

RTANL AVALON EAST DIVISION

KEEPING IN TOUCH

JANUARY 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Warm greetings and sincere best wishes to all members of our Retired Teachers' community!

We hope you have all enjoyed a healthy and happy Christmas and holiday season with your family and friends. Can you believe it? We are into 2019. Next year it will be 2020 and that would be 20 years since everyone was terrified of what was going to happen when the clocks and computers rolled over to 2000. Now we are terrified about what is going to happen with our world leaders when they lose their cool and have a temper tantrum. We as teachers know what that can be like!

Won't discuss the weather since it certainly is a big contrast to last winter. Keep your fleecies close or make that your next investment. Be careful on the ice and stay healthy.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Octoberfest

On October 29, 2018 we held Octoberfest at Glendenning Golf Club. A hot turkey dinner was enjoyed by 130 members. Dianne Squarey, on behalf of the RTANL Foundation for Children's Charities, attended and presented the annual donations. Congratulations to all our members for your continued support of our Foundation.

The Pre-Luncheon activities were a great success. A special thank you to Mary Kelsey, Joe Ryan and Carmel Strong who facilitated these activities.

Christmas Craft Fair and Luncheon

On December 2, 2018 our members gathered at Holiday Inn for our annual **Christmas Craft Fair and Luncheon**. 324 members and guests enjoyed a hot chicken dinner. Following the dinner, we were entertained by a local community choir, Avalonia. Their non-traditional Christmas vocal selections were a wonderful way to start the Christmas season.

Again, this year, we had a great showing from all of our talented Crafters. Each year we look forward to Christmas shopping at the various craft tables.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now that the Christmas season is behind us we look forward to exciting events to help us weather the cold days of winter.

Annual Fun Day - Feb 11th

- 9:30am – 3:30pm
- Bally Haly Golf and Curling Club
- Cost - \$25.00
- Register by Feb 1th*

AGM - June 5th

- 10:30 am
- Board Room - NLTA bldg.
- All members are invited to attend
 - AGM
 - Light lunch to be provided
- **RSVP** - June 3rd to ninaberesfordnl@gmail.com

Bakeless Bake Sale

- Remember to send your donation to the Foundation with attached form ASAP



UP COMING EVENTS:

Our **Annual FUN DAY** will take place this year on **Monday, February 11, 2019** at **Bally Haly Golf and Country Club**.

We encourage you to get your group together to play cards, Bridge, Poker, Board Games or just come along and chat with friends. We look forward to a lovely day and a delicious lunch. The Bar will be open as well to get a glass of wine if you choose. Lots of prizes to be had so listen for your number and collect your prize. Lots of convenient parking, so make plans to come along and join in the fun and comradery of the day. Complete your form and send to Sandra Harnett as indicated.

AGM – June 5th, 2019

Though this is not an Election Year, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting at the Board Room of the NLTA building starting at 10:30 a.m. Committee Reports and Financial statement for the year will be presented. A light Lunch will follow and allow us time to mingle. This invitation is extended to all members though I ask that you notify me via email ninaberesfordnl@gmail.com by June 3rd to ensure that we have sufficient food brought in for the lunch.

This is a great opportunity for members to become familiar with the activities of RTANL Avalon East.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE:

We continue to encourage you to support our Avalon East initiative in support of **Retired Teachers' Foundation for Children's Charities** by donating to our **Bakeless Bake Sale**. Let's help make this our most successful fundraiser to date! You will find the related flyer attached. Please make cheque payable to *Retired Teachers' Foundation* (you know how forgetful we are becoming – well, some of us at least) and send them to Roberta Pafford at the address on Flyer.

VISITATION COMIMITTEE:

Committee members visited several of our colleagues who are residents of various retirement and nursing homes. Visits were made to St. Patrick's Mercy Home, Pleasantview Towers, Glenbrook Lodge, DVA and Chancellor Park. We were welcomed by our retired members and we felt that our visits were very much appreciated. Our colleagues certainly enjoyed chatting about their teaching experiences and various other issues. There were smiles all around.

We ask you to contact one of our committee members if you know of a retired teacher who resides in a nursing or retirement home and would enjoy a visit.

OBITUARIES

It is with a deep sense of sadness, that since our last report, we have to inform you that several members of RTANL Avalon East District have passed away.

Visits were made to funeral homes and cards of sympathy were sent to family members.

May they rest in Peace.

Brother Joseph Darcy

Ian Sparkes

David Fowler

Amelia Hodder

Iris Bonnell

Lloyd Stone

Flora Follett

We invite you to keep us informed of any retired members who have passed away so that a visit can be made to the funeral home and/or a card of sympathy is sent to a family member on behalf of RTANL Avalon East. Once again, we express our thanks to Clayton Rice for continuing to pass on information to us regarding our members.

Committee members:

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BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE

As of the spring of 2018, all submissions made to The Retired Teachers' Foundation's Books of Remembrance since 2011 are now viewable online. They will eventually be added to the collection held in the Provincial Archives at The Rooms under the title MG 159 FONDS.

The form to complete for any deceased teacher to be included in the Books of Remembrance is also available online. It can be submitted electronically or printed to complete and mail to the address provided on the website. The forms can be accessed at nlta.nl.ca/rfform

BUISNESS

Thanks to our generous donors

In particular we say Thank you to *Paula Cramm and Pat Hayden-Ryan*, These members donated amazing prizes for the ticket draws raising \$1160 for the Retired Teachers' Foundation for Children's Charities. Thank you ladies.



Think Green in 2019

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT RE: "Keeping In Touch" Newsletters

Effective September 1st, 2019, if you have not requested to receive your newsletter either by email **OR** by postal mail, you will **NOT** receive any further newsletters from the Avalon East Division.

If you have not already requested an electronic copy of future newsletters, please do so by immediately:

- submit your request 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.
- If you wish to continue to receive a printed copy of future newsletters, please mail this request, including your full name and address to: Avalon East Newsletter, c/o 3 Kenmount Rd., St. John's, NL, A1B 1W1.
 - We will only provide print copies to those who have made the written request.
- Please notify us if your email address or your personal mailing address changes at any time, so we can update your information in our database.

Please note: if you have made either of these requests to the RTANL Provincial Newsletter or recently completed a form at one of our functions in St. John's, in October or December 2018, you do not have to re-submit as we share the list of subscribers.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We have a large membership of approximately 2100 retired teachers in our district. We will continue to deliver two Newsletters a year – September and January. I encourage you all to stay connected and sign up to get your Newsletters on-line since this will be the last one mailed out to all members. Only those who request in writing a printed copy will receive one. By having you sign up, we will be able to keep you better informed of pertinent information which will arise throughout the year. If you have an interest in getting involved, please come along to a meeting or contact me at any time.

We are also very fortunate to have such a committed and diligent executive and social committee who work very hard to arrange social and informative events that will benefit you while also providing opportunities for you to connect with former work mates. Do make a sincere effort to join us for those events and support your Foundation which makes significant donations to support children in need.

As I always try to remind you, stay fit, be positive, be careful during this nasty winter weather and do something nice to assist another whether family, friend or neighbor.

Have a very happy and healthy 2019. God Bless.

Nina Beresford

