Honour Roll

- 2002:** **NECHO**, Ena; **PADDOCK**, Norman; **PARSONS**, Ronald; **PENNY**, Cecil James, **ROBERTS**, Terrance; **STROWBRIDGE**, John; **THORNE**, Curtis
- 2003:** **BLANCHARD**, Myles; **BULL**, Cyril; **BURTON**, Pratt; **COISH**, Stanley; **EARL**, Wilson; **GALE**, Francis; **GILLET**, Blanche C; **GRANT**, Mary; **GOODYEAR**, Audrey; **HILLIER**, Debbie Moss; **HOLLOHAN**, Marion; **JONES**, Violet Maude; **KELLY**, Michael; **LITTLE**, Walter; **McCORMICK**, Mary Amelia; **MESSERVEY**, Jean Ellen; **PAYNE**, Gertrude; **PIERCEY**, Elmo; **ROBBINS**, Raymond; **ROWSELL**, Elizabeth; **SMART**, Cheryl Julie; **SPURRELL**, Chesley; **THOMPSON**, Rita
- 2004:** **BARKER**, Margaret; **BURTON**, Louise M.; **CRUMMEY**, Clyde; **KELLY**, Ambrose; **LEYTE**, Frank; **MOORE**, Harry; **NORMAN**, Eric; **O'TOOLE**, Neta Madonna; **REID**, Harry; **ROGERS**, Eric; **SNELGROVE**, Maj. Herbert; **THISTLE**, Harris; **WILLIAMS**, Clement; **WOOLRIDGE**, Lorne
- 2005:** **ARKLIE**, Robert; **BAXENDALE**, Bradford; **BUDGELL**, Gwendolyn; **BUTLER**, Frederick; **CLARKE**, Joan; **COLLINS**, Maxine; **COMBDEN**, Edward; **COOPER**, Orville; **CROKE**, John; **GULLIFORD**, Eric; **MEADUS**, Vina; **ROBBINS**, Wesley; **ROSE**, Marie; **SINGH**, Harbhaian Manocha; **SMALL**, Nellie; **SMITH**, Frank; **SMITH**, Raymond; **WALL**, Sr. Mary Gertrude; **WAY**, Cluney; **WINDSOR**, Maunda
- 2006:** **BOYLE**, Paul; **BROWN**, Ellen; **BUTLER**, Jaye; **DAWE**, Bramwell; **DAWE**, Walter C.; **HATCHER**, Lloyd C.; **HODDER**, Geraldine; **HYNES**, Leonard; **JACKMAN**, Barry; **JEANS**, David; **LEWIS**, Charles; **LEWIS**, Verna; **MANNING**, Bridget; **MURRAY**, Mary; **OLDFORD**, Conrad; **PARSONS**, John Jacob; **ROSE**, Janie; **SHUGLO**, Faith; **STRYDE**, Maude; **THORNE**, Gertrude; **WRIGHT**, Aubrey
- 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; **CRITCH**, Charlie (William); **FOLEY**, Sylvia; **FORDE**, Arthur Leslie; **HEFFERN**, Barbara Mary; **KING**, Catherine; **NURSE**, Joseph; **PALMER**, Raymond; **POWER**, Pierce; **REARDON**, Benedict; **REES**, Sadie Eunice; **REID**, Faye; **RIDEOUT**, Amelia; **SHANKEL-WOOLFREY**, Sheri; **SHEA**, Bernadette; **SILK**, Nina; **SMITH**, Nina; **SNOW**, Alfred; **SPURRELL**, Ronald; **STACEY**, Annie; **STUCKEY**, Kimberley; **STUCKLESS**, Iona Grace; **WALSH**, Kathleen; **WHITEWAY**, Diane; **WOOLRIDGE**, Freda
- 2009:** **ANDREWS**, Doreen; **BABSTOCK**, Roy; **BISHOP**, Nellie Louise; **BLANCHARD**, Lloyd; **BOYD**, 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; **DOWNEY**, Arthur; **FISHER**, Alma; **FREAKE**, Madeline Constance; **HOLLETT**, Jamie Oswald; **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; **BLACKWOOD**, Frank; **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

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- 2012:** **ABBOTT**, Roland W.; **ANDREWS**, Pearl; **BAKER**, Dorothy Lynn; **BLACKMORE**, Mary; **BOONE**, Wallace Whitfield; **BURKE**, Leo Joseph; **CARROLL**, Sr. Mary Paschal; **COLBOURNE**, Maxwell; **DOYLE**, Sr. Teresa; **FEWER**, Sr. Tarcisia; **FOLEY**, Anthony; **GILL**, Lester Densmore; **GOULDING**, Aubrey; **GREENE**, Angela; **GULLAGE**, Isaac W.; **HOBBS**, Allan Walter; **HOBBS**, Maj. Amelia; **HOBBS**, Maj. Rodger; **HOLLETT**, Delphine; **HYNES**, Ronald Patrick; **JEWER**, Audrey Veta; **LANE**, Watson; **LANGDON**, Donald E.; **NORRIS**, Gordon Thomas; **OLDFORD**, Henrietta; **PADDOCK**, Munn R.; **PARDY**, Bridget; **PENNY**, H. Clifford; **PICKETT**, Patrick; **POND**, Walter John; **PRETTY**, Reginald; **REARDON**, Sr. Mary Corona; **ROBERTS**, Nina J.; **ROGERS**, Laura; **RYAN**, Sr. Norberta; **SAMSON**, Margery; **SAUNDERS**, Marguerite; **TULK**, Claude; **WELLS**, Joyce
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- 2014:** **ABBOTT**, Edgar; **ANDREWS**, Martha; **ARBOR**, Kay; **BATSTONE**, Gerald C.; **BLACKMORE**, Mary E.; **BOYD**, Madge Louise; **BUDGELL**, Kim; **CARTER**, Myrtle; **COLLINS**, Trevor; **COOK**, Marie; **CURTIS**, Mabel; **DALTON**, Marie; **DAY**, Gerald E.; **EARLE**, Hilda; **ELLIOTT**, Selena; **FRY**, Augustus; **HENNESSEY**, Dolorosa; **HEWITT**, Owen H.; **KNIGHT**, Jean T.; **LANGDON**, Louise; **LAYMAN**, Dr. Grace; **MOORE**, Sr. Anastasia; **MOORE**, Sr. Sarah; **MULLETT**, Emily Frances; **NICOLLE**, Amy; **NOFTALL**, Veronica; **PARMITER**, Audrey; **PEDDLE**, Viola; **POLLARD**, Hector; **ROEBOTHAM**, Gordon; **SINGH**, Gurbax; **STROUD**, Audrey; **STROUD**, John; **STUCKLESS**, Marian; **SULLIVAN**, Sr. Patrice; **TOMS**, Doris Jane; **YOUNG**, Walter John
- 2015:** **BAKER**, Eldon; **BARNES**, Murdock; **BERESFORD-LALONDE**, Sarah; **BEST**, Elizabeth; **BLAKE**, Reta; **BRADBURY**, Goldie; **BREWER**, Ronald W.; **BUTTON**, Leonard; **CAREY**, Mary; **CURTIS**, Anne Mary; **DECKER**, George S.; **DENNY**, Frank; **DOLLIMOUNT**, Norma; **DROVER**, Aloysius; **FARRELL**, Alphonsus; **FELTHAM**, Beverley; **FELTHAM**, John Gordon; **FORD**, Dorothy; **GOODLAND**, Archelaus; **HICKEY**, Sr. Anne; **LAKE**, Jasper; **MILLEY**, Georgina L.; **MILLS**, Royden; **MOONEY**, Sr. Amelia; **MORRIS**, Henry; **MOULAND**, William; **OSMOND**, Gladys; **PORTER**, Walter R.; **POTTLE**, Jeanette; **PRYOR**, Jerry; **PYE**, Darryl; **RALPH**, Nathan W.; **ROWE**, Martin G.; **SCOTT**, Ruth F.; **SHORT**, Lloyd; **SINGH**, Mohinder; **SMITH**, William James; **SMITH**, Sr. Margaret; **ST. CROIX**, Sr. Anna; **SWEENEY**, Roseanne W.; **TAPPER**, Sr. Eugenie; **TUCKER**, Dr. Otto; **VEY**, Lester M.; **WITCHER**, Sidney L.
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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: _____

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