

RTANL AVALON EAST DIVISION

KEEPING IN TOUCH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MAY 2021

Greetings from your Retired Teachers Association. We hope our members have stayed safe and well since our last newsletter. As we hopefully approach the last leg of this pandemic and most of us are vaccinated, your association is planning some events for next year. These events will follow Public Health guidelines at that time. Further details will be coming in August and we look forward to seeing our members once again.

As I finish up my two-year term as president, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive and sub-committees I have had the pleasure to work with. Thank you for your support and hard work in planning events and addressing the needs of our members. Also, a big thank you to our members for supporting our fundraising efforts and attending our various events.

I would like to thank the following members who will not be returning to the executive and/or social committee. A BIG THANK YOU to Barbara Young, Cythnia Fardy and Anne Marie Smyth for all their time and hard work. Each of these members have served in various positions for many years. Your contributions have been invaluable and we wish you all the best in the next chapter of your lives.

As vaccine roll outs increase and people get vaccinated, hopefully we will be able to spend more time with our loved ones and friends. Until then, stay safe, wear a face mask, practice social distancing and follow Public Health Guidelines. Enjoy your summer and hopefully we will see you soon at our fall event.

Wanda Hand

UPCOMING EVENTS



AGM 2021- June 8th at the Sandman Hotel

Fall Picnic –
Mid September 2021

Christmas Luncheon-
Dec. 6th & 7th

Please note these dates are tentative and will depend on Public Health guidelines

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Fall Picnic

Due to Covid 19, RTANL social events have been suspended. It may be a while yet before we are able to gather inside in a large group as we once did. Hopefully, by summer's end we will all be fully vaccinated. Yet, uncertainty still remains and we currently cannot plan for our annual indoor Octoberfest event. In an effort to bring us together again, we are organizing an outdoor picnic in mid-September. The city has approved our application to hold this event on the lawn of the Bowring Park Bungalow and Red Oak Catering will provide a bagged sandwich lunch. We have also rented the Bungalow and will have access to the facilities, the patio and the dining room as per health regulations and social distancing. Further details and a registration form will follow in August. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Christmas Luncheon

Our 2021 Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair has been tentatively booked at **The Holiday Inn** for **Dec. 6th & 7th 2021**. Further information about this event will be in our fall newsletter. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there if Public Health guidelines permit.

AGM 2021

Due to the pandemic, last year's AGM was cancelled and is now rescheduled for the morning of June 8th, 2021. It will be held at the Sandman Hotel on Kenmount Rd. The business meeting will begin at 9:30 in the Bonavista Room and a continental breakfast will be served. The cost of the breakfast is \$15. For social distancing, attendance will be limited to 25 people. Masks will be required. Please RSVP your intention to attend by June 4th to either of **da.barbour@hotmail.com** or **ejhamlyn1@gmail.com**.

Election of Officers

This year we have 3 executive members retiring after many years of service to our organization and we are actively seeking new members for several positions. The Retired Teachers Association is a great way to meet and work with other colleagues. Please consider making a contribution to your professional organization by joining our executive. New election of officers

will take place at our AGM. If you are interested in putting your name forward, please contact any member of the executive.

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:

Members of RTANL, Avalon East send deepest sympathy to the families of our colleagues who have passed away since the publication of our last newsletter. We also extend get well wishes to our members who have been dealing with various health issues. To our retired teachers who reside in seniors' homes our thoughts are with you. Due to Covid 19 restrictions members were prohibited from visiting in our usual way. Hopefully personal contact will be able to resume in the near future. 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.

Gordon Ralph

Roy Stockley

Ben Warren

Claude Robbins

George Hiscock

Anna McEvoy

Margaret Curran Wilkinson

Regina Barron

Joan Keating

Sister Kieran Seaward

Nina Quinlan

James Foley

Mary Hall

Margaret McFarlane

Mary Hammond

Brendan Jordan

Charlotte Squires

Ellaline Smith

Linda Warren

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