

RTANL AVALON EAST DIVISION

KEEPING IN TOUCH

September 2022

WELCOME BACK

Greetings and well wishes to all members of our Association! What a summer we have had thus far. It certainly has been one for the record books. I hope you all have had an opportunity to enjoy this beautiful weather with your family and friends. Although Covid 19 is still with us, we are finally able to move about more freely. Your executive is looking forward to planning gatherings for this Fall and Winter. We are looking forward to the year ahead and cannot wait to greet each other in person.

See you at our AGM and Fall Luncheon in September.

Mary D. Purchase
President

Upcoming Events

AGM and Fall Luncheon

Sept. 26, 2022

- The Fluvarium
- 10:30 am – 1:30 pm
- Complimentary
- **MEMBERS ONLY EVENT**
- **Registration Cap - 100**
- Register by Mon, Sept.21
- Entertainment - Roger Stoodley

Christmas Luncheon - Tentative Date

- December 5, 2022
- Details to follow



The members of the executive of the Avalon East Division of the Retired Teachers' Association are deeply saddened to inform you that our secretary, Patricia "Patsy" Lévêque passed away May 30th, after a brief battle with cancer.

Patsy retired in 2016, after a 30-year teaching career. She spent her first 24 years teaching French Immersion K-4, at St. Peter's Primary, École St-Patrick, École St-Gérard and St. Teresa's School - École Ste-Thérèse, and the last 6 years of her career sharing her knowledge and expertise with teachers and administrators province-wide as French Pedagogical Consultant at the Department of Education.

Patsy was an exceptional teacher and she was fiercely dedicated to her students, to the French Immersion Program and to her vocation. She touched many hearts and she will be terribly missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her. À la prochaine chère amie!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Since our last newsletter we have had no social events due to Covid restrictions and Hurricane Larry. It is our hope that 2022-23 will allow us to gather again. Currently, we have two events in the planning stages. The AGM and Fall Luncheon is scheduled for September 26, 2022 and the Annual Christmas Luncheon at Holiday Inn is scheduled for December 5, 2022.

Thank you to our social committee members who have served our membership for many years! Carmel Dempsey, Sandra Harnett, Judy Prim and Sue Wade have resigned from their positions. We thank them for their dedication to our division and we look forward to seeing them at our upcoming events.

Next year is an election year for our executive and the positions of social chairs will become vacant. In order for social events to continue, we need replacements for these positions. Please consider becoming involved with your organization. With many hands, the workload is minimal and the reward is the gratitude of our members who attend the various events. Much fun is had by all in both the planning and the events themselves.

AGM 2022 and Fall Luncheon

We have had no social events since the beginning of the pandemic. For this reason, your executive has decided that this first social event will be complimentary. On September 26, 2022 at The Fluvarium we will have our AGM and Fall Luncheon. Prior to our meeting at 11:00 am, for those who are interested, you may wish to join members of our executive in a casual walk along the Long Pond Trail. It typically takes 45 minutes to complete the walk. If you plan on walking the full trail, you should arrive by 10:15. After the business portion of the meeting, lunch will be served with entertainment at dessert time. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Luncheon

Please keep December 5, 2022 on your calendars as we are working with the Holiday Inn to plan our Christmas Luncheon. Watch for a mini newsletter in November for further details and registration forms.

VISITATION COMMITTEE

Throughout this ongoing COVID pandemic the visitation committee continued to reach out to the families of our deceased members.

Visitation to funeral homes was limited but we were able to make contact by mail, by sending a note of sympathy, as addresses were provided by our provincial executive member, Clayton Rice. We thank Clayton for his ongoing assistance. We hope that this small gesture has brought some consolation to the family members.

Once again, get well cards were sent to some of our members who are presently experiencing health issues. Feel better soon!

Retired teachers who reside in seniors homes and nursing homes, we send you our loving thoughts.

If you know of a retired teacher, from Avalon East Division, who has passed away and whose name has been omitted from our list please contact a committee member and we will add that person's name in our next newsletter. Also, if you are aware of a colleague who is sick please pass along their name and address and a get well card will be sent.

Committee Members:

Gloria McDonald (CBS and surrounding areas)	email: gloriam9@eastlink.ca	229-7061
Sharon Reddy (St. John's)	email: 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 last newsletter.

Catherine Aylward

Gerald Bannister

James Byrne

Sharon Byrne

Sister Eleanor Caul

Ronald Clarke

Lloyd Cooper

Lori Crews

Shirley Duggan

Maureen Ellsworth

Maurice Evans

William Fagan

Patrick Fleming

Reginald Gardner

Winston Gould

Joy Gerner

Kathryn Gray

William Greene

Richard Hall

Sheila Hanlon

Sherri Head

Scott Hicks

Norman Hiscock

Jack Hurley

Bridget Kelly

Sally Kelly

Sister Elsie Lahey

Loretta Lahey

Mary Patricia Levesque

Sister Patricia Maher

Sister Joan Marche

Bride Martin

Edgar Mudge

Sister Eileen Osbourne

Madeline Penney

Calvert Randell

Margaret Ryan

Keith Samuelson

Eric Slaney

Jean Stoodley

Mary Tap

Agnes Thistle

William Tulk

Frances Wiseman

Rita Mary Walsh

Gerald White

Sister Joan White

Lucy Woodford

Mary Williams

Rest in Peace Colleagues

BUSINESS

RTANL Biennial General Meeting (BGM) and Reunion 2022

The Biennial General Meeting (BGM) of the Retired Teachers Association Newfoundland and Labrador (RTANL) has been scheduled for October 4-6, 2022, in Corner Brook. Theme: **Celebrating Fifty Years**. It was decided that because it is the 50th anniversary year Registration Fees for all members and guests will be waived.

Registration Deadline is August 31, 2022. To register, go to the RTANL website.

This year an election of Officers will be held. There are Nine positions to be voted on. They are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Five members at large will also be elected. Members are elected for a two-year term. The fifth member elected (in number of votes) will become the alternate and will assume office in October 2023, when the Past President leaves office. Although the deadline for nominations has passed, nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the BGM.

Faculty of Education to conclude 100th Anniversary Year with Conference

As centennial celebrations come to a close at Memorial University's Faculty of Education, registration is now open for its culminating conference. *A Time! Celebrating a Century of Teacher Education in Newfoundland and Labrador.*

This two-day event, to be held at the Bruneau Centre for Research and Innovation and the Emera Innovation Exchange, will run Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17, 2022, and will bring together teachers, educational administrators, alumni, teacher retirees, students, researchers, faculty member and other supporter of education, in celebration of the significant positive impacts that Memorial's founding faculty has had on the social, cultural, political, economic, artistic, and educational fabric of this province.

Registration is open to anyone wishing to attend. Those interested in attending, are encouraged to follow the faculty's social media channels: Facebook and Twitter as well as the 100 year anniversary hub, for details and updates. For further information, please contact Angela Hunt, communications, Memorial University, at (709) 685-1332 or angela.hunt@mun.ca.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – KEEPING IN TOUCH

We can officially say that we are now an online edition. Print copies will be mailed by special request. Since 2017, we issue 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.

To receive our newsletters online, email your request to: rtanl@nlta.nl.ca.

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

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