



# Summer News Flyer

August, 2004

Member of ACER-CART

## President's Message

Greetings to all members of the Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador! I hope you are all enjoying the great weather we have been having since mid-July.

Once again it has become necessary to send out a Summer News Flyer in order to make sure that certain important information reaches our members on time.

Although the material for our regular Newsletter has been at the NLTA Print Plant since early June (and most of it was ready for printing quite a while before that), heavy workload at the Print Plant prevented the staff there from getting our Newsletter printed. Consequently, I have had to rewrite much of the material because of time-related information contained in the "news" items. (Even a simple "Have a great summer" becomes outdated after the middle of the season!) Since the beginning of July, holiday schedules at the Print Plant have combined with heavy workload to cause further delay, so that the earliest time they can get started on our Newsletter is early September. We have explained how important it is to have the Newsletter in our members' hands before the October BGM, but there is really no way that they can guarantee even the September printing.

Treasurer Clayton and I will be discussing this ongoing problem at our Liaison meeting with the NLTA Executive Director on August 11th, to see whether some better

Newsletter printed and mailed by some other printer. Of course, since any outside printing company would be expecting to make a profit, we realize that it would probably cost us much more than we are paying at present.

One thing is certain, as our membership increases (It has now passed the 5000 mark.), it is becoming increasingly difficult to get our printed Newsletter prepared for mailing (placed in envelopes, sealed, addressed, stamped, etc.) by volunteers. It has become a monumental task for the same faithful few who have been performing this service over and over.

We will keep you updated on our efforts to find a solution to the "Newsletter Delays". Also, for those of you who are "on the Net", we have been assured that any important information will be placed on the **RTANL Link** of the **NLTA Website**. We ask you, please, to share any information you get with members who do not have Internet access.

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**PLEASE pay careful attention to the IMPORTANT news items on pages 2, 3, & 4 of this Flyer.**  
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Join us in Gander to celebrate "Retirement: Something to Crow About".

*ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER!!*

*Gladys Costella*

## Reminders & Upcoming Events

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### AVALON EAST:

#### In October:

Our annual "Octoberfest".

#### In November:

Our annual "Learn Something New Day" (Dates will be confirmed in the Division's Fall Flyer.).

**\*\*Reminder:** Please call Visitation Convenor Joe Ryall at 368-1174, if you know of any retired teacher who would like a visit.

### BONAVISTA:

#### In October:

About mid-month, our first meeting for 2004-05. (Members will be notified in September of exact time and place.)

### BURIN:

On September 27, 2004:

We have scheduled a dinner meeting at Wong's Restaurant. Members will be given details via VOXM radio and The Southern Compass (the "What's Happening" column).

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE for RTANL & RTF ELECTIONS

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At the October, 2004, RTANL active members present at the October 6 th morning session of the Association's BGM will elect the Provincial Executive for 2004-2006. Also, at the Retired Teachers' Foundation BGM on October 7 th, the members present will elect the Foundation's Board of Directors for 2004-2006.

**ALL members are encouraged to offer themselves for office** or to nominate members for any position on the Provincial Executive or on the Foundation's Board. A Nominating Committee (as listed below) has been set up to receive nominations prior to the BGM, but nominations may also come from the floor at the BGM.

### **Positions on Provincial Executive:**

President	Secretary	Treasurer
Vice-President	Past President	4 Members-at-large

### **Positions on the Foundation's Board:**

Chairperson	Secretary	Treasurer
Vice-Chairperson	3 Members-at-large	

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2004:**

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## \*\*\*\*BGM 2004 & OUR EIGHTH REUNION\*\*\*\*

### *"RETIREMENT: SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT"*

Remember the Dates: **October 5 - 7, 2004**

Deadline for Registration: **September 24, 2004**

Have you registered? Have you booked your accommodations?

Send your form to:

**Clayton Rice**

29 Diana Road

St. John's, NL, A1B 1H7 .....**NOW!!**

For information, call Clayton at (709) 753-3920

**SEE YOU THERE !**

## Tales Told By Teachers, Volume I

It's back! A second printing of this very popular collection of tales related by teachers will be available the first week of October, 2004.

The first printing (2000 copies) was sold out in three months, and people from as far away as British Columbia still call to ask, "Where can I get a copy of Tales Told By Teachers?"

The 98 retired teachers who penned the 131 tales (in prose and poetry) in the first volume gave us a vivid, and sometimes poignant, picture of what teaching school was like years ago; they also revealed what teaching meant to them. Three of our authors were in their nineties when they submitted their material for this "Book of Memories", but still recalled quite clearly their experiences as very young teachers (fifteen and sixteen years of age) facing their first teaching assignment, in a one-room school with students to be taught every subject from Kindergarten to High School – a daunting task for a teacher of any age!

In Tales Told By Teachers, Volume I, you will find moments to make you shed a tear, have a chuckle, or maybe even identify as being similar to an experience you had during your days in the classroom. **If you did not get a copy the first time around, now is your chance.** If you want to add your name to the waiting list, call, write, or e-mail Secretary Emily or President Gladys (addresses on page 2 of our regular Newsletter).

\*\* Cost per copy is \$ 12.95 (plus postage, where applicable)

### \*\*\*\*\*REMINDERS\*\*\*\*\*

NLTA Website: Go to [www.nlta.nf.ca](http://www.nlta.nf.ca). Then click on the RTANL link.

Tales Told By Teachers, Volume II: Articles, stories, etc. **STILL NEEDED**. Contact Philip Patey, phone 535-2569.

Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation: Tickets still available on the Lloyd Pretty print, the double-bed quilt, the lap rug/single-bed quilt, and the set of placemats. **Call Anita (747-3460).**

## Reminders & Upcoming Events

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### CENTRAL:

On September 24, 2004:

Our 24th AGM and Election of Officers.

On November 17, 2004 (tentative date):

Our Annual Sale & Auction. We are hoping for increased involvement and a great response at all events in 2004-05!

### COAST OF BAYS:

On September 21, 2004:

Our AGM and Election of Officers at Motel Bay D'Espoir, Luncheon meeting beginning at 11:30am. **We need new members for Executive. Please get involved.**

### CON-TRI:

In October:

Our AGM and Election of Officers for 2004-05 will take place at a luncheon meeting in mid-October. Members will be given exact details in September via The Compass and the local Community Channel.

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### WESTERN:

On September 8, 2004:

Our AGM and Election of Officers will take place during a luncheon meeting at Bennett Hall in Corner Brook.

Also in September, during the week after the Children's Wish Foundation Telethon, members of our Division will once again be at Rogers Cable in Corner Brook to collect pledges made during the Telethon.

### LAB WEST REGIONAL:

On October 7, 2004:

Our first Breakfast meeting for the 2004-05 year. We continue to hold our Breakfast meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

**\*\*Reminder:** Please remember your food item for the area's Food Banks.

**INFORMATION** on Political Action, ACER-CART, our Retired Teachers' Foundation, and Membership Benefits will be given in the next Newsletter and at the October BGM.

## NOTICES of MOTION for RTANL BGM 2004

**Article IX of the Retired Teachers' Foundation Constitution and Article VIII of the By-Laws** read as follows:

1. *This Constitution [ These By-Laws ] may be amended **only** with the approval of the Sponsoring Body at its Biennial General Meeting; and*
2. *Notice of Motion for such amendments must be given at least one month prior to the BGM.*
3. *At the BGM, a two-thirds majority is required for the amendment to pass.*

The **Foundation's Board of Directors** therefore presents these **Notices of Motion** for the **RTANL 2004 BGM** :

1. In the **RTF Constitution, Article V: Powers, Item 4** :

Moved that this item be deleted and replaced with a **new Item 4** to read:

*Maintain the value of the Foundation's invested funds at a minimum of one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000.), and disburse and distribute accrued interest **plus** a percentage of current annual donations that is in accordance with the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency Guidelines.*

2. In the **RTF By-Laws, Article VI: Fiscal Responsibility, Item 3:**

Moved that the words "April", "March", and "following" be replaced with the words "January", "December", and "same", respectively, so that **Item 3** will then read:

*The Fiscal Year of the Foundation shall be from the first day of January to the thirty- first day of December of the same year.*

3. In the **RTF By-laws, Article VII: The Seal, Item 1:**

Moved that the words "shall at all times be kept in the custody of the Chairperson" be deleted and replaced with the words "shall be kept in the Foundation's filing cabinet at the Foundation's Official Address (3 Kenmount Road, St. John's, NL) except when required for use as stated in Item 2 of this Article."

**Rationale:** At the BGM, Anita Finn, Chairperson of the Foundation's Board of Directors, will present the rationale for each of these proposed amendments.

**\*\*\* Provincial Executive of RTANL recommends acceptance of these proposed amendments.**