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President's Message

Jim Dobson

For those of you who are “On the Web”, “Connected” or have replaced hand written messages or notes with e-mail, you are familiar with various forms of unsolicited messages from friends and strangers alike. Many of these messages are funny, a few are profane and some are thought provoking. Sadly, many are just annoyances, something to be deleted as soon as possible. Some time ago I received a message entitled “I wish you enough”. Maybe you have seen it, relating an observation an airport traveller had of an exchange between a mother and daughter who were saying good-byes at an airport. It includes these statements:

*To all my friends and loved ones,
I wish you enough!!
Enough rain to appreciate the sun even more
Enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and
everlasting
Enough gain to satisfy your wanting
Enough loss to appreciate all that you possess
Enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.*

I trust you had an enjoyable winter season. I understand some areas of the province did not get enough snow. It was an exceptionally mild winter, compared to our “old time” or even “traditional” winters. I missed that due to spending three months in Florida with what seemed like thousands of other Newfoundlanders. Florida had an exceptional winter as well – a cool, windy one, worst one in 54 years according to the newspapers. Nevertheless, we made the most of it but I felt some sympathy with the families who had come down in February expecting beach weather, only to be dressed up and spending time at the malls.

Now I am back to the routine of Spring outdoor chores as many of you are. Oh the joy of birds singing before you get up in the morning, the longer days, and the lawns waiting to be raked, fertilized, and prepared for the annual assault of weeds. However,

my immediate concern was to have enough time to get the income tax forms completed and prepare for an RTANL Executive Meeting in Gander on April 20 and 21.

This is BGM/Reunion year! Of course you knew that. Every two years ending in even numbers, the members of the Retired Teachers' Association get together for fellowship, fun, dancing, meeting old friends and don't forget **food**. We are back to Gander, our traditional location, after very successful reunions in St. John's in 2006 and Corner Brook in 2008. Gander has always been touted as the ideal location, equidistant from both coasts, and easy accessibility from Labrador. Hotel Gander has always been a friend of the RTANL. Their accommodations are reasonable and banquets are excellent. Can you find enough time this October to attend and make this event something to remember?

An application form was printed in our December newsletter, another application form is in this newsletter and for those of you “on the web” you can find an application at this website: www.nlta.nl.ca/files/documents/rtanl/rtanl.html. The price is right – \$40.00 per person that covers two banquets, dance, prizes and **Early Bird Draws**. Check it out, write a cheque, and send it in to Clayton Rice. Rooms can be arranged at Hotel Gander 256-3931 – and I hope there are enough rooms to contain all the retired teachers we are expecting to attend. Special presentations will be made and local entertainers will make this a worthwhile experience.

What else is on the go? Political Action you say. As you know, we have put our lot in with the **Coalition of Public Pensioners**. In the last six months meetings have been held with not one, but two different finance ministers. Meetings have also been held with the officials from Pensions Divisions, presentations were made at the Pre-Budget hearings, and strategies were made for action during three by-elections. Here is a

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**11th Reunion of
Retired Teachers
and RTANL
BGM 2010
Gander
October 5-7, 2010**

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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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case for having as many e-mail addresses of members as possible when there is a need to get out messages on urgent business. And what was the result of all those deliberations and actions? You are right – not enough! The budget gave public pensioners zilch, nano, zero, nothing. No ad hoc increase! No cost of living indexing for long time retirees. Nothing new there. Same old argument, “You got what you bargained for!” and “We can’t do anything for public pension seniors that we are not prepared to do for all seniors.” Have you had enough of this talk? If so, what are you going to do about it? Quoting Gladys Costella in the January 2006 Newsletter: “If seniors don’t fight for seniors, it appears nobody else will.” You can expect a lively presentation on the fight for improved government remuneration for public pensioners at the BGM in October. Ralph Morris, member of the Coalition and NAPE retiree representative will be a featured speaker.

During my year and a half as Provincial President I have had the pleasure to visit six of the seven Divisions. One of my regrets is that I did not make it to Bonavista, either for their Christmas socials or their seasonal events. Harold Tremblett has kept me

informed, and from his Newsletter reports I know they are very active, have terrific socials and are involved in a local First School project. However, weather and scheduling conflicts made commitments impossible. I thoroughly enjoyed the visits to Corner Brook, Carbonear, Burin, St. John’s and Milltown. They were highlights of my term as president. I will surely miss these occasions. You can never get enough socialization with retired teachers.

As on many occasions, I will leave the last comments to Gladys Costella. “Try to fit the October 2010 BGM and Reunion in Gander into your 2010 schedule, and get involved in your Division’s activities during the year. You’ll be glad you did, believe me.” Thank you Gladys, we will miss your presence there. Oh yes, it was Gladys who forwarded me the story quoted above – “I wish you enough!”

When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear. ~ author unknown

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Report of the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation

Geraldine Wall

The Retired Teachers' Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador was founded in Central Division under the capable leadership of the late Lloyd Buffett and the late Cyril Bull. The purpose of the Foundation is two-fold: to provide funding to charities for children who are incapacitated and to honor the life and work of deceased colleagues.

Donations are received annually from RTANL Divisions and the Presentation Sisters, from fund raising activities, from bequests by wills, and through In Memoriam cards. These cards are available at Funeral Homes throughout the province or from any member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

The Foundation has come a long way since the first donation of \$300 was made to the Janeway Children's Hospital in 1985. During the 21st Annual Meeting on November 24, 2009 donations totaling \$19,000 were made to charities for children who are incapacitated.

Receiving donations were:

- John Bullen for the Candlelighters Association
- Adam Johnston and Roy Robinson for the Newfoundland and Labrador Down Syndrome Society
- Theresa Edney for Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus
- Gerald Coombs for the Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp

- Debbie Devereaux for Canadian Diabetes Association Children's Services
- Janet Rumsey for Tourettes Syndrome Association - Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter
- Stephanie Griffiths for the Rainbow Riders
- Valda Adams and Robin DeVerteuil for CNIB Children's Services
- Sir Doug Rowe and Chief Rabban Lorne Warren for Mazol Shriner's Patient Transportation Fund

The gratitude expressed by the recipients indicate that we are making a difference in the lives of many children throughout our province, and at the same time we are honoring our deceased colleagues through our Books of Remembrance. We ask each Division to please submit the biographical information for your deceased members so that they may be included.

A sincere thank you to former Chairperson Anita Finn for researching and compiling biographical information for Volume 4 of the Books of Remembrance. Thank you to our sponsoring body RTANL, for your support both financially and morally. Thank you to the NLTA for the use of your building for meetings and your assistance with printing, etc. And last, but certainly not least, a thank you to our members who have supported all of our projects throughout the year. We shall continue our legacy of caring for children.

Geraldine Wall
Chairperson, Retired Teachers' Foundation



NEWS & VIEWS

Avalon East Division

Doreen Noseworthy

Since my last report, Avalon East Division has, indeed, been extremely busy. Our social year started out in its usual way with Octoberfest celebrations at the Royal Canadian Legion in Pleasantville. At this event we helped the Presentation Sisters celebrate their 175th year in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador by presenting them with a Certificate of Appreciation for their contribution to education and to our youth. We had a full house at this function and were served a most delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Entertainment was provided by the inimitable Shelley Neville and Brian Way. There were prizes aplenty, all with a harvest theme. Needless to say, a wonderful time was had by all.



Sister Mark Kennedy (r) receives Certificate of Appreciation from President Doreen (l).

Next, it was on to our Christmas social held at Holiday Inn. This event took on a special touch this year. The social committee decided it was time to showcase some of the works of our very talented and “crafty” retired teachers by inviting them to display their wares. So we sent out a notice in our newsletter and invited any interested parties to participate in their very own Arts and Crafts Exhibition. The response was amazing and their work was awesome. Many of us took advantage of the opportunity to buy beautiful, hand crafted gifts for Christmas giving. I feel confident in saying that it will become a part of this annual event.

After the exhibition we moved into the dining area and were treated to a most delicious Christmas

dinner. Again, we were filled to capacity, with just under 400 retired teachers and guests in attendance. Lily Cole, President of the NLTA, brought greetings to the membership on behalf of the Association. Anne Pennell, Treasurer of the Retired Teachers’ Foundation, accepted our annual donation on your behalf and thanked the Division for its continued support. At various times throughout the afternoon there were draws for beautiful Christmas prizes, bringing wide smiles to the faces of the winners...an early gift from Santa. Special thanks to Barb Young for donating two of her famously delicious Christmas cakes as prizes. Following all the formalities, we had a marvelous sing-a-long led by yours truly, with guest appearances by Margie Cahill and Brenda Mooney. It was a truly wonderful day!

Fun Day was next on the agenda of social events. It was held at Bally Haly Golf & Curling Club again this year. This is a day that everyone really enjoys because it is so relaxing. The curling was especially interesting this year because we had a draw to the button for a new car. The competition was fierce and the winning rock almost too close to call, but we managed and the “environmentally friendly” new car was presented to the winner. Games of cards and bridge, board games and other activities went on throughout the morning. Lunch was prepared and served by the wonderful staff. Thanks to Pat Ryan who donated one of her beautiful prints again this year, we raised approximately \$400 on the sale of tickets, which we donated to the Retired Teachers’ Foundation. Thanks also to the many people attending who brought gifts to add to those we had already purchased to help make the prize draws even more exciting and interesting. All in all, it was another very successful day in Avalon East



President Doreen (r) and Jean Sturge (l), winner of the Pat Ryan print.



Busy working on *Tales II*.

It wasn't all play and no work in Avalon East, you can be sure. Besides the usual committee work, we were tasked with the editing of the submissions to *Tales Told By Teachers, Volume II*. An Editing Committee was put in place and eagerly got to work and got the job done. We will meet again to proof the finished product before going to print. Hopefully, it will be available in the fall of 2010.

For the remainder of the year we have three more social events to look forward to: our annual BBQ and Social, a hike along a portion of the East Coast Trail with Ben Dunne, and the final one being our AGM. The BBQ will be held at Bally Haly with music provided by Dennis O'Reilly. The AGM will include a luncheon at Woodstock Colonial Inn with guest speaker, Robert Langdon, Chairperson of the Coalition of Public Sector Pensioners, addressing the members on the latest activities of that group. Entertainment will be provided by the NTA Centennial Choir, followed by our Annual General Meeting and election of officers.

Since this will likely be my last report, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped, in any way, to make the past four years such an enjoyable experience. The Executive and Social Committee are simply the best and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support. A sincere thank you to the RTANL and the NLTA for their guidance and for always being there for us, and to the Print Plant administration and staff for helping us meet deadlines and for all the extra things they do to help make life easier. I would also like to extend a very special thanks to the members of Avalon East for their continued support of all our efforts. Have a wonderful summer and remember to keep smiling!

Yours in retirement,
Doreen

Bonavista Division

Harold Tremblett

2009-10 has so far been a very busy year for our Division. Our Executive has met formally on three occasions and there have been two general meetings, a Christmas dinner and, since November, weekly curling each Thursday.

Continuing our practice of having executive meetings at the homes of executive members, we have so far held meetings on October 14 at Linda Hicks' home in Catalina, on November 9 at Beverly Fisher's home in Bonavista, and on January 12 at Theresa White's home in Catalina. Each of these meetings dealt with current items of interest and concern in our Division: getting our bylaws finalized, planning meetings and special events, assisting our social and recreation committees in their work, getting more of our members out to events, reaching out to designated individuals who qualify to join as Associate members, and discussing provincial topics such as donations to the Foundation and the work of the Political Action Committee. On January 30, our executive visited Wilson Harris, our oldest member who was celebrating his 90th birthday and having an open house at his home in Catalina. Other visitations to the homes of members who have been sick have also been planned by our executive, sometimes using regular members to do the visitations.



Executive visit our oldest member, Wilson Harris, as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

Our first general meeting for the year was held in the meeting room above the Walkham's Gate Pub and Coffee Shop in Bonavista. Twenty-one members attended this meeting, which was organized into two parts. In the first part, we had a guest speaker, Bonavista's Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, who discussed the recent changing of the TK Kelloway Seniors



Mayor Betty Fitzgerald (standing) of Bonavista at our October general meeting.

Center into a new 50+ Club. Mayor Betty tried to encourage retired teachers to join this club, expressing her feeling that our members would be quite helpful in providing leadership, assistance and support to the seniors in our area who become members. After her talk, Linda Hicks presented the Mayor with a copy of *Tales Told by Teachers*. In the second part, Duncan Ford explained some of the issues involved with our pensions as members reach 60 and 65 years of age. Many of our members have had concerns about these changes for some time, so Duncan was able to address most of their concerns. After the meeting, the establishment's staff catered to us and we were served a delicious lunch.



Members tour The Factory in Port Union and see the old printing presses for *The Fisherman's Advocate* newspaper.

Our second general meeting was held at The Factory in Port Union on February 2, and was attended by eighteen members. The Factory is one of the buildings that comprise the William Coaker Historic Site, and it was once used to print *The Fisherman's Advocate* newspaper. At this meeting, we presented members with a draft copy of our bylaws, appointed an auditor

for our finances, announced plans for a winter outing, and encouraged members to plan to attend the 2010 Provincial Conference being planned for Gander in October. Following our meeting, the staff at the Coaker site treated us to a slide show of the life and times of William Coaker. They then took us on a tour of the various buildings and our members were fascinated to see the old printing presses for the newspaper, old machinery and old tools used in the Coaker era, and many other items that reflected an important chapter in Newfoundland's developmental history. A delicious meal of soup, sandwiches and dessert, followed by a demonstration of "rug-hooking", concluded an interesting day for all those who attended. The caterers who had heard of Mr. Harris' 90th birthday brought out a surprise birthday cake and we all joined in to sing "Happy Birthday" to our oldest member... "Hope you live to be a hundred..."

With the help of our committees, we are endeavouring to have ample opportunities for social and recreational events. Although the snow was falling on the night of December 10, approximately 50 members, spouses, and guests braved the elements to attend our Christmas Dinner at Skipper's Restaurant in Bonavista. Local entertainer Craig Pardy delighted the audience with his rendition of Newfoundland songs and humor well into the night, and some of us bought copies of his latest CD. At one point between songs, Craig looked out over the audience and said, "I've never seen so many teachers in my life...!" Christmas gifts were distributed and "a good time was had by all."

On Tuesday, March 2, our recreation committee, chaired by Gordon Fudge and Joe Greene, took us on a winter hike and boil-up in the country near King's Cove. Approximately 10-15 of our members participate in teachers' curling each Thursday morning at the Bonavista Stadium. This activity is always a lot of fun for those who attend and it is usually followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Best wishes to all from the Bonavista Division.

Coast of Bays Division

Lenus Lawrence

Although our winter blessed us with the type of weather one would more likely experience in late Fall or early Spring, it was not conducive to blossoms or buds so typical of our spring environment.

Nevertheless, one must create or pretend a friendlier atmosphere because the editor insists there is a deadline for submitting items for the spring edition of the Newsletter. However, since the Prime Minister can impose his own desired proroguing of Parliament, it is not so unusual that the editor can establish a printing timetable to which one must adhere.

Now, getting down to the task at hand. The Coast of Bays Retired Teachers saw fit to host its last meeting of 2009 at the Vancor Motel on Tuesday, November 3. This was a special meeting since we invited our member, the Honourable Tracey Perry, to be our special guest. In addition, we had other guests, namely Jim Dobson, President of the Provincial Executive and his friend Tom Kendell from the Central School Board, who is also an executive member of Central Division.

We were pleased to have these guests in our presence, especially Ms. Perry, since we had been waiting for an opportune time to do so. The timing was convenient for her, so in the interest of good public relations we gave her an advanced agenda of the items of interest we would present to her for elaboration, clarification and discussion because we felt it would be a worthwhile exercise to promote public awareness and good relationships. We suggest and encourage other associations and Divisions to approach their respective Government members and we wish to share our discussion:

1. In the absence of the full indexing of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Pension Plan and recognizing that teachers who retired prior to 1992 have such a low pension and that they have not seen an increase in their pension in more than 17 years, will your Government reconsider its present position on this matter?

In response, Ms. Perry seemed to imply retired teachers should be most thankful that the Government saw fit to inject a large sum of money to ensure the liability of the pension plan. In further pursuit of this objective, she committed herself to highlighting this issue with Government officials and assured us there would be ongoing discussions to this effect.

However, from our own experiences in discussions with Government pertaining to this particular aspect, we were not convinced there would be "ongoing discussion". The Political Action Committee is of the opinion the mere utterance of "retired teachers" and/or

"pension indexing" within the same context provokes the collective voices of Government to exhale a gurgling sound so thunderous it erupts the airways with such vibrations that it blocks out any further sounds of any nature.

2. The administration of Health and Education in this province seems, in the recent past, to be guided by a philosophy that "bigger is better". Recent events in both fields would appear to challenge this belief. Will your Government revisit this matter with the goal of returning to a model that brings the administrations of both public services closer to the significant stakeholders?

Ms. Perry's response was not very enlightening. This was not very re-assuring since our experience with the educational system has not supported the concept that "bigger necessarily meant better".

We regarded these issues mentioned above as relevant to retired teachers specifically, but also in the interest of the general public. There were other items on the agenda but were applicable to our own district or communities.

Upon completion of our own agenda, we made room to accommodate our Provincial President, Jim Dobson. President Jim was quick to point out the main focus of the Political Action Committee is to impress upon government personnel the dire necessity of implementing pension indexing and/or an ad hoc increase. Regardless of time and place, anywhere retired teachers encounter a politician(s) he/she should create an environment of opportunity whereby one can directly or indirectly engage that political figure in a dialogue pertaining to pensions. However, Government is very adamant in their determination not to set aside any group for special consideration or recognition. Any benefits affecting seniors or retirees must be achieved through the programs Poverty Intervention or Poverty Strategy.

Nevertheless, even though that is Government's perspective, our main goal or objective is to counter this position through an aggressive platform contrary to Government.

Our agenda had outdone our time limitations, so adjournment was in order. We felt optimistic our Political Action Team would work diligently in accordance with the pursuit of its mandate.

Con-Tri Division

Jennifer Babb



Marie Ryan addresses the November meeting of Con-Tri RTA.

Happy Spring to all Provincial RTA members from your colleagues in Trinity and Conception Bays.

We usually have four working lunch meetings during the year. Our last meeting for 2009 was held in Carbonear in November and we were pleased to have a guest speaker, Marie Ryan from the Seniors' Resource Center, speak to us about services available in our area. A new Seniors' Resource Center office has recently opened in Spaniard's Bay and they are hoping to work closely with other groups in the area. For more information about their services, please call 786-4630.



Howard Sooley and friends Doug Card and Chris Snelgrove entertain for us.

We held our Annual Christmas Banquet and Dance late in November and it was a great success. Once again, the evening included a loonie drive for the Retired Teachers' Foundation and a collection of food items that were donated in the Trinity Bay area

this year. There were lots of prizes, good food, and conversations were plentiful. Music was provided by Howard Sooley and Friends and later, the dancing continued into the wee hours.



Con-Tri Executive members Joyce Roberts, Albert Legge, Isabelle Cole and Ruth Davidge chat with Provincial President Jim Dobson at the Christmas Banquet.

Even at times of the year when no events are scheduled, our Division remains active. December is a busy month as that is when we participate in the Award Nights at the four high schools in our area. This year, our local association presented \$200 Scholarships to the following five worthy recipients. They all graduated in June 2009. Congratulations to all the winners of the Con-Tri RTA Scholarships and thank you to the members who made the presentations on our behalf:

Baccalieu Collegiate – Sarah Thomas
Crescent Collegiate – Steven White
Ascension Collegiate – Justin Dawson
Carbonear Collegiate – Daniel MacKenzie and Andrew Rose

The Con-Tri executive met during the last week of March to start planning for Spring events. Members were reminded of the following dates: April 15 – First Spring Lunch Meeting; May 2 – Second Spring Lunch meeting; and June 3 – Year End Event. Further details were in *The Compass* and were communicated through e-mail communication.

Have a wonderful Spring everyone.

Western Division

Francis R. Reardon

This is my first report since I became president of Western Division at our general meeting on September 28, 2009. Taking over from Lily Critch has

been a daunting task. However, her constant support has made my role a lot easier. There is a belief that our work involves a few meetings and a couple of socials. What a fallacy that is! I cannot believe the amount of work that is done by our executive, our regional representatives, and our contacts throughout Western Newfoundland and Labrador. We cover the largest geographical area in the province. I am forever grateful to the previous executive and especially Emily Mullett for organizing such a strong team across our Division. I also thank all our members who tirelessly delivered fruit baskets and flowers or who visited members and their families when they were having difficulties.

This year we lost a great friend and a wealth of knowledge from our Executive when Gladys Costella passed away. Gladys always strived to bring out the best in everyone. She will be forever missed but we look back with pride and smiles when we think about how she stood up for that which she believed. This report is a tribute to Gladys.

Performance wise we have had a wonderful six months. We had four well-attended executive meetings and all the plans and goals we set forth were very successful. Our Christmas dinner and dance on December 12 was sold out a week before the event. Our St. Patrick's Day Social was also well attended. Thanks to Tom Carey (vocals) and Dr. John Murphy (keyboard) for helping yours truly (accordion) to provide Irish music and song.

I am presently working with the Nominating Committee for the BGM.

We had a meeting on April 20. I was invited to speak at the NLTA Pre-retirement Seminar held in Corner Brook on March 25-26. I was invited to attend the Western Regional Pensioners' Day that took place in Corner Brook on April 7. We had a barbeque for our Executive on June 7. I spoke at the NLTA Western Division Retirement Dinner held in Corner Brook on June 11. After this we will take a break (except for essential duties) until September.

Many thanks to the following for all the work you have done:

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Retirement Swimming in Different Waters

Myrtis Guy

When I turned 51 I decided that I would once again try to learn to swim. It was around the same time that after 31 years in education I was giving some thought to retirement.

Having grown up around the ocean in Notre Dame Bay, people expressed surprise when I admitted that I could not swim. Although I had spent many childhood summers on the beach and in the boat with my father, I never quite got over my terrible fear of the water. As children our parents taught us that the ocean was a place where people made their living and a place that oft times took the lives of friends and family. It was not a place for "fooling around" and swimming was considered a leisure activity to be done in one of the brooks or ponds. Besides, the ocean was freezing cold for most of the year!

When I began swimming lessons at one of the local pools, I was somewhat petrified. While the instructor didn't actually have to peel me off the side of the pool, I still needed a lot of coaxing before I would immerse my face and then my body into the water. The biggest challenge came when I needed to lift my feet off the bottom of the pool and actually try to "swim". Upon reflection I realize it had a lot to do with trust; trusting the young instructor and trusting myself. It also had a lot to do with fear of the unknown, fear of what would happen if I panicked, and fear of losing control. I had become quite comfortable with what I had always known – two feet planted firmly on solid ground.

As I was driving home one night after one of my not-so-successful swimming lessons, it occurred to me that struggling with learning to swim and struggling with the decision to retire had some similarities. At the time when I was contemplating retirement I had my feet planted firmly in a position that had become professionally and personally rewarding. I was comfortable with my responsibilities, my income, and my work environment. I had been blessed with a rewarding career as a teacher, administrator, and consultant. Over the years I had worked with many

wonderful colleagues and had made many treasured friends along the way. At the time I viewed retirement as giving up all that I knew and trusted. It would mean taking my feet off the bottom, trusting my own judgement, and venturing into unknown waters. How would I cope with a new financial reality? What would I do all day, all week, all year? How would I maintain my social contacts? Would I lose touch with learning? How would my identity change? In other words, would I sink or swim?

As educators we often define who we are by what we do every day. People who know us often define who we are by our professional responsibilities. Retirement means letting go of a very big part of our identity, giving up known routines, schedules, and yearly rhythms, having extra leisure time, and creating a new identity for ourselves. We become anxious as we contemplate all the changes that will occur once we've taken the plunge. No doubt about it, making the decision to retire is life altering, not one to be taken lightly. It means taking risks and trusting our own judgement.

After much soul searching and consideration, I decided I would retire. What helped me to make the decision? Attending a retirement seminar sponsored by the NLTA, talking to colleagues who had recently retired, consulting with financial advisors, and having the support of family all helped me with my decision. However, in the end, it was a decision that only I could make. I had to trust that I would be able to redefine my identity and become comfortable with the new identity I would create. I came to realize that my "craft knowledge", as Roland Barth calls it, would not disappear overnight after I retired. I had to trust what other retired colleagues and financial advisors had told me. I had to trust my own judgement.

As educators in this province we are fortunate to have a Collective Agreement that allows us to retire at an age where we still have much to offer to our community and the labour/job market. The skills and expertise that we have built up over the years serve us well when we decide that we would like to try our hand at something else. There are retired educators all over Canada and the world who are using their well-honed skills to teach elsewhere. Others have stayed closer to home to find part-time employment in other jobs far removed from schools and classrooms. Others have decided they would rather spend more time with family, spend some time travelling, become "snowbirds", and some have chosen to simply recharge their mental and physical

batteries after a long and rewarding career with children and colleagues. What we all have in common, though, is that we have learned to take our feet off the bottom and swim in different waters.

(Myrtis Guy is a retired teacher, administrator, consultant who now spends part of her year teaching pre-service teachers at MUN and part of her year in a heated pool in the sunny South. She is quick to point out she has adjusted better to retirement than to swimming.)

How Poor Are We?

Author Unknown

One day, a father of a very wealthy family, took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people can be. His goal was to teach his son to appreciate the good life he was living. The father and son spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from the trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great Dad!" "Did you see how poor people can be, and how it is to be so poor?" the father asked. "Oh yeah," the son replied.

"So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden, and they have a creek that has no visible end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have millions of stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food but they grow theirs. We have walls around us for protection. They are protected by their friends."

With this the boy's father was speechless. Then the son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are."

There is always a different point of view. Sometimes in our struggle for "net worth", we forget what really matters the most is happiness in life.

Today, spend a few minutes of your time taking a second look at your life, and inspire a friend or family member to do the same. Are you rich or poor? I hope your life is a rich one.



Tribute to Gladys Costella

A powerful voice of advocacy for retired teachers in this province, and in fact a voice for all seniors, was silenced on February 9, 2010 when Gladys Costella passed away at the Leonard A. Miller Centre in St. John's at the age of 77. Her funeral was held at the First

United Church in Corner Brook on February 16 and the Guard of Honor made up of teachers extending two rows the length of the church was a testament to this amazing lady, who without a doubt, made her mark in so many ways. Whether it was the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers/Association Canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités (ACER/CART), the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association (NLTA), the Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (RTANL), the Retired Teachers' Foundation (RTF), the Status of Women, the Corner Brook Players, her church, her students or any other group to which she dedicated her talents at various times, Gladys stood up for what she believed in and countless numbers of people benefitted from her efforts.

Gladys started her teaching career in Stephenville in the early 1950s. She taught at Corner Brook Amalgamated High School and several other schools before finishing her career at Herdman Collegiate in Corner Brook.

During her career, Gladys spent a number of years as a member of the Provincial Executive of the NLTA, nineteen years as a member of the Provincial Executive of the RTANL, (where she was President for two terms), and for four years Gladys was the Provincial Representative to the national body, ACER/CART. Gladys also served for a number of years on the Executive of the Western Division of the RTANL. In 1988 Gladys received the Bancroft Award. The Bancroft Award was established in 1980 to mark the 90th anniversary of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association. The award recognizes outstanding service at the branch level of the NLTA for the betterment of education and professionalism for teachers.

An appreciation of Gladys' efforts on the national scene is evident from the following tributes received by the RTANL following her death:

I was saddened to hear the news about the death of Gladys Costella. I remember her well. She was a very dynamic person and a passionate advocate for retired teachers. In the early years when ACER/CART was establishing itself as a viable organization, Gladys' contribution was invaluable. At many an ACER/CART Annual General meeting, Gladys would share with us her knowledge and experience of how she and the Retired Teachers' Association (RTANL) would be successful in pressuring and lobbying their provincial government. Her energy and perseverance were commendable!

On behalf of QPARSE (Quebec Association of Retired School Educators), I send our sincere condolences to her family and to the Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Renate Sutherland
Director, QPARSE

I am so saddened to hear this news (Gladys' passing). Gladys was a unique and tenacious individual, a strong advocate for retired teachers.

Vaughn Wadelius
President, ACER/CART

Gladys worked tirelessly as an advocate for the Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador until the cancer, which took her life, prevented her from doing so.

To quote Paula Sheppard Thibeau, Executive Director of the Corner Brook Women's Centre:

...the community has lost a wonderful person. She was a pioneer, she was an advocate, she was a rebel with a cause. She believed everyone should have options and opportunities. She wasn't afraid to be the voice of dissent and speak out for what she believed in. She was a leader in the community.

Gladys had that natural talent which allowed her the distinction of being listened to when she spoke. To confirm this, her daughter, Natalia Costella-Martin, recalls that in the early 1980s during a teacher lockout there was a meeting at the Rec-Plex in Corner Brook and her mother was attempting to get the crowd's attention using a bullhorn. Becoming frustrated, what did Gladys do? She dropped the bullhorn and using her teacher/stage voice, commanded the attention of the assembly. That was Gladys!

A further quote from the Spring 2010 issue of the Aging Issues Network Newsletter:

We're sad to report that one of AIN's founding members, Gladys Costella, died on February 9, at the age of 77. Gladys was a teacher and an energetic community activist, and was deeply involved with the Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Alicia Cox, who worked with Gladys through the AIN, says, "I remember her feisty attitude and her charming wit. She was a real go-getter and a woman of ambition and courage. Most of all I remember her courage when she fought cancer – she never gave up or gave in. She was honest and frank in her opinions and showed a lot of respect and integrity towards others. I will miss the conversations I had with her. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her."

Deepest sympathy is extended to daughter Natalia, son Billy and all of Gladys' many relatives and friends. She will, indeed, be missed.

Submitted by colleague, friend and retired teacher Don White, Mount Pearl

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**.

MUN on Parade!

In August 2010, come celebrate **MUN on Parade!** The Memorial University of today got its start with the campus on Parade Street in St. John's. Memorial University College officially opened in 1925, and this summer will mark the 85th anniversary of post-secondary education in Newfoundland and Labrador.

To celebrate, we're having a reunion for all those students who attended the Parade Street campus. If you or someone you know attended Memorial on Parade Street, get in touch. We'd love to see you at the reunion in 2010!

For more information, call 737-4354 or visit munalum.ca.

Now available, a recently released novel by a retired teacher: **Twenty Five Years Later**.

This book is available in most bookstores or by calling the author, Kelvin Kelleher at 673-4409, Springdale, or e-mail kelandgolda@yahoo.ca.

And yet another book from Clarence Dewling (a retired teacher). This time it is one of short stories called **Short Shorts**. Clarence can be reached at: Site 2 Box 29, Trinity, NL, A0C 2S0

Nominating Committee for Elections (RTANL and RTF)

In October 2010, RTANL active members present at the October 6 morning session of the Association's BGM will elect the Provincial Executive for 2010-12. Also, at the Retired Teachers' Foundation BGM on October 6, the active members present will elect the Foundation's Board of Directors for 2010-12. **All members are encouraged to offer themselves for office** or to nominate members for any position on the Provincial Executive or on the Foundation's Board. A Nominating Committee (as listed below) has been set up to receive nominations prior to the BGM, but nominations may also come from the floor at the BGM.

Elected Positions on Provincial Executive:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Members-at-Large

Elected Positions on the Foundation's Board:

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Members-at-Large

Nominating Committee for 2010:

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Cod Liver Memories

by *Nathan Kettle*

My dearly beloved mother, Ester, a kind and caring woman, went about her daily work attending to her 10 children singing the traditional cod liver song. Not only did she sing it, she made sure each one of us received a soup spoon of it every morning before we went to school. This she followed with a soup spoon of syrup to help the medicine go down. Little did I realize that by the time I got to high school, I would be very much involved in the making of cod liver oil.

Grand Bay, my hometown, had a very productive cod fishery in the 1940s. The markets were good. The fishermen were dealing in fresh fish and received four cents per pound for their catch – gutted and head on. However, there was an additional profit to be made – if only the fishermen could sell the cod fish livers.

Munn & Co. of St. John's heard about the productive cod fishery in Grand Bay and they decided to do something about it. In 1942, they inquired about this and finally made an agreement with my grandfather, Captain Wilson Kettle, and my father, Howard. They had good seaside property and agreed to erect a cod liver factory about 25 feet by 40 feet adjacent to their fishing stage. Thus began a new industry for the town.

This building had to house two 90-gallon cooking boilers, two large cooling vats, and space for three puncheon tubs, each about 60 gallons, to hold the cod livers when delivered by the fishermen.

To assist with the erection of the building and to train my family in the processing of the cod livers, Munn & Co. sent a Mr. Benson, an experienced man from Grates Cove, to Grand Bay for about two months.

In 1943, the liver factory was ready and the fishermen could now sell their cod livers, thus making extra money for their catch. The cod livers were very healthy from October to January. At this time of the year it would take about two gallons of cod livers to produce one gallon of number one cod liver oil. The price of the cod livers was then 60 cents per gallon. However, in February, March, and April the livers were very thin and it would then take about four gallons of livers to produce one gallon of oil. Consequently, the price paid to the fishermen for the cod livers was reduced to 30 cents per gallon.

My grandfather was in his eighties at the time I spent in Grand Bay so I operated the factory with a little help from him. If there were livers to be received at the factory after 6 p.m., he was there to see that it was done. After supper, I had to see to my homework.

In 1948 and 1949 there were two good years for the winter fishery on the southwest coast of Newfoundland. The fishermen were on the fishing grounds day after day and did extremely well. I had a lot of work to do as those livers had to be processed.

There was no running water in our area at the time. I had to be up at 4 a.m., which was the same time that the fishermen left the harbour for the fishing grounds. I would pull two 28-gallon barrels of water on a sleigh from a well about a quarter of a mile away. After putting the first barrel of water into the steam boiler, I would light the fire in the furnace and then proceed to the well for the second barrel.

By the time I returned with the second barrel, the steam pressure in the furnace was beginning to rise. While the pressure was increasing, I would transfer about 180 gallons of cod livers from the puncheon tub with a dip net, into the cooking boilers. As soon as the livers were in place, the steam pressure had normally reached the cooking pressure of 75 pounds. Then the steam valves would be turned on and the livers would begin to disintegrate.

Within half an hour, I would begin to stir the livers trying to break them up as much as possible. To assist with this, a garden rake attached vertically to the handle was used. Moving this object up and down through the boiling livers had a detrimental effect upon their makeup. It took about an hour to complete the process. After such time, the steam was turned off. Then I rushed to my home, washed, had my breakfast and was off to school, which started at 9:30 a.m. We had a fairly long dinner break. The school was near our house and the house was near the factory. This allowed me time to dip the freshly cooked oil from the boilers and transfer it to the cooling tanks during my dinner break.

When school was out for the day, I would return to the factory to deal with the residue as well as receive the cod liver from the fishermen. The dregs or residue in the cooking vats had to be removed. This was placed in large cloth bags, 98 pound flour sacks, and carted into a large tub on a catamaran, a kind of sleigh, to the pressing room.

The pressing rooms consisted of two wooden frames each about eight feet high and 12 feet by 24 feet in area. Here would be placed the residue. First a bag of residue would be put onto the frame. Then a board, 12 feet by 24 feet, would be placed upon it. This would be repeated until all the residue was placed. When all the bags were thus in place, a pole, 20 feet by six feet, would be lowered upon the material. One end of the pole was attached to the floor by a chain and on the other end was a wooden tub of about 20 gallons. To put extra pressure on the bags holding the residue, rocks were added to the tub. In this way the remaining oil was pressed from the residue. The oil from this press was of a darker color, and was classified as number two oil. This oil was collected into a barrel that was placed beneath the floor at the end of the pressing frame.

The next morning, while the livers were cooking, the remaining residue in these bags would be emptied and stored in the corner of the pressing room. The bags had to then be cleaned and ready for use that evening.

Please note that the factory was attached to a fishing stage. Thus the pressing room and storage space for the offal were in this section. The dried offal was packaged in condemned Imperial Oil steel drums. These I made ready on stormy weekends. Half of the end of each drum was cut open with a coal chisel and then one-inch

thick board was fitted and attached to the underside of the lip to seal the filled drums.

The last year that the factory was in operation, 1949, there were 50 drums containing 45 gallons each of number one cod liver oil produced and 15 drums containing 45 gallons each of number two oil.

Confederation put an end to the cod fishing in Grand Bay. The young fishermen, anxious for a shore job, found work with CN in Port aux Basques building the new dock as well as handling the increased freight that came across the Gulf.

How did I get paid? I was given the value of the dried residue. We received five cents per pound for this at the end of June. When I finished Grade XI, I received \$100, the amount I left Grand Bay with for Memorial University, still remembering the cod liver oil song my mother used to sing.

(Submitted by retired teacher Nathan Kettle. Mr. Kettle now lives in St. John's. This article was originally published in the Gulf News, Port Aux Basques, Monday, January 18, 2010, Section A, Page 2).

Our Olympian

RTA member Geraldine Wall was invited by the Canadian Diabetes Association to share the honor and privilege of carrying the Olympic Flame as a member of their Relay Team. On November 15, 2009 she became a part of history. For a few precious moments she carried the Olympic Flame in her hands but as she says, "I will hold the memory in my heart forever. As we traveled along the 45,000 km route across our country my fellow torchbearers and I played our role in building a better Canada."

The Olympic Flame is a truly remarkable icon, signifying peace, brotherhood and friendship. It has the power and ability to bring a smile to your face or a tear to your eye. Carrying the Olympic Flame was an indescribable experience that Geraldine shared with family and friends who came to cheer her on. "I have never felt prouder to say 'I am Canadian'. I am proud to have been a part of the commemoration and celebration of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games."



5th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Norbert Boudreau

Did you know that on June 15, 2010 we will be observing the 5th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)? It all started in Madrid in 2002 when countries throughout the world adopted the United Nations International Plan of Action on Ageing. Since 2006 an increasing number of events are held across the globe to raise awareness of elder abuse, highlight ways to challenge and ultimately put an end to this neglect.

Did you know that elder abuse can happen to any one of us? I always thought that it occurred only to older seniors unable to take care of themselves. Contrary to popular belief, elder abuse happens to people who are quite capable of making their own decisions. Elders are targeted because they are considered easy targets.

Like other forms of family violence, it is often never reported. It is frightening to denounce this type of abuse, but keeping it hidden permits cruelty and neglect to thrive. Too often the neglect of our elders is not readily identified by service providers, community or even family members and ill treatment goes undetected. In fact, some elders also believe that it is their fault that they are abused and are ashamed to report it.

Elder abuse is defined by any action which causes harm to an older person or one that jeopardizes his or her health or welfare by a person in a position of trust. There are different types of elder abuse including physical, sexual, mental, neglect and financial abuse. Financial abuse, in fact, is the most common form of elder abuse. Social isolation can also be another significant risk factor for an older person.

Often times, elder abuse is caused by a family member or a friend and oddly enough it is hardly reported to the authorities. Abused elders are sometimes afraid of the abusers. It could be that they depend on these persons for the necessities of life. They also fear that their loved ones will be jailed or that they themselves will be put away in an institution.

There are signs and symptoms of elder abuse. Keep an eye out for unexplained injuries, neglect or diminished self-esteem. Sometimes abused elders are fearful, withdrawn and are reluctant to talk openly about their situation. If a senior is not dressed appropriately

or dirty, especially when you know that this person would not usually be seen like this in public, it may be time to investigate or at the very least discretely ask questions! If you know or suspect that a friend, family member, neighbor, or acquaintance is being abused, report it to the police or social services. Elder abuse is never acceptable. Show the world you care about ending elder abuse and neglect by wearing something purple on June 15, 2010.

Norbert Boudreau is the Executive Director of ACER/CART.

DND Teacher Reunion

A DND (teachers) reunion is scheduled for October 8, 9 and 10, 2010 in Winnipeg, MB. Come to meet former colleagues, renew old acquaintances and reminisce. For details and to obtain a registration form, logon to the blog at the following address: <http://dndreunionwinnipeg2010.blogspot.com>. You can also go directly to dndreunion@hotmail.com to request a registration form.

Tales Told by Teachers

There are still copies of Volume I available that can be purchased from an executive member for \$10. However, at a store it will cost \$12.95. Volume II is in the editorial stage for publication under the direction of Doreen Noseworthy and Bernadette Powers of Avalon East and should be available at the October 2010 BGM and Reunion.

Letter Box

In the last issue of our Newsletter, we added a new feature – Letter Box – which allows our members to contribute to this newsletter. We are pleased that many of our members responded 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 November 15, 2010.

The Newsletter Committee reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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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

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.

The Bulletin

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In Memoriam

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



<i>Grace Abbott (Fortune)</i>	<i>Ruth Lacey (Gander)</i>
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<i>Sr. Kathleen Bellamy (St. John's)</i>	<i>Mabel Legrow (Bauline)</i>
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<i>Beverley Foote (Burgeon)</i>	<i>Florence Vincent (Barrie, ON)</i>
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For more information contact: RTANL, c/o Clayton Rice, 3 Kenmount Road, St. John's, NL, A1B 1W1
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Together Again in 2010 Gander, October 2010

Meet "old" friends and make new friends.

Plan to attend the eleventh BGM and Reunion

October, 5, 6, and 7, 2010, Gander

Registration Deadline: September 24, 2010

Registration Forms available from any
Provincial Executive Member or at:

www.nlta.nl.ca/

(follow the link to the RTANL page)



Eleventh BGM and Reunion

MEMBERSHIP CARD BENEFITS

1. Ultramar Home Heating Centres: 3 cents off a liter of home heating fuel and 10% off the furnace insurance plan.
2. The Paint Shop: 10% off all regularly priced items, except floor coverings.
3. Jennifer's of Newfoundland in Corner Brook: 10% off all evening meals and 10% off all regularly priced items in the gift shop.
4. Notre Dame Castle Building Centre in Corner Brook: 10% off all regularly priced items and 5% off lumber.
5. Roberts' Artistic Electronic Creations in Bareneed: 10% off all regularly priced items.
6. Roberts' Sleepy Hollow B&B in Clarkes Beach: 10% discount.
7. Movies and Music Plus in Carbonear and Music Plus in Bay Roberts: 10% discount.
8. Fine Things Jewelry and The Salt Box (Crafts) in Clarenville: 10% discount off regularly priced items.

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

