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President's Message

Geraldine Wall

It's hard to believe that my first year as President has sped by so quickly. It seems that the busier one is, the faster time flies. This has certainly been an interesting year. Spring arrived much later than normal; however, we were filled with anticipation that surely summer would follow closely. We waited in June, then late into July, but still did not feel the warmth of summer. We did get a few warm days in mid to late August. We then looked forward to "maybe" a good fall season. September did bring a few good days, but also plenty of rain and treacherous driving conditions for those of us who found ourselves traveling to meetings. Late September and early October gave us brilliant autumn colours here in the beautiful Humber Valley. However, on October 6 some areas received the first taste of what is to come – SNOW! We did return to warmer than usual sunny days, then October 30 gave us our first real snowfall. Whether we like it or not, it's a fact of life in this area. We can endure or enjoy. However we choose to spend winter, it is the time of year when we return to what we love to do – volunteering. Many retired teachers give generously of their time and talent to many and varied organizations and causes.

I welcome all new retirees and encourage you to get involved in your Association. The year 2012 is BGM and Reunion year. The theme for the 12th conference is *Living Well in 2012*. On October 2-4, 2012, come join us at the Holiday Inn, St. John's. Renew old friendships and make new ones. The application form is found in the back of this newsletter and is also available on our website.

Your Association has been a very active member of the Public Sector Pensioners' Coalition. We

have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of our members. You are all aware of the many activities in which we participated prior to the provincial election. During meetings across the province, candidates were made aware of the issues. We did not receive the majority support that we anticipated from our members. That was very disappointing for those who had worked so hard. I thank all of you who attended and spoke out during these meetings. Do not be discouraged; we will continue to work with Government to improve benefits for our members. There are still many items to be discussed in the future. It's a new day, and with a change in direction, we hope we can make a difference. During my recent meetings in St. John's, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Coalition. We look forward to meeting with Government and charting a new direction of cooperation. A letter has already been sent to the Minister of Finance, Mr. Tom Marshall.

A liaison meeting was held with the NLTA during the St. John's trip. We continue to receive excellent support from the NLTA. There was a great exchange of ideas. Suggestions for discussion came from several divisions. To that end I am happy to report that the NLTA now sponsors Financial Wellness Seminars for active teachers to prepare them for the reality of retirement. Many of us would have benefited from such forums. We are not members of the bargaining unit and therefore cannot be a member of the negotiating team as was suggested by one division. I also remind all members that access to *The Bulletin* is available to all retired teachers on the NLTA website. Subscriptions can also be ordered from the NLTA. Mr. Ed Hancock, Executive Director

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**12th Reunion of
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To receive information that may become available between Newsletters, please go to the NLTA website: www.nlta.nl.ca and click on RTANL on the LINKS page. Please share any information with fellow RTANL members who do not have access to the Web. (Once again, we thank the NLTA for letting us avail of this website.)

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of the NLTA, will be doing a presentation on Pension Funding during BGM 2012. That's a session you don't want to miss.

The dedication shown by the seven divisions of our Association is phenomenal. These volunteers work tirelessly to improve life for our members as well as provide social activities throughout the year. Please support your local leaders and the division activities. I had the pleasure of attending the spring barbecue and social of Con-Tri Division. I shared a great meal and the opportunity to socialize with friends I had not seen in quite a while. The division keeps me well informed of its various activities. I attended the spring social of Central Division held at Gander in June – another wonderful meal and a great evening of socializing and dancing. The hospitality was great. Congratulations to newly elected President of Central Division, Thomas Kendell, and his executive. I was scheduled to visit Coast of Bays during the fall; however, due to circumstances beyond my control, that did not happen. I look forward to getting there in the spring. It's an area of our province that I have not yet visited. I have attended all social activities and meetings of my home Western Division. Congratulations to Francis Reardon and his executive on their re-election. I am looking forward to the Christmas Social. It's always a sellout. Congratulations to the newly elected executive of Burin Division under the leadership of Nadine Croucher. We are delighted to see Burin Division reactivated. Many new members

have become involved and that is promising for our Association. We are there to support you in any way we can. Bonavista Division, I look forward to visiting you in the spring. Thank you for your input. I can always count on you. We look forward to the support of Avalon East Division to help make our 12th BGM and Reunion a resounding success. You will be playing a key role for us as Host Division. We are counting on all divisions to promote our BGM and Reunion, and to encourage members to attend. I have not missed one since my retirement 15 years ago. Once you have attended, you will want to come back.

We continue to support our number one charity. The Retired Teachers' Foundation for children who are incapacitated has just presented \$24,000 to nine children's charities. It was a very emotional presentation. I wish all of you had been there. It's a joy to be a part of such a wonderful charity. In retirement, we still continue to make a positive difference in the lives of children. What more can one ask?

As our year draws to a close, we look forward to the Blessed Christmas Season. May all of you share in the joy of the season with those dearest to you. On behalf of your Provincial Executive, a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Avalon East Division

Dianne Squarey

A warm welcome to all newly retired members across the province from Avalon East Division. We also extend a hearty welcome back to another RTANL year to our friends, near and far.

Many have called this past summer “the summer that never was”, but fall certainly could be classified as “Little Summer”. The weather was dry and clear with many a glorious day or summery evening. The fall foliage showed its spectacular display of red, burgundy, orange, and yellow. In our gardens, the dahlias and gladiolas were simply breathtaking. However, I am sure that by the time you read this report, our gardens will have been put to bed awaiting the onset of winter.

Since our last report, we have been busy with the usual mixture of business and social activities. We held our AGM at Lester’s Farm in early June. It was well attended and we enjoyed a tasty luncheon of locally grown vegetables with a choice of pork or salmon. Jim Lester spoke to us about the history of the farm and the pros of container gardening.

While this was not an election year, we did have a member-at-large vacancy as Bernadette Power stepped down. Ms. Denise Barbour was elected to this position and we offer her a very warm welcome to the AED executive. We also offer Bernadette a huge thank you for her stellar contribution to AED over the past six years. She is not leaving us completely as she will continue in the role of a member of the social committee. Thank you, Bernadette. We also held our year-end BBQ on June 4 at the Elk’s Club. It was a grand evening despite the competition of it being the night of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The tremendous work of the Coalition re our pensions and the fall election ensured we got off to an early start with an Executive meeting early Friday morning on the Labour Day weekend. We wanted to get our newsletter out and keep our members informed re the proposed rally at Confederation Building as well as the upcoming Coalition meetings across the Island. For better or worse, the election results will be old hat so to speak by the time this newsletter goes to print.



We remain busy with two major upcoming events. We hosted our annual Octoberfest on October 17, followed by our Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair on December 5. This year we added two “Learn Something New” seminars during Octoberfest. The first session was “Home Organization Tips” with Stella Studley, an interior decorator and home organizer. It proved neat for the pack rats amongst us. The second session, titled “Group Travel” and hosted by retired teacher, Brian Bursey, dealt with trips abroad. It provided a wonderful opportunity to learn something of interest as well as a time to have a grand chat with old and new friends. Accompanied by a delicious meal and great prizes, what more could we ask for! It was indeed a time to reflect on our many blessings and share the joys of the season.



Other future events are in the making. They involve possibly a day of Bridge, a scuff or two, hiking, curling, snowshoeing, future seminars, and our year-end BBQ. We remain busy with the day-to-day business of the Division. AED will also host the Provincial Biennial General Meeting and Reunion which will be held October 2-4, 2012 here in St. John’s. We extend an invitation to all our colleagues across this great province to plan to attend. Stay tuned to Provincial news to receive more information regarding this event.

We continue to support the local School Lunch Program and our own RTANL Foundation for Incapacitated Children. Regarding the latter, AED, through its Bakeless Bake Sale, ticket sales and a yearly donation on behalf of our deceased members, was able to donate over \$6,000 this past year. We hope the support of our members for their Foundation only continues to grow. I am sure you will hear more from chairperson, Jim Dobson, regarding the children's charities chosen and the amounts to be given on your behalf.

In closing, on behalf of the executive of AED, I wish everyone a safe and rewarding year. May each of us make a difference on whatever path we choose to travel.

Bonavista Division

Harold Tremblett

Since my last report, our executive members have met formally twice, and there have been two general meetings and a year-end social.

At our March 30 executive meeting in Catalina, we began discussions concerning the possibility of organizing a meeting of the Public Sector Pensions' Coalition for our area on April 19. Our executive had been contacted earlier to see if we were interested in setting up a local committee to organize a general meeting for public service pensioners. All of our executive members volunteered to take the lead role in this initiative. This decision led to the setting up of a local committee with representation from the various public service retiree groups. This new committee then met several times to make plans and select a venue for a public service pensioners meeting for our area.



The Public Service Pensioners' Coalition meeting was held at the Bonavista Lions Club on April 19. Approximately 70 people attended to hear presentations by Sharron Callahan and Ralph Morris

from the Provincial Coalition. The information presented to the attendees sparked many questions and concerns, and certainly raised an awareness of the pension issues. This heightened awareness of the pension issues was one of our objectives in the planning of this meeting.

At our May 10 executive meeting in Bonavista we discussed some ideas for our final general meeting for the year later in May and made some plans for our year-end social in June. Our President, Beverly Fisher, presented a report on an April 13 provincial meeting that she attended in St. John's, and which was attended by division presidents and provincial executive members.



Our final general meeting for the year was held on May 17 at Walkham's Hill Pub and Coffee Shop in Bonavista. Our special speaker for this occasion was Harvey Mouland, Assistant Manager of the newly renovated Garrick Theatre in Bonavista. Harvey talked to us about the activities currently underway at the Garrick and about the new Summer Music Series that was being planned for the upcoming tourist season. Before he left, our names were placed in a hat for a draw, and Harvey presented Ned Miffin, Theresa White, Bram Mouland, and Cheryl Stagg, with a free movie pass. We also circulated a donation can and collected money for the Cole Family Fund that had been set up to help a needy Elliston family of eleven, including nine children, who had lost their home in a fire and carried no insurance. It was also decided that we should take this donation can to our year-end social so that others would have an opportunity to donate to this worthy cause. Following the meeting we were treated to a delicious lunch served by the establishment's staff.

Our year-end social was a dinner held on June 11 at Hotel Bonavista. Gordon Fudge, one of our members, brought along his guitar and entertained us with a

selection of enjoyable well-known songs. \$152.18 was added to the donation can for the Cole Family Fund. Also, Harold Tremblett presented a video review of our year's activities. This video, available in several parts, can be viewed on the Internet at: <http://albums.phanfare.com/isolated/Wk2H932f/1/5159135>



Other items of interest from our division:

- Eight of our members participated in the annual curling funspiel at the Bonavista Stadium in March 2011.
- Beverly Fisher, our President, served on the area committee that organized the arrival of the Stanley Cup in Bonavista on August 30. Beverly represented RTANL since area groups were asked for a volunteer representative.
- We continue to send cards to the sick. Barbara Duffett, a member of our executive, does an excellent job with this service.
- A Garrick Theatre seat was purchased on November 5, 2010 by Calvin Boyce, our treasurer, on behalf of our Division. A RTANL nameplate is to be permanently affixed to this seat.
- \$100 was recently sent to the Retired Teachers' Foundation in memory of Harvey Baker, Albert Quinton, and Gertrude Sellers.
- We sent a card to Mr. Gordon Broderick, Principal of Discovery Collegiate in Bonavista, congratulating him on being awarded Canada's Outstanding Principal for 2011.
- We have a number of copies of *Tales Told by Teachers, Vol. I* and *Tales Told by Teachers, Vol. II* for sale at \$10 each. Members of our Division – Wilson Harris, Clarence Dewling, and the late Sam (Ack) Ryan – have contributed stories to the latest edition. Members wishing to buy copies can do so by contacting Calvin Boyce.

Central Division

Thomas Kendell

This is my first report as the President of RTANL Central Division. I have a dual role as President of Central Division and also Vice-President of the Provincial Executive of RTANL.

At our Annual General Meeting in September we elected a new executive for a two-year term 2011-13: Thomas Kendell, Grand Falls-Windsor, President; Gerald Giles, Port Blandford, Vice-President; Malba Butt, Gander, Treasurer; and Donald Carter, Gander, Communications Officer. Jim Warren from Gander was appointed to fill the vacancy as Secretary. By a notice of motion at our September meeting the chairs of the Remembrance Book Committee and the Cornucopia Newsletter were added to the Executive at our October Meeting.

During the past year we have had our regular and executive meetings in April, May, September, October and November. In June we had our 31st Annual Banquet and Dance at Hotel Gander which was very well attended. The master of ceremonies was past President Philip Patey and President Geraldine Wall brought greetings from the Provincial Executive. Mr. William (Bill) Day from Clarendville was presented with a plaque for his volunteerism to the Central Division. Bill served on the executive of Central Division and then two years as Provincial President. The C. Lloyd Buffett Memorial Award of \$1,000 was presented to the Retired Teachers' Foundation. This award recognizes the late Mr. Buffett for his significant contribution to the creation of the Foundation and to this Division.



In Central Division we endeavor to get guest speakers for the afternoons at our general meetings. In April we had author Bruce Stagg who gave a presentation describing his experiences while writing his book



The Blackwood Schooner. It was a very interesting and informative presentation that generated many questions from the audience. In May we had well known gardener and CBC commentator David Morrow from Grand Falls-Windsor who spoke on gardening and climate change. In October we had our Annual Fall Sale and Auction where we raised \$589.50 in sales and donations for the Retired Teachers' Foundation. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for those who brought items along for sale, those who bought them and those who generously donated to this very worthwhile cause.

In May and September of this year there were meetings throughout our Division by the Public Sector Pensioners' Coalition. Those meetings were organized by local people with presentations by Sharron Callahan and Ralph Morris of the NLPSPA. Those meetings were well attended and retirees expressed their displeasure with Government's position on increases in public pensions. The PAC Committee of Central Division organized the meetings in Grand Falls-Windsor and Gander. I would like to express my thanks to Frances Reid, Mel King, Don Carter and Colin Morris for all their efforts in getting people out to those meetings.

In Central Division we are publishing a second Book of Remembrance that will be out in the very near future. We published one Book of Remembrance in 1998 and are ready to print the second volume listing 182 obituaries. These books include the names of teachers, retired or otherwise, from Central Newfoundland who are deceased. These books will be placed in libraries throughout Central Newfoundland and in The Rooms. Thanks to the efforts of retirees Jim Dobson, Calvin G. Wheeler, Joy Freake and Brenda Blagdon who endeavor to keep the memories of deceased teachers preserved in print.

This fall the Executive of Central Division will be working on a constitutional review of our constitution

and by-laws. We want to ensure that, as a Division, our by-laws and policies are compatible with other divisions and provincial guidelines.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Mr. Calvin Wheeler from Botwood for his work with our Central Division newsletter *Cornucopia*. This newsletter is published once a year and involves much time and effort in putting this all together. It includes Minutes of Meetings, Biographies, Activities, Laughter, Memories, Tributes, Honour Roll and other great information for retired teachers. The Honour Roll is a list of members who have passed away since the inception of the Central Division of the Retired Teachers' Association in June 1980.

We continue to sell *Tales Told by Teachers Vol. I and II*. We have them in the Gift Shop at the Central Newfoundland Hospital, at bookstores, and around our communities. Copies are available to people who would like a copy by contacting anyone on the Central Division Executive. We are also selling tickets on a Lloyd Pretty print and a Christmas Dinner is planned at Sinbad's Hotel in Gander on January 6, 2012 when the winning ticket will be drawn. Any proceeds from this draw will be going towards the Retired Teachers' Foundation.

So we continue to be active and involved as a Division and are always trying to encourage more retirees to join our ranks. Even though we have our general meetings in Gander, any retired teacher from the Grand Falls-Windsor area or west of Gander can obtain a ride by contacting me or anyone on the executive.

We will not be meeting again until April 2012. On behalf of my executive and Central Division I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Con-Tri Division

Jennifer Babb

Christmas greetings are extended to all provincial retirees from the 500+ Con-Tri members. This year we are celebrating our 20th Anniversary as a Division. At our Christmas Banquet on December 1, we enjoyed a slideshow of the early days. How time flies.

We have had a busy few months since our last newsletter. At our spring barbecue, we were so happy to have a visit from our Provincial President,



Geraldine Wall. We are so glad that she was able to spend time with us as we gathered at Camp McCarthy on a lovely May evening.

We were even busy during the summer this year. Eastern Health asked us to take part in a Focus Group as part of the ongoing Health Assessment in this area. A special thank you to members Brendan White, Glenda Pike, Peg Spurrell, Gloria White, Albert Legge and Don Case for joining me and sharing their concerns with Gillian from Eastern Health.



In early September, we were blessed with one of those glorious Newfoundland fall days as we completed our annual "Not Back to School Walk" along the Heritage Shoreline Trail in Bay Roberts. We gathered at the Mad Rock Café after the walk and it was so encouraging to see some new faces as well as some regular participants. Come back next year everyone and bring along one more former colleague. We may even outgrow the Café sometime.

This time of the year the executive is busy arranging the details for our local High School Scholarships. The Christmas Banquet also demands planning time but it is all worthwhile when it is well supported by the membership.

Once again, we have indeed been busy. Maybe we will be approaching some of you to help with our ongoing

commitments. Please consider getting involved. If you are not yet on our e-mail list, contact Albert Legge at a.legge@gmail.com.

The Executive of Con-Tri wishes everyone a joyful Christmas and all the best in 2012.



Western Division

Francis Reardon

Again, Newfoundland and Labrador is blushing with the beautiful autumn colours.

I did travel to Labrador City. I left Corner Brook at 4:00 a.m. on September 20. As dawn approached I saw that some leaves were starting to change. The weather was absolutely beautiful on the Northern Peninsula, through Southern Labrador, into Goose Bay, up to Churchill Falls and on to Labrador City. I arrived in Labrador City at 7:00 p.m. on September 21.

I had a very warm meeting with our contacts there and received a wealth of information. I left on September 23, visited the school at Churchill Falls and had a meeting at Happy Valley-Goose Bay that evening. Again, the discussions were wonderful. At 3:00 a.m. on September 24, I was heading for the coast planning on having a full day of visiting. However, a flat tire changed my plans and I was forced to catch the ferry that evening. However, the crossing was cancelled so I just got a room and rested for twelve hours.

I embarked on *The Apollo* in the morning and arrived back in Corner Brook at 6:00 p.m. on September 25. My thanks to all those I met and all those who phoned or emailed with information and encouragement. My apologies go to those people I did not reach. However, I hope I will have a vacation in Labrador next year.

On my way back, the colours had really exploded and I was spellbound with the beauty of the region. CBC Radio also helped by reporting on local history. Listening to these stories while driving through their



settings was magical. I had heard about the Labrador black spruce, but when I saw those trees I had to stop several times. It is truly a scene that makes you forget all your troubles. By the way, roadside assistance on the Trans Labrador Highway is “wait a few minutes and help will come”.

Our big ending to 2010 was our annual Christmas party and dance. We always have excellent attendance. Our St. Patrick’s Day luncheon was a success. We had some Irish entertainment to green up the event. My sincere thanks to our executive, all our contacts and all our committees who worked tirelessly through this year to help our members. Sometimes it is difficult to get members to participate in events, but all that I speak to say we are doing a wonderful job. When you become a little discouraged, remember that your work is appreciated.

I attended and spoke at retirement events sponsored by the NLTA Western Branch in Corner Brook and

Deer Lake. Our local NLTA has to be commended for the warm reception they give our retired teachers. Members of our executive have actively participated in events like the coalition and meetings with our politicians. All of our executive also are active volunteers in the community as are most of our members. In spite of the recent criticisms we have received, retired teachers contribute tremendously to their communities.

We had a very successful Bi-Annual meeting on October 13, 2011. Our new executive is in place and I wish them well for the next two years. We are doing an evaluation of our division. Our goal is to continue serving our membership in the best possible way.

On October 21 we spoke at an NLTA retirement seminar in Stephenville and also planned a trip to Port Aux Basques to meet our members there.

I travel often to the Northern Peninsula where I meet and talk to members informally. I also receive many emails and calls about work that is being done in that area.

Once again I have to say that our division is very strong because of our dedicated members. I thank all of our members, our contacts, and our executive for making my job so rewarding.

Letter Box

Letter Box – allows our members to contribute to this newsletter. We are pleased that many of our members continue to respond with articles, stories, and letters and we look forward to receiving many more.

Please send your submissions (*preferably in electronic form*) to Don White, donwhite@nl.rogers.com or 76 Glendale Avenue, Mount Pearl, A1N 1N6 prior to October 15 for the Fall edition and prior to March 15 for the Spring edition.

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ACER-CART Report, June 2-4, 2011

Geraldine Wall, Director and Thomas Kendell, Observer

The 20th ACER-CART Annual General Meeting was held on June 2-4, 2011 in Ottawa. The RTANL was represented by President Geraldine Wall and Vice-President Thomas Kendell. Twenty-six delegates representing 12 (of 13) retired teacher organizations in Canada gathered to address various reports and resolutions from the Executive and member organizations. It was an opportunity to renew acquaintances, meet new friends, share ideas and report on the activities of our associations since the last AGM. National President, Vaughn Wadelius, welcomed all delegates and CTF President Mary-Lou Donnelly and Dr. Calvin Fraser, Secretary General, brought greetings on behalf of the Canadian Teachers' Federation.

Atlantic delegates attended an afternoon session during which time they discussed common concerns relevant to Canadian Atlantic Provinces Retired Teacher Organizations (CAPRTO). Plans were also initiated for a fall meeting of the group to be held in Moncton during October.

As this was the 20th Anniversary of ACER-CART, the emphasis focused on organizational review. Brian Kenny (RTO/ERO) led a Strategic Planning Seminar and introduced a concept called SWOT. Participants were asked to discuss and identify what they perceive to be Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats, in reference to ACER-CART. The input given will be used as ACER-CART continues its organizational review.

A major portion of the meeting was taken up with receiving reports from the President, the various committees, and member associations. This led to a fruitful discussion of events, and issues were raised for future consideration. Lori MacDonald-Blundon of Johnson Inc. gave a presentation on "Out of Province/Canada Travel" which was both informational and thought provoking. This included the notion of appropriate travel insurance coverage, key provisions in policies, debunking myths from facts and new developments for travel to certain destinations. When traveling, always be aware of what coverage you have.

Regular annual reports from ACER-CART Committees provided a view of the many efforts during 2010-11 to advocate and publicize the position

proposed by ACER-CART. Some highlights of the reports are as follows:

The Communications Committee reports an increase in visits to the ACER-CART website. Member organizations are well informed through the Newsletter Options twice a year, as well as through the Executive Director's Quarterly Reports. These regular reports keep member associations and directors up to date on ACER-CART activities as they advocate on behalf of all retired teachers.

The Health Services and Insurance Committee continues to be concerned about drug pricing and the use of generics. We must continue to focus on health care. Member associations have taken an active role in contacting MPs and MLAs to express their concerns over health care. We must present a united front across the country.

The Legislative Committee did not receive any amendments to the Articles and By-laws this year, but the Executive recommended and the AGM approved the addition of one policy on the Performance Appraisal of the Executive Director. "A performance appraisal of the Executive Director shall be conducted by the President with input from the Executive and the Executive Director within two years of the last evaluation.

The Pension and Income Committee acted to comply with two 2010 AGM resolutions: that we lobby the Federal Government to increase CPP/QPP, OAS and GIS benefits, and that we support Bill C-516 on the automatic inclusion of eligible pensioners for GIS benefits. On the motion to develop a position paper on poverty amongst older retired teachers, given its complexity, difficulty of obtaining relevant data, and resources required, the committee concluded that this study is not feasible.

ACER-CART is a member of the Congress of National Seniors Organizations (CNSO). The 2010-11 priorities of CNSO were: Aging in Place, Elder Abuse and Pharmacare. CNSO is in expansion mode with three associations accepted for membership in 2011: HelpAge Canada; Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association; and National Initiative for Care of the Elderly/Initiative nationale pour le soin des personnes ages.

June 15 is a Day of Recognition of Elder Abuse. We can support the cause by wearing a purple ribbon on that day.

Motions were passed at the 2011 AGM directing the organization to:

- Accept, with regret, the withdrawal of AREQ as a member
- Convey to AREQ sincere appreciation for its involvement and contributions during its membership in ACER-CART and extend an invitation to continue to work cooperatively to achieve shared objectives
- Reaffirm its support for the five basic principles of the Canadian Health Act (1984) and pursue the preservation of these principles (universality, access, comprehensiveness, portability and public administration)
- Review its organizational structure and include consideration of programs, expenditures and membership fees
- Approve the 2011-12 budget including increases in travel expenses and meals: \$0.48/km; breakfast – \$16; lunch – \$23; dinner – \$36
- Donate \$500 to the Canadian Teachers' Federation Trust Fund
- Deny an association's right to vote on money matters if it fails to contribute the fee set by ACER-CART
- Lobby the Government of Canada:
 - a) to eliminate the tax on the CPP/QPP Death Benefit
 - b) to make Canadian adult passports effective for ten years
 - c) to extend any tax credit for registration costs for wellness and/or recreation programs to seniors, similar to that provided for youth

The Bulletin

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d) to urge the federal government to act, in conjunction with the provinces, to establish a national formulary as well as a national drug plan

In gratitude to the support of ACER-CART Directors and Officers, Recognition Certificates were presented to those retiring from the Board. This 20th Anniversary was also the occasion to recognize past presidents, past executive directors, the Canadian Teachers' Federation and Johnson Inc. A 20th Anniversary Souvenir Booklet was specially prepared by Vaughn Wadelius for the occasion, and the Banquet featured a visual presentation honoring those who have led and supported ACER-CART over the years.

The annual election brought about a rotation in executive officers. Helen Biales (RTO/ERO) from Windsor, ON finished her term as past president and leaves the executive. Arnold Hull (RTO/ERO) from London, ON was elected as president. The four Regional Representatives are: Atlantic – Dr. Thomas Gaskell (RTO-NSTU) from Little Bras d'Or, NS was re-elected and becomes vice-president; Quebec – Ed Zegray (QART) from Montreal, QC was re-elected; Ontario – Brian Kenny (RTO/ERO) from Burlington, ON was newly elected; West – Dean McMullen (ARTA) from Vermilion, AB was re-elected. The past president is Vaughn Wadelius (RTAM) from The Pas, MB. The executive is supported by Executive Director Norbert Boudreau, with secretarial assistance provided by CTF support staff person Lynn Richard, and financial management by CTF's Debbie McCarthy.

The next ACER-CART AGM will be June 1-2, 2012 in Ottawa.

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Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation

James Dobson, Chairperson

The Foundation held a regular meeting on September 21, 2011 in St. John's. All nine members were present including past president Geraldine Wall and Lily B. Cole, President of the NLTA, which was recognized by the change in the Constitution at the BGM in October 2010. Other members are: Dianne Squarey (V.P., St. John's); Anne Pennell (Treasurer, St. John's); Joyce Roberts (Secretary, Conception Bay); Don Carter (Gander); Anita Finn (Avalon); Agnes Hughes (Corner Brook).

Routine business was conducted including selection of the children's charities to receive this year's donations. It is recognized that the gross amount available varies each year, the amount going to any charity varies each year and in some years a charity may be dropped from the list. This all depends on the amount of funds donated and interest received. This year the total available was \$25,225.73.

The following charities were selected to receive a portion of the available funds:

• Mazol Temple Shriners Transportation Fund	\$5,000
• Candlelighters Association	\$2,000
• Canadian Diabetes Assn. (Camp Douwanna)	\$2,000
• Autism Society	\$2,000
• Lion Max Simms Camp	\$2,000
• Downs Syndrome Association	\$2,000
• Turettes Syndrome Association	\$2,000
• Rainbow Riders	\$2,000
• CHild AMPutee (CHAMP) Program	\$5,000
Total awarded in 2011	\$24,000

The Annual General Meeting of the Foundation took place at the Capital Hotel in St. John's on November 2, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. The first item of business was the distribution of donations to the charities listed above. All charities were represented by at least one member. Upon receiving their donation, each charity representative thanked the Foundation and gave a brief report as to how the funds would be used to aid the children they support. Each of the charities is doing outstanding work and they all make a difference in the lives of each and every child in their care.

After taking pictures of individual charities receiving their donation and having a group picture taken, thanks to photographer Don White, the groups were excused and we continued with the business portion of our meeting.

The only major issue of business dealt with a letter from Canada Revenue requesting we update our information as a charitable organization. This will be undertaken by Anita Finn, with the assistance of Anne Pennell and Dianne Squarey. We hope to have the necessary changes made, (approved by the sponsoring body – the RTANL Executive), and publicized in the provincial newsletter in time for presentation and approval at the next BGM on October 4, 2012.

The next meeting of the Foundation Board will take place at the call of the chair, sometime in the spring of 2012.



Representatives from the various children's charities gratefully accept donations from the Foundation Executive.

The Canadian Association of Retired Teachers Celebrates Twenty Years of Success (1991-2011)

Norbert Boudreau, Executive Director

Imagine the vision of the founding directors of ACER-CART in June 1991. They wanted to establish a national association that could lobby at the federal level on behalf of retired teachers and retirees in general. At its inaugural meeting twenty years ago, representatives from nine associations in seven provinces as well as representatives of the Canadian Teachers' Federation began to share their expertise.

In 2011, ACER-CART represents 13 associations. It regularly lobbies the federal government on behalf of over 117,000 members from every province and the Yukon Territory. With the collaboration of provincial and territorial organizations, this Canada-wide association deals with pensions, health care and other issues. Member association Directors are able to discuss issues with colleagues from different parts of the country, colleagues who often experience the

same or similar problems. Because of the wealth of experience of the Directors, everybody learns from one another, and as a cohesive group, ACER-CART has been able to influence federal politicians.

At the 2011 AGM banquet, then President Vaughn Wadelius took the opportunity to honour all the past presidents with a short biography of each and a portrait slide show. It was an opportunity to show our gratitude for the efforts of the Association founders and its past leaders, and to reflect on past achievements. At the end of the evening, past presidents and executive directors still with us, Johnson Inc., the Canadian Teachers' Federation, as well as departing Directors received recognition certificates.

For more information, see the history page of the ACER-CART website at www.acer-cart.org/.

Proofreading is a Dying Art These Days!

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter

This one was caught in the *SGV Tribune* the other day and a call was made to the Editorial Room to ask who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible! They put in a correction the next day. I just couldn't help but send this along. Too funny.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says.

Really? You think?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers.

Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over.

What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death.

Good-for-nothing lazy so-and-so's!

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant.

See if that works any better than a fair trial!

War Dims Hope for Peace.

I can see where it might have that effect!

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last A While.

You think?

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures.

Who would have thought!

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide.

They may be on to something!

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges.

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge.

He probably IS the battery charge!

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group.

Weren't they fat enough?

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft.

That's what he gets for eating those beans!

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks.

Do they taste like chicken?

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half.

Chainsaw Massacre all over again! That'll teach them not to be dropouts!

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors.

Boy, are they tall!

And the winner is...

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead.

Did I read that right?

Oh well, we all need a good laugh, at least once a day!

(Source: <http://forums.officer.com/forums/showthread.php?167081-Proofreading-is-a-Dying-Art-these-days!&s=2f5ad745120de0778c5103aab512d9ab&p=2798953&viewfull=1#post2798953>)

NLTA Group Insurance MEDOC Travel Insurance Plan



Perry Downey

Over the years, the NLTA has advised teachers that before they make travel plans that they make certain they have appropriate and sufficient travel medical insurance coverage that will help protect themselves and their family members in case there is an unexpected accident, injury, and/or illness while traveling. Accident and medical costs outside of the province, especially outside of the country, can be incredibly expensive and can cause considerable undue financial hardships on individuals and families. It is not uncommon to hear of individuals who did not have appropriate and sufficient travel medical insurance having to pay tens-of-thousands of dollars for accident and/or medical expenses they incurred while away. Therefore, to help protect you and your family from these kinds of financial burdens, the NLTA strongly recommends that teachers and family members who travel consider purchasing appropriate travel insurance through the NLTA Group Insurance Travel Insurance Plan.

The Travel Insurance plan provides a choice of three plan trip durations:

- 17-Day Annual Base plan allows for multiple trips, up to 17 consecutive days each in duration
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- Supplemental Plan coverage for single trips longer than 35 days

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For more information, contact Johnson Inc. at 1-866-606-3362 or 1-800-563-1528.

Perry Downey is an Administrative Officer in the Benefits and Economic Services Division of the NLTA.

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Note: All members are reminded to shop around for best prices. Pharmacies charge varying dispensing fees. If you live in an area where more than one pharmacy operates, it might be worth your while to check such fees. It is impossible for the editors of this Newsletter to publish details for all areas of the province so members, be vigilant.

Maintain Your Enthusiasm?

Hector M. Earle

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, “Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.” An enthusiastic attitude enables us to hang in there when the going gets tough. It’s the inner drive that whispers, “I can do it!” when others believe it can’t be done. It is a common quality that inventors, explorers, and other high achievers have in order to do great things. Barbara Bartocci of *Catholic Digest* wrote, “Enthusiastic people turn a boring drive into an adventure, extra work into opportunity and strangers into friends.”

Have you ever seen an infant delight at the jingling of a rattle, or a toddler’s joy at watching the hopping of a frog? This childlike wonder, fuelled by enthusiasm, is the same quality that has separated high achievers from everyone else. Their enthusiasm is not measured by their biological age. Instead, it is enthusiasm for life that is the catalyst for their youthful energy and drive. Pablo Casals thought of music as an elixir that made his life a never-ending adventure well into his nineties. An enthusiastic outlook has helped ninety-year-old Bob Delmonteque maintain his intensity and excitement for health and fitness after seven decades of working out.

It has been said that nobody grows old merely by living a given number of years; people grow old by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but giving up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, and self-distrust bow the head and turn the spirit back to dust.

Marjorie Greenbie once wrote: “You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.”

Maintain your enthusiasm by always having something to look forward to, a worthy cause to hope and work for. Standing still and living a stagnant life brings on discouragement and kills enthusiasm. That is not to say there will be times of discouragement and hardships on your journey, but look at them not as problems and setbacks, but as challenges and opportunities to learn new ways to accomplish your goals. Sometimes a little more push, a higher reach or a more determined effort makes a difference between success and failure.

The only sure way to master discouragement and to maintain your enthusiasm is to establish meaningful goals and grow daily towards their fulfilment.

Retirement should not dampen our enthusiasm for life. Think of this part of your life as the closing of one door and the opening of many other doors. Now is the time to pursue new interests – like that book you always wanted to write, that hobby you never had time for or that organization you always wanted to join. Don’t forget to travel, meet new people get back into shape or whatever you want. The sky is the limit! For me it was writing and fitness and getting back into volunteering. For you it could be something vastly different. The main thing is to enjoy what you do and live a meaningful and purpose-driven life.

Our minds act like a receiver, and as long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, and cheer, you are young at heart. However, when our enthusiasm falters and our thoughts become obscured with doubts and fears, our heart becomes covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism. Then, as Marjorie Greenbie pointed out, “you are old indeed and may God have mercy on your soul.”

Hector M. Earle is a retired teacher from the Nova Central School District and a freelance writer. He is the author of “Death of a Race”, a novel published by DRC Publishing, St. John’s, NL.

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Teddy Stoddard

Author Unknown

As she stood in front of her 5th grade class on the very first day of school, she told the children an untruth. Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said that she loved them all the same. However, 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 did not play well with the other children, that his clothes were messy and that he constantly needed a bath. In addition, 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, making 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 he 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."

Teddy's 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 she was ashamed of herself. 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 the 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 smelled 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 ever had in his whole life.

Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy. He then wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and she was still the best teacher he ever had in 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 of honors. He assured Mrs. Thompson that she was still the best and favorite teacher he had 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. But now his name was a little longer... The letter was signed, Theodore F. Stoddard, MD.

The story does not end there. You see, there was yet another letter that spring. Teddy said he had 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 at the wedding in the place 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. Moreover, 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 ear, "Thank you Mrs. Thompson for believing in me. Thank you so much for making

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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.”

(For those of you who don’t know, Teddy Stoddard is the doctor at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines that has the Stoddard Cancer Wing.)

A Profound Answer

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life.

One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, “What’s a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?” To stress his point he said to another guest, “You’re a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?”

Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, “You want to know what I make?” (She paused for a second, then began...) “Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ feel like the Order of Canada. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can’t make them sit for five without an iPod, Game Cube or movie rental. You want to know what I make? (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table.) I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions. I teach them to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding isn’t everything. I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their work in math. They use their God-given brain, not the man-made calculator. I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know about English while preserving their unique cultural identity. I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe. Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life. (Bonnie paused one last time and then continued.) Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn’t everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant. You want to know what I make? I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. What do you make Mr. CEO?”

His jaw dropped and he went silent.

(Original text by Taylor Mali. Downloaded from the Internet.)

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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.

VISITATION

All Divisions have Sick-Visiting Committees. Please notify your Division as soon as you hear that any member is ailing at home or in the hospital, so that visitations can be arranged. Members from other Divisions sent to hospital in St. John's will be visited by Avalon East members, if requested by those Divisions. Early notification is essential. Contact person in St. John's: Clayton Rice at 782-8914.

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.

Website Information

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

On the website

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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**.

Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador
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EARLY BIRD registration deadline is **August 24, 2012**

All persons registered by August 24 will be eligible for one of two Early Bird Draws.
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Deadline for Registration is September 19, 2012

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RTANL members **80 plus years of age** and guest receive complimentary registration.

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Individuals must make their own arrangements for accommodations. The RTANL has booked a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn. The telephone number is 722-0506, or toll free at 1-800-933-0506.
When you reserve, please request RTANL rates.

For more information contact:

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We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 2:

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Registration and Getting Acquainted
7:00 p.m. - Dinner and Social Evening
Introduction of Candidates for
Provincial Executive 2012-14
Early Registration Draws

Wednesday, October 3:

9:30 a.m. Opening of BGM
12:00 p.m. Lunch provided
1:30 p.m. Retired Teachers' Foundation AGM
and Election of Board of Directors
for 2012-14
4:00 p.m. Service of Worship
7:00 p.m. Banquet/Dance

Thursday, October 4:

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Completion of Unfinished Business

Please DETACH and return with registration fee

Name of retired teacher: _____

(include maiden name if applicable)

Division: _____

Full name of guest (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Place(s) taught: _____

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In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of the following retired teachers and extend sincere sympathy to their families and friends:

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