



Newsletter

Retired Teachers' Association

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President's Message

Thomas Kendell

It has been a busy autumn! When we were active teachers September was a busy month, and so it was for your provincial association this year. The Provincial Executive met on September 29 and 30 in Corner Brook to conduct its regular business and to finalize preparations for our BGM and Reunion 2014 scheduled for September 30 to October 2 at the Greenwood Inn and Suites. Registration for the event began on September 30 and more than a hundred retired teachers and guests came from all across the province. It was a great conference with great entertainment and excellent guest speakers. Many thanks are extended to Western Division for their support and assistance in making our BGM and Reunion the resounding success that it was.

I would like to congratulate Geraldine Wall from Corner Brook on receiving the RTANL 2014 Biennial Award for recognition of her volunteer service to retired teachers in our province. Geraldine continues to serve as our past president and now has also taken on a new role as Chair of the Retired Teachers' Foundation.

I am excited to be your president for another two-year term. I would like to congratulate the following executive members who were re-elected: Doreen Noseworthy, Vice President; Clayton Rice, Treasurer; Don White, Secretary; Geraldine Wall, Immediate Past President; Lil Critch and Don Case, Members at Large. Two members were elected for the first time to serve for a two-year term as Members at Large – Beverly Fisher from Bonavista Division and Debbie Lewis-Clarke from Burin Division. On behalf of your Provincial Executive and all teachers throughout the province I would like to thank former Provincial Executive members Phil Patey and Jim Dobson for their contribution to RTANL over the past number of years.

The next BGM and Reunion will be held in October 2016 in Gander.

The Retired Teachers' Foundation held their AGM and election of Board of Directors for 2014-2016 at the same time in Corner Brook. Geraldine Wall is the new Chair, along with Dianne Squarey (Vice Chair), Roberta Pafford

(Treasurer), Lil Critch (Secretary), Jim Dobson (Past Chair), and Members at Large Agnes Hughes, Don Carter and Bernadette Meiwald. Again, I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to Jim Dobson, Anne Pennell and Anita Finn for all their support and contribution to the Retired Teachers' Foundation over many years. RTANL is proud to be the sponsoring body of the Foundation. This year the Foundation donated \$24,000 to ten different children's charities throughout the province.

Shortly after the BGM/Reunion the Vice President and I attended the regional conference of ECRTO (Eastern Canadian Retired Teachers Organization) in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This conference occurs every two years and involves all the provincial presidents in the four Atlantic Provinces and Quebec and alternates from province to province. Newfoundland and Labrador is scheduled to host this regional conference in 2016.

In late November the new executive held its provincial executive meeting in St. John's and at that time we availed of the opportunity to meet with the NLTA executive. Also at that time we will be joined with Johnson Inc. in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of their partnership in delivering the group insurance program to the members of the NLTA.

There are still copies remaining of *Tales Told by Teachers*, Vol. I & Vol. II. They are available from any member of your Provincial Executive or from your Divisions. They make an excellent Christmas gift at just \$10.00 a copy for members and \$12.95 for non-members. Those stories highlight the challenges that many young teachers had to face many years ago in rural Newfoundland and Labrador. These books are a great read for teachers of today and tomorrow.

RTANL continues to be an active member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Sector Pensioners' Coalition, which has recently expanded to include all retirees and seniors throughout the Province. The main purpose of this Coalition is to influence governments and various political parties to address issues relating to

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ADVANCE NOTICE

**14th Reunion of
Retired Teachers
and RTANL
BGM 2016
Gander, NL
October 4-6, 2016**

NLTA Website

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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retirees, seniors and pensioners and to lobby against any tampering with existing public pension plans. Regular meetings of the Coalition are ongoing and as a provincial association we have two members of the RTANL on this Coalition: Don Case and Doreen Noseworthy. Both Sharron Callahan, chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador Coalition of Pensioners, Retirees and Senior's Organizations and Ralph Morris, President of NLPSPA (Newfoundland and Labrador Public Sector Pensioners' Association) attended our BGM/Reunion 2014 in Corner Brook.

RTANL has been a member of ACER-CART (Canadian Association of Retired Teachers) since its beginning in 1991 in Ottawa. It represents 13 retired teacher associations in every province and in the Yukon Territory with a total membership of over 117,000 retirees. It works in cooperation with other seniors' groups and the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) to promote the interests of retired teachers. Vice President, Doreen Noseworthy, and I have represented RTANL for the past two years at those meetings in Ottawa. The new president of ACER-CART, Joanne Lauber from BC, also attended our BGM and Reunion in Corner Brook.

RTANL has a link to the NLTA website. Just go to the NLTA website, www.nlta.nl.ca, click on Links and scroll down to Retired Teachers' Association of NL. There you will see contact information for the Provincial Executive, the Foundation and Presidents of

the various Divisions and Regionals. Our Association Newsletters, New Members' Handbook, Membership Form, Constitution and By-Laws, pictures and videos of previous BGMs are all there, along with Guidelines for Submissions to the Newsletter.

As our calendar year draws to a close, we look forward to the Christmas season when we spend time with family and friends. On behalf of your Provincial Executive and Divisions I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



2014-2016 RTANL Executive

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NEWS & VIEWS

Avalon East Division

Betty Lou Kennedy

What a wonderful fall season it has been. As I write this report I am reflecting on the fact that here on the Avalon we have yet to have any really freezing temperatures and just a sprinkling of snow. Tomorrow it will be a balmy 13 degrees. Well that's enough of the weather report, although good weather encourages us to be outside doing activities that help us stay healthy. By now everyone has their bulbs set and live in expectation of the beautiful flowers that will peep through the snow in April and May.

Since our last report in the spring there has been lots of activity in the Avalon East Division (AED). In June we held our Annual General Meeting in St. John's at Bally Haly Golf and Country Club. After our business meeting, we enjoyed a lovely lunch followed by the great entertainment of Bob McDonald. He serenaded us with wonderful oldies, and the song selections certainly revealed our ages as we heartily belted out the tunes. This being an election year, our Executive was elected as follows: Betty Lou Kennedy, President; Denise Barbour, Vice President; Barbara Young, Secretary; Dianne Squarey, Past President and Treasurer; Members-At-Large: Sharon Reddy, Cynthia Fardy; Social Chairs: Judy Prim, Sandra Harnett. We regretfully said goodbye to four very dedicated executive members who for several years have given a great deal of time to our organization. Our gratitude goes to Veronica Mahoney, Doreen Noseworthy, Gloria MacDonald and Marie Parsons. At this time we would like to encourage members who are interested in serving as an executive member to contact us as we always have spaces available. We would like to express sincerest thanks to the social committee for their continued organization and hard work on our behalf. In particular Judy Prim, Sandra Harnett, Susan Wade, Carmel Strong, Ann Marie Smyth and Bernadette Power.

Over the summer we took a break from our regular social activities resuming them in September with our first executive meeting. On October 20 we held a very successful annual Octoberfest at the Royal Canadian Legion. There were 177 members and guests in attendance. Our guest speaker was Heather Hickman from the Recreation Department of the City of St. John's. She gave a very interesting and informative



45-minute presentation on the great number and variety of programs available to seniors through the city offices. After a wonderful Thanksgiving turkey dinner and prizes galore, the St. Teresa's Staff Alumni Chorus entertained the crowd with jazzy tunes. It's exciting to mention that most of the choir members are retired teachers of St. Teresa's. We raised \$500 for the Retired Teachers' Foundation on a beautiful donated framed print of Twillingate NL by Elizabeth Kennedy. We are thankful to Heather, the choir, Elizabeth, the Legion and our social committee for making our first social event of the year such a success.

On December 8 we will hold our Annual Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair at the Holiday Inn in St. John's. The wonderful arts and crafts of our talented retired teachers will be available at 10:30 am. This is always a very well attended event and we look forward to it every year. After Christmas we look forward to our annual Fun Day in February with curling, cards and board games. Before we know it we will be planning our annual BBQ and then the AGM.

From September 30 to October 2 several members of Avalon East Division attended the 13th BGM and Reunion of RTANL in Corner Brook. Thanks to Corner Brook Division for putting on such a great show. A fun time was had by all who attended.

The RTANL executive of Avalon East extends a special welcome to all newly retired members. We hope you have the opportunity to take part in many of the social activities and that your retirement will be one of good health and contentment in whatever you do.

Wow! It was a busy year – but lots of fun.

On behalf of the executive of AED we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a fun-filled and rewarding New Year.

Bonavista Division

Beverly Fisher

The Bonavista Division of the RTANL has 98 members. We live in communities on the Bonavista Peninsula from the Cape around Bonavista Bay to Charleston, and around Trinity Bay back to Cape Bonavista. Since our last report, which appeared in the June Newsletter, our Division has been very busy.

On April 12 we held a general meeting at the College of the North Atlantic in Bonavista, where our guest speakers were Melanie Russell, Community Health Nurse, and Janet Fisher, Primary Health Care Manager. Janet spoke to us about living a healthy lifestyle, and told us about “Improving Health My Way”, a program developed at Stanford University and now available through the Bonavista Peninsula Health Centre. Both nurses discussed with us such topics as foot care, adult immunizations, sleep apnea, and other issues of interest to seniors. It was a very informative session with lots of question and answer time. Following the meeting the cafeteria staff served us soup and sandwiches.

On April 30 the executive met at Hotel Bonavista for a breakfast meeting. At this time we planned the next meeting, which would include an election of officers and our spring social.

Our general meeting on May 22 was held at The Factory in Port Union. Edith Samson, Co-ordinator for the Coaker Foundation, gave us a very interesting presentation on the Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) Program. The Foundation has been sponsoring this program, which is designed for older adults, for the past several years. Road Scholar is a not-for-profit educational travel program which has been operating since 1975. For information on this program you can go to roadscholar.org. Following the presentation we dealt with our own business, not the least of which was our

election of officers. The following is our new executive: President, Beverly Fisher; Vice President, Theresa White; Secretary, Sandra Carpenter; Treasurer, Randy Parsons; Directors – Barbara Duffett, Peggy Duffett, and Linda Hicks. We wish to thank Harold Tremblett and Barry Pack for their past service to our Division. Before parting ways we headed to the Seaport Inn for lunch.

Our Spring Social was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in King’s Cove on June 3. Before the supper started, we observed a moment of silence for our departed members. The King’s Cove Firettes provided a delicious meal of roast beef/turkey with all the trimmings. Three of our members won door prizes, gift certificates from Mifflin’s Tea Room in Bonavista. The evening ended with musical entertainment by Beverly Batten.

The executive meeting of June 9 was held at Beverly’s home in Bonavista. At this time we clued up our year and listed some possible topics for the upcoming one. Since new members would be joining the executive, we left things more tentative than we would otherwise have done. We did, however, decide that our donation to the Retired Teachers’ Foundation would not be mailed, as was usually done, but would be taken to the BGM and presented to the Foundation at that time.

Our second annual “Not back to School Hike”, an idea that we borrowed from Con-Tri Division, was held on September 9. This year our members hiked the King’s Cove Lighthouse Trail. It was a beautiful day with blue skies and warm temperatures – perfect for a nice stroll with friends, and an outdoor lunch.

Seven of our members and two spouses attended the BGM and Reunion in Corner Brook from September 30 to October 2. Informative business meetings were complemented by delicious meals, entertainment, and dancing. Mother Nature treated us to perfect weather



Bonavista Division delegates at BGM 2014 in Corner Brook.

for driving and allowed us to really enjoy the beautiful fall colours of the west coast. A great time was had by all! We would like to thank the organizing committee for this wonderful event, and we look forward to meeting up with you all again in Gander in 2016!

After returning from the west coast we were eager

to begin our new year. An executive meeting was held at Linda's house in Catalina on October 10. The four members who had attended the BGM gave a report on the trip to the rest of the executive, then we planned the first general meeting and, because the forecast was a very promising one, we decided to do another hike the following week. We also agreed to send out a message, via our communications tree, regarding the Pension Forum to be held at Discovery Collegiate later that week.

On October 14 a small group of us hiked the Murphy's Cove Trail in Port Union. The day was a perfect one with sunshine, warm temperatures, and no wind. We ate lunch on the flat rocks along the shore and picked a few partridgeberries that we found in patches along the trail. Sometimes last minute plans turn out to be the best adventures!

The Pension Forum was held for this area at Discovery Collegiate on October 15. We had been encouraged at the BGM to attend these forums as support for active teachers and to add strength to the numbers. Seven of our RTANL members attended.

Other items of interest:

- One of our members, Linda Hicks, visited Matthew Elementary School in Bonavista on May 15 to help in the judging of student projects at the school's Heritage Fair.
- Our membership was invited by the Home From the Sea Committee to attend the grand opening of the John C. Crosbie Sealers' Interpretation Centre in Elliston on June 19.
- Tom Maddox, one of our members from the King's Cove area, has recently been inducted into the NL Volunteer Hall of Fame.

We are certainly looking forward to another busy year; activities have started and our first meeting is next week. Fall is 'flying'! When this newsletter arrives, Christmas preparations will be in full swing. On behalf of the members of Bonavista Division, I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Central Division

Thomas Kendell

The first general meeting of Central Division for 2014 began in April. In addition to our regular business our guest speaker was Dr. Elayne Harris, daughter

of our long-time member Mrs. Millicent Harris from Glovertown. Dr. Harris spoke to us of her experiences and lessons learned over the past five years around Personal Care Homes. This was a very informative and enlightening presentation on what we, as potential residents, may experience in those homes in the future.

In May we discussed preparations for our June Banquet scheduled for June 18, 2014 at Hotel Gander. Our guest speaker for the afternoon session was Derm Coady who is the National Director and Provincial Advocacy Officer for the National Association of Federal Retirees in NL. Derm gave an informative address on Federal Pensions and Long-Term Care affecting seniors in our province.

In June we had our 34th Annual Dance and Banquet at Hotel Gander which was very well attended. The entertainment by the Gander Academy Choir was excellent and the dance music by Derm Coady continues to highlight our annual get together. Everyone seems to be very pleased with the festivities. The C. Lloyd Buffett Award was presented to Mr. Jim Dobson, President of RTF, who accepted on behalf of the Foundation. We continue to give a \$1000 donation to the Foundation in memory of C. Lloyd Buffett, one of the founding members of our Division, who, along with the late Cyril Bull, helped to establish the Retired Teachers' Foundation. As well, we donate each year \$1000 to the RTF in memory of all deceased teachers from Central Division. In lieu of purchasing plaques or gifts to recognize members of our Division for their volunteer efforts, we make a donation of \$100 to the Foundation. This year we honored a most worthy individual at our



Roland Pickett is presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award by President Thomas Kendell.

banquet – Mr. Roland Pickett of Centreville. Mr. Pickett has a long history of being very supportive of Central Division in all our fundraising efforts. On behalf of all retired teachers in Central Newfoundland, I would like to offer my congratulations to Mr. Pickett for receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award. As an appreciation we sent \$100 to the Retired Teachers' Foundation in his honor. In all, our division donated around \$3000 to the Retired Teachers' Foundation in 2014.

Also at the banquet there was a ticket draw on a Fisherman's basket, commonly known as a Grub Box. The winner of the prize was Max Bussey of Gander. Congratulations Max and a special thank you to Sam Woolfrey for his generous donation.

There was also an unveiling of our new banner for Central Division. We have been working on this for a while now since our old banner has been outdated. Our division runs from Chance Cove near the Avalon Peninsula in the east to the Baie Verte Peninsula in the West, excluding the Bonavista Peninsula and the Coast of Bays. This banner truly reflects the geography of Central Division and will be displayed at our general meetings and all special functions.

We did not publish our Division Newsletter, the Cornucopia, in January due to the rising costs of production. We will be publishing an edition in the fall. 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. It does demand a lot of time and dedication on Calvin's behalf. The Cornucopia is available online through the RTANL link on the NLTA website at www.nlta.nl.ca

After our June Banquet we took some time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. This summer was a decent growing season and again we had a bountiful harvest and gardening in Newfoundland and Labrador continues to be a pleasure and enjoyment. As I write this article in November, my parsnips and kale are still alive along with some fresh parsley and doing well in my garden in spite of the many nights of frost since September.

At our first regular meeting in September some newly retired teachers attended our regular meeting in Gander. Our guest speakers for the afternoon session were Des and Jean Dillon who have given many years of volunteer work to the Red Cross. They presented a slide show and spoke of their world-wide experiences with many disaster/relief efforts. It was very interesting and informative and many questions were asked.

A number of our members attended our Thirteenth Biennial General Meeting and Reunion in Corner Brook from September 30 to October 2, 2014. This was a great conference and kudos to the Provincial Executive and the Organizing Committee for a job well done. Our division looks forward to hosting the provincial BGM and Reunion in Gander in October 2016. Our division would like to extend our thanks to Philip Patey and James Dobson from Central Division for their many years on the Provincial Executive and for their contribution to all retired teachers throughout the province.

Our division would like to congratulate Gerald Giles, a member of our division, on his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood in October. Gerald is now an Anglican minister and resides in Gander Bay.

In October we had an executive meeting in Gander. One of the items on our agenda was preparation for our Fall Sale and Auction and discussion on topics for our regular meeting in October. At our regular meeting in October we had our Fall Sale and Auction, which is a highlight of our year and the proceeds go to the Retired Teachers' Foundation. The Auction was quite successful. Yours truly was the auctioneer again this year. Many thanks are extended to all our members for their contributions to the sale and also for their generous monetary donations to RTF.

There will be one more executive meeting and one more general meeting in November. Afterwards we will be taking a break for the winter months and will continue again in April.

The Central Division of RTANL newsletter, **CORNUCOPIA**, was published in the fall of 2014.

However, because of the rising costs of postage, this edition **WILL NOT** be mailed out to our members.

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

www.nlta.nl.ca/files/documents/rtanl/rtanl_newsletters.html

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



It is evident that we continue to be active and involved as a Division and we are always trying to encourage more retirees to join us.

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

Coast of Bays

Bridget Kelly

Here's hoping that all out there are enjoying our beautiful fall weather as much as we enjoyed our magnificent summer.

The Coast of Bays held its Fall meeting on November 5 with an attendance of 14 retired teachers. After the general business was covered, I gave a report of my first BGM that was held in Corner Brook earlier in the fall and stressed that this was a good meeting to help us understand the workings of the RTANL Provincial Executive. Western Division are to be congratulated on a job well done. Following the business, an election for the upcoming term was conducted and a new President of the Coast of Bays was elected: Margaret Power, with Margaret Willcott and Georgina Meade returning as Treasurer and Secretary.



The next meeting will be held in early spring and we are hoping to have a special guest speaker at that time. The enclosed picture shows the outgoing President along with the returning Secretary and Treasurer.

Con-Tri Division

Pauline Welsh

Greetings from Con-Tri Division. We had our first fall meeting on October 16. Elections were held at our first meeting and our executive remains the same:

President: Albert Legge, Vice President: Isabelle Cole,



Con-Tri members at BGM 2014

Treasurer: Ruth Davidge, Secretary: Pauline Welsh

Our second meeting was held on November 20 at Emmaus Café, South River and we were pleased to have 7 new members in attendance. Welcome to all new members!

Our annual spring event was a huge success again this year. We held a barbecue and kitchen party at Pitcher's Pond Golf Course in Whiteway. Tickets were sold out and it was a great time of socializing and entertainment. In September we had our annual NBTS walk which was attended by a few of our members and then in October we had the BGM in Corner Brook. Our Division was very well represented and we thank everyone who attended.

On October 14, a group of Con-Tri representatives: Verdon Mercer, Rendell Peddle, Wallace Williams, Paul Drover and Beatrice Bradbury presented a \$500.00 donation to the Trinity Conception Placentia Foundation at its 23th telethon. This is an annual initiative of ours. Thank you to all our members who were involved this year.



We are currently finalizing our plans for our annual Christmas banquet to be held on December 2 and looking forward to an enjoyable event. As part of this event, we will also have a Toonie and non-perishable food drive to support the Foundation and a local food bank.

One of our 2014 high school scholarships has already been presented at Baccalieu Collegiate. Congratulations from our Division to Brianne Scott, the winner of the RTA scholarship. Other high schools in our Division will be holding their Awards nights later and we will announce other scholarship winners in our next report.

Our first spring meeting has been scheduled for



Thursday, April 16 and our second on Thursday, May 14. Meetings will begin at 12:30 pm at Emmaus Café, South River. Our spring event will be held on May 16. The location and other details will be announced at a later date.

Any Con-Tri members who would like to be added to our email list, please contact Albert Legge at a.legge@eastlink.ca. Wishing you all well over the coming months.

Western Division

Geraldine Wall

Fall Greetings from Western Division. Colder days have arrived and whether we anticipate the joys or woes of winter, whatever the season brings, we have much for which to be thankful. We are all looking forward to the warmth of the Christmas Season and will persevere during the winter chill.

Western Division hosted the BGM and Reunion of RTANL from September 30 to October 2. It was a resounding success. We have received much positive feedback on the organization and events. All participants enjoyed the opportunity to meet old and new friends, become more informed on the workings of their Association, and share great entertainment. We extend hats off to Western Division members for their help. Your efforts are truly appreciated. Western Division extends a big thank you to Past President Francis Reardon for his dedication to the Division during his term of office. We thank him for continuing to hold the fort until the BGM, following which he resigned for personal reasons. I, being Acting Vice President, then assumed the role of Acting President.

On November 3, 2014 the Annual General Meeting was held at Bennett Hall in Corner Brook. A delicious cold plate luncheon was served by the Bennett Ladies Auxiliary. The Annual General Meeting which followed was a very positive event. We welcomed two new

members and were very encouraged by the participation and discussion of members attending. We were able to elect a full executive for the next two years and have agreed to reactivate various committees as follows: President, Wayne Park; Vice President, Geraldine Wall; Immediate Past President, Francis Reardon; Secretary, Lil Critch; Treasurer, Roberta Pafford; Telephone Committee Chair, Lorraine Gillingham; Sick Visiting Committee Chair, Glenda Belbin; Social Committee Chair, Geraldine Wall; NLTA Liaison, Bernie Meiwald; Communications Committee Chair, Vacant.

We were pleased to have Provincial President, Thomas Kendell, attend our meeting. He brought greetings on behalf of Provincial Executive and spent time socializing with the various members.

Western Division is presently sponsoring the Annual Bakeless Bake Sale. We are happy with the response of our members so far. Your Foundation supports many valued children's charities each year.

We will continue to participate in the School Breakfast Program. The recipient will be decided at the next Executive Meeting on November 12. The Remembrance Day wreath will be laid by President Wayne Park. Following some discussion it was decided that the Western Division banner would be replaced by a more updated version. The original design will remain.



Our Christmas Dinner and Dance will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at Bennett Hall, West Street. We look forward to a good turnout.

We extend a warm welcome to all new retirees and encourage you to become an active member of your Association. If you have any suggestions of what you would like us to be involved in, please let us know. Sincere congratulations to our newly elected President, Wayne Park. We look forward to working with him on your behalf. We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Report on Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador BGM/Reunion 2014

Doreen Noseworthy

The thirteenth Biennial General Meeting and Reunion of the Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador was held at Greenwood Inn and Suites in Corner Brook on September 30 to October 2, 2014. There were 90+ members and guests in attendance. The theme for this year was "Join the Team in 2014".

Registration was from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the first day, during which time meeting kits and welcome bags were made available to all. This also afforded an opportunity for a little chat with former colleagues as well as a chance to meet new ones.

The first evening began with greetings and a welcome to all from President Tom Kendell, followed by the introduction of candidates for election to Provincial Executive. A wonderful dinner was then enjoyed by all. This was topped off by two different sessions of amazing entertainment. Cathy Robinson delighted us with her comedic Newfoundland style singing and guitar playing, while a duo known as Flashpoint entertained us with some nostalgic renditions of songs from the 50s and 60s. In between and at the end of all this activity, there were multiple draws for some lovely prizes. President Tom called the BGM to order at 9:00 a.m., at which time the Prayer of Invocation was said by all. This was followed by greetings from Provincial Government by the Honourable Vaughn

Granter, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Mr. Bernd Staeben on behalf of the City of Corner Brook, President James Dinn on behalf of the NLTA, President Joanne Lauber on behalf of ACER-CART and Mr. Ralph Morris on behalf of NLPSPA.

The first business session included adoption of the agenda for BGM 2014, adoption of the Minutes from BGM 2012, business arising from the minutes and the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for 2012-2014. Following this, President Tom presented a report on all his activities on behalf of RTANL during his two years in office. The election of Provincial Executive 2014-2016 was then conducted and the new Executive is: President, Thomas Kendell (Central); Vice President, Doreen Noseworthy (Avalon East); Secretary, Don White (Avalon East); Treasurer, Clayton Rice (Avalon East); Members at Large – Don Case (Con-Tri), Lil Critch (Western), Beverly Fisher (Bonavista), Deborah Lewis-Clarke (Burin); and Past President, Geraldine Wall (Western).

Following the nutrition break, Sharron Callahan, guest speaker, gave a very interesting, informative and timely presentation on the work and goals of the Coalition of Pensioners, Retirees and Seniors Organizations for the Province.

Continuing with the order of business, President Tom called for any resolutions from the floor. Duncan Ford (Avalon East) brought up a few topics for discussion and explanation, but no motions ensued. Then it was off to lunch where there were more prize draws and give-aways.

The afternoon session was devoted to the Retired Teachers' Foundation AGM and Election of Board of Directors. The Foundation meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Jim Dobson. At this time, donations totalling \$24,000, were presented to representatives of the various children's organizations which the Foundation supports annually on behalf of retired teachers throughout the province. Elections then took place for a new Board of Directors consisting of: Chairperson Geraldine Wall (Western); Vice Chair, Dianne Squarey (Avalon East); Secretary, Lil Critch (Western); Treasurer, Roberta Pafford (Western); Members at Large – Don Carter (Central), Bernie Meiwald (Western), Agnes Hughes (Western); Past Chair, Jim Dobson (Central); Ex-officio – Thomas



Doreen Noseworthy (left) presents Geraldine Wall with the RTANL Biennial Award for Service at BGM 2014.

Kendell, President, RTANL and Jim Dinn, President, NLTA.

Following the Foundation meeting, a Service of Remembrance in honour of all deceased teachers since last BGM was held at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and presided over by Reverend Baxter Park. It was a very respectful, nostalgic and uplifting tribute and celebration of the contribution of those who have gone before us.

In the evening, there was the Reunion Banquet which included the presentation of the RTANL Biennial Award for Service. The award was, very deservedly, presented to Geraldine Wall in appreciation for her many years of dedication and service to the Association. This was followed by a very entertaining, yet inspirational presentation by Sherri (Rumbolt) Dean. The evening continued with dance music provided by Barry Wheeler. Suffice it to say, a good time was had by all.

The final day started with a couple of prize draws for those who took the time to fill out and submit their evaluation forms. The remaining prizes were then drawn and distributed to the respective winners. Next there was a presentation by Don Ash, Executive Director of the NLTA, on the issue of pensions, with an update on the current situation with respect to recent collective bargaining as it relates to retired teachers. Then there was the changing of the guard with the installation of the new executive for 2014-2016. There was a Closing Prayer, said by all, and official adjournment of the Thirteenth Biennial General Meeting of RTANL.

Many thanks are extended to the Host Committee from Western Division for their warm and wonderful hospitality, to the Provincial BGM Organizing Committee and Provincial Executive for all the work they do on our behalf, to the management and staff at Greenwood Inn for being so accommodating, and a special word of thanks to everyone who attended. It was a great BGM/Reunion and we are already looking forward to the next one, which will be held in 2016 in the Town of Gander.

If you would like to view video and still photographs of BGM 2014, both are available on our link on the NLTA website (www.nlta.nl.ca), thanks to our official photographer, Harold Tremblett, from Bonavista Division. We thank Harold for such a super job!

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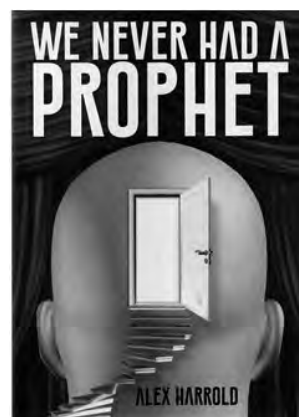
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and extend sincere sympathy to their families and friends

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Jenny Alley (Harbour Grace)
Betty Anderson (St. John's)
Clifford Andrews (St. John's)
Martha Andrews (St. John's)
Alfred Anstey (St. John's)
Verna Kay Arbour (St. John's)
Jennifer Babb (Harbour Grace)
Lillian Badcock (Shearstown)
Patricia C. Baker (Grand Falls-Windsor)
Edward Barrett (Bay Roberts)
Gerald Batstone (Valleyfield)
Karen Marie Beehan (Ottawa, ON)
Mary Besaw (Highlands)
Donald Best (Grand Bay East)
Irene Martha Bird (Happy Valley-Goose Bay)
Michael Bragg (Greenspond)
William Brake (Marystown)
Mona Callahan (St. John's)
Evelyn Campbell (Happy Valley-Goose Bay)
Lester Campbell (Stephenville)
Evelyn Casey (St. John's)
Alma Chapman (Kippens)
Donald Clarke (Corner Brook)
Sr. Joan Coffey (St. John's)
Lillian Collins (St. John's)
Trevor Collins (Hare Bay)
Leslie Coombs (Corner Brook)
Frederick Cooze (Gander)
Bridget Costello (Conception Bay South)
Roland Cranford (New Harbour)
Marion J. Crocker (Curling)
Harry Cuff (St. John's)
James Cull (St. John's)
Patrick Cull (Deer Lake)
Mabel Curtis (Clareville)
Marie Dalton (Clareville)
Gerald Day (Grand Falls-Windsor)
Stella Devereaux (St. John's)
Mary Dorothy Dooling (Dartmouth, NS)
Dermot Downey (St. John's)
Marjorie Downey (Fleur de Lys)
Sr. Theresa Doyle (St. John's)
Ida Duder (St. John's)
Patrick Dutton (Kentville, NS)

Madelyn Dwyer (Conception Bay South)
Rosella Dwyer (Torbay)
Harry Eady (St. John's)
Hilda Earle (St. John's)
Frank Edwards (Burin Bay Arm)
Janet Edwards (Torbay)
Rita Fagan (St. John's)
Catherine Farrell (Little Bay)
Augustus Flannigan (Conception Bay South)
Matt Foster (St. John's)
E. Maud Foster (St. John's)
Augustus Frye (Princeton)
Nathan Fudge (Halifax, NS)
Florence Gabriel (St. George's)
Susie Gale (Port Blandford)
Sarla Gambhir (Kanata, ON)
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Eileen L. Gibbons (Corner Brook)
Patricia Glavine (Stephenville)
Mary Gosse (Torbay)
Anne Marie Grant (Marystown)
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Margaret Hammond (Torbay)
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Nellie Hanlon (St. John's)
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William Hedderson (Spaniard's Bay)
Dolorosa Hennessey (Grand Falls-Windsor)
Owen Heber Hewitt (Joe Batt's Arm)
Carol A. Hiscock (St. John's)
William Horwood (Lance au Claire)
E. Jane House (St. John's)
Ronald Howse (Corner Brook)
Frances Marie Hoskins (Happy Valley-Goose Bay)
Claude Hughes (Green Island Cove)
Rachael Hunt (Norris Point)
Derek Hutchings (Deer Lake)
Ronald Hynes (St. John's)
Douglas Jackman (Grand Bank)
Imelda Janes (St. John's)
Wallace Janes (St. John's)
David Jarvis (Placentia)
Sr. Rita Johnson (St. John's)
Myles Kennedy (British Columbia)
Sr. Perpetua Kennedy (St. John's)

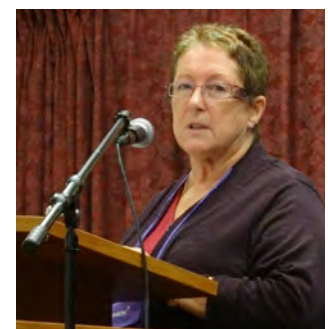
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Watson Lane (Glovertown)
Donald Langdon (Pasadena)
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Grace Layman (St. John's)
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Patricia Manning (Mount Pearl)
Gordon Martin (Twillingate)
Margaret Martina (Cape St. George)
Anna McCarthy (Conception Bay South)
Joan McCarthy (Reef's Harbour)
Hazel McGrath (Mount Pearl)
Joseph McGrath (St. John's)
Marilyn McGrath (St. John's)
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Amy Nicolle (Rocky Harbour)
Marie Noble (Lewisporte)
Veronica Noftall (Fleur de Lys)
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Sr. Mary Luke Parsley (St. John's)
Dr. Llewellyn Parsons (St. John's)
Oscar Parsons (Small Point)
Marion E. Penney (St. John's)

Ernest Pike (St. John's)
Marjorie Pike (Corner Brook)
Theodore Pike (Harbour Grace)
Gordon Pittman (Ottawa, ON)
Hector Pollard (Gander)
Mary Edith Porter (Conception Bay South)
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**BGM & Reunion
Corner Brook
Sept. 30-Oct. 2,
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REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of The Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of The Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador as at August 31, 2014 and the statements of receipts and disbursements, changes in net assets and cash flows for the period then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and, accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the association.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

The financial statements for the period ended August 31, 2012 were reviewed by another accounting firm and are presented for comparative purposes only.

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador
November 17, 2014


CERTIFIED GENERAL ACCOUNTANTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Sept'10 – Aug'12 AND Sept'12 – Aug'14

Receipts	Sept '10-Aug'12	Sept'12- Aug'14	Budget
Advertising	1,575.00	1,300.00	1,000.00
Donations (BGM/Reunion	2,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
Fees from Divisions	776.00	628.00	----
Interest	3,983.68	3,502.00	4,000.00
NLTA – ASA Credit	22,584.29	24,001.00	24,000.00
Payroll Deductions	197,964.00	201,007.00	199,000.00
Registration Fees	3,180.00	3,870.00	5,000.00
Tales Told by Teachers	11,531.24	2,810.00	3,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 243,894.21	\$ 240,418.00	\$ 239,300.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Accounting Fees	230.00	2,230.00	230.00
BGM/Reunion- 2010	13,673.17	-----	-----
BGM/Reunion -2012 -14	892.02	26,572.00	17,000.00
BGM Refunds		330.00	-----
ACER-CART Fees	2,773.00	3,872.00	2,700.00
ACER-CART Expenses	7,554.16	9,883.00	5,000.00
Committee's	-----	981.00	3,000.00
Computer Repairs	-----	350.00	-----
Computer	-----	1,224.00	-----
Divisional Presidents	3,278.01	4,873.00	3,000.00
Executive Meetings	40,097.99	36,002.00	41,000.00
Honorarium	500.00	18,800.00	-----
Membership Cards	-----	4,577.00	-----
Miscellaneous	748.51	1,268.00	500.00
Paper/Office Supplies	2,231.71	1,432.00	2,500.00
Printing/Postage	22,381.37	19,794.00	23,000.00
Political Action	23,947.74	4,329.00	5,000.00
President/Vice-President	234.24	-----	-----
Rebates to Divisions	97,710.00	99,438.00	99,500.00
RTF Expenses	9,510.54	8,484.00	8,500.00
RTF Donations	7,300.00	8,000.00	5,000.00
Service Charges	240.00	267.00	240.00
Tales Told by Teachers Vol 11	12,017.31	-----	-----
Telephone/Internet	2,595.00	3,188.00	2,500.00
Visits to Divisions	3,487.14	1,986.00	4,500.00
U-Haul Storage	3,102.53	1,054.00	3,200.00
	254,504.44	258,934.00	226,370.00

Cash Reconciliation

	2014	2012
Excess of receipts over expenditures	- 18,516	- 10,610
Change in non cash items		
Amortization of computers	1,704	-
Change in inventory	1,534	- 2,375
Increase in accounts payable	18,698	-
Increase in long term investments	- 8,513	- 18,366
Change in fund balances	- 3,239	2,375
Total change in non cash items	10,184	- 18,366
(Decrease)/Increase in cash flow	- 8,332	- 28,976
Cash - beginning of period	45,178	74,154
Cash - End of Period	36,846	45,178

Cash consists of:

Chequing	32,877	34,368
Interest account	1,804	8,660
Voting share (Credit union)	165	149
Incentive share (Credit Union)	2,000	2,000
	36,846	45,178

Investments consist of:

GIC #40	8,000	-
GIC #41	21,014	20,501
CIC #42	20,000	20,000
GIC #43	25,000	25,000
	74,014	65,501

THE RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
Statement of Financial Position
August 31, 2014
(Unaudited)

	2014	2012
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash (Note 6)	\$ 36,846	\$ 45,178
Inventory	4,269	5,805
	41,115	50,983
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 5)	1,829	3,533
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (Note 4)	74,014	65,501
	\$ 116,958	\$ 120,017
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 18,696	\$ -
NET ASSETS	98,262	120,017
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 116,958	\$ 120,017

THE RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Period Ended August 31, 2014
(Unaudited)

	2012 Balance	Deficiency of revenue over expenditures	Contributions	Withdrawals	2014 Balance
General Fund	\$ 110,679	\$ (18,516)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,163
Capital asset Fund	3,533	-	-	(1,704)	1,829
Tales Told by Teachers Fund	5,805	-	-	(1,535)	4,270
	\$ 120,017	\$ (18,516)	\$ -	\$ (3,239)	\$ 98,262

	2012 Balance	Deficiency of revenue over expenditures	Contributions	Withdrawals	2012 Balance
General Fund	\$ 121,289	\$ (10,610)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,679
Capital asset Fund	3,533	-	-	-	3,533
Tales Told by Teachers Fund	3,430	-	2,375	-	5,805
	\$ 128,252	\$ (10,610)	\$ 2,375	\$ -	\$ 120,017

Retired Teachers' Foundation

Executive Report from Retired Teachers' Foundation Board 2012-2014

Geraldine Wall

A sincere thank you to all Members and Friends for your continued support of our Foundation. Through your generous donations we were able to contribute **\$24,000** to ten children's charities again this year. The presentations were done during the Annual General Meeting of the Foundation held at Corner Brook in October. Associations receiving donations are:

- War Amps Champs Program – accepted by Katarina Roxton
- Canadian Diabetes Children's Services – accepted by Sadie May
- Autism Society – accepted by Kelly Lannon
- Tourette's Syndrome Foundation – accepted by Adam Tilley
- Shriners Patient Transportation Fund – accepted by Michael Parsons
- CNIB Children's Services – accepted by Dianne Durnford
- Candlelighters – accepted by Kirk Wiseman
- Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp – accepted by Penny Pike
- Rainbow Riders – accepted by Margaret Tibbo
- Down Syndrome Society – no recipient available at that time to accept

Thank You to Anita Finn and Anne Pennell for their many years of dedicated service to the Foundation. We shall miss them. Thank you to our sponsoring body, RTANL, for their support. A new Board of Directors was elected during the meeting. They are as follows:

- Chairperson, Geraldine Wall
- Vice Chairperson, Dianne Squarey
- Secretary, Lil Critch
- Treasurer, Roberta Pafford
- Immediate Past Chairperson, Jim Dobson
- Directors: Don Carter, Agnes Hughes, Bernie Meiwald

We look forward to your support as we continue to make a difference in the lives of Children.

Greetings Mr. Kendell,

On behalf of the Candlelighters Association I would like to extend a sincere thank you for the RTANL donation of \$2000 at the Thirteenth BIENNIAL PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE. I just glanced through the slideshow and it looks as if you had a fantastic attendance and a whole lot of fun. We were so delighted to have Kirk Wiseman, Candlelighters West Coast Director, attend and bring greetings from our group. We are preparing to acknowledge your group's amazing donation on our website so if there is anything in particular you would like for us to identify within our posting we would be more than happy to oblige. I have attached the photo that I would like to use as I found it within the slideshow that I was viewing. It is a lovely picture. Kirk did send one to us a few weeks back but the quality wasn't great so we would like to use this image. In addition to the acknowledgement, I would like to offer a presentation to your group outlining the Candlelighters Association if your group is interested. Often times donors like to know where their dollars are being spent and we have an array of lovely programs and services that we provide to our families affected by childhood cancer in NL. If you are at all interested in this presentation in the future please do not hesitate to contact me at this email address or by phone at 745-4448.

Thank you so much once again and please do extend my sincerities to the Association.

Regards,

Amanda Kinsman
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Candlelighters Association of
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Presentation of Donations to Children's Charities at BGM 2014



Presentation to War Amps Champ Program by Bernie Meiwald and accepted by Katarina Roxton.



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



Presentation to the Canadian Diabetes Association by Agnes Hughes and accepted by Sadie May.



Presentation to the Tourette's Syndrome Foundation by Anne Pennell and accepted by Adam Tilley.



Presentation to Mazol Shriners by Jim Dobson and accepted by Michael Parsons.



Presentation to the Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp by Geraldine Wall and accepted by Penny Pike.



Presentation to the Rainbow Riders by Anne Pennell and accepted by Margaret Tibbo.



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



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

ACER-CART Report June 6-7, 2014

Thomas Kendell, Director & Doreen Noseworthy, Observer

Since our last BGM the vice president and I have attended two annual meetings of the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers in Ottawa. The 23rd Annual General Meeting of ACER-CART was held on Friday June 6 and Saturday, June 7, 2014 in the Ottawa office of the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF). ACER-CART was founded in 1991 and represents 13 retired teachers associations in every province and in the Yukon Territory with a total membership of over 120,000 retirees. Participants from all thirteen member organizations were in attendance.

Prior to the AGM, delegates met on Thursday, June 5 at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel to participate in pre-AGM seminars that included an orientation session for new delegates presented by Vaughn Wadelius, a practical session on lobbying given by MP Hon. Lawrence MacAulay (a former Attorney-General), a dialogue with CTF President Dianne Woloschuk, and a social media training session on using Twitter given by Francine Fillon, the CTF Director of Communications.

Executive Reports:

The Friday AGM session received reports from the Executive officers, the standing committees and the political advocacy ad hoc committee. The report of 2013-14 President Thomas Gaskell highlighted action taken during his term on rethinking our lobbying approach, continued care and concern for retirees, forging new relationships among like-minded organizations, and action needed as a result of the demise of the national Health Accord. Action taken on the resolutions from the 2013 AGM was also reviewed.

The Executive Director, Roger Régimbal, reported that finances were on a sound footing, with a balanced budget proposed for 2014-15. After two years of discussion, the 2010-13 fees paid to the now defunct CNSO were returned. Régimbal represented ACER-CART at meetings with politicians, CTF staff, and organizations such as the Canadian Medical Association and Cyber-Seniors. ACER-CART membership had increased by 2.9% over the previous year.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Use of the website to provide various documents and information for Directors during the year; the publication of two newsletters; conference calls used to facilitate discussion.

Health Services & Insurance: Health care trends across Canada; commonly used drugs and paramedical services; and information on initiatives to stay healthy.

Legislation: Action to make Political Advocacy a standing committee; recertification of ACER-CART's non-profit status.

Pension & Retirement Income: Recommendation on allying with other organizations on pension issues.

Political Advocacy: Numerous discussions and recommendations for improving advocacy; launch of a Facebook closed group to facilitate internal discussions among Directors.

ACER-CART Positions Taken:

Major issues discussed at the AGM included the following:

- a) Continued support for the CTF "Hear My Voice" initiative urging that Government practice greater transparency, heed the voices of Canadians concerned about the state of democracy in Canada, and refrain from attacks on unions.
- b) Political Advocacy was made into a standing committee.
- c) A new brochure to facilitate ACER-CART advocacy will be published.
- d) Basic beliefs regarding Canadian health care were endorsed.
- e) Continued advocacy encouraged for the negotiation of a new national health accord.
- f) Support for the Canadian Medical Association's "Choosing Wisely Canada" campaign to reduce medical costs through public education.
- g) Encourage ACER-CART members to use "all candidate forums" during the next federal election.
- h) Work together to address the shortage of geriatricians and gerontologists.

Member Association Reports:

The ACER-CART member associations reported on the activities they have undertaken in their respective provinces and territory. There were many issues of common concern brought forward, especially in the areas of pensions and health care. Various resolutions were proposed by some of the Directors.

Kudos:

Recognition was paid to the assistance to ACER-CART by CTF staff (Lynne Richard and Donald Swalsky), and the financial support of Johnson Inc. The Friday banquet saw service awards presented to three departing delegates: Norbert Boudreau (Director – RTO/ERO); Wayne Hughes (Director – RTAM); and Vaughn Wadelius (Director and Executive member 2005-14). In addition, guests were treated to a presentation by Canadian author/humorist Terry Fallis. An additional treat was a gift of wild rice from The Pas area to each delegate.

Presentations:

A Saturday morning presentation by Richard Harrison, Senior Consultant with Johnson Inc., reviewed the changing age dynamics in Canada, the effect of aging on medicare costs, and various aspects of health care expenditures and shortcomings.

A presentation by CMA representatives François Lessard and Kristin Smith explained the “Choosing Wisely Canada” campaign which is supported by 30 medical specialty societies. Its goal is to reduce unnecessary tests, treatments and procedures by empowering physicians on current best practices, and the public through education.

The ACER-CART Officers for 2014-15 are:

- President: JoAnn Lauber (BCRTA) from New Westminster, BC
- Vice-President: Brian Kenny (RTO/ERO) from Burlington, ON
- Past President: Dr. Thomas Gaskell (RTO-NSTU) from Little Bras d’Or, NS

The three Regional Representatives are:

- Region East: James MacAuley (PEIRTA) from St. Peter’s Bay, PEI
- Region Ontario: Norbert Boudreau from Ontario
- Region West: George Georget (STS) from Saskatoon, SK

Priorities:

The following priorities were chosen for ACER-CART action in 2014-15:

1. Enhance ACER-CART political advocacy through its member associations and through collaboration with like-minded organizations on issues of common concern;
2. Urge the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to negotiate a new, strengthened health accord;
3. Articulate, in a comprehensive document, ACER-CART’s policies and priorities concerning health issues;
4. Articulate health, pension and relevant senior’s issues for member associations to use in political advocacy work for the next federal election;
5. Develop a long-term strategic plan.



Executive, Directors and Observers at the 2014 AGM.

Report from Eastern Canadian Retired Teachers' Organizations Regional Conference

Doreen Noseworthy and Thomas Kendell

The meeting of Eastern Canadian Retired Teachers' Organizations (ECRTO) took place in Halifax on October 16-17, 2014. RTANL was represented by President Thomas Kendell and Vice President Doreen Noseworthy. This organization is made up of the four Atlantic Provinces and Quebec. This year Nova Scotia was the sponsoring province. The conference was a great opportunity for the representatives from the five provinces to come together and discuss various issues of mutual concern.

Business sessions began with a presentation by Cathy Carmody on Conscious Aging. As we age we should be consciously aware of our purpose in life. We should look forward with a purpose and passion and not identify or define ourselves by what we did in the past.

The second business session of the day was by Paul Sarty from Johnson Inc. on comparing retired teachers' benefit plans in the four Atlantic Provinces. There are some similarities among the provinces but certainly there are many differences as well. We all should be more cognizant of the coverage that we have under our insurance programs.

The first day ended with a reception followed by a dinner which was sponsored by Johnson Inc.

The second day began with a presentation on National Pharmacare by Judy MacPhee and Marina Keeping. This presentation centered on common drug review, drug pricing and the challenges for drug funding. There are many unknowns and factors that influence the generic drug market.

Copies of presentations are available upon request.



Doreen Noseworthy and Thomas Kendell at the ECRTO meeting in Halifax, October 2014.

During a round table discussion we discussed a questionnaire that each provincial representative completed prior to the conference. Questions centered around our relationship with our teacher unions, Johnson Inc., Pensions, Recruitment and Retention of Members, Charitable Foundations, RTO/RTA structure and other concerns.

Jim MacAulay, Eastern Representative for ACER-CART, submitted a written report to the delegates in attendance. As the Eastern Representative, Jim reports to the national body and welcomes any input from provincial organizations. It is important that member associations of ACER-CART speak with a united voice at both provincial and federal levels of government. We must support our national association which is our voice on issues affecting our welfare.

The Eastern Canadian Retired Teachers' Organization (ECRTO) meets in a different province every two years. In that rotation, Newfoundland and Labrador is scheduled to host the next conference in October 2016.



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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.

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.

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

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, don.white01@bellaliant.net 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.

The Newsletter Committee reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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In Memoriam

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

Verna K. Arbour (St. John's)
Garfield Bickford (Deer Lake)
Michael Bragg (Greenspond)
Sr. Mary Eileen Bouzane (St. John's)
Myrtle Carter (Clareville)
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Anne Marie Grant (Marystown)
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