

RTANL AVALON EAST DIVISION

KEEPING IN TOUCH

September 2018

HAPPY END OF SUMMER

Greetings and warm wishes to all members of our Retired Teachers community! Well, what do you think of our summer, once it got started? It certainly has been very pleasant and we hope it will continue right into the fall. We'll even take the cooler nights and enjoy some good sleep. The air may be cooling off but the sun is still shining so wrap up and get out there and enjoy the outdoors – pick a few berries, walk in the forest or the park and if it cools off too much head for the Works and walk the track. Enjoy your garden for a few more weeks till it is time to put it to bed for another year. Continue to enjoy the great outdoors while the warm weather continues. Take care and enjoy our lovely fall.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We extend sincere appreciation to our busy Social Committee:

Co-Chairs: Mary Purchase and Denise Barbour

Members: Elizabeth Hamlyn, Judy Prim, Sandra Harnett, Carmel Strong, Sue Wade and Anne Marie Smyth

Annual Fun Day

On February 19, 2018, 106 members attended our Annual Fun Day. This year we gathered at the Fluvarium. RTANL president Doreen Noseworthy brought greetings from the provincial. The majority of members played bridge while others enjoyed cards, games or just a social chat.

The day began with an extensive continental breakfast prepared by chef Antoine and his staff. After a leisurely morning of games, we



enjoyed a very satisfying and ample lunch of red lentil soup, gourmet sandwiches and fancy squares. The staff of the



UPCOMING EVENTS

RTANL- BGM – OCT. 2 -4TH

The Past Shapes our Future

- Holiday Inn
- All members are invited to attend
 - Social Hour
 - Business meeting
 - Banquet/Dance
- Register by Sept. 21st
- www.nlta.nl.ca/rtanl

Octoberfest – Oct. 29th, 2018

- Glendenning Golf Course
- 10:15-11:30 Pre-Luncheon activities
- 12:00 – Luncheon
- Cost - \$30.00
- **Optional activities** (**space is limited)
 - ❖ **Glass painting**
 - Led by Carmel Strong
 - Bring a glass and painting shirt
 - Limit 20
 - ❖ **Yoga**
 - Led by Mary Kelsey
 - Open to all abilities
 - Bring yoga mat
 - Limit 30
 - ❖ **Running/walking**
 - Led by Joe Ryan
 - Dress for weather
- Register by Oct. 19th, 2018
*see attached flyer

Christmas Luncheon and Craft

Fair – Dec. 3rd, 2018

- Holiday Inn
- 10:30 – Craft Fair
- 12:00 – Luncheon
- Cost - \$30.00
- Register by Nov. 19th, 2018*
*See attached flyers

Fluvarium accommodated our every need. There were a multitude of prizes to be won many of which were donated by members.

Thank you to all who donated especially Rosemary Dillon who donated a beautiful quilt for a ticket draw. Judy Prim was the lucky winner. As usual, the proceeds from the draw were given to Retired Teacher's Foundation.



Winter Warm-Up Dance

Our last social event was our Winter Warm-Up Dance held at the Bella Vista on March 3, 2018. A live band, *The Stowaways*, played through the evening while 145 members and friends danced the night away. This was the first dance sponsored by our division and was well received by all who attended.

VISITATION COMITTEE:

Members of the visitation team, Sharon Reddy and Gloria MacDonald, were kept busy making contact with retired teachers and their families. Visits were made to city hospitals, nursing homes and retirement homes in which retired teachers were patients or residents. We hope we brought cheerful greetings on your behalf. Sadly, many visits were also made to funeral homes in which we brought expressions of sympathy to the families of deceased retired teachers. It was our intention to offer some comfort as we represented the members of Avalon East.

There is a Book of Remembrance which is located at The Rooms. In this book is listed the names of our deceased retired teachers. In order to keep this book updated, a card is passed on to the families of those passed either through a visit or by mail. Family members are asked to go on line and fill in the information regarding his or her teaching career. This information is then printed in our *Book of Remembrance*.

If you know of a retired teacher who is ill or deceased and the family would welcome a visit please let us know and we will do our best to make contact so that our retirees are not forgotten.

OBITUARIES

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the families and friends of our deceased colleagues who have passed away since our Fall Newsletter.

Leonard King

Fay (Fanny) Eveleigh

Evelyn Bown

Richard Power

Gerald "Rex" Meadus

Richard Moriarity

Eileen Bradbury

Edith Houlihan

Lloyd Snow

Catherine (Kay) Tremblett

Louise Baldwin

Michael J. McDonald

Martine Robinson

Robert Smith

Sister Josephine Kennedy

Sister Elizabeth Lawlor

Sister Regina Vickers

Sister Helen Bonia

A. George Stanford

George Horvath

Joseph A. Moore

Mildred Whiteway

Mary Ward

Linda Clarke

Doreen Flight

Margaret Peddle

BUISNESS

AGM May 15, 2018

On May 15th we held our Annual General Meeting at the Board Room of NLTA. We were very pleased to have a few new faces join us and show interest in getting involved. Welcome.

We welcomed Doreen Noseworthy, Provincial President, who was our guest speaker and who along with Betty Lou Kennedy, Past President of Avalon East, assisted with our Election of Officers for another term.

Please note that there are a few changes in executive positions which are listed below.

Executive

President	Nina Beresford	726-0414	ninaberesfordnl@gmail.com
Past President	Betty Lou Kennedy	754-0784	bettyloukennedy156@gmail.com
Vice-President	Wanda Hand	763-5281	wandahand64@gmail.com
Treasurer	Cynthia Fardy	368-6717	c_fardy@hotmail.com
Secretary	Barbara Young	726-9587	twyoungs@nl.rogers.com

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Visitations	Sharon Reddy	579-8169	sharon.reddy@nf.sympatico.ca
Social Co-Chair	Mary Purchase	364-9287	marypurchase@nf.sympatico.ca
Social Co-Chair	Denise Barbour	364-6049	da.barbour@hotmail.com
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Visitations	Gloria MacDonald	229-7061	gloriam9@eastlink.ca

Though Gloria has stepped down from her At Large position, she wishes to continue in her role with Visitations in her area of Holyrood. Thank you Gloria. We also welcome Ann Marie Cleary to our executive and look forward to working with her in the months and years to come.

Important Notice

Our Avalon East **Keeping in Touch** newsletter will be totally online by September 2019. That means that this Fall issue and our next one in January will be our final print editions.

Thank-you to the 750 of you who have already signed up for online copies; however, we still have 1350 of you to reach. If you have not already done so, please submit your request to receive our newsletters online to rtanl@nlta.nl.ca: In the subject line, type: RTANL Avalon East Newsletter. Be sure to include your name, your regular mailing address, as well as your email address.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



check that out.

We certainly want you to get involved with your colleagues and friends and stay involved. Please make sure you follow the directions to receive your Newsletters electronically. This is really important since the cost of mailing out thousands of printed copies is exorbitant as you can well imagine. Seriously consider joining us for even the Banquet and Dance of the BGM especially since it is being held here in St. John's this year. Finally, sign up right away for Oktoberfest and the Christmas Luncheon. If you are a Crafter, make arrangements for your table.

Our Social Committee is presently busy arranging the social events for the second half of year. They will be posted in our January Newsletter so make sure you

Nina Beresford