

# Retired Teachers' Foundation Report

*Dianne Squarey*

Holiday Greetings from the NL Retired Teachers' Foundation for Children's Charities.

First of all, may I take this opportunity to say thank you to all the retired teachers, their families and friends who have continued to support the work of the Foundation. A special thank you to the Provincial Body of the RTANL, our seven divisions and the NLTA support staff. Everyone helps to make our success possible.

And a successful year it has been! The Board is very pleased to announce, that on your behalf, we were able to donate **\$28,000** again this year to NL Children's Charities. Bravo!

The recipients for 2016-17 were as follows:

- War Amps Champ program
- Mazol Shriners Patient Transportation Fund
- Rainbow Riders
- Candlelighters – Camp Delight
- Canadian Diabetes – Camp Douwanna
- Down's Syndrome

These presentations were made at the Octoberfest Luncheon hosted by Avalon East Division of the RTANL. It was a marvellous, heart-warming event.

Again, the Board sincerely appreciates the support of all parties. Each donation, whether through In Memoriams, division fundraisers, or a gift by individuals or small groups (e.g. lunch bunch groups of retired Western Division teachers) is indeed greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Overall it has been a busy year for the Foundation Board. We have strived to continue, and to build upon, the Foundation's two-fold mandate. These are to assist NL children with special needs through their respective charities and to remember the life and work of deceased teachers by compiling Books of Remembrance in their honour.

In an effort to make the Foundation more visible to our membership, we have initiated the following:

- PowerPoint presentations at major functions have been conducted

- With the help of the NLTA's graphic department and with the financial support of the Avalon East Division, a Foundation banner bug and posters for the Divisions were designed, formatted and purchased. These are displayed at major retired teacher functions and highlights recipients and monies donated in a given year.
- In Memoriams have been updated and distributed to all seven divisions. The distribution of these cards is encouraged at retired teacher gatherings and in respective funeral homes.
- Recognizing an ongoing difficulty in collecting data for the Books of Remembrance, we have been working diligently to address this concern.
- The Books of Remembrance form and its online version is a work in progress. With the help of the NLTA Communications Team, we hope to have a standardized form for all Divisions. An online version is hoped to be fully functional by the new year. Once completed, the link will be [www.nlta.nl.ca/rtfform](http://www.nlta.nl.ca/rtfform).
- Currently, previously Books of Remembrance are housed at The Rooms. However, they can only be viewed in person at The Rooms Archives under the title MG159 fonds – The Newfoundland and Labrador Retired Teachers' Foundation Fonds.
- We are currently compiling another Book of Remembrance. It is a difficult task. Firstly, we are not always made aware of a colleague's passing. Nor does the family of the deceased colleague always have the relevant background knowledge to successfully complete the form.
- In light of the above, opportunities have been taken to address this issue at retirement seminars. Avalon East Division has been very supportive by promoting the Foundation with an emphasis on the Books of Remembrance. The Board will continue to explore this venue with the possibility of retiring teachers receiving a Book of Remembrance form in their retirement package. Hopefully our members will consider filling in any present, relevant information and filing it with their important papers.

- When our online database is set up, consideration is being given to scanning forms of deceased members already received. This will facilitate easy access to **future** Books of Remembrance for members who may not be able to personally visit The Archives at The Rooms.
- We are actively seeking a person who would have the ability/facility to undertake this worthwhile venture. It is estimated to be a two-week project. Please contact me by email or phone should you be interested in volunteering to help with this important project. I can be reached at dsquarey@bellaliant.net or 709-781-0369.

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, we wish you a happy, safe and healthy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Dianne Squarey, Chair  
 NL Retired Teachers' Foundation 2016-18

## **Kids Eat Smart Foundation serves over 27,000 healthy meals every school day**

School is back and many parents and guardians are challenged with homework, projects, after school activities and the ever-challenging question of what to pack for children to eat while they are in school.

The good news is that Kids Eat Smart Clubs are in 90 percent of our Province's schools. That means children and youth have the opportunity to enjoy a healthy breakfast at school. Our Kids Eat Smart Clubs are available to all children and youth who wish to have breakfast, at no charge, to the child or their families. Children just show up and have breakfast in a non-stigmatizing and welcoming environment.

Kids Eat Smart Clubs are run by volunteers who are educators, principals, school administrators, parents, grandparents and community leaders, and in many cases, supported financially by local businesses and organizations. Through the financial commitment of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Corporate Partners, Community Groups and Individuals, Kids Eat Smart Foundation NL provides funding and resources to help sustain our 248 KES Clubs. KES Regional Coordinators, located throughout the province, are equipped with an arsenal of resources including menu planning, volunteer recruitment, food safety training and fundraising support to ensure the success of every KES Club.

There are currently 248 KES Clubs in schools and community centres throughout our Province. Based on the year end reports received from our KES Club volunteers and principals in June, we serve over 27,000 meals every school day in our Province and more than 6100 volunteers help run KES Clubs.

If you are one of the 6100 volunteers who make our KES Breakfast Clubs so successful, thank you for your continued support. If you are interested in volunteering at your local Kids Eat Smart Breakfast Club please contact your local school directly.

For more information about Kids Eat Smart Foundation Newfoundland and Labrador please call **1-877-722-1996** or visit us online at **kidseatsmart.ca**.

