



# Newsletter

Retired Teachers' Association

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## President's Message

*Geraldine Wall*

As I begin this message I am feeling very refreshed, having just returned from a wonderful tropical vacation on the beautiful island of Tortola. The year 2011 has been an active one so far for your Association. As a member of the Public Sector Pensioners' Coalition we continue our campaign to seek justice from the Provincial Government. On January 28, 2011, your Association, along with other members of the Coalition, made a joint presentation to the Pre-Budget Consultations. Our Petition was presented in the House of Assembly on April 14, 2011. Meetings were held in various areas across the province. We must not be discouraged by Government's lack of a positive response. We will continue our struggle to have Government recognize its obligation to its former employees. This is a Provincial election year and Public Sector Pensioners do have a voice. We can do something about the injustice. We have a vote. Question all candidates who come knocking on your door. Ask them what their position is on the issue of pension increase. Vote for the person who will listen and promote our fight for the injustice of past Governments.

Your Provincial Executive continues to meet regularly. Our spring meeting was held in Marystown on April 11-12, 2011. At noon on April 12, members of Burin Division joined Executive for a luncheon meeting at Hotel Marystown. The meeting was well attended, despite the inclement weather. Thanks to Ada Hollett and Ben Brushett for their assistance in keeping the Division alive. We are very encouraged that new members of the Burin Division have expressed an interest in forming a new executive to carry on the work of the Division. I will be in contact with them in the near future.

On April 13, 2011 Executive met with Division Presidents at the Holiday Inn in St. John's. Very productive and informative discussions occurred. Members are very lucky to have such dedicated volunteers working on their behalf. Great things are happening across the province and your Association aims to improve the welfare of all members as well as provide a network of social activities. Strong Divisions and Regionals mean a strong Association. I look forward to participating in events as I visit the various Divisions.

Plans have begun for Reunion/BGM 2012. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in St. John's on October 2-4, 2012. I welcome all new retirees to our Association and encourage you to become involved and plan on attending Reunion/BGM 2012.

The Retired Teachers' Foundation is the lucky recipient of a Lloyd Pretty print, which has been donated for a fundraiser. The draw date will be January 6, 2012 in Gander. Tickets will be available to all Divisions and Regionals. I encourage all of you to support your Foundation in the great contribution that they make each year to the various charities for children who are incapacitated. Chairperson Jim Dobson will be happy to provide tickets to you.

I would like to wish all of you a safe and restful summer. Surely, by the time this newsletter reaches you, warmer days will have appeared. I look forward to seeing all of you back in the fall.

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BGM 2012  
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## Provincial Executive Meets Division Presidents – St. John's, April 13, 2011



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# NEWS & VIEWS

## Avalon East Division

*Dianne Squarey*

*“If January calends be summerly gay, It will be winterly weather til the Calends of May.”*

*“Fog in January heralds a wet Spring.”*

Hello once again from Avalon East. For those of us who are gardeners, the Old Farmer’s Almanac is akin to our Bibles. Speaking for myself, however, I am earnestly hoping that for once they have it wrong. As I write this report, here in Avalon East it was a beautiful January for the most part. Ye gads! Snow has since arrived with a vengeance. And those winds! I have also heard that some of our colleagues on the West Coast have been heard to mutter of late, “Whoever has been praying to the snow gods, it is now time to stop!”

Whatever the weather, we continue to be busy and are enjoying what retirement has to offer. Being aware of the challenges we as an Association face, AED is very supportive of the actions of the provincial body. We have actively pursued signage of the Pensioners’ Coalition petition and offer congratulations to Central for their response. Well done! With the upcoming Provincial Government election, we encourage our members to be diligent and discuss the issues with their MHA or any politician who may contact them.

Socially, we have also been extremely busy. Our Social Committee continues to be the heart of our Division. They provide wonderful opportunities to get together and enjoy old and new friendships. Octoberfest was once again a great success with over 200 members and guests enjoying a yummy traditional Thanksgiving feast and sinful desserts provided by the Royal Canadian Legion. There was super entertainment and prizes in accordance with the season.

The Christmas Social was held at the Holiday Inn. Chaired again by Judy Prim, it was a stupendous affair! Visitors (supposedly from Mexico) entertained us with their rendition of “My Sombrero is Too Big”. Not to be outdone, almost 400 members and their guests, wearing their Christmas finery, blended their unique voices in our traditional sing-a-long. A couple of our members even had a scuff. Excellent service, tasty food and a beautiful seasonal ambiance were the order of the day. In conjunction with this event, we held our second Arts and Crafts Fair. Many of us were

able to purchase delightful, handcrafted gifts made by our members. Chaired by Sue Wade, it was deemed successful once again.



The talent is endless.

Approximately 50 outdoor enthusiasts joined member, Mary Holloway, for a day of winter fun. They enjoyed snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and great camaraderie over a “mug up”.

Sandra Harnett organized Fun Day 2011. We saw almost 100 of us get together at the Bally Haly Golf and Country Club for fine food, prizes and friendship. We curled, played board games or had a marvelous game of cards. It is to be noted that while AED buys many prizes for this event, many others are donated through the generosity of our members who attend. I would like to express sincere thanks to Sue Wade who does all the shopping for our prizes. We especially recognize the continued contribution by Pat Ryan, a retired teacher/artist, of a beautiful piece of artwork which is put up on tickets to those attending. All monies realized are donated to the Retired Teachers’ Foundation for Incapacitated Children. Everyone reported a good time. Well, everyone that is except for our energetic Mary Holloway. As she was out there on the ice doing her usual upbeat instructions on how to curl, unfortunately she had a fall. In doing so, she tore soft tissue in her arm and had to go off to a visit to Emergency. She is recovering well and we wish her all the best. As we all know, you just can’t keep that girl down!

Upcoming events include our year-end BBQ and Dance and our AGM luncheon. We have also actively sought input for a Learn Something New Day and are finalizing such details as dates and location.



As noted earlier, AED continues to proudly support the Retired Teachers' Foundation for Incapacitated Children. We made a significant donation in the Fall and are presently holding our annual Bakeless Bake Sale. This year, one of our members who participated in the craft fair donated all monies realized to the Foundation.



Our retired teachers have many talents and they are displayed here.

Under the joint leadership of Sharon Reddy and Gloria MacDonald, our visitation committee continues their dedication to this arm of AED. Get well greetings, cards of condolences, attendance at funeral services and visits to our seniors homes are just a few of the many kindnesses extended by this Committee and your Executive.

Betty Lou Kennedy and Anita Finn continue to put an enormous effort into ensuring deceased members of AED are included in the RTANL Books of Remembrance.



Clayton and George promoting "Tales Told by Teachers", Vol. I and II.

As always, it remains a busy, busy year.

On behalf of AED, it is our sincerest wish that good health and prosperity will follow each of you throughout the remainder of 2011.

## **Bonavista Division**

*Harold Tremblett*

2010-11 continues to be a busy year for our Division. From October 2010 to March 2011 our executive met formally on two occasions, and there have been two general meetings.

Socially, we have had a Christmas dinner, a March dinner, a winter hike, and weekly curling sessions each Thursday at the Bonavista Stadium.

Our first two executive meetings of the year were held at the homes of the two newest executive members, Barbara Duffett and David Smith. On October 27, at Barbara's house in Catalina, we discussed the completion of two ongoing projects from last year: our new banner and the campaign to have each member pay \$5.00 so that our Division could buy a \$500 seat at the newly renovated Garrick Theatre. Also, we appointed Calvin Boyce as our representative and Beverly Fisher as an alternate to serve on the First School Committee, a group endeavouring to re-create the first Newfoundland school at a small abandoned school building on Swyers Hill in Bonavista. We also decided on the dates for our first general meeting – November 29, and our Christmas Dinner – December 5. At David's house on January 20, we discussed the Coalition petition that was printed in the December edition of the RTANL Newsletter, and tentatively planned for our next general meeting to address the petition and the current status of our pensions. We also planned a dinner with entertainment for March 1.

The first of our two general meetings was held as scheduled on November 29 at the College of the North Atlantic in Bonavista, and featured guest speaker, Perry Downey, from the NLTA. The 21 members who attended heard Mr. Downey conduct a full presentation on pensions – Teachers' Pension and CPP – and current insurance policies and concerns, and how some of the issues and changes involved now affect retired teachers and their families. The new Critical Illness Insurance option was discussed and many of our members had questions about this new policy.

Our second general meeting on February 21 was also held at the College of the North Atlantic in Bonavista. Fourteen members attended, a little lower number than normal due somewhat to a snowfall that hit the area earlier in the day, preventing some of our members who lived further away from attending. At this meeting we discussed the various issues ongoing with our petition campaign on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador Pensioners' Coalition. We distributed some materials prepared by the Coalition and made available to us by the Provincial RTANL Executive. Our members were encouraged to sign the petition themselves and to get as many other members, relatives, and friends as possible to also sign. There was some discussion of a possible rally by the Coalition in Bonavista, and if such a rally were to take place, it would no doubt drum up a lot of support for the Coalition's efforts and hopefully rally all Provincial Government retirees in this area so that our pensions can be a much stronger issue in the upcoming provincial election than it has been in any previous provincial election. Our group felt that the threat of defeat at the polls might be the only way to get Government members to take seriously the need for increases in our pensions. This time around, it seems the Coalition voice must be heard in every district if we are to experience any progress on this issue.

Social events are also an important part of our year. Each Thursday morning, a group of our members gather at the Bonavista Stadium for two hours of curling. This is usually followed by a lunch hour meal at a local restaurant. On December 5, we held our Christmas Dinner at Skipper's Restaurant in Bonavista. Guest speaker for the evening was Newfoundland writer Bruce Stagg. Mr. Stagg read from his books and entertained our members as he familiarized his audience with the various characters from Roaring Cove, the fictional community he created in his Newfoundland writings. On March 2, forty of our members, spouses and guests gathered at Seaport Inn in Port Union for a dinner and social evening. A few days later on a warm, sunny day, March 6, fourteen members met at Princeton Pond near the Bonavista Peninsula Highway for our annual winter hike. This year's hike, probably our best yet, was organized by Gordon Fudge and Joe Greene and took place in the area near Gordon's cabin. This was a full day's event with a few hours of ice fishing, a boil up in the great outdoors, and some singing and music at the end of the day back at the cabin. It was

certainly a "good time was had by all" event, and we are already looking forward to next year's winter hike and outdoor social event.

Best wishes to all from the Bonavista Division.



(l-r) Guest speaker Perry Downey receives a copy of "How Strong the Roots" by member-author, Clarence Dewling.



A curling session at the Bonavista Stadium.



Annual winter hike at Princeton Pond.

## Con-Tri Division

*Jennifer Babb*

At this time of the year, it seems that we are coming out of our winter hibernation when we pick up our folders to start working on our Con-Tri RTA responsibilities. As acting president, I am looking forward to seeing everyone again and hearing the latest news. Our first planning lunch took place on April 7 when tickets went on sale for our Spring Barbecue and Kitchen Party scheduled for May 26 at Camp McCarthy, Carbonear. We are scheduled to meet again on May 12 at the Eastern School Board Office for our second Spring meeting and planning session.

Last Fall, we were happy to participate in the Award Nights at the four high schools in our region. Congratulations to the following winners of the \$200 Con-Tri RTA Scholarships, who graduated in June 2010:

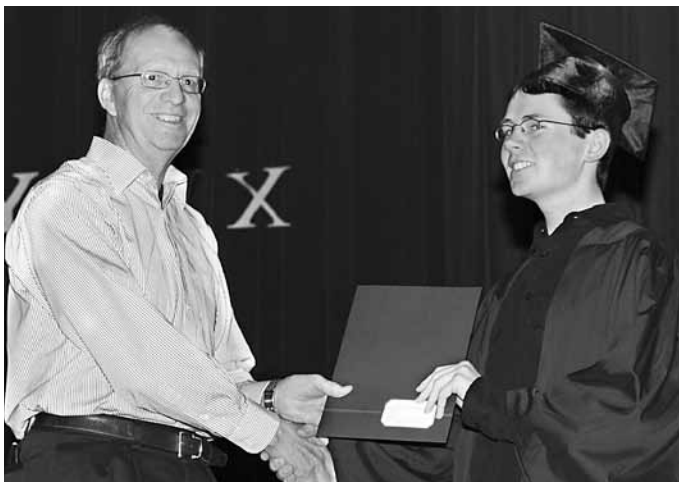
Nadine Kelly – Baccalieu Collegiate

Andrew St. George – Crescent Collegiate

Zachary Barrett – Ascension Collegiate

Kathryn Baker – Carbonear Collegiate

A special thank you to the members of our Association who made the presentations on our behalf.



Vice-President Albert Legge presents the 2010 Con-Tri \$200 Scholarship to Crescent Collegiate recipient, Andrew St. George.

On November 30, 2010 we held our 20th Annual Christmas Banquet and Dance at Fong's in Carbonear. Although it was a miserable night weather-wise, that did not dampen the spirits of the 150 members who attended. We asked everyone to bring along a non-perishable food item, and this year they were sent to the food bank in Bay Roberts.



Laura and Les Cooper accept the donated food items and volunteered to deliver the items to the Community Food Bank. All our members brought along a food item for the Food Drive.



Provincial Executive and Con-Tri member Don Case was busy selling "Tales Told By Teachers, Vol. II" at the Christmas Banquet.

Yes, we have indeed been busy. We will be approaching some of you to help with our ongoing commitments. In addition, some of us have not given up on the idea of a golf event this Spring or Summer. If you are interested, keep your ears open for updates. By the way, we are still looking for contact people in the Whitbourne and New Harbour-Green's Harbour areas. Please consider getting involved. If you are not yet on our e-mail list, contact Albert Legge at [a.legge@eastlink.com](mailto:a.legge@eastlink.com).

Happy Spring Everyone.



# Elder Abuse in Canada

Norbert Boudreau

Did you know that thousands of seniors are being repeatedly abused or neglected in Canada? What's most shocking is that they are being mistreated by someone close to them. Can you imagine a relative, a caregiver or any persons in a position of trust maltreating citizens unable to help themselves! What's most interesting as well is that this exploitation often goes on unnoticed and regrettably unreported.

There are many ways of physically or emotionally mistreating elders, but the most common form of elder abuse is of a financial nature. What can be easier than misusing bank accounts, credit or debit cards when one has a Power of Attorney over the affairs of a parent. Having a joint account with a loved one is a rather simple way to abuse too. Trusted unscrupulous individuals can steal from a vulnerable senior almost at will. This is not to say that all trusted persons are crooks. In most cases, having free reign over the affairs of a parent, for example, is a necessity and is quite beneficial to the elderly person who is unable to pay their bills for example.

Fortunately, there are often signs of elder abuse. Unexplained bruises, ongoing tension on the part of elderly seniors, including loss of weight, untreated

rashes and sores should be investigated. An elderly person dressed in dirty clothes, especially when you know that this person would never want to be seen in public in such a state, needs to be checked. Being withdrawn or even depressed are often signs of elder abuse.

Preventing and protecting our loved ones against senior abuse is of prime importance. Seniors are urged to get their financial affairs in order with a trusted lawyer while they are still of sound mind. This includes preparing a will and naming an honest and trusted individual with appropriate Power of Attorney.

Relatives and friends can help as well by regularly visiting loved ones in private or public senior's residences. It doesn't have to be a long visit, but it would be useful to be done at different times of the day to get a better perspective of how the residence is run.

Finally, it is important to recognize elder abuse and to know what you can do to protect the dignity and the safety of citizens that can't help themselves. If you suspect abuse, a simple call to the police is in order.

**Show the world you care about ending elder abuse and neglect by wearing something purple on June 15, 2011 as we observe the 6th annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD).**



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## The Book of Luke

A novel dedicated to teachers

*“Hopkins takes his reader for a unique ride.” ~ Gina Gill, The Current*

On the heels of his successful poetry book, *A High of Zero*, St. John's retired teacher, Herb Hopkins has written his first novel, *The Book of Luke*.

“Luke”, as readers have come to know it, is available wherever quality books are sold or order your copy directly from the Words and Wood website at [www.wordsandwood.ca](http://www.wordsandwood.ca).

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Relish in the antics as Luke and his cast attempt to save the “City of Dreams” from the gravity of deception and greed.



# The Power of Friendship

*Author Unknown*

One day, when I was a freshman in high school, I saw that a kid from my class was walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends tomorrow afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on.

As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes. My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him as he crawled around looking for his glasses, and I saw a tear in his eye. As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives."

He looked at me and said, "Hey thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said that he had gone to private school before now. I would have never hung out with a private school kid before.

We talked all the way home, and I carried some of his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool kid. I asked him if he wanted to play a little football with my friends. He said, "Yes." We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same of him.

Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are gonna really build some serious muscles with this pile of books everyday!" He just laughed and handed me half the books. Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends.

When we were seniors we began to think about college. Kyle decided on Georgetown and I was going to Duke. I knew that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem. He was going to be a doctor and I was going for business on a football scholarship.

Kyle was Valedictorian of our class. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak.

Graduation day, I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Boy, sometimes I was jealous! Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said.

As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began: "Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach... but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a story."

I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his Mom wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile.

"Thankfully, I was saved. My friend saved me from doing the unspeakable." I heard the gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told us all about his weakest moment. I saw his Mom and Dad looking at me and smiling that same grateful smile.

Not until that moment did I realize the true depth of friendship. Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life.

# Puns for the Educated Mind

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian .
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said, 'Keep off the Grass.'
15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
17. A backward poet writes inverse.
18. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
19. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
20. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine .
21. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
22. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'
23. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
24. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
25. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
26. There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

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We would really like to keep our mailing list up to date so that members are informed and we avoid mail returns.

**Your cooperation in this matter would be much appreciated.**

## VISITATION

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

## Letter Box

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

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

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# The Newfoundland and Labrador Public Sector Pensioners' Coalition

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Avalon Regional Public Meeting: Your Public Sector Pensions and You

The Newfoundland and Labrador Public Sector Pensioners' Association and its affiliated organizations, representing some 23,400 former employees of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is concerned that they have reached a stalemate in their contacts with various Ministers of Finance about outstanding issues related to the Provincial Pooled Pension Fund.

The combined membership have given full support to a more directed communications approach aimed at getting public attention to redress the injustices of the past. In addition, the membership gave support to a series of province-wide meetings, which began on March 23, 2011 in Marystown and have continued in different locations ever since.

In this first phase of a series of public meetings, the response from pensioners and their families has been astounding as Ralph Morris, a NLPSPA Board Member and President of the NAPE Retirees Local 7002 and Sharron Callahan, the NLPSPA President travelled the province speaking out and engaging members on the issues pensioners have faced for 22 years.

Pensioners, in large numbers, have attended meetings in Marystown, Badger's Quay, Twillingate, Lewisporte, Springdale, Carbonear, Bonavista, Corner Brook, Port Saunders, Grand Falls-Windsor, Gander, Clarenville and Happy Valley. Repeat meetings are being considered for the second phase in Corner Brook, Grand Falls and St. John's as we get closer to the date of the Provincial Election.

The meeting schedule has been hectic but rewarding and the groundswell of discontent is growing. Everywhere, pensioners have questions, are astounded when they hear the truths about our pension plan and the injustices of the past, and are appalled that Government still refuses to remediate our issues. The message has been simple and has been enthusiastically embraced in all communities:

*Pensioners have power and on Election Day in October, Public Sector Pensioners WILL be a force to reckon with.*

To this end, there will be a public meeting for all former employees of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and all other interested persons on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:00 pm at St Teresa's Parish Hall, Mundy Pond Road.

**For more details please contact Sharron Callahan at 690-1238 or the NLPSPA office at 754-5730.**

We invite RTANL members to become involved with the planning of the 2012 BGM/Reunion by submitting an idea for a "theme."

From all entries received (if there is a suitable submission) the Provincial Executive will choose a winner and award a First Prize of **Hotel Accommodations for one night at Holiday Inn, St. John's** during the BGM/Reunion. (Approximate value: \$125. The runner up will be awarded a Second Prize of **2012 BGM/Reunion Registration Paid** (Approximate value: \$40). If there is no suitable submission, the Provincial Executive reserves the right to make a draw (from submissions) and thus award the prizes.

**All entries MUST be submitted before September 1, 2011.**

Send along your idea including your NAME, and ADDRESS to Don White, 76 Glendale Avenue, Mount Pearl, NL, A1N 1N6 or email to donwhite@nl.rogers.com.

## The Bulletin

To receive a yearly subscription to *The Bulletin* from the NLTA, send your name and mailing address, along with a cheque or money order for \$18.00 (made payable to the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association) to: Louise King, NLTA Printing Services, 3 Kenmount Road, St. John's, NL, A1B 1W1.



## Seniors of Distinction Awards

Congratulations to the following retired teachers who were recognized for their volunteer contributions with the Seniors of Distinction Awards on June 1 at the Sheraton Hotel in St. John's:

- Albert J. Dober, Marystown
- Lillian Parsons, Victoria
- Mary Bartlett Smith, Norman's Cove

The Seniors of Distinction Awards celebrate the contributions, achievements and diversity of Newfoundland and Labrador's seniors.



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  - Attendance at Annual General Meeting;
- Awareness of the services provided by PSNL and willingness to publicly champion them.

#### For more information contact:

754-4428 or 1-800-567-7020

[parkinson@nf.abn.com](mailto:parkinson@nf.abn.com)

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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".)*



The NL Retired Teachers' Foundation has launched a province-wide ticket sale on a print "Humber River" which has been donated to the RTF by artist Lloyd Pretty. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket(s) may contact any: RTF Board member; RTANL Provincial Executive member; or RTANL Division President.

The NL Ticket Lottery Licence # is 11- 10129400LT.



## Website Information

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

### New on the website

- a) Copies of Submission Guidelines
- b) BGM 2010 photos and video thanks to Harold Tremblett, Bonavista

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## Welcome to All New Retirees

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of our Association and encourage you to get involved. You'll find participating in Division activities is an enjoyable way to begin your retirement, especially since so many of your friends are already members.



# In Memoriam

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



*Baxter Carl Andrews (Lumsden)*  
*David Andrews (St. John's)*  
*Major Edith Fern Anthony (Saskatoon)*  
*Harvey Baker (Newman's Cove)*  
*Br. Patrick Batterton (St. John's)*  
*Elsie Chaulk (Corner Brook)*  
*Harriet V. Clarke (Waterloo)*  
*Harold Dale (St. John's)*  
*Roy Decker (St. John's)*  
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*Alma Harbin (Grand Falls-Windsor)*  
*Caroline Hinchey (St. John's)*  
*Rev. Albert Hoddinott (Fredericton)*  
*Walter Hunt (Glovertown)*

*Elizabeth Mandville (St. Mary's)*  
*Clifford Mills (Badger's Quay)*  
*Emily Morey (Victoria)*  
*Rev. Ralph Moss (Glovertown)*  
*Christine Mousseau (St. John's)*  
*Calvert Mullins (Corner Brook)*  
*Louise O'Keefe (Dunville)*  
*Annie Paddle-Gullage (Burin)*  
*Gregory Phillips (Colliers)*  
*Commissioner Arthur Pitcher (Winterton)*  
*Thomas Pope (St. John's)*  
*Albert Quinton (Catalina)*  
*John G. Rose (Ontario)*  
*Sr. Margaret Rose (St. John's)*  
*Carole Squires (Labrador City)*  
*Hubert Thomas (St. John's)*  
*Patricia Thornhill (Gander)*  
*Laura Weir (Little Bay Islands)*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

## 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***.



*Have a Wonderful Summer*



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