

# Retired Teachers' Foundation

## Executive Report from Retired Teachers' Foundation Board 2014-2016

*Geraldine Wall*

The Retired Teachers' Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador has continued to increase the amount to be donated to charities for children. During 2014-2016, donations have made these two years the most successful in the history of the Foundation.

The first donation of \$300 was made in 1987 to the Janeway Children's Hospital. In 2015 donations totaling \$28,000 were made and in 2016, \$30,000 was donated to ten various charities. The recipient charities are chosen on an individual basis; neither the charity nor the amount is a guaranteed donation. Charities are reviewed annually. To date \$313,750 has been given. Charities designated for 2016 are:

- Autism Society – \$2500
- Canadian Diabetes, Camp Douwana – \$3000
- Candlelighters – \$3000
- War Amps-CHAMPS Program – \$3000
- CNIB, Children's Services – \$2500
- Down Syndrome Society – \$2000
- Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp – \$4000
- Rainbow Riders – \$3000
- Mazol Shriners, Patient Transportation Fund – \$5000
- Tourettes Syndrome Society – \$2000



Recipients of Foundation donations.

The two purposes of the foundation are: to assist organizations for children who are incapacitated; and, to honour the life and work of deceased colleagues through a Book of Remembrance. Five volumes have been completed and a sixth volume is being compiled. The completed volumes are kept at The Rooms in St. John's and are available for viewing. All members are encouraged to collect and submit information on deceased members to ensure that they are included in the Book. We are presently exploring the possibil-

ity of an online version for volume six. In Memoriam cards are available at various funeral homes throughout the province and from any member of the Foundation Board of Directors. Divisions are also encouraged to distribute these cards to members.

Donations are made possible through: interest accrued from investments, In Memoriam donations, fundraising and financial support of the seven Divisions of RTANL, financial support from Provincial RTANL, and, bequests by wills. The Foundation is a Registered Charity and will issue tax-deductible receipts.

On October 3, 2016, the Foundation Board of Directors met jointly with the sponsoring body, RTANL Provincial Executive. This meeting afforded the opportunity for both groups to share ideas and plans for the future. Both Boards will meet biennially. Donations will continue to be distributed during a major social event of a particular Division and would rotate so that all members will have the opportunity to observe and participate in their Foundation.

During the past two years the Board of Directors met at Corner Brook on June 1, 2015, at Corner Brook again on September 17, 2015, at which time donations were presented during the Fall Meeting and Social for Western Division. On June 15, 2016, the meeting was held at Gander and coincided with the Central Division Spring Social. The last meeting and presentation of donations took place at Gander on October 4, during the 2016 RTANL BGM and Reunion. We were delighted that Para-Olympic Gold Medalist Katerina Roxon represented the War Amps CHAMPS Program and accepted our donation on their behalf. She is representative of just one of the charities benefitting from our Foundation. It certainly indicated to members that we are helping our special children achieve their dreams. Later that evening following the Banquet, Katerina gave us the opportunity to have photos taken with her and her Gold Medal. Members were very appreciative. Representatives of all charities expressed their appreciation and praise for our donation. It's a very heartwarming event.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all who make our success possible. To our sponsoring body RTANL for providing financial support for our successful operation, to all members, your donations provide the funds, the seven Divisions, who through fund raising and annual donations greatly assist us, to and NLTA support staff for services provided. Last, but not least, to the dedicated Board of Directors for their work and commitment in achieving our goal during the past two years.

As I pass the torch to newly-elected Chairperson Dianne Squarey, I wish the new Executive continued success. It has been an honour and privilege to have served on the Board for many years. I encourage all members of RTANL to consider making the Retired Teachers' Foundation your charity of choice as we continue our legacy of assisting our special children.

Geraldine Wall  
RTF Chairperson, 2014-2016

## Message from Foundation Chair for 2016-2018

First of all, I think I should introduce myself. My name is Dianne Squarey and I am the new Chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation for Children's Charities for the upcoming term 2016-2018.

I am not new either to the NLTA, RTANL nor the Foundation's board. As a teacher, I have served in such capacities as School Representative and as Treasurer of Humber Branch. While teaching, I have also served as Executive member on Special Interest Councils and as Trustee on the NLTA Insurance Board of Trustees.

Since moving to the east coast, I have been Treasurer and President of the Avalon East Division of the RTANL. I have also Co-chaired the Foundation.

It is under the latter capacity that I have had the privilege of serving under the chairperson, Geraldine Wall, and with others serving the Foundation. They have worked diligently on our behalf and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for the success of the Foundation since its inception. I certainly have big shoes to fill!

Your newly elected Board of Directors and I are looking forward to the challenge of maintaining and growing our Foundation. We will certainly do our best. Please feel free to share with us any questions, concerns or constructive suggestions you may have.

Please note that RTANL President Doreen Noseworthy and a representative of the NLTA, both have a seat on the Board as representatives of the supportive bodies of the Foundation.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you and your families many blessings in the upcoming holiday season.

Respectfully,

E. Dianne Squarey



Members of the newly-elected Retired Teachers' Foundation Executive (L-R): Ann Pennell, Lil Critch, Thomas Kendell, Dianne Squarey, Sharon Penney, Agnes Hughes, Geraldine Wall. (Absent: Anita Finn)