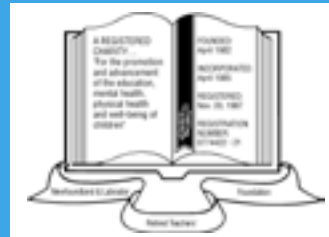


Retired Teachers' Foundation Newsletter

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The Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation "For Children's Charities."

Anita Finn - Foundation Chairwoman

The Board of Directors have been asked on a number of occasions what the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation was all about. The following information is to inform all members of the Retired Teachers' Association about our "Memorial to Deceased Teachers" and how the funds are dispersed among children's charities.

* The idea for a Retired Teachers' Foundation came from the Central Division of the Retired Teachers' Association. Mr. Cyril Bull suggested the idea, the late C. Lloyd Buffett, who was President of Central Division at the time, and the Central Division members felt that the idea was an excellent one. On March 20, 1982 C. Lloyd Buffett presented a proposal for a project for Central Division. The project was to be called **The Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Fund for Handicapped Children**. It would also be a Memorial for Deceased Teachers. A Book of Remembrance was to be established for the purpose of documenting the names and biographical information about the deceased teachers in whose honour donations were made. The source of funds would come from retired teachers in memory of deceased teachers, bequests from wills and estates of deceased retired teachers and from friends of retired teachers. Only the interest of the funds would be given as grants to: a. schools for the mentally retarded; b. schools for the blind; c. schools for the deaf.

The objective was to raise \$1,000,000 in the first five years. Only the interest on the Principal fund would be used to make grants to institutions. (1000 retired teachers x \$1,000 for 5 years would bring in one million dollars) A number of retired teachers who wished to become Charter Members, signed the papers witnessed by R.W. Abbott. (JP)

Retired Teachers' Foundation



for children's charities



The proposal for the Foundation, an outline for a Board of Trustees, a name for the Association and registered address, was presented to Eastern and Western Divisions of the Retired Teachers' Association. The proposal was greeted with less than an enthusiastic response. It appeared that the proposal was a lost cause. However, Lloyd was not to be deterred. He worked diligently and with determination to make the Foundation succeed.

The Foundation became incorporated in April, 1985 and the first meeting of the Foundation was held 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 1985 at the NTA Building in St. John's. Chairman C. Lloyd Buffett, Secretary Heber Walters and Treasurer N.Ray Wight were in attendance at that meeting.

In 1987 the Foundation received its official status as a charitable organization with permission to issue official Income Tax Receipts. The total amount of funds in the Foundation bank account at that time was \$7,063.73 and the first donation of \$300 was made to the Janeway Children's Hospital.**

* The above information 1980-82 Central Division Minutes
** - courtesy of Stewart Ralph, past secretary of Central Division and past treasurer of the Foundation 2000-04 .



*Cyril W. Bull
Foundation's Progenitor (1981)*



*C. L. Lloyd Buffett
President*

*Founding Members
of
The Newfoundland & Labrador
Retired Teachers' Foundation*

- Cyril W. Bull*
- C. L. Buffett*
- Violet Seymour*
- Marguerite L. Taylor*
- Arthur Young*
- Audrey L. Goodgear*
- Roland W. Abbott*
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- Samuel D. Bolton*



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Marguerite L. Taylor



Roland W. Abbott



Arthur Young



Samuel D. Button



Clement Williams



Violet Seymour

Central Division of the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Association sponsored the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation from 1982-94.

In 1994 Foundation Chairman Lloyd Buffett brought a request to the provincial RTANL asking that the sponsorship of the Foundation be taken over by the provincial RTANL in order to reach more of the retired teachers across Newfoundland and Labrador. The provincial executive agreed to do so. Therefore a motion was brought forth by Gladys Costella (our current president) and seconded by Clarence Button that the Provincial RTANL accept responsibility for the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation. Motion carried. Since 1994 all Divisions of the RTANL have become actively involved with making the Foundation a success and a wonderful Memorial to Deceased Teachers.

In 2000 the NLTA started to give a yearly grant of \$2,000 a year to the provincial RTANL for the operational expenses of the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation.

The Foundation gave its first donation of \$300 to the Janeway in 1987. Since then donations to Children's Charities have increased each year. To date 93 donations have been given to Children's Charities for a total of \$63,250.

Children's Charities that have benefitted are;

- The Candlelighters Association of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Newfoundland and Labrador Society for the Physically Disabled Inc
- The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada
- Shriners Mazol Patient Transportation Fund
- Janeway Children's Hospital
- CNIB - Services to children and their families
- Vera Perlin Society
- Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus
- Canadian Diabetes Association - children's services.
- Children's Heart Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (CHANAL)
- Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp
- Newfoundland and Labrador Down Syndrome Society

Three "Remembrance" books have been completed with the biographical information for approximately 900 deceased teachers who have taught in Newfoundland and Labrador.

A number of donations have been received in memory of friends and relatives of retired teachers. The last pages in the Remembrance books have been reserved for their names.

IN MEMORIAM

Retired teachers have also designated the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation for in memoriam gifts at the time of their death.

- 1991 - Arthur Young, Lewisporte
- 1996 - C. Lloyd Buffett, Grand Falls -Windsor
- 1999 - Maxwell Mullett, Corner Brook
- 1999 - Shirley Bulgin, Twillingate
- 2001 - N.Ray Wight, St. John's
- 2002 - Maude Roberts, St. John's
- 2001 - Marilyn Day, Clarenville
- 2005 - Alexander F. Hancock

Bequests

- 1998 - Jean Whyte, Corner Brook
- 2001 - Elizabeth Sowka, Labrador City
- 2001 - Marilyn Day, Clarenville
- 2005 - Kenneth H. LeShane, Lower Island Cove
- 2005 - Gerald Brake, Corner Brook

Because of their thoughtful actions the Foundation received approximately \$18,000.

In 2005 the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation donated \$9,000 to children's Charities:

- \$3,000 to the Shriners Mazol Transportation Fund
- \$1,500 to the Candlelighters Association of Newfoundland and Labrador
- \$1,500 to the Diabetes Association for Children's Services
- \$1,000 to the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association
- \$1,000 to the Down Syndrome Society
- \$1,000 to the Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp



Front row (*from left*): Geraldine Wall, Foundation Director; Gerald Hutchings, Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp Representative; Fred Wall, Shriners Representative; Anne Pennell, Foundation Treasurer; Teresa Edney, President of Newfoundland and Labrador Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association; Anita Finn, Foundation Chairwoman; Sue Horne, Representing Down Syndrome Society; Bill Hayward, Diabetic Association Representative; Jamie Hollett, Foundation Director; and Joyce Roberts, Foundation Secretary. Back row (*from left*) Rod Legge, Candlelighter Association Representative; William Day, Foundation Vice-Chairman; and Don Carter, Foundation Director.

The recipients of the donations were kind enough to send us a written report of how they will use the donations.

The information given in the reports of the recipients clearly shows that the money they received from your donations, will certainly be put to good use.

Each year as we watch the Janeway Telethon we see former patients of the Janeway return to volunteer at the Janeway. Earlier in their lives, these young adults have received special care at the Janeway, attended Camp Duwanna, or Camp Delight. They volunteer their time at the Janeway and the summer camps as a way of giving back to the community for all the care and help that they have received. These young adults are the survivors of childhood deceases and accidents. Many of these young adults will go on to become health care professionals. Which one of them will we have to depend on in later years?

Camp Delight - Children's Oncology Camp

Rod Legge Vice - President

Before outlining the specifics of Camp Delight, I would like to thank the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation for expressing an interest

in helping our camp and our campers whose lives have been affected by childhood cancer.

- Camp delight is a special camp for children diagnosed with cancer, their siblings as well as bereaved siblings.
- Camp delight is offered to all children in the family because the entire family goes through the crisis of a loved one being diagnosed with cancer.
- Our campers range in age from 7 to 17 years old.
- Camp Delight takes place at the Lavrock camp grounds for 8 days in August and is the only camp of its type in the province.
- The camp operates for 24 hours a day for the 8 days.
- The goal of Camp Delight is a week of normalcy for our campers as they go through a very difficult period in their young lives.
- At Camp Delight the last thing on children's minds is treatment and hospital visits.
- Our campers enjoy all the normal activities of summer camp, such as arts and crafts, waterfront games, going for canoe rides, special activities and guests.
- This is all done under the supervision of a nursing staff to ensure our campers that health and safety is our number one priority.
- Camp Delight is much more than an opportunity for our campers to swim and play during the summer.
- At Camp Delight scars and hair loss are not given a second thought by campers, as all have been affected in one way or another by cancer.
- Camp Delight provides a means by which children currently going through treatments and the illness can talk openly with their peers about what is happening to them. (Who better to give insight than a friend who has been through the same experience.)
- This is an individual thing for campers because some use camp as an escape from what is going on around them and do not want to discuss it.
- Camp Delight is staffed entirely of volunteers.
- Each year 20-25 volunteers generously give their time to make Camp Delight possible.

- This volunteer time extends far beyond the 8 days of camp as there are camp planning meetings, training and preparation time volunteered before camp.
- Each year there is an extremely high return rate for staff which demonstrates the important role camp plays in the lives of its volunteers as well as campers.
- Volunteer staff come from all walks of life; nurses, policemen, social workers and students, just to name a few.
- For all that Camp Delight provides its campers and volunteer staff, parents as well receive benefits.
- As stated earlier the entire family goes through the crisis of dealing with the diagnosis and this is obviously the case for parents as well.
- For parents, camp is an opportunity to relax and know their children are having an amazing time.
- Camp Delight also provides an opportunity for the parents to have a week of normalcy as well to reconnect with each other because chances are for the last several months they have passed each other in the hallway of the hospital.

If you ask any of the volunteer staff that have ever given their time to our campers, one thing continually comes through. To a person everyone wishes there was no need for a camp of this type but count themselves very fortunate that they have had the opportunity to have their lives touched by these “Very Special Children.”

Newfoundland & Labrador Association For Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus

Teresa Edney - President

The Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus is a parental group dedicated to promoting the human rights and well-being of all persons with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus. The Association was formed in October, 1980, by a group of concerned parents and therapists.

The NLABSH is managed by a Board of Directors who are all volunteers.

Our Mission Statement: “To improve the quality of life of all persons with spina bifida and /or hydrocephalus, and their families, through awareness, education and research.”

All of the programs and services offered are funded by the Association’s volunteer fund-raising efforts, such as an Annual Appeal Campaign, organized fund-raising activities (ticket lotteries, promotional sales, walk-a-thons, etc.)

Some of our programs include;

- Recognition of Achievement Award: A Grade VI Recognition of Achievement Award is offered annually to students with spina bifida and /or hydrocephalus who are in Grade VI.
- Birthday Card Program: Birthday Cards are mailed to every child who has spina bifida and /or hydrocephalus up to the age of 12.
- Children’s Newsletter: Children with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus (age 5-12) receive a newsletter, which contains appropriate information about their disability, some coping tips, coloring and other activities.

NLABSH also offers two \$1,000 scholarships annually to students with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus who are doing Grade XII and planning to further their education at a post-secondary level.

We are very grateful to the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers’ Foundation for the \$1,000 donation which is used for one of the scholarships.

Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp

*Lion Gerald Hutchings, Past District Governor
Fundraising chairperson*

Mrs. Finn and members of the Retired Teachers’ Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador:

Thank you for your donation of \$1,000 to the Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp.

The Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp is a facility especially designed for physically and mentally challenged individuals. It is owned and operated by the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of Newfoundland and Labrador. It is situated on the east bank of the Exploits River at Bishops Falls and is accessed from the Bay d’Espoir Highway. Construction of the camp was started in the late 1970s and was opened in 1982. Approximately 80 campers and their chaperones can be accommodated at a time in 32 rooms. The camp caters to its primary group (the physically and mentally challenged persons of Newfoundland and Labrador) from May to October each year. When not in use the facilities are rented for conferences, recreational

activities and meetings by churches, schools, organizations and private companies.

The mission statement of the camp is as follows: "The Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp is known as the place where all challenged individuals will receive an enriching and rewarding camping experience."

I thank you again on behalf of the other 9 directors of the camp, but most of all I thank you on behalf of the primary group, the mentally and physically challenged persons of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Newfoundland and Labrador

Down Syndrome Society

Sue Horne - Secretary/Treasurer

Thank you for choosing us as one of your recipients this year. We are a small, but active group of volunteer parents and family members who are attempting to make a better life for our children, and also raise awareness of the abilities of our children at the same time. Your donation (\$1,000) will help us greatly in our Speech/Occupational Therapy programs. Thanks to your generous donation, we will be able to provide 20 therapy sessions under our program. Your donation will definitely make a difference!

Once again, on behalf of the Board of Directors, members of our Society and of course our children, thank you for thinking of us at this time.

Mazol Shriners of Newfoundland and Labrador

Douglas A. Rowe - High Priest and Prophet

The generous support provided by The Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation is greatly appreciated by Mazol Shriners. Today the Shrine Fraternity has 450,000 members in 191 Shrine Centres throughout Canada, United States, Mexico and Panama. In 1922 the first Shriners Hospital for Children was opened. We now operate 22 Children's Hospitals from Mexico City north to Montreal specializing in Orthopedic and Burns care. The 2006 operating budget for these hospitals is \$649 million US.

Throughout the province of Newfoundland and Labrador we currently provide care to 161 active patients. While the majority of our children are treated at Montreal, we have children being treated at Boston, Philadelphia and Cincinnati. We, as well, organize Outreach Clinics which bring our Medical Specialists to the Province.

Since 2004 we have seen a number of patients through Telemedicine. These later initiatives have provided some cost efficiencies, however, in 2005 we spent \$227,600 to transport children and guardians to our hospitals, and provided \$50,000 to our Hospital in Montreal.

If you know of a child that may be helped by the Shriners, advise the parents to call us at **1-877-533-1591**. We will accept eligible children under the age of 18 to our hospitals. There is no charge for treatment at our hospitals.

Camp Douwanna (Canadian Diabetes Association)

Bill Hayward - Camp Director

Madam President and members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation:

Every year the Canadian Diabetes Association operates a camp for children with diabetes in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Camp Douwanna (coined from the phrase - "Do you want to learn more about your diabetes") takes place every summer on the last two weeks of July. The first week for children ages 9-12 years and the second week for ages 13-16 years. Camp is offered to all children with type 1 diabetes within these age groups, giving priority to newly diagnosed. In 2005 approximately 40 children were diagnosed.

Camp is a great learning experience for the children, especially first timers. They learn to draw up and mix in syringes, their own insulin and then give their own injection. Each child will leave camp with this knowledge and a certificate to prove it. They are taught proper eating habits and how to calculate the exact number of carbohydrates required.

Activities such as hiking, swimming, basketball, soccer and hockey help round out the day. While craft sessions, kangaroo court, flea market, parents' night and skits instill lasting memories.

This camp offers the children a chance to be among others with diabetes and feel "normal" instead of standing out in the crowd. Our counselors this year were, for the most part, young adults with type 1 diabetes.

Children come from all parts of the province and the cost of transportation is increasing every year. Likewise, the cost of nutritional requirements especially

fruit and dairy products, which are daily requirements. The cost per person per day is continuously on the rise. Camp is very important to these children and your generous donation will ensure two children get to experience camp in 2006.

On behalf of all the children in Newfoundland and Labrador with type 1 diabetes, I thank you for your very generous donation.

Donations to The Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation may be sent to 3 Kenmount Rd., St. John's, NL. A1B 1W1

On behalf of The Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation a sincere **Thank You** for your continued support.