

# RTANL AVALON EAST DIVISION

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

September 2019

### HAPPY END OF SUMMER

As we say good bye to summer and begin to enjoy our beautiful fall weather, I would like to send greetings and warm wishes to all members of our Retired Teachers community! Summer was slow starting but once it came, the weather was beautiful. I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the warm weather and time with family and friends.

Hi, my name is Wanda Hand and I will be your new President for this year. I have been on the executive for the past 4 years serving in the positions of Treasurer and Vice President. I would like to personally thank Nina Beresford for all her hard work and dedication as President of the RTANL for the past 4 years. Nina will sit as past president on this years' committee. I would also like to thank Ann Marie Cleary for her work on the committee and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

I look forward to seeing and meeting our members this year at the upcoming events we have planned.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We extend sincere appreciation to our busy Social Committee:

**Co-Chairs:** Elizabeth Hamlyn and Denise Barbour

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

#### Annual Fun Day

Last year's social events ended with our annual Fun Day which was held at Bally Haley on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a lively gathering of 91 members and guests come together for a morning of bridge, cards and board games followed by a light lunch and socialization.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Octoberfest – Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Glendenning Golf Course
- 12:00 – Luncheon
- Cost - \$30.00
- **Guest speaker- Dr. Bill Eaton**
- Register by Fri Sep 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 \*see attached flyer

#### Christmas Luncheon and Craft

#### Fair – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

- Holiday Inn
- 10:30 – Craft Fair
- 12:00 – Luncheon
- Cost - \$30.00
- Register by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
\*See attached flyers

#### Fun Day – Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- Corpus Christi Parish Hall
- 12:00 – Luncheon

#### Spring dance – March 2020

#### AGM – June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### RTANL- AE By Laws :

Changes to the RTANL-AE BY Laws will be printed in our upcoming January newsletter and voted on at the AGM on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Thank you to Carmel Strong who donated a beautiful painting which was won by Pamela Hoddinott. Cheryl Downer was the happy winner of our 50/50 draw taking away \$159. The other half was donated to the Retired Teacher's Foundation for Children's Charities. In addition, there were several prize draws throughout the luncheon.



## 2019 Upcoming Events

This year our annual **Octoberfest** to be held at Glendenning Golf Club on **Oct. 7th**. Entertainment will be by Dr. Bill Eaton who will offer his comedic take on retirement in the form of song, jokes, stories and quips. Our **Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair** will be held, as always, at the Holiday Inn on **Dec. 2nd**. Vicky Harnett, a local stage entertainer, will perform for us. Registration forms for both events are included in this newsletter. Please register early by mail to avoid disappointment. Unfortunately, e-transfers and late registrations cannot be accepted.

## VISITATION COMMITTEE:

Since the publication of our last newsletter the members of RTANL Avalon East extend their deepest sympathy to the families of twenty-one of our colleagues who have passed away. Members of the visitation committee attended many of the wakes and cards of sympathy were passed on to family members. Included with the sympathy card was an information card asking family members to go on line and fill in the form for our Book of Remembrance. May they rest in peace.

Visits were also made to retired teachers who presently live in nursing homes and retirement homes. Get well cards went out to several of our colleagues who had undergone surgery. We wish them a full and speedy recovery. Thank you to our members who have passed on information to us, especially Clayton Rice and Cynthia Fardy, so that we can continue to reach out to retired teachers of Avalon East and to their families.

Committee Members:

Gloria McDonald (CBS and surrounding areas) email: [gloriam9@eastlink.ca](mailto:gloriam9@eastlink.ca) 229-7061

Sharon Reddy (St. John's) email: [sharon.reddy@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:sharon.reddy@nf.sympatico.ca) 579-8169

## OBITUARIES

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

Jim Drodge	Monica Hollohan
Mary Traverse	Marina Sullivan
Viola Annabelle	Elizabeth McCrowe
Jessie Myles	Madonna Murphy
Dallas Rose	George Evans
Gladys Le Shano	Janet Holden
Thomas McGrath	Effie Cook
Ronald Churchill	Otto Fiander
Sister Barbara Kenny	Sheila Penton
James Cook	Francis Kennedy
Agnes Thistle	Sister Sarah Hynes
Byron Bursey	

*Rest in Peace, Colleagues*

## BUISNESS

### AGM June 5, 2019

On June 5<sup>th</sup> we held our Annual General Meeting at the Board Room of NLTA. Thank you to Betty Lou Kennedy, Past President of Avalon East, who assisted with our Election of Officers for another term.

We would like to introduce our new executive members for this year.

#### **Executive**

President	Wanda Hand	763-5281	wandahand64@gmail.com
Past President	Nina Beresford	726-0414	ninaberesfordnl@gmail.com
Vice-President	Mary Purchase	364-9287	marypurchase@nf.sympatico.ca
Treasurer	Cynthia Fardy	368-6717	c_fardy@hotmail.com
Secretary	Barbara Young	726-9587	twoyoungs@nl.rogers.com

**At-Large Members:**

Visitations	Sharon Reddy	579-8169	sharon.reddy@nf.sympatico.ca
Social Co-Chair	Elizabeth Hamlyn	745-3537	ejhamlyn1@gmail.com
Social Co-Chair	Denise Barbour	364-6049	da.barbour@hotmail.com
Communications	Betty Lou Kennedy	754-0784	bettyloukennedy156@gmail.com
Visitations	Gloria MacDonald	229-7061	gloriam9@eastlink.ca
Plaisance	Carmelita Traverse	227-1403	carne_traverse@yahoo.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.

**Book 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 FOND**S. 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/riform](http://nlta.nl.ca/riform)

**Plaisance Regional:**

Since 2007, Avalon East has supported the Plaisance Regional group under the direction of Carmelita Traverse who formed the group with fellow retired teachers in the Placentia and surrounding area. They could then plan their own activities without having to travel to St. John's. They usually have two social events per year. If you live in this area and would like more information, please contact Carmelita at [carne\\_traverse@yahoo.ca](mailto:carne_traverse@yahoo.ca).

**Important Notice – Keeping in Touch**

This is our first newsletter where we can officially say that we are now an online edition. Print copies will be mailed by special request only. This was prompted by our printing and mailing cost rising to about \$6,000 when we use to mail out three newsletters each year. We started our "Going Green" project back in the spring of 2015 when we began to offer members the opportunity to sign up for electronic newsletters. It was a slow start, but we now have nearly 50% of our members signed on. Since 2017, we issued just two newsletters –September and January. To receive them in your 'inbox' or your 'mailbox' you must let us know your choice, if you haven't already done so.

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In the subject line, type: RTANL- Avalon East Newsletter.

Include your full name, postal address for our records, and your email.

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## Volunteer Thank - You

For many years, our newsletters got mailed to members with the assistance of our many volunteers. When summoned, they gave of their time to help prepare approximately 2,200 envelopes. This number decreased as people signed on for online editions, but it still took the time and effort of volunteers to get the job done. Our list of volunteer contacts often changed. If you have been a member of that volunteer call-in group at any time, please be advised that your services will no longer be needed as we have moved to digital editions. We want you to know how much your assistance was greatly appreciated over the years. A big Thank- You to all of you all !!!

We would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

