



# Cornucopia

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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.

**CENTRAL DIVISION  
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Calvin G. Wheeler  
*Botwood*

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE  
CUSTODIAN**  
Calvin G. Wheeler

**Meeting Dates 2017-18**

**September 20, 2017**  
General Meeting

**October 18, 2017**  
Sale & Auction

**November 15, 2017**  
Regular Meeting

**April 18, 2018**  
Regular Meeting

**May 16, 2018**  
Regular Meeting

**June 2018**  
Banquet & Dance

The meetings are held at Hotel Gander at 11:00 a.m. on the meeting date above unless notified in advance.

**RETIRED TEACHERS'  
FOUNDATION  
Executive 2016-2018**

**CHAIRPERSON**  
Dianne Squarey

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**TREASURER**  
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Agnes Hughes  
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Doreen Noseworthy



**PRAYER**

May God grant you always...  
A sunbeam to warm you  
A moonbeam to charm you  
A sheltering angel so  
Nothing can harm you...  
Laughter to cheer you  
Faithful friends near you  
And whenever you pray,  
Heaven to hear you.

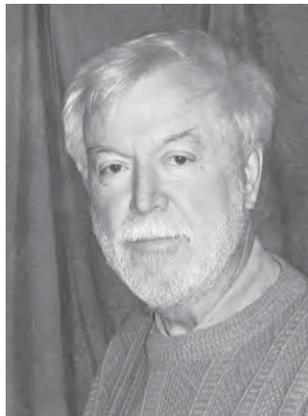
An Irish Blessing

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# 2015-2017 Executive



President  
Thomas Kendell



Vice-President  
Philip Patey



Treasurer  
Malba Butt



Secretary  
Arthur Symonds



Gander Representative  
Don Carter



Cornucopia Chairman  
Book of Remembrance  
Custodian Calvin G. Wheeler



Executive in Action

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# Reflection on the Retired Teachers' Association, Central Division

by Faye Eveleigh  
2005

**(Updated 2017 in bold type)**

I was asked by the Executive to give a personal reflection on the Retired Teachers' Association of Central Division.

After two failed earlier attempts to form this Division the third attempt was successful with twenty-three members present at a meeting held in Holiday Inn in Gander on June 13, 1980. (Not a Friday!) It should be noted that there were only 30 retired teachers in Central Newfoundland at that time, from Gander, Grand Falls to Buchans. Mr. Walter Hudson and Mr. Myrle Vokey were present to perform the functions of Chairperson and Secretary. The following members were elected from the group assembled:

Mr. C. Lloyd Buffett, President  
Mr. Roland Abbott, Vice President  
Ms. Geraldine Hodder, Secretary  
Ms. Faye Eveleigh, Treasurer

The Eastern and Western Divisions were already in operation at this time – the Eastern Division was formed on November 12, 1971, and Western on November 19, 1971. These two divisions were established almost nine years before our beginning here in Central, but maybe we have caught up with them in some ways. Let us see what we have accomplished.

There have been many changes and additions since we began. Initially, we held meetings in different hotels and church halls, but finally found that here at Hotel Gander was the most suitable since we always held our annual banquets here. At our banquets we had a sing song. Members brought copies of the “Old Favorites”. Mr. Roland Abbott brought his friend, Mr. Fred Goodyear who played the piano accordion. It was a nice accompaniment to our chin music. Clarence Riggs often gave us the pleasure of his talent on the guitar and Mrs. Millicent Harris provided her expertise on the piano.

During the sing song, the shuffling of the sheets of paper was rather noisy, so I collected them and typed them into one copy (omitting copyright since most were outdated). The NLTA Print Plant kindly made the books for us. I have several copies left and if anyone would like one as a keepsake or to show your children and grandchildren these favorites, you may purchase one. Proceeds will go to the Retired Teachers' Foundation (RTF).

## **FEES**

One change to occur was the fees. Fees were collected at meetings. If a person did not attend a meeting, most, but not all would forward their dues. The Minutes of the meetings and the Newsletter from the President was sent to everyone who did not attend. As the costs escalated, so did the fees. That problem was solved when fees were deducted at source by the Finance Department. The privilege of “opting out” has been chosen by some. One has to wonder why since the fees are not excessive and the benefits are many.

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## RETIRED TEACHERS' FOUNDATION (RTF)

This was a big undertaking, but the determination and persistence of Mr. C. Lloyd Buffett brought it to fruition. The RTF was Mr. Cyril Bull's idea and everyone readily agreed. It was finally established and incorporated as a Charitable Organization, and registered with Revenue Canada, after discussions with lawyers and with Government people.

We, the Central Division, were the sole operators for six years. All expenses were paid by Central postage, stationery, etc. The Board Members, all volunteers, paid their own way to meetings. The other divisions joined after six years. Contributions have increased over the years and the present total principal is around \$108,000.

The two main objectives of the Foundation are:

1. To remember and honour the life and work of former teachers.
2. To assist Institutions and groups that provide medical treatment, education training and social interaction for sick and disabled children.

Most donations come from retired and active teachers. Donations also come from organizations, friends and relatives of deceased teachers. The Foundation will also accept interest in bonds, term deposits and other investments. Since only the interest is used as donations to various charities, the amount varies from year to year, depending on interest rates. In the year 2000, \$4600 was given out to the following groups and organizations: Janeway Foundation, Autism Society, Vera Perlin Society, Diabetic Association, Children's Heart Foundation, Children's Wish Foundation, and the Shriners Burn Unit. **In 2016 we donated \$30,000 to ten groups or organizations.**

The success during formative years of the Foundation was due in large part to the tenacity and commitment of C. Lloyd Buffett and the financial expertise of N. Ray Wight. Both have since passed away. At present, **Chairperson Dianne Squarey** leads a Board with an intense interest and work effort to make the Foundation such an efficient and successful organization.

There is a book containing names of all donors and information about the deceased teachers. It is on display at all BGMs and Reunions. Its permanent home is in the Provincial Archives at The Rooms in St. John's.

We can all be proud to participate in this Foundation. Educating children has been the avenue by which we earned a livelihood and it gave us the opportunity to use our ability in doing the greatest and most important work in the world – TEACHING. We may not realize, and many rarely give it a thought but it is a very worthwhile occupation and teachers are very important professionals. Where would all the great leaders be without our guidance, from kindergarten to the highest degree in university?

## THE GAVEL

We have a historical article in the form of a "gavel" made by Mr. Roland Abbott of Musgrave Harbour. (Originally called Muddy Hole, the name was changed by the governor, Sir Anthony Musgrave in 1866). In 1865 an Englishman by the name of John Brown Wheeler came to Musgrave Harbour to teach. He planted trees and among them was a damson tree. Years later, Mr. Abbott was given a piece of a branch of that damson tree. He thought, "This tree was planted by a teacher so I'll make a gavel to be used by teachers". The full story may be read in the CORNUCOPIA, January 1983, Volume 1 No.2. A "gavel" is a cherished symbol of leadership or "head office". It is presented by the outgoing "official" to the member who is subsequently chosen President or Chairperson of the group. Passing the gavel is a tribute to the dignity and honour of the office.

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## THE LOGO



Mr. Roland Abbott also composed our own logo. This is used on our stationery, letterheads and envelopes.

## CORNUCOPIA

Yes, we even have our own magazine, the CORNUCOPIA. The first copy was issued in 1982, our second year of operation. Marguerite Taylor of Grand Falls proposed the name. I, Faye Eveleigh, designed the cover. Mrs. Taylor was the first editor and I was co-editor. Members sent in articles which we edited, typed and arranged into an informative magazine. The NLTA Print Plant kindly agreed to print it. We had produced two copies each year for six years, and then planned on a larger copy. We secured a grant from the Federal Government's New Horizons program and then the Cornucopia was spiral bound. When the grant ran out, we returned to the NLTA Print Plant producing one smaller copy per year. **Then, a different person in each area did the arranging and that worked for a while. At present the work is done by Calvin G. Wheeler of Botwood. For the past three years, because of the rising cost of postage, it was necessary to discontinue mailing copies to members. Future copies will be posted on the internet for members to read. Hard copies are available by contacting any member of the Central Executive.** However, your help is really needed so please forward articles so that our fledgling efforts of 1982 will continue to be successful.

## AUCTION

The annual November Auction and Sale is our main fund raiser to support the Foundation. It began as a "blind" auction in 1988 with Mr. Mary MacIntyre's suggestion. She has since passed away. The donated articles were marked with a minimal price, but of course the auctioneer tried to get a better price. It was lots of fun not knowing what you are buying. After a few years we felt it was better to know what you were bidding on so it was changed to a regular sale. Things were priced and placed on display. What was not sold was auctioned. Mr. Sam Button (now deceased) was auctioneer. We often have large or expensive articles which we put on tickets. Mr. Calvin G. Wheeler has donated a painting every second year. Mr. Burry made and donated a boat. We have also had many quilts, and also a wishing well, **a small painting and a fisherman's basket.** One of our members, with an assistant, does the auctioning. All have been much appreciated and have brought in quite a sum of money for the Foundation.

## SICK, SHUT IN AND HOSPITALIZED

We do not forget the sick. A committee or a representative in each area visits any sick member and provides a card, flowers or basket of fruit. This is reported at our regular meetings. When a member passes away, as many retirees as possible attend the funeral. At first, we sent a donation of \$50.00 to the Foundation in memory of each deceased member. **Recently, this was changed. We now send a donation of \$2000.00 to the Foundation in memory of deceased members. This amount is to be reviewed each year.**

## ACER-CART – Canadian Association of Retired Teachers

RTANL joined this national organization in 1984 and through it we bring our concerns to the national body and exchange information and receive reports from our colleagues across Canada. A report is given at our RTANL Biennial meeting and in the Newsletter. **Each year we have representatives from the Provincial Executive attending those meetings.**

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## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In 1986 Mr. Frank Evans suggested we keep a Book of Remembrance as a record of our deceased teachers, telling of the story of their career, where they taught and other relevant information, along with a picture if possible. Sister Fabian Dunn was the first Custodian and continued for nearly two years. She passed away on May 14, 1988. Faye Eveleigh became Custodian and continued the work for thirteen years. The book began as a ring binder, so that pages could be added in alphabetical order. The book is displayed at each general meeting. Stella Gosse completed the hard cover version of the book and copies are now available at various Central Newfoundland libraries in Grand Falls, Gander and Clarenville. **Jim Dobson of Grand Falls-Windsor and a committee of four completed the Second Edition which has been circulated and placed in the Central Division libraries. Calvin G. Wheeler, with the help of Central District members, completed the Third Edition in 2015 and also this one, Edition IV. Any information on a deceased teacher may be forwarded to him.**

## SPEAKERS

Over the years we have had a variety of guest speakers bringing information on such varied topics as Pensions and Women's Issues. Others have spoken on Student Teachers, The Charter of Rights, Home Care, and Wills and Estates.

## REGIONALS AND DIVISIONS

The Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Association (RTANL) consists of Divisions which cover large areas of the province – Eastern, Central, Western, Bonavista, Con-Tri, Coast of Bays and Burin. Teachers in many areas of Newfoundland have a long distance to travel to Division meetings. If a number of teachers in a particular area or "region" feel they would like to have a formal organization, they may, apply to Provincial Executive for regional status. In Central Division, we have our first meeting of the year on the third Wednesday in September, with a BGM every second year, a regular meeting in October, our annual Sale and Auction in November, take a long winter recess and resume on the third Wednesday in April and May, with a closing banquet in June. We are very active with lots of talents and ideas. Don't let our expertise go to waste or deteriorate. If we don't use these talents for benefit and pleasure we could lose them. Write an article for our CORNUCOPIA magazine, send in an article for the Provincial Newsletter, reminisce on your career and write an article for another edition of "Tales Told by Teachers".

## CONCLUSION

We have a wonderful charity, namely the Retired Teachers' Foundation (RTF) and its objective is to remember our former colleagues and at the same time help children in need. Keep the Foundation in mind when making financial contributions. Do attend the Division meetings (less than 10% do) and don't forget the Provincial BGM and Reunion coming up in each even-numbered year (2016 at Hotel Gander). We must remain united and maintain a strong organization. Remember Helen Keller, who wrote, "I am one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything. I will not refuse to do something I can do." Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress. working together is SUCCESS."

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# Notes from Minutes

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## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

**September** There was no Business arising from the minutes.

**October** It was noted that there were no RTANL representatives on the Board of Directors of the Teachers' Pension Plan. Discussion followed that we should push for a representative; that there were some retired people on the Board; and that since these were new appointments we will have to wait for the next round to try for some input.

**November** A question was raised about item #5 "Discussion on Board of Directors". It was pointed out that it was the "Board of Directors for Teacher Pensions" that had been discussed.

**April** It was noted that Winston Carter, who was to speak to teachers, did not show up.

**May** A discussion followed on the letter read at the last meeting concerning Bill C27 and the effects of the Bill on retired teachers.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**September** President Tom reported that Correspondence was received regarding appointments to the Teachers' Pension Plan Board of Directors. There are 4 government and 4 teacher representatives recently appointed.

**October** There was no correspondence.

**November** There was no correspondence.

**April** An e-mail was received from the RTANL Provincial President. It referred to a letter sent to the Federal Government re. Bill C27 and the response received. After some discussion, it was felt that C27 would not affect our pension plan. The only other correspondence was a Christmas card from the Hotel Gander staff.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**September** Malba presented the Treasurer's Report that showed a balance of \$8,270.10 in our chequing account and a balance of \$181.45 in voting shares. After a question on voting shares was answered, it

was moved by Malba and seconded by Jim Dobson that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

**October** The Treasurer's report, covering September 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016, was circulated and presented by Malba Butt showing a balance of \$11,293.18. in our chequing account. It was moved by Malba and seconded by Joy Freake that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

**November** Malba Butt presented the Treasurer's Report that showed a balance of \$11,147.42 in our chequing account. She also noted that our auction had \$345.50 in sales and \$260.00 in direct donations, so that \$605 .50 had been sent to the Foundation. It was moved by Malba and seconded by Marilyn Bry that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

**April** The Treasurer's report was presented in Malba's Absence without a vote to accept. It was noted that the balance was \$13,782.45 as of March 31, 2017. In answer to a question it was noted that revenue from the sale of "Tales Told By Teachers" was also shown as an expenditure with money sent directly to our Provincial Treasurer, Clayton Rice, to cover the cost of the books. Money from the Auction and ticket sales on the painting (Revenue) was sent directly to the Foundation (Expenditure). Also, Calvin Wheeler gave notice that we should discuss finances at our next General Meeting.

**May** Malba Butt presented the Treasurer's Report which showed a balance of \$13, 272.10. It was then moved by Malba, seconded by Marilyn Bry that the report be accepted. The motion carried. There was a discussion about the benefits and problems of such a large balance on our books. It was then moved by Calvin Wheeler, seconded by Jim Warren "that Central Division pay for the ticket to the Banquet on June 14, 2017 for members and their spouse or partner." The motion carried. It was also agreed that this was to be reviewed for future years and that the motion made no commitment for the future. Francis Reid agreed to look after the distribution of the tickets this year.

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## **HEALTH OF MEMBERS:**

**September** We learned, with regret, that 11 deaths have occurred since our May meeting. They are as follows: William L. Jones – Wesleyville, Bertram Brown – New World Island, Dr. Ruby Gough – St. John's, Mina E. Toms – Victoria, B.C./La Scie, Andrew Walach – Grand Falls-Windsor, Dr. Anthony Genge – Corner Brook, Msgr. Edward T. Bromley – St. John's, Geraldine MacPhail – Lewisporte, Dr. Larry Moss – Springdale, Linda Janes – Grand Falls-Windsor, Bill Burry – Gander. There was a general discussion on those members in hospitals and homes and our need to visit them.

**October** In health of members, the following deaths were noted: Jessie Blanche Rothman of Arnold's Cove, Blanche Mercer of Clarenville, Dana R. Cox of Salmon Cove, and William Burry of Gander.

**November** In Health of members Calvin reported two deaths. They were Gerald Joseph Hall from Grand Falls-Windsor and St. John's, also Evelyn Pelley from Milton and Clarenville. Both were members of the Central Division. A general discussion of members who were ill and/or recovering from illness ensued. For privacy reasons they cannot be named.

**April** In Health of Members the following were listed as deceased teachers from Central Division: Leveson Cocarell of Bishop's Falls, Kimberley Susan Cole of St. John's (Active Teacher), Gertrude (Lorraine) Collins of Gander, Maude Collins of Dover, Roger Dean of Grand Falls-Windsor, Emma J. Drodge of Hillview, Viola Gillingham of Carmanville, Lloyd Martin of Goobies, Harris Nofle of Musgravetown, Austin W. Stewart of Glovertown, Margaret E. Thorne of Grand Falls-Windsor, Olive Troake of Summerford, Alice Edna Wareham of St. John's, Gilbert Wells of Gander, Roy Trowbridge of Botwood and Ontario.

**May** There were only two deaths recorded, that of Norman Purchase of Eastport and Clyde Taite of Glovertown. It was reported that Clarence Riggs was in Gander Hospital.

## **PROVINCIAL REPORT:**

**September** The main part of the Provincial report is the BGM next week. There will be an Executive meeting all day Monday, on Tuesday morning they

meet with Executive of the Foundation. At the BGM there will be election of officers for a new Executive for 2016- 2018.

**October** In the Provincial Report the new executive was given as: Doreen Noseworthy as President; Albert Legge as Vice-President; Don White as Secretary; Clayton Rice as Treasurer; Tom Kendell as Past President and four (4) Members at Large; Debbie Lewis-Clarke of Burin, Beverly Fisher of Bonavista, Sharron Penney of Con-Tri and Don Carter of Central. All of those were elected at BGM 2016.

**November** It was noted that there will be a RTANL Executive meeting November 22 to 24, 2016. On November 23 there will be a special meeting with the Foundation and on November 24 there will be a special meeting with NLTA Executive.

**April** It was reported that the Provincial Executive will meet on May 10 and 11, 2017 in Corner Brook.

**May** The Provincial Report of a meeting held May 11 and 12, 2017 was given by President Tom and included on a separate page.

## **FOUNDATION REPORT:**

**September** It was noted that \$30,000 will be distributed at BGM to the same 10 groups as last year with each receiving an increase. It is hoped that all groups will have someone in attendance to receive their cheque.

**October** The Foundation elected its Executive as follows: Dianne Squarey as Chair, Anne Pennell as Vice-Chair, Anita Finn as Treasurer, Sharron Penney as Secretary, and three (3) Members-at-Large: Lil Critch, Agnes Hughes, and Tom Kendell. All of the above were elected at BGM 2016. It was also noted that at BGM 2016 there were 10 charities who shared \$30,000.

**November** There was no formal report from Foundation but it was noted that last year Central Division donated \$4100.00 to the Foundation.

**April** It was reported that the Foundation Executive will meet with the Provincial Executive on May 11, 2017 in Corner Brook. Jim Dobson reported that the Foundation has been invited to an appreciation dinner at Lion Max Simms Camp on April 28, 2017. They appreciate the Foundation's donations to their group.

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**May** The Foundation Report of a meeting held May 11 and 12, 2017 is covered on a separate page.

### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:**

**September** President Tom reported for Calvin that 99 obituaries have been completed for the Book of Remembrance with 7 or 8 more that he is working on finishing soon.

**October** Calvin reported that he had 102 done and will be ready with Book 4 by the end of this year. Calvin referred members to Page 28 of the Cornucopia which has a list of names that he needs information about to finish. If you have such information please contact Calvin.

**November** Calvin noted that he will be setting up the next edition of the Book of Remembrance by the end of next year. He said that it would not be ready by the end of this year as mentioned in the minutes of October 20, 2016. Up to date there are 105 names finished.

**April** Calvin reports 127 obits completed and another 6 or 7 in the works for the Book of Remembrance, Volume 4. It is hoped to have the book finished by the end of 2017.

**May** Calvin Wheeler reports 137 obituaries done and he is working on five more. It will be finished by the end of the year and available in Spring 2018.

### **STATUS OF CORNUCOPIA:**

**September** The Cornucopia should be finished for the BGM. 200 hard copies have been printed.

**October** Volume 31 of the Cornucopia has been received from the printers and is available on line or 300 hard copies are on hand. We thank Calvin for his labour of love.

**November** Copies of Volume 32 of the Cornucopia were available at today's meeting. There were 200 hard copies printed but Calvin reminded members that it is also available on line. They could have been ready for BGM 2016 but Calvin was stuck in St. John's on personal business.

**November** Hard copies of the latest Cornucopia are still available at the meeting for those who wish to have them.

**April** Calvin is also working on the 'Cornucopia' and hopes that by the end of August it will be ready for the printers. He is looking for submissions from teachers. Do you have a story or poem to share? Contact Calvin. No jokes needed, he has lots of them.

**May** Calvin reported that the 'Cornucopia' will be finished by the end of summer and then sent to the printers.

### **TALES TOLD BY TEACHERS:**

**September** There was no report.

**October** There are still copies of "Tales Told By Teachers" available for sale – A great Christmas Gift!

**November** There are still copies of "Tales Told By Teachers Volume 2" available at \$10.00 per copy. Hopefully many will be sold for Christmas presents.

**April** 'Tales Told By Teachers' was printed in 2010 and there are still lots of copies left to be sold.

**May** There are still a few boxes of 'Tales Told By Teachers' to sell. Francis and Jim have had success in selling.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**September**

(a) Tom read the financial review report (previously referred to as an audit) done by Calvin Wheeler which found our books to be well managed. It was moved by Art Symonds, seconded by Jim Warren that Calvin's report be accepted. Motion carried.

(b) It was noted that our Fall Sale and Auction will be held on October 20th, a Thursday. We will contact to remind them of the change.

(c) There were 700 tickets printed for Calvin's painting of Trinity. Don still has 308 left. It was noted that the difference is probably due to Peter Hall and Roland Pickett not being able to sell as in the past. We need new members to take their place.

(d) Tom passed around a sheet for members to check their e-mail address. All members are encouraged to let the Executive know any changes in e-mail so they may be kept up to date.

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(e) RTANL BGM was the last topic of discussion. Tom reviewed the items that are contained in the latest bulletin. The agenda is listed on the last page and items of interest are located inside. Of special note was that we need people from central division to run for office at the Provincial level and on the Foundation Executives. We have the talent, let's use it.

### **October**

(a) Tom reviewed some of the highlights of BGM 2016 such as the Tuesday night kitchen party; the guest speakers and the speakers bringing greetings on behalf of their organizations, the election of a new executive for 2016-2018 both for the Provincial and the Foundation, the \$30,000 passed to various charities, most of whom had a representative to accept the cheque, including Katrina Roxon who showed her gold medal to members, the worship service at the Salvation Army where the reading of the Honour Roll had 229 names, the banquet and dance was also a highlight.

(b) The NLPSPA Convention was held October 18, 2016 and there was nobody available to give a report.

(c) It was reported that the ticket sales on Trinity, Trinity Bay painting had 193 tickets left. There were 95 sold at the BGM 2016.

(d) The future meeting dates were given as follows: November 16, 2016, April 19, 2017, May 17, 2017, June 14, 2017 Banquet. All of the meeting would be at Hotel Gander. Special meeting January 6, 2017 dinner at Sinbad's Hotel with ticket draw for painting.

### **November**

(a) Birthday cards were passed around to be signed by members present. One was for Clarence Riggs who recently turned 101 on November 2, 2016. It will be sent as soon as possible. The other was for Faye Eveleigh who will be 101 on February 15, 2017.

(b) Members were reminded of the Old Christmas Day dinner to be held at Sinbad's on January 6, 2017 at 6 p.m.

(c) Ticket sales were shown as 466 sold, 68 out and presumed to be sold, and 166 left to sell. The draw will be held at the Old Christmas Day dinner.

(d) It was agreed to return from Dinner at 1:15 p.m. to give Winston Carter a chance to speak to members

before our special guest. However, Mr. Carter didn't show up.

### **April**

(a) All tickets on Calvin's painting were sold. The winner of the painting was Calvin's sister in Ontario.

(b) An update on the June Banquet revealed the following information: The date is June 14, 2017 on a Wednesday, at Hotel Gander. The tickets and programme are at the printers. Derm Coady (or his son) have been confirmed for the dance. Whether we have a buffet or a sit down meal will be decided at the May meeting. The cost of the meal is also known at this time and the cost to members will be decided at the May meeting. The entertainment is also unknown at this time, a school choir like last year is possible. A final decision will be made later.

(c) Who to choose as our Volunteer of the Year will be made at our May meeting. If you know of a nominee bring the name for our May meeting, the volunteer will be honored at our Banquet and a \$100.00 donation made to the Foundation.

(d) Tom presented some of the positive things about the 2017 provincial budget after which general discussion ensued on the pros and cons.

(e) Discussion of what to do in the event of a death of a member basically concluded that members be aware of their personal circumstance. It was suggested that members could call the NLTA Plan Benefits at 1-800-563-3599 and/or Johnson Insurance 1-800-563-1528 to find answers to their individual coverage and concerns. They could also check the web sites.

(f) Future meeting dates were given as May 17, 2017 for a General Meeting, May 1, 2017 for an Executive Meeting and June 14, 2017 for our Banquet.

### **May**

(a) It was agreed by all that Malba Butt and Don Carter would be our nominees for the 'Volunteer of the Year' award to be presented by the Banquet in June. A donation of \$100.00 each will be made to the Foundation.

(b) Updates on the June Banquet revealed the following: i) The menu will be a buffet, the same as last year. ii) Rev. Gerald Giles will offer grace. iii) The Gander Academy Choir under Chris Hillyer will

provide entertainment. It was decided that we will pay them \$500.00 this year. iv) Derm or Martin Coady will provide the music. v) Marilyn Bry will have a trivia contest ready.

(c) The future meetings would be our Banquet on June 14, 2017 and September 20, 2017 for our next regular meeting.

(d) It was moved by Calvin Wheeler, seconded by Phil Patey "that \$2000.00 be sent to the Retired Teachers' Foundation in memory of deceased teachers". This motion carried.

(e) Calvin Wheeler was asked to audit our financial books for the year. Calvin said he would do a review as he did before but not a formal audit.

(f) The job of finding a nominating committee for the coming two years (2017-2018) had no one offering themselves. It was finally decided that Tom Kendell would chair (as he is not planning to run for the next two years) and he would look for members so that a report would be ready for the September 20, 2017 meeting.

(g) Under 'Other Business' Francis Reid reported that Central Health is looking for people to serve on an 'Aging Steering Committee'. He pointed out that in discussion with Mimie Carroll, the Regional Director, Central Health would appreciate having someone from RTANL on the Committee. Any member requiring more information or to offer their service on the Committee should contact Ms. Carroll at the following: m.carroll@centralhealth.ca.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION:**

**October** The afternoon was used for the Annual Auction to raise money for the Foundation.

**November** Our afternoon guest speaker was Ms. Mary Rose-Blackmore, CFP, Wealth Management Advisor for the Newfoundland and Labrador Credit Union in Gander. Her topics were 'Estate Planning' and other financial issues to which we could relate. She also allowed time for any questions that were of concern.

**April** Our afternoon speaker was Tom Kendell, speaking as a member and past president of the Central Newfoundland Gardening Club. He spoke of the challenges of gardening in our area and on the

items he had grown successfully and of some of the items that he did not grow as he had wished. He also referred members to a number of books and catalogs that were available. Answers to our gardening and comments by other gardeners in the group of their experiences made for an interesting presentation. Thank you Tom.

**May** As there was no guest speaker, Tom Kendell brought us some information on coins of Newfoundland (1865-1949) and showed us some samples.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

All meetings adjourned by a motion and after the Closing Meditation.

### **ADDRESSES • ADDRESSES • ADDRESSES**

If you have a change of address or know of a retired colleague not receiving correspondence from the RTANL, please advise your Division President, and RTANL Treasurer c/o 3 Kenmount Road, St. John's NL, A1B 1W1 or clayton@warp.nfld.net.

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

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

The Central Division of RTANL newsletter, **CORNUCOPIA**, is being published in the fall of 2017. However, because of the rising costs of postage, this edition **WILL NOT** be mailed out to our members.



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

[http://files.nlta.nl.ca/wp-content/uploads/public/documents/rtanl/rtanl\\_nwsletters.html](http://files.nlta.nl.ca/wp-content/uploads/public/documents/rtanl/rtanl_nwsletters.html)

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

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**RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Central Division**  
**Financial Statement**  
**August 31, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

**Revenues:**

Opening Balance . . . . .	\$8,270.10
RTANL Rebate . . . . .	\$10,235.00
Auction . . . . .	\$605.50
Tales Told By Teachers . . . . .	\$330.00
Ticket Sales (Painting) . . . . .	\$700.00

**Total Revenues: . . . . . \$20,140.60**

**Expenses:**

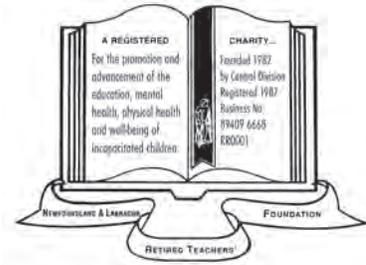
Meetings . . . . .	\$1,115.87
Executive Travel . . . . .	\$718.20
Prizes BGM. . . . .	\$84.72
Tales Told by Teachers, Clayton Rice . . . . .	\$330.00
Foundation . . . . .	\$4,505.50
Supplies. . . . .	\$252.53
Printing NLTA . . . . .	\$204.00
Banquet Prizes . . . . .	\$107.57
Banquet Entertainment . . . . .	\$500.00
Banquet Music . . . . .	\$350.00
Banquet Meal. . . . .	\$3,445.84

**Total Expenditures: . . . . . \$11,614.23**

**Revenues over Expenditures:. . . . . \$8,526.37**

**Chequing Account . . \$8,526.37**  
**Voting Shares. . . . . \$190.52**

# Retired Teachers' Foundation Report



The Retired Teachers' Foundation was first started in Central Division but now RTANL is proud to be its sponsoring body. The purpose of the Retired Teachers' Foundation is two fold: to provide funding to children's charities and to honour the life and work of deceased retired teachers. Our first donation was to the Janeway Hospital in 1987 in the amount of \$300.00. Since then the Foundation has paid out to children's charities a total of \$283,750.00. This past year, through your generous donations it was possible to contribute \$30,000.00 to ten children's charities in the province. This was the highest amount in its history. A sincere thank you goes to all members and friends for their continued support and generous donations.

The Foundation Executive presented ten cheques at the BGM 2016 in Gander as follows:

Mazol Shriners . . . . .	\$5,000.00
Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp . . . . .	\$4,000.00
Candlelighters Camp Delight . . . . .	\$3,000.00
The War Amps – Champs Program . . . . .	\$3,000.00
Canadian Diabetes Association . . . . .	\$3,000.00
Tourettes Syndrome Association . . . . .	\$2,000.00
Rainbow Riders . . . . .	\$2,000.00
Down Syndrome Society . . . . .	\$3,000.00
CNIB Children Services.....	\$2,500.00
Autism Society.....	\$2,500.00

This year the Central Division of the RTANL has been able to donate a total of \$4,505.50 to the Foundation. This amount included the following:

- Annual donation of \$1000.00 in memory of C. Lloyd Buffett
- Donation of \$2000.00 in memory of deceased teachers
- The Annual Fall Auction realized \$ 605.50
- Ticket sales for a Painting \$700.00
- Sent to honour two Volunteers for this year \$200.00

The RTF Board extends a very sincere thank-you to each and every individual who has supported the Foundation during the past year, and throughout the years. It is this moral and financial backing that enables the Foundation to perform its mandate.

Tom Kendell, Director, RTF

# Founding Members



*C. L. Buffett*



*Audrey L. Goodyear*



*Cyril W. Bull*



*Marguerite L. Taylor*



*Roland W. Abbott*



*Arthur Young*



*Samuel D. Button*



*Clement Williams*



*Violet Seymour*

# Biography



## Sophia R. Corrales

Sophia was born on September 18, 1939 to Jose and Consuelo Corrales at Sta. Ana, Manila, Philippines. She attended Grade One at La Concordia College, then Ste. Ana Elementary School from Grade Two to Six. After completing her secondary education at the Araullo High School, she

began a career in teaching by attending the Philippines Normal School where she graduated CAM LAUDE with a Degree in Elementary Education.

Before immigrating to Canada on August 26, 1966, while teaching in a public school in Manila, she took courses leading to a Master's Degree in Education at the University of the Philippines. Then, she came to Canada to teach in Ryley School in Alberta for four years. Sophie then came to our province to teach for the next five years at Dover Elementary School. From Dover she was offered a Special Education position at Gander Academy where she taught for fifteen years until her retirement in 1990. While in Gander she spent two summers in Montreal to specialize in Special Education and later continued her studies at Memorial University of Newfoundland where she received a Degree in Special Education in 1987. She also took courses in Conversational French and Word Processing at the Community College in Gander during the evenings.

Sophia was an active teacher in her community while teaching in Gander. She was President of the Philippines Association of Newfoundland in 1987 – 1988, and Editor of the Association Newsletter for two years. After retirement she settled in Alberta for four years and then moved to Toronto where she has lived actively from 1994 to the present.

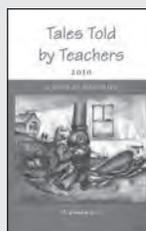
She serves as Eucharistic Minister in her Parish Church, as poll clerk during Provincial and Federal elections, an active member of the Handmaids of the Lord and has marked Grade Ten Literacy Exams for three years.

Besides time spent in her church and community, Sophia is also an avid Raptors Basketball fan, travels a lot, watches musicals, live concerts and movies, goes to fitness class, walks regularly, reads and spends some time on the computer (although, she admits, she's not very savvy in it.).

Sophia would like to express her great appreciation to the Newfoundlanders, her former colleagues in Dover and Gander Academy, for taking her and her Filipino friends into their hearts and homes. She wishes all to know that living and teaching in Newfoundland were some of the best years in her adult life.

## Tales Told By Teachers Vols. I & II

*Need a great gift idea  
(birthday, Christmas, retirement)?  
This is it!*



**And what a bargain: only \$12.<sup>95</sup> retail but special price of  
\$10.<sup>00</sup> for retired and active teachers\*!**

*(\*plus postage where applicable)*

Contains stories, poems, amusing anecdotes – recalled by retired teachers: “tales out of school” to make you laugh or cry – nostalgia at its best!

### Order by phone, e-mail or post:

Clayton Rice: clayton@warp.nfld.net; (709) 782-8914  
Thomas Kendell: tkendell@nf.sympatico.ca; (709) 489-2929  
Don White: don.white01@bellaliant.net; (709) 368-7269  
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# Literary

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## **Twas the Night Jesus Came**

Twas the night Jesus came and all through the house,  
not a person was praying not one in the house.  
The Bible was left on the shelf without care,  
for no one thought Jesus would come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed.  
not once ever kneeling or bowing their heads.  
And Mom in the rocking chair with baby on her lap,  
was watching the Late Show as I took a nap.

When out of the east there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
tore open the shutters and lifted the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
but Angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.  
The light of his face made me cover my head,  
It was Jesus returning just like he'd said.

And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw him in spite of myself.  
In the Book of Life which he held in his hand,  
was written the name of every saved woman and man.

He spoke not a word as he searched for my name,  
when he said, "It is not here" I hung my head in shame.  
The people whose names had been written with love,  
He gathered to take to His Father above.

To those who were ready He rose without a sound,  
while all the others were left standing around.  
I fell to my knees but it was too late,  
I waited too long and thus sealed my fate.

I cried and I cried as they rose out of sight,  
oh, if only I'd known that this was the night.  
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear,  
the coming of Jesus is now drawing near.

There's only one life and when comes the last call,  
we'll find out that the Bible was true after all.

*God's Spoken Word Ministries*

## **Christmas Back Home**

Christmas time at our house,  
When I was just a kid,  
We didn't get many presents,  
But were happy with what we did.

Christmas Eve, oh what a night!  
Us girls never made a sound,  
We went to bed early,  
Before Santa came to town.

Santa always put up the tree,  
And stayed to have a drink,  
He filled our socks, wrapped our gifts,  
While we were asleep.

When we woke up next morning,  
It was cold as it could be,  
But it sure made us warm inside,  
When we saw the Christmas tree.

When I dumped out my stocking,  
Much to my surprise,  
I had a coloring book and crayons,  
And a dollie with moving eyes.

My sister Hilda got the same,  
But it was different for Selene,  
She got Chinese checkers,  
With a necklace and a ring.

After the house got all warmed up,  
We ate and went outside,  
Dad hooked the dog up to the sled,  
And took us for a ride.

After a special dinner,  
And everyone cleaned the plate,  
We always went down on the pond,  
With all the kids to skate.

When Christmas Day was over,  
We were happy as could be,  
I had a doll and color book,  
And a pretty Christmas tree.

# Our Year in Pictures



Guest Speaker – Mary Rose Blackmore



Guests at June banquet



Guests at June banquet



Guests at June banquet



Gander Academy Choir – June Banquet



Members at April Meeting



Gander Academy Choir – June Banquet



Members at November Meeting



October Auction

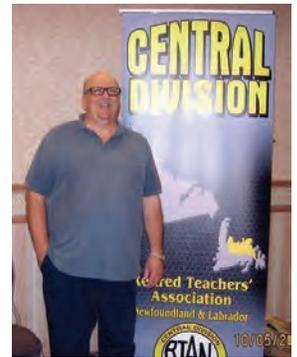
# Our Year in Pictures



Tom Kendell – Our Auctioneer



President Tom Presents a Copy of Our Book



President Tom Displays Our Banner



Rev. Gerald Giles – Does the Grace



Marilyn Bry – Giving Answers to Our Quiz



Guests at June Banquet



Guests at June banquet



Sec. Art Symonds Busy at the Quiz



Selling Tickets on Painting



Meeting in Session



Guests Ed Smith and Katarina Roxon

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# Laughter – Good Medicine

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## The Portrait

An elderly woman decided to have her portrait painted.

She told the artist, “Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, emerald bracelets, a ruby brooch, and a gold Rolex.”

“But you are not wearing any of these things,” replied the artist.

“I know,” she said. “It’s in case I should die before my husband. I’m sure he will remarry right away, and I want his new wife to go crazy looking for the jewelry.”

## Help Needed!!! ASAP

A friend of mine purchased tickets to the 2017 Super Bowl, air fare, hotel accommodations included. When he bought the tickets he didn’t realize it was the same day as his wedding. So he can’t go. If anyone is interested in taking his place, it will be at St. Peters Church in New York, it starts at 5 p.m. Her name is Donna, she’ll be the one in the white dress. Thanks.

## College Graduate

A young man hired by a supermarket reported for his first day of work.

The manager greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile, gave him a broom, and said, “Your first job will be to sweep out the store.”

“But I’m a college graduate,” the young man replied indignantly.

“Oh, I’m sorry. I didn’t know that,” said the manager. “Here, give me the broom – I’ll show you how.”

## The Dentist

A Newfoundlander, named Bob, goes to the dentist and asks how much it costs for an extraction.

“\$85.00 for an extraction sir,” was the dentist’s reply.

“Och, have you not got nothing cheaper,” replies Bob getting agitated.

“But that’s the normal charge for an extraction sir,” said the dentist.

“What about if you didn’t use any anaesthetic?” asked Bob hopefully.

“Well it’s highly unusual sir, but if that’s what you want, I suppose I can do it for \$70.00”, the dentist replied.

“Hmmm, what about if you used one of your dentist trainees and still without anaesthetic,” said Bob.

“Well it’s possible, but they are only training and I can’t guarantee their level of professionalism and it’ll be a lot more painful, but in that case the price can be reduced to \$40.00”.

“Och that’s still a bit much, how about if you make it a training session and have the students do the extraction,” said Bob.

“Well, OK, in that case I could do it for \$10.00,” said the dentist.

“Wonderful,” said Bob, “Can you book my wife in for next Tuesday.”

## The Hitchhiker

A salesman is driving towards home in Central Newfoundland when he sees a man hitchhiking on the side of the road. Because the trip had been long and quiet, he stops the car and the man jumps in.

During their small talk, the man glances surreptitiously at a brown bag on the front seat between them.

“If you are wondering what’s in the bag,” offers the salesman, “it’s a bottle of wine I got for my wife.”

The hitchhiker is silent for awhile, nods his head several times and says, “Good trade.”

## Girls in the Pub

Two women were sitting next to each other at a bar. After a while one looks at the other and says, “I can’t help but think, from listening to you, that you’re from Newfoundland.” The other woman responds proudly, “Yes, I sure am!”

The first one says, “So am I! And where about in Newfoundland are ya from?”

The other woman answers, “I’m from St. John’s, I am.”

The first one responds, “So am I! And what street did you live on in St. John’s?”

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The other woman says, “A lovely little area it was in the west end. I lived on Warbury Street in the west end.”

The first one says, “Faith and it’s a small world. So did I! So did I! And what school did you go to?”

The other woman answers, “Well now, I went to Holy Heart of Mary, of course.”

The first one gets really excited and says, “And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?”

The other woman answers, “Well now, let’s see. I graduated in 1964.”

The first woman exclaims, “The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same pub tonight. Can you believe it, I graduated from Holy Heart of Mary in 1964 me self.”

About this time, Michael walks into the bar, sits down and orders a beer.

Brian, the bartender, walks over to Michael, shaking his head and mutters, “It’s going to be a long night tonight.” Why do you say that,” says Michael.

Brian answers, “The Murphy twins are drunk again.”

## **Have You Wondered?**

Have you wondered why baby diapers have brand names such as “Luvs”, “Huggies”, and “Pampers” while undergarments for old people are called “Depends”.

Well, here’s the answer.

When babies poop in their pants, people still love, hug and pamper them, but when old people do the same it “depends” on whose in their will whether they are loved, hugged or pampered.

## **Church Gossip – Mildred**

Mildred was the Church gossip and self appointed monitor of the church morals. She kept poking her nose into other people’s business. Most members did not approve of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town’s only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that every one seeing it there would know what he was doing!

Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn’t explain, defend, or deny what she said. He said nothing. Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred’s house, walked home and left it there all night.

## **The Embarrassed Father**

A guy goes in the supermarket and notices an attractive woman waving at him.

She says hello and he’s rather taken aback because he can’t place where he knows her from. He says, ”Do you know me?” To which she replies, “I think you’re the father of one of my kids.”

Now his mind travels back to the only time he was unfaithful to his wife and says, “My God, are you the young lady I made love to in the back of the taxi when I cheated on my wife?”

She looks into his eyes and says calmly, “No, I’m your son’s teacher.”

## **The Smart President**

An airplane was about to crash. There were 4 passengers on board but only three parachutes.

The first passenger said, “I am the best NBA basketball player. The Warriors and millions of my fans need me, and I can’t afford to die.” So he took the first pack and jumped.

The second passenger, Donald Trump, said, I am the newly-elected U.S. President, and I am the smartest President in U.S. history, so my people don’t want me to die.” He took the second pack and jumped.

The third passenger, a clergy, said to the fourth passenger, a 10-year old schoolboy, “ My son, I am old and don’t have many years left, you have more years ahead of you so I will sacrifice my life and let you have the last parachute.”

The little boy said, “That’s Okay, Reverend, there’s a parachute left for you. America’s smartest President took my schoolbag.”

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# My Kind of Principal!

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This is an introductory speech given by school principal Dennis Prager to his students.

I am your new principal, and honoured to be so. There is no greater calling than to teach young people.

I would like to apprise you of some important changes coming to our school. I am making these changes because I am convinced that most of the ideas that have dominated public education in Canada have worked against you, against your teachers and against our country.

First, this school will no longer honour race or ethnicity. I could not care less if your racial makeup is black, brown, red, yellow or white. I could not care less if your origins are African, Latin American, Asian or European, or if your ancestors arrived here on slave ships. The only identity I care about, the only one this school will recognize, is your individual identity – your character, your scholarship, your humanity. And the only national identity this school will care about is Canadian.

Canadian public schools were created to make better Canadians. If you wish to affirm an ethnic, racial or religious identity through school, you will have to go elsewhere. We will end all ethnicity, race and non-Canadian nationality-based celebrations. They undermine the motto of Canada, one of its three central values – E pluribus unum, “from many, one.” And this school will be guided by Canadian values. This includes all after-school clubs. I will not authorize clubs that divide students based on any identities. This includes race, language, religion, sexual orientation or whatever else may become in vogue in a society divided by political correctness.

Your clubs will be based on interests and passions, not blood, ethnic, racial or other physically defined ties. Those clubs just cultivate narcissism – an unhealthy preoccupation with the self – while the purpose of education is to get you to think beyond yourself. So we will have clubs that transport you to the wonders and glories of art, music, astronomy, languages you do not already speak, carpentry and more. If the only extracurricular activities you can imagine being interested in are those based on ethnic, racial or sexual identity, that means that little outside of yourself really interests you.

Second, I am uninterested in whether English is your native language. My only interest in terms of language is that you leave this school speaking and writing English as fluently as possible. The English language has united Canadian citizens for over 150 years, and it will unite us at this school. It is one of the indispensable reasons this country of immigrants has always come to be one country. And if you leave this school without excellent English language skills, I would be remiss in my duty to ensure that you will be prepared to successfully compete in the Canadian job market. We will learn other languages here – it is deplorable that most Canadians only speak English or French – but if you want classes taught in your native language rather than in English or French, this is not your school.

Third, because I regard learning as a sacred endeavor, everything in this school will reflect learning’s elevated status. This means, among other things, that you and your teachers will dress accordingly. Many people in our society dress more formally for red-carpet events than for church or school. These people have their priorities backward. Therefore, there will be a formal dress code at this school.

Fourth, no obscene language will be tolerated anywhere on this school’s property – whether in class, in the hallways or at athletic events. If you can’t speak without using the f-word, you can’t speak. By obscene language I mean the words banned by the Federal Government, plus epithets such as “Nigger,” even when used by one black student to address another black, or “bitch,” even when addressed by a girl to a girlfriend. It is my intent that by the time you leave this school, you will be among the few your age to instinctively distinguish between the elevated and the degraded, the holy and the obscene.

Fifth, we will end all self-esteem programs. In this school, self-esteem will be attained in only one way – the way people attained it until decided otherwise a generation ago – by earning it. One immediate consequence is that there will be one valedictorian, not eight.

Sixth, and last, I am reorienting the school towards academics and away from politics and propaganda. No more time will be devoted to scaring you about smoking and caffeine, or terrifying you about sexual

harassment or global warming. No more semesters will be devoted to condom wearing and teaching you to regard sexual relations as only or primarily a health issue... There will be no more attempts to convince you that you are a victim because you are not white, or not male, or not heterosexual or not Christian. We will have failed if any one of you graduates this school and does not consider him or herself inordinately fortunate – to be alive and to be Canadian.

Now, please stand and join with me in singing “O Canada” and to the flag our country. As many of you may not know the words, your teachers will hand them out to you.

## Goals For Seniors

1. My goal for 2017 was to lose 10 pounds. I have only 15 to go.
2. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
3. Senility has been a smooth transition for me.
4. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero out they closed school? Me neither.
5. I love being over 70... I learn something new every day ... and forget 5 others.
6. A thief broke into my house last night... He started searching for money... so I woke up and searched with him.
7. Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

## Teaching Memories

### **Do you have a story about some teaching memory that you may have had?**

If so, then write it down and send it to the editor of the CORNUCOPIA for publication.

### **Did you have a favourite colleague or principal that has retired that you would like to honour?**

If so, then send us some information that we might publish in the CORNUCOPIA. Please include with your information the teacher's name, education, teacher training, schools he/she taught in, picture and any other information you might want to use.

### **Did you have a favourite teacher, now retired, that you would like to honour?**

If so, then send the information listed above for publication.

*The following poem was found in the papers of Gladys Osmond who passed away in 2015. Gladys was a retired teacher who spent many years working with children. The poem conveys how many teachers feel about the young people whose lives they touch for a short period.*

## School

When the lessons all are ended  
And school for the day is dismissed,  
And the little ones gathered around me,  
To bid me ‘good night’ and be kissed;  
Oh, the smiles that are halos of heaven,  
Shedding sunshine of joy on my face.

And, when they are gone I sit dreaming  
Of my childhood too lovely to last,  
Of one that my heart still remembers,  
When it wakes to the pulse of the past.  
‘Ere the world in its wickedness made me  
A portion of sorrow and sin;  
When the glory of God was about me,  
And the glory of gladness within.

Ah, my heart grows so weak and I'm saddened,  
And the fountains of feeling would flow  
When I think of the path steep and thorny  
Where the feet of those dear ones must go.  
Of the mountains of sin hanging o'er them,  
Of the tempest of fate blowing wild;  
Oh, there's nothing on earth half as holy  
As the innocent heart of a child.

They are idols of heart and of household,  
They are angels of God in disguise,  
His sunlight hides in their tresses,  
His glory still glows in their eyes.  
Oh, those truants from home and from heaven,  
They make me more caring and mild,  
And I know now how Jesus can liken  
The Kingdom of God as a child.

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## What Do You Make?

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher? He said to another guest, "You're a teacher Bonnie, be honest, what do you make?"

Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make? She paused for a moment and then began..."

"Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could.

I make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit for 5 minutes without an I Pod, Game Cube or movie rental.

I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them apologize and mean it.

I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions.

I teach them to write and then make them write. Keyboarding isn't everything.

I make them read, read and read some more. I make them show all their work in Math. They use their God given brain, not the man made calculator.

I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know about English while preserving their unique cultural identity.

I make my classroom a place where all students feel safe.

Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life.

Then, when people judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything. I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant.

You want to know what I make?  
I MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

## Miss Me – But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little – but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me – but let me go.

For this a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss me – but let me go.

## The Golden Years – The Perks of Being Over 50

Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.

Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them.

Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the weather forecast.

People call at 9 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"

People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.

There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

Things you buy now won't wear out.

You can eat dinner at 4 p.m.

You can live without sex but not without glasses.

You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.

You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

You have a party and the neighbours don't even realize it.

You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.

You sing along with elevator music.

Your eyes won't get much worse.

Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

Kidnappers are not very interested in you.

In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.

No one expects you to run into a burning building.

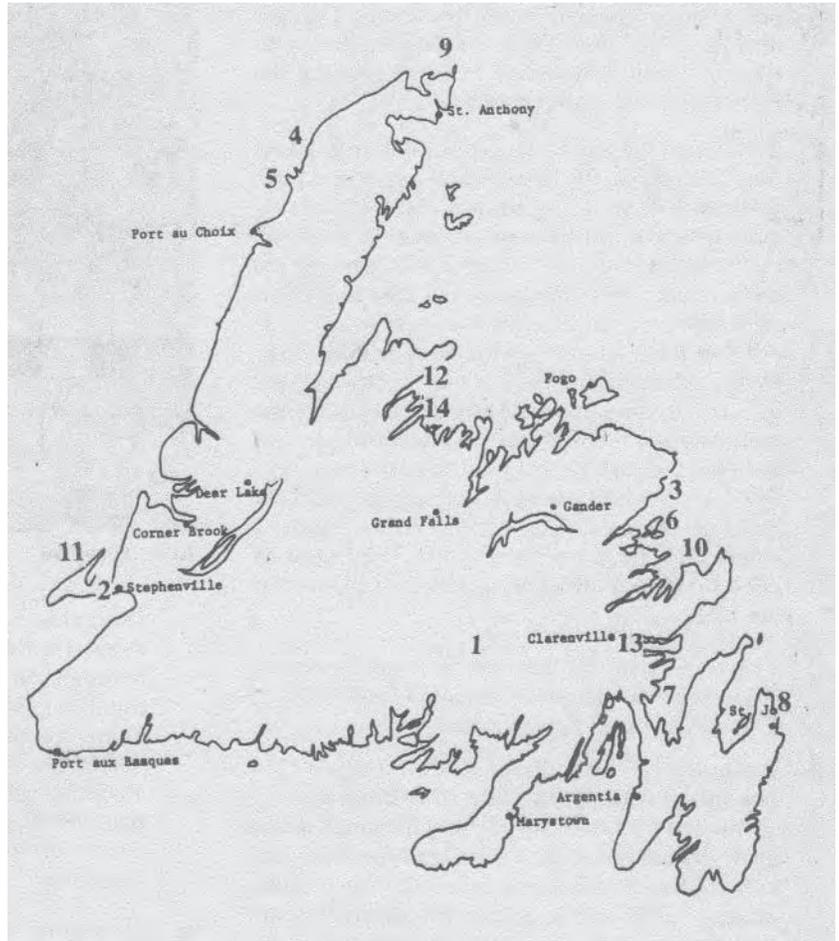
# Newfoundland Placenames

Newfoundland's settlement goes back more than 400 years; thus, many of the names we see on maps refer to incidents, people and tales connected to the past.

This is the third of a series designed to challenge readers to come up with explanations for the placenames.

The placenames this time refer to food and drink. Words beginning with capital letters indicate a part of the placename. All placenames are marked on the official highway map.

1. you'll be this without food at a Hill near Buchans and a Pond by a Grove on the south coast.
2. great for a pie at a Head on Port au Port but Burnt near Grand Falls.
3. worth a gander and a scoff on an Island in Bonavista Bay and a Cove near Clarenville.
4. not worth raisin' a fuss about on an Island on the Northern Peninsula.
5. a choice fruit at a Point on the Northern Peninsula
6. goes well with bread at a Cove near Clarenville, but leave it in the Pot near St. John's and along the Southern Shore.
7. take the eggs along too at a Cove on Conception Bay North.
8. you can cut it with tea and milk near St. John's.
9. don't cry at a Cape near St. Anthony.
10. use 9 for this at a Cove on the Bonavista Peninsula.
11. for two at a Cove on Port au Port.
12. alternative to 11 at a Cove in Notre Dame Bay.
13. don't use our "juniper" to make it at a Cove near Clarenville.
14. this is what you'll be if you drink too much 13 at a Bight in Notre Dame Bay.



**Answers:**

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| 1. Hungry Hill, Hungry Grove Pond     | 6. Butter Cove, Butterpot, Butter Pot | 5. Plum Point    |
| 2. Berry Head, Burnt Berry            | 7. Bacon Cove                         | 7. Bacon Cove    |
| 3. Gooseberry Island, Gooseberry Cove | 8. Sugarloaf                          | 8. Sugarloaf     |
| 4. Curran Island                      | 9. Cape Onion                         | 9. Cape Onion    |
|                                       | 10. Stock Cove                        | 10. Stock Cove   |
|                                       | 11. Tea Cove                          | 11. Tea Cove     |
|                                       | 12. Coffee Cove                       | 12. Coffee Cove  |
|                                       | 13. Gin Cove                          | 13. Gin Cove     |
|                                       | 14. Lushes Bight                      | 14. Lushes Bight |

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# Tribute

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## Emma J. Drodge

Emma Jane Drodge was born on December 29, 1929 at Long Beach, Trinity Bay to Alfred and Sarah Avery. She attended a one-room school at Long Beach from Elementary to Grade X1, where the students had to bring fire-wood for the stove to heat the school.

She received her teaching license in 1949 at 20 years of age and started a teaching career that lasted for 35 ½ years. In the early years travel was difficult having to travel some distance in boat, often getting wet and cold, then on train to her location of work. Her pay cheque was enough at that time to pay her board with a few dollars left for spending money. This meant she could come home only on long holidays.

Almost all of her positions were in United Church one-room schools like Come By Chance, which was her first position- a replacement position from February to June. From there to Thornlea in 1949, to Windsor, Portugal Cove for three years, Appleton, Caplin Cove, Trinity Bay for four years, North West Brook, back to Caplin Cove for another nine years and finally Little Hearts Ease High School ending her career to retirement in 1984. She received her Grade 1V Teaching Certificate in 1978 by attending summer schools at Memorial University in St. John's. She took night courses at Clarenville to finish and get her Bachelor of Education Degree.

She met Clifford Drodge a few years before going to Caplin Cove in 1955 and they were married two years later. She lived in Caplin Cove until the time of her passing.

Emma had a full and rewarding life. She was a loving and caring person with a good sense of humor. She dedicated her life to teaching children in schools and through various groups such as C.G.I.T. girls, Brownies and Girl Guides. During her teaching career she organized and directed Christmas, and Easter plays, concerts and Sunday School programs. She financially supported children from other countries for more than thirty years.

She was active in the United Church, Caplin Cove right up to her death at 86. She was a member of the

U.C.W., an organist, Women's Choir Director, an Elder, a delegate to the East District Conference and served on the Church Board and various church committees and was the Mission and Service Enthusiast. Emma received a plaque for her many years of service as organist, a Honourable Retirement and Life Membership Award from the Newfoundland Teachers' Association and a Life Membership Award from the United Church Women's Division of Missions in Canada. She was a member of the Central Division of Retired Teachers' Association and attended many of their meetings in Gander.

Her hobbies included reading a good book and especially the Downhome Magazine. She enjoyed troutng, knitting, sewing, and berry picking. She loved the time she spent cooking and baking. Her music was dear to her heart and she was often heard playing her organ. Emma had a flower garden and some beautiful trees. She enjoyed going to socials and visiting Senior Homes. A favourite thing of hers was to exchange Christmas cards with friends that she met all over Newfoundland. It was her way of "Keeping in Touch".

Emma was in a car accident on the Trans Canada Highway on December 20, 2016 and passed away on December 21, 2016 as a result of her injuries at the Health Sciences in St. John's with close friends and family members at her side. Funeral service was held at Wesley United Church, Caplin Cove with interment at the United Church Cemetery, Caplin Cove.

Some of the writings in Proverbs Chap 31 best describe Emma. They are: Who can find a virtuous and capable woman? She is more precious than rubies. She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. When she speaks, her words are wise and she gives instructions with kindness. Charm is deceptive and beauty does not last, but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. Lord, reward Emma for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.

Emma or (Aunt Jane) to me left a lasting impact on her students because she had their best interest at heart. When they succeeded it meant that she had achieved her purpose. She was loved and respected by all that knew her. She will be sadly missed and forever loved and remembered by her niece Christine and husband Howard.

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# Tribute

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## Gladys Osmond

Gladys was born in Grand Falls, NL on August 12, 1923. She was able to have a good education, thanks to the AND Company, a paper mill which supported the schools financially and with well qualified teachers and all the modern conveniences of the 1930s. She graduated from

Grand Falls Academy and obtained her training for the Salvation Army clergy at the Officers Training College in St. John's.

Originally, teaching was not a career choice. She had been trained and commissioned as a clergy. In 1944, on taking over her first charge in the coastal town of Paradise Sound, now Monkstown, she was informed that there was no school teacher available and that it was necessary for her to assume that role. The curriculum was prescribed to her by the Salvation Army since the church in those days had full dominion over the schools. This was a one-room school with 35 students to Grade 9. The children learned using slates and slate pencils, and Dick and Jane Readers. With help from her friends back home she received paper, pencils and books. There was no electricity or telephone, mail once a month and many times Gladys had to call on her training in Home Nursing and St. John Ambulance knowledge.

In 1945 she taught a class of 54 students from Kindergarten to Grade 10 in a one-room school at Creston on the Burin Peninsula. Among her duties as a teacher, she was a clergy but received assistance from the Anglican minister once a month.

In 1947 she was appointed to Peterview, near Botwood. She was clergy and teacher to 84 students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. She enjoyed teaching. Her students even the 84 were excellent and treated her with respect. With no formal teaching certificate, she received \$30.00 per month for her teaching. She preached every Sunday, taught Sunday school every Sunday afternoon, visited the sick, elderly, and shut-ins after school. She lit fires in the mornings in the buildings, dedicated babies and conducted funerals and weddings. She later resigned

her commission as a clergy and continued to teach.

In Peterview she got married and raised a family. She organized the first Town Council and Fire Department and taught part-time.

In 1972, following the death of her husband, she moved to Springdale, NL. There, she worked with Social Services for a short time and then rejoined the Salvation Army. She spent a short time in Newfoundland before being transferred to Toronto in 1983. In 1988 she retired and returned to her native province at Springdale.

Gladys began a new phase of her life when she began to write letters to military personnel during World War II. She began volunteering at Valley Vista Nursing Home in Springdale. She led a weekly Bible Study and covered for the town clergy when they were not available. Because of the many letters and contacts with the military, she and others that helped were referred to as the Granny Brigade.

Gladys received many honors from her province and her country through her contact with the Canadian Forces. In 2000, Lieutenant Colonel Ken Jenkins presented her with the Commander's Commendation. In 2003, the crew of HMCS Regina chose her as Mariner of the Month. In 2004, Lieutenant Governor Ed Roberts presented her with the Caring Canadian Award and pin. In 2006, General Hillier presented her with the Canadian Forces Distinguished Service Award and Medallion at her home in Springdale.

In 2008, she received the Honorary Degree of Doctors of Law from Memorial University. She did many speaking engagements at schools and organization meetings. These were but a few of her accomplishments over her later years. In 2009, she wrote the book *Dear Gladys... Letters From Over There* which was published by Queen's-McGill Universities Press.

Gladys Osmond, clergy, teacher, letter writer, Honorary Doctor, passed peacefully away at the Valley Vista Seniors' Home in Springdale on January 16, 2015. Funeral service was conducted in the Salvation Army Citadel with interment in the Salvation Army Cemetery, Springdale.

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# Honour Roll

The following is a list of the members who passed away since the inception of the Central Division of the Retired Teachers' Association in June 1980.

- 1981: ABBOTT, Shirley; BOLAND, Edgar; BURDEN, Hayward T.; CURTIS, Reginald W.  
1982: BOONE, Ruby (Bowring); CHALK, Harry; LAING, Aubrey Bruce; PIKE, Susie  
1983: CRANT, Russell; BISHOP, William (Bill); SNELGROVE, Douglas; WARREN, Edna M.  
1984: ELLIOTT, Violet; FORD, Howard S.; JACKMAN, Theodore; KELLIGREW, Mark; LETHBRIDGE, Myra Grace; MANUEL, Edith M.; SMITH, Kathleen Regina  
1985: BOONE, Patricia D.; BUTLER, Mary (Aylward); MORRIS, Harold; MURPHY, Wilfred; NIPPARD, Wesley Charles  
1986: BANFIELD, Frazer; DWYER, Allan G.; PERRY, Gordon; RUSSELL, Alfreda Kathleen; SHORT, Beatrice; THOMAS, Mabel; THOMS, James Ernest  
1987: COLE, Alan John; PENNY, Boyd; SNELGROVE, Maj. Pearl  
1988: BOURDEN, Doreen; DUNN, Sr. Fabian; LOCKE, Gertrude  
1989: COLLINS, Elizabeth (Betty); COOK, Angus; GILLINGHAM, Marjorie; LACEY, Alice; MERCER, Terry Winston; PARSONS, George; PYNN, Lorna; WHITEWAY, Stanley  
1990: BRAGG, Daniel W.; BRAGG, Mary; BUTLER, Neville; GILL, Grace; LANE, Nina; LODER, Harold B.; MARTIN, W. Wade; RANDELL, Rev. Clarence C.; SHEPPARD, Cecil E.; TILLER, Ishmael  
1991: ABBOTT, Berkley; ANDREWS, Alfred; GILLINGHAM, Ralph; YOUNG, Arthur H.  
1992: AUCOIN, Sr. Bernadette; BOUZANNE, Sr. Celestine; CARLESON, Sheila; FITZGERALD, James; KEEPING, Rowena; LANE, Cornelius; ROSE, Margaret Rodway; SELLARS, Felix; SELIDON, Connie  
1993: CHALK, Walter; KELLY, Stewart; MACINTYRE, Mary; OLDFORD, Stephen Blair; PEARCE, Lily; PHILPOTT, Marie; ROSE, Berkley; SLADE, Melvin; THOMAS, Willoughby; WALSH, Aloysius; WHEATON, Irving; WHITE, Joseph Freeman  
1994: BOLAND, John P.; BURRY, Owen William; BURTON, Otis; CHALK, Albert; CLARKE, Rex; DRAKE, Evangeline Edna; EVANS, Ralph; GALLARDO, Eugenia (Marquez); HANN, Winston; HODDER, Walter; HOFFE, Crystal; MOORE, Edwin; PATEY, Brig. Cecil; WALBOURNE, Peter; WHITEWAY, Everett; WILLIAMS, Maj. Philip.  
1995: BUTTON, Samuel D.; CHAPPELL, Netta; DAVIS, Janie (Sparkes); FRANSON, Leonard Eric; GILLET, Abram M.; GILLINGHAM, Juanita; KELLY, Mary; MURPHY, Alice M.; NOEL, Marion; ROSE, Rev. J. Merrill; SCAMMELL, Arthur R.  
1996: BROADERS, Margaret; BROOKING, Gertrude; BUFFETT, C.Lloyd; DOWDING, Hubert; GULLIFORD, Lawrence; MARSHALL, Robert Raymond; MILLER, Florence; NOLAN, Inez; WARREN, Nellie  
1997: BARBOUR, Emma; BOYD, Allan; BRADLEY, Christina; GWILLIAM, Dorothy; HOGAN, Florence; HOPKINS, Marcus; KINDEN, Sophie; MILLS, Mildred; MORRIS, Fred; O'BRIEN, Sr. Mary Redempta; PEACH, Elsie; PELLE, Nita; ROCKWOOD, Derek; SHEPPARD, George; TURNER, Abram; VIVIAN, Rex  
1998: BROWN, Stephen H.; HEAD, Elizabeth (Glavine); MATTHEWS, Ruth; MULLETT, Maxwell; NOEL, Truman; PENNY, Bruce; PRITCHETT, Belle; TOOPE, Stewart R.  
1999: BULGIN, Shirley; BUTT, Freeman; CONNORS, Patricia Ann; DUFFETT, Leslie; HALE, Frederick P.; HILARIO, Marina; HILL, James; HOBBS, Calvin N.; NEWHOOK, Frederick J.; PARSONS, Sandy; WILLIAMS, Willis  
2000: BARNES, Edward; BECK, Harvey J. W.; BRAKE, Ruby Eileen; BRAZIL, Lynn; CASSELL, Marjorie Louise; ELLIOTT, Howard; ELLIOTT, Jean; ELLIOTT, Meryl Marie; ENNIS, Barbara Anne; FELTHAM, Elijah; HICKMAN, Dean George A.; HISCOCK, Vernon W.; KELLY, Joan Ann; McPHERSON, Mollie E.; O'KEEFE, Alice; PICKENS, Terry; STARKES, Florence; STONE, Lloyd; SUTTON, Douglas Gordon; TRASK, Boyd; TROKE, Raymond  
2001: BOND, Elsie; DAY, Marilyn; DUNPHY, Donna; EASTMAN, Wilson; ELLIOTT, Hubert; FOSTER, Mervyn Roy; GREEN, Daniel; HALL, Albert; HILLYARD, Elizabeth; LEGROW, Bernice; LEGROW, Samuel H.; OAKLEY, Frazer; ROBERTS, Ruth E.; RUSSELL, Brig. Stella; ST. CROIX, Christina; WIGHT, N. Ray

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- 2002:** **NECHO**, Ena; **PADDOCK**, Norman; **PARSONS**, Ronald; **PENNY**, Cecil James, **ROBERTS**, Terrance; **STROWBRIDGE**, John; **THORNE**, Curtis
- 2003:** **BLANCHARD**, Myles; **BULL**, Cyril; **BURTON**, Pratt; **COISH**, Stanley; **EARL**, Wilson; **GALE**, Francis; **GILLETT**, Blanche C; **GRANT**, Mary; **GOODYEAR**, Audrey; **HILLIER**, Debbie Moss; **HOLLOHAN**, Marion; **JONES**, Violet Maude; **KELLY**, Michael; **LITTLE**, Walter; **McCORMICK**, Mary Amelia; **MESSERVEY**, Jean Ellen; **PAYNE**, Gertrude; **PIERCEY**, Elmo; **ROBBINS**, Raymond; **ROWSELL**, Elizabeth; **SMART**, Cheryl Julie; **SPURRELL**, Chesley; **THOMPSON**, Rita
- 2004:** **BARKER**, Margaret; **BURTON**, Louise M.; **CRUMMEY**, Clyde; **KELLY**, Ambrose; **LEYTE**, Frank; **MOORE**, Harry; **NORMAN**, Eric; **O'TOOLE**, Neta Madonna; **REID**, Harry; **ROGERS**, Eric; **SNELGROVE**, Maj. Herbert; **THISTLE**, Harris; **WILLIAMS**, Clement; **WOOLRIDGE**, Lorne
- 2005:** **ARKLIE**, Robert; **BAXENDALE**, Bradford; **BUDGELL**, Gwendolyn; **BUTLER**, Frederick; **CLARKE**, Joan; **COLLINS**, Maxine; **COMBDEN**, Edward; **COOPER**, Orville; **CROKE**, John; **GULLIFORD**, Eric; **MEADUS**, Vina; **ROBBINS**, Wesley; **ROSE**, Marie; **SINGH**, Harbhaian Manocha; **SMALL**, Nellie; **SMITH**, Frank; **SMITH**, Raymond; **WALL**, Sr. Mary Gertrude; **WAY**, Cluney; **WINDSOR**, Maunda
- 2006:** **BOYLE**, Paul; **BROWN**, Ellen; **BUTLER**, Jaye; **DAWE**, Bramwell; **DAWE**, Walter C.; **HATCHER**, Lloyd C.; **HODDER**, Geraldine; **HYNES**, Leonard; **JACKMAN**, Barry; **JEANS**, David; **LEWIS**, Charles; **LEWIS**, Verna; **MANNING**, Bridget; **MURRAY**, Mary; **OLDFORD**, Conrad; **PARSONS**, John Jacob; **ROSE**, Janie; **SHUGLO**, Faith; **STRYDE**, Maude; **THORNE**, Gertrude; **WRIGHT**, Aubrey
- 2007:** **ANTLE**, Theresa; **BOWN**, Melvin; **BURRY**, William; **BURT**, Doyle, **CHURCHILL**, William D.; **FOLEY**, Pierce; **FUDGE**, Mary Hannah; **McCLEAN**, Mary E.; **OLIVER**, Wilfred; **PYNN**, Warrick; **QUINLAN**, Carrie; **SAMSON**, Albert; **SUTTON**, Ruby Violet; **TAYLOR**, Marguerite; **TILLER**, Robert Samuel; **YOUNG**, Wilfred Earl
- 2008:** **BULL**, Audrey; **BUTLER**, Robert; **COLBOURNE**, Mabel; **COLBOURNE**, Wade; **CRITCH**, Charlie (William); **FOLEY**, Sylvia; **FORDE**, Arthur Leslie; **HEFFERN**, Barbara Mary; **KING**, Catherine; **NURSE**, Joseph; **PALMER**, Raymond; **POWER**, Pierce; **REARDON**, Benedict; **REES**, Sadie Eunice; **REID**, Faye; **RIDEOUT**, Amelia; **SHANKEL-WOOLFREY**, Sheri; **SHEA**, Bernadette; **SILK**, Nina; **SMITH**, Nina; **SNOW**, Alfred; **SPURRELL**, Ronald; **STACEY**, Annie; **STUCKEY**, Kimberley; **STUCKLESS**, Iona Grace; **WALSH**, Kathleen; **WHITEWAY**, Diane; **WOOLRIDGE**, Freda
- 2009:** **ANDREWS**, Doreen; **BABSTOCK**, Roy; **BISHOP**, Nellie Louise; **BLANCHARD**, Lloyd; **BOYD**, Jean; **BOWERING**, Stephen; **BURT**, Mae Edith; **BURTON**, Marlene; **BUTLER**, Fronie; **CLARKE**, Roland; **DOWNEY**, Sr. M. Liguori; **HARRIS**, Leslie; **KING**, Evangeline; **LACEY**, Ruth Taylor; **LOCKYER**, George; **MATTHEWS**, Mary; **MURPHY**, Elizabeth Ita; **NOFTLE**, Edward; **OSMOND**, Grace; **PEDDLE**, Anna Belle; **POPE**, Annie; **POWER**, Edwina; **PILGRIM**, Roy; **RYAN**, Samuel; **SHORT**, Rupert; **SMART**, Reginald; **TAITE**, David; **VINCENT**, Florence; **WARFORD**, Irene
- 2010:** **ADAMS**, Lillie; **ANTHONY**, Maj. Edith Fern; **BEST**, Gwendolyn; **BEST**, Edgar; **BILLARD**, Shirley; **BOYD**, R. Neil; **BROWN**, Frazer; **BUTT**, Sybil R.; **CALLOWAY**, Maj. Linda A.; **CHALK**, Laurie; **CHAPLIN**, Ronald Patrick; **CLARKE**, Kerry; **COMBDEN**, James; **CORNICK**, Judy; **COWARD**, Audrey; **COX**, Una Norma; **DAVIS**, Edgar; **DOWNEY**, Arthur; **FISHER**, Alma; **FREAKE**, Madeline Constance; **HOLLETT**, Jamie Oswald; **LOVELESS**, Clary; **MAYO**, Michelle Denise; **MELINDY**, Lloyd; **MILLS**, Clifford Elijah; **MOSS**, Rev. Ralph N.; **NOEL**, Theresa Marie; **PENNY**, Irene; **PENNY**, Alma; **ROSE**, Dorothy; **RYAN**, Patricia; **SMALL**, Leonard James; **YOUNG**, Malviny Leona
- 2011:** **AVERY**, Silas Maxwell; **ANDREWS**, Baxter; **BAKER**, Harvey Gordon; **BURRY**, Barbara Maud; **BEST**, Roy; **BLACKMORE**, Stella; **BLACKWOOD**, Frank; **BOWERING**, Rosa Belle; **DALE**, Harold; **FITZGERALD**, Mary Cecilia; **FORWARD**, Beverley Ann; **FREAKE**, John; **GALAM**, Nena; **GILLINGHAM**, Florence; **HANCOCK**, Gerald Lloyd; **HARBIN**, Alma; **HINCHEY**, Caroline Theresa; **HISCOCK**, Owen Junior; **HODDINOTT**, Rev. Albert J.; **HUNT**, Walter; **HYNES**, Linda Madonna; **LOCKE**, Fran; **MARTIN**, Neta Ruby; **MURRAY**, Murdo; **PARDY**, Lorraine Patricia; **PAYNE**, Richard; **PELLEY**, Neil; **PITCHER**, Comm. Arthur; **RICE**, Wayne Donald; **ROGERS**, Alan; **SMITH**, Raymond W.; **SWYERS WHEELER**, Ruby; **THOMAS**, Hubert; **THORNHILL**, Patricia Mary; **WEIR**, Laura; **WHITE**, Dorothy Lenora; **WILLIAMS**, Maj. Grace

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- 2012:** **ABBOTT**, Roland W.; **ANDREWS**, Pearl; **BAKER**, Dorothy Lynn; **BLACKMORE**, Mary; **BOONE**, Wallace Whitfield; **BURKE**, Leo Joseph; **CARROLL**, Sr. Mary Paschal; **COLBOURNE**, Maxwell; **DOYLE**, Sr. Teresa; **FEWER**, Sr. Tarcisia; **FOLEY**, Anthony; **GILL**, Lester Densmore; **GOULDING**, Aubrey; **GREENE**, Angela; **GULLAGE**, Isaac W.; **HOBBS**, Allan Walter; **HOBBS**, Maj. Amelia; **HOBBS**, Maj. Rodger; **HOLLETT**, Delphine; **HYNES**, Ronald Patrick; **JEWER**, Audrey Veta; **LANE**, Watson; **LANGDON**, Donald E.; **NORRIS**, Gordon Thomas; **OLDFORD**, Henrietta; **PADDOCK**, Munn R.; **PARDY**, Bridget; **PENNY**, H. Clifford; **PICKETT**, Patrick; **POND**, Walter John; **PRETTY**, Reginald; **REARDON**, Sr. Mary Corona; **ROBERTS**, Nina J.; **ROGERS**, Laura; **RYAN**, Sr. Norberta; **SAMSON**, Margery; **SAUNDERS**, Marguerite; **TULK**, Claude; **WELLS**, Joyce
- 2013:** **AITKEN**, Linda; **ANDREWS**, Clifford; **BADCOCK**, Lillian B.; **BAKER**, Howard; **BAKER**, Patricia C.; **BRAGG**, Michael; **BROWN**, Chesley; **COOZE**, Frederick; **CUFF**, Harry; **CULL**, James; **DOWNEY**, Marjorie; **GALE**, Susanna; **HARRIS**, Wilson; **HEMEON**, Reginald; **HUNT**, Rachel; **JOHNSTON**, Sr. Rita; **KING**, Austin L.; **KING**, Dermot; **LEFEUVRE**, Irene; **LEWIS**, Shirley; **LEYTE**, Hubert; **LIDSTONE**, Sr. Catherine; **MARCH**, James; **MARTIN**, Gordon; **MENCHIONS**, Rev. Clayton; **MIFFLIN**, Clive; **MOORES**, Stella Jane; **NOBLE**, Marie; **NORMORE**, Ruby Joyce; **PARSLEY**, Sr. Luke; **SCAMMELL**, Ivy; **SEABRIGHT**, Gordon; **SEAWARD**, Jean; **SESK**, Sr. Eileen; **SEYMOUR**, Violet; **SHEPPARD**, Douglas; **SINGH**, Gubek; **SLATTERY**, Bro. Charles; **STOODLEY**, Emily; **VINCENT**, Norma; **WALL**, Ursula M.; **WHEELER**, Harold; **WHITTEN**, Barbara Ann
- 2014:** **ABBOTT**, Edgar; **ANDREWS**, Martha; **ARBOR**, Kay; **BATSTONE**, Gerald C.; **BLACKMORE**, Mary E.; **BOYD**, Madge Louise; **BUDGELL**, Kim; **CARTER**, Myrtle; **COLLINS**, Trevor; **COOK**, Marie; **CURTIS**, Mabel; **DALTON**, Marie; **DAY**, Gerald E.; **EARLE**, Hilda; **ELLIOTT**, Selena; **FRY**, Augustus; **HENNESSEY**, Dolorosa; **HEWITT**, Owen H.; **KNIGHT**, Jean T.; **LANGDON**, Louise; **LAYMAN**, Dr. Grace; **MOORE**, Sr. Anastasia; **MOORE**, Sr. Sarah; **MULLETT**, Emily Frances; **NICOLLE**, Amy; **NOFTALL**, Veronica; **PARMITER**, Audrey; **PEDDLE**, Viola; **POLLARD**, Hector; **ROEBOTHAM**, Gordon; **SINGH**, Gurbax; **STROUD**, Audrey; **STROUD**, John; **STUCKLESS**, Marian; **SULLIVAN**, Sr. Patrice; **TOMS**, Doris Jane; **YOUNG**, Walter John
- 2015:** **BAKER**, Eldon; **BARNES**, Murdock; **BERESFORD-LALONDE**, Sarah; **BEST**, Elizabeth; **BLAKE**, Reta; **BRADBURY**, Goldie; **BREWER**, Ronald W.; **BUTTON**, Leonard; **CAREY**, Mary; **CURTIS**, Anne Mary; **DECKER**, George S.; **DENNY**, Frank; **DOLLIMOUNT**, Norma; **DROVER**, Aloysius; **FARRELL**, Alphonsus; **FELTHAM**, Beverley; **FELTHAM**, John Gordon; **FORD**, Dorothy; **GOODLAND**, Archelaus; **HICKEY**, Sr. Anne; **LAKE**, Jasper; **MILLEY**, Georgina L.; **MILLS**, Royden; **MOONEY**, Sr. Amelia; **MORRIS**, Henry; **MOULAND**, William; **OSMOND**, Gladys; **PORTER**, Walter R.; **POTTLE**, Jeanette; **PRYOR**, Jerry; **PYE**, Darryl; **RALPH**, Nathan W.; **ROWE**, Martin G.; **SCOTT**, Ruth F.; **SHORT**, Lloyd; **SINGH**, Mohinder; **SMITH**, William James; **SMITH**, Sr. Margaret; **ST. CROIX**, Sr. Anna; **SWEENEY**, Roseanne W.; **TAPPER**, Sr. Eugenie; **TUCKER**, Dr. Otto; **VEY**, Lester M.; **WITCHER**, Sidney L.
- 2016:** **BROMLEY**, Msgr. Edward; **BROWN**, Bertram; **BURRY**, William; **BURTON**, Gerald; **BUTLER**, Beverley; **CARAVAN**, Isaac; **COLE**, Kimberley S.; **COLLINS**, Gertrude; **COX**, Dana; **CRITCH**, Selby; **DRODGE**, Emma J.; **ENGLAND**, Major Wilburne; **FREAKE**, Bertram; **GENGE**, Dr. Anthony; **GOUGH**, Dr. Ruby L.; **HALL**, Gerald J.; **HARRIS**, Millicent; **HICKS**, Pleman P.; **HISCOCK**, Audrey N.; **HOLLETT**, Elizabeth; **HUNT**, John; **JANES**, Linda; **JONES**, William L.; **KELLY**, Paul V.; **LANE**, Jocelyn M.; **McPHAIL**, Geraldine L.; **MERCER**, Blanche; **MOSS**, Dr. Larry; **MOSS**, Mary; **MULLONEY**, Sheila E.; **PELLEY**, Evelyn; **PERRY**, Benjamin; **PINKSEN**, Shirley M.; **RALPH**, Randolph; **RICKETTS**, Alice Mary; **ROTHMAN**, Jessie B.; **SCEVIOUR**, Audrey; **SNOOK**, Benjamin; **STEWART**, Austin W.; **TAYLOR**, Bro. Patrick Leo; **TILLEY**, Ida A.; **TOMS**, Mina E.; **TREMBLETT**, Mary; **TUCKER**, Ruby; **WALACH**, Andrew; **WALSH**, Jean E.; **WAREHAM**, Alice Edna; **WHIFFEN**, Sandra Diane; **WILLIAMS**, Lewis F.
- 2017:** **BURT**, Zeta; **CLARKE**, Walter; **COCARELL**, Leveson; **COLLINS**, Maude; **DEAN**, Roger; **DOWNTON**, Frances; **GILLINGHAM**, Viola; **GREGORY**, Joyce; **MARTIN**, Lloyd; **MEHANEY**, Bernice; **MURPHY**, Donald; **NOFTLE**, Harris; **OAKE**, Cyril; **PURCHASE**, Norman; **RIGGS**, Clarence; **ROBERTS**, Una; **STRYDE**, Sherman; **TAITE**, Clyde; **TAYLOR**, Myrtle; **THORNE**, Margaret E.; **TILLEY**, Marjorie; **TROAKE**, Olive; **TROWBRIDGE**, Roy; **TUCKER**, Phoebe May; **WELLS**, Gilbert; **WHITE**, June

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

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# The Remembrance Book

Central Division has completed three editions of our **Remembrance Book** containing almost 500 obituaries of teachers who, at one time, taught in the area of Central Division. These obituaries have been compiled since we began in 1981 and are now done in loose-leaf form because of the cost of printing.

We are presently working on **Remembrance Book 4** which will be completed by the end of 2017. However, the work continues for Book 5. In this respect we are seeking information on other deceased teachers. If you were a family member or a friend you could help by completing the Information Sheet at the back and sending it to a member of the Central Executive. These deceased teachers are:

AVERY, Silas Maxwell	2011	MANNING, Bridget	2006
BARNETTE, Edward	????	MATTHEWS, Ruth	1999
BAXENDALE, Bradford	2005	MERCER, Blanche	2016
BRAGG, Mary	1990	MIFFLIN, Clive	2013
BRAGG, Michael	2013	MURPHY, Donald	2017
BRAZIL, Lynn	2000	MURPHY, Elizabeth Ita	2009
CULL, James	2013	MOORE, Harry	2004
EARLE, Wilson	2003	NEWHOOK, Frederick J.	1999
FITZGERALD, William	1974	PENNY, Bruce	1998
GALE, Susanna	2013	REARDON, Benedict	2008
GENGE, Leona	??? ?	REID, Faye	2008
GILL, Grace	1990	ROBERTS, Ruth E.	2001
HOBBS, Amelia (Major)	2012	ROSE, Berkley	1993
HOBBS, Rodger (Major)	2012	ROTHMAN, Jessie	2016
HODDER, Walter	1994	RUSSELL, Brig. Stella	2001
JACKMAN, Barry	2006	SHORT, Lloyd	2015
LEYTE, Frank	2004	STACY, Annie	????
LITTLE, Walter	2003	STROUD, John	2014
LOCKYER, George	2009	STROWBRIDGE, John	2002

## 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*.

# INFORMATION ON DECEASED TEACHERS

## Retired Teachers' Association CENTRAL DIVISION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(include maiden name where applicable)*

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(country, province, town, city, bay, etc.)*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(day, month, year)*

Early Education: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(primary, elementary, secondary school attended)*

Post-secondary Education: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(college, university, degrees and dates)*

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Years of Experience Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Communities and Schools Taught In: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(include positions held, first teaching position, when, where; plus time spent as: classroom teacher, administrator, board person)*

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Date of Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Place of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Interment: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Pertinent Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(community activities, church activities, volunteer work, hobbies, awards or honours received, travels, any reference in newspaper clippings)*

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Additional information may be included on a separate sheet. Please enclose photograph.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person submitting the above information: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of person submitting information (include phone number): \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE FORWARD TO:**

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