

RTANL AVALON EAST DIVISION

KEEPING IN TOUCH

DECEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2020 has been a very challenging year and one that will definitely go down in the history books. Snowmageddon and the Pandemic have challenged people in many ways but it has also caused us to pause and reflect on what is important in our lives: family, friends and good health. I hope this newsletter will find you and your family safe and well.

The Pandemic forced us to cancel all our events since last March and we look forward to a time in the near future when we will be able to come together to socialize and enjoy various activities again. We will continue to follow Public Health Guidelines and will keep you posted on our future events.

This Christmas will be different for many of us with loved ones unable to get home. I hope you find opportunities to share in the spirit of Christmas. On behalf of the executive, I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2021 brings us hope with a vaccine on the horizon. Until then stay safe, wear a face mask, practice social distancing and follow Public Health Guidelines.

Wanda Hand



UPCOMING EVENTS



Due to Public Health Guidelines, we are unable to hold any social events at this time. We hope to be able to plan some events by next fall.

AGM 2021- TBA

Provincial BGM (virtual format) – May 13 from 1:30
3:30

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Funday

On Feb. 24th our division hosted our annual Funday at Clovelly Golf Course. There were 79 members who attended. Most enjoyed a game of bridge, while others played cards or board games. At noon we broke for a light lunch of soup and deli sandwiches followed by tea and coffee and dessert squares. Tickets were sold on a lap quilt and a \$25 gift card from Chapters. The proceeds of \$95 went to the Foundation for Children's Charities. Thank you to Myrtle Dunham for this donation.

To help the Provincial's fundraising efforts we sold 50 tickets on handcrafted mitts and slippers netting \$100. The mitts were won by Jim Cantwell of Western Division. Edward Cokes of Coast of Bays won the slippers. There were a variety of ticket draws throughout the day and many went home with nice prizes. Feedback was positive and friends and ex colleagues were excited to meet up after our Snowmageddon state of emergency.

Our AGM scheduled for June 8th at Sandman Hotel would have been our final event for the year. This event had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is yet to be rescheduled.

Our Christmas Luncheon and Craft fair has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Holiday Inn has been rebooked for **Dec. 6th 2021**. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there if Public Health Guidelines permit.

FINANCE

Donations

Donations in the amount of \$2000.00 were made to the School Lunch program and the Retired Teacher's Foundation. Since we were unable to raise money for the Retired Teacher's Foundation through various ticket sales at our events this year, an extra \$1,000.00 was donated.

Election of Officers

2021 is an election year and we will be looking for some new members to join our executive. If you are interested in putting your name forward please contact a member of the executive. Available positions and an update on our 2021 AGM will be posted in our next newsletter.

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/rtfform.

VISITATION COMMITTEE:

It is with heavy hearts that we pass onto you the sad news that many of our members have passed away since the publication of our last newsletter. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family members of our deceased colleagues. Cards of sympathy were sent on behalf of RTANL, Avalon East Division. Members of the visitation committee were unable to visit the funeral homes or retired teachers who are living in retirement and nursing homes due to COVID-19 restrictions. A list of our deceased members is shown below.

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. May they rest in Peace.

David Gill
Roche Lambe
Woodrow Snow
Donna Brenton
Colette Kavanagh
Robert Rumsey
John Harte
Bessie Snow
Donna Hiscock
Madeline Fagan
Gerald Cantwell
Francina Kielley
Margaret O'Brien
Alfreda Walsh
Ben Dunne
Marie Roach

Francis Gatherall
Stella Mills
Sister Bride Budgell
Mary Ellen MacNeil
Sister Colette Nagle
Alexander Crewe
Sara Sexton
Maude Greening
Margaret Barnable
Margaret Foley
Marie Roche
Nora Kearsey
Harvey Hodder
Sister Patricia Whittle
William Connolly

Francis Murphy
Sister Bride Power
Marguerite Stacey
Richard Coombs
Margaret Dunphy
Roy Stoodley
Lillian Richards
Heathor Campbell
Donald Cole
Brother David Murphy
Joseph Arthur
Jean Tobin
Robert Beauchamp
James Piercey
Robert Rumsey

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