

RTANL Avalon East Division KEEPING IN TOUCH



RTANL Executive: Front Row (l-r): Mary Purchase, President; Marlene Audeau-Joyce, Secretary. Back Row (l-r): Sharon Reddy, Member at Large; Brian Whitty, Vice-President; Denise Barbour, Member at Large; Elizabeth Hamlyn, Member at Large; Betty Lou Kennedy, Member at Large; Pam Bry, Treasurer.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings and best wishes to all members of our Retired Teachers' community.

We hope you have all enjoyed a healthy and happy Christmas with your family and friends.

We are looking forward to an active year with two events planned and we will end the year with our AGM and election of officers for 2023-2025. Please consider joining us at our upcoming events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PADDY'S DAY LUNCHEON

March 13, 2023

- Royal Canadian Legion, Blackmarsh Road
- 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
- **Registration Cap 150**
- Cost - \$20.00
- Register by March 1
- Entertainment - Kilmainham

FUN DAY

May 1, 2023

- Mazol Shriners, 530 Topsail Road
- 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
- **Registration Cap 140**
- Cost - \$25.00
- Register by April 14

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- AGM and election of officers
- Details to follow

Social Committee

AGM for 2021-2022 was deferred to the Fall of 2022 due to Covid restrictions. For this reason we decided to hold our AGM in conjunction with our Fall Luncheon. This free event took place at The Fluvarium. The weather cooperated and we were able to participate in our planned walk around the pond. Forty-one members then enjoyed a soup and sandwich lunch with background entertainment provided by Roger Stoodley. The AGM was considered a huge success by all. Some attended reluctantly thinking that the business portion would be too tiresome. They were pleasantly surprised and remarked that they would attend again.

Our last event was our annual Christmas Craft Fair and Luncheon held on December 5 at Holiday Inn. This year we decided to cap our attendance at 200 due to ongoing Covid concerns. We were delighted to host 166 fellow retirees for a delicious stuffed chicken dinner. Entertainment was provided by the popular group The Hallidays, of which all members are graduates of the Avalon East school system. The audience showed their great appreciation by clapping, singing and even dancing to their rendition of familiar Christmas and old time tunes.

As usual, we had a number of prize draws and some lucky members went home with a nice gift. In addition, tickets were sold on a gift basket and a beautiful handmade quilt donated by Paula Cramm. Many thanks, Paula, for your annual donation! Paul Peddle was the winner of the quilt and Cheryl Donovan-White went home with the beautiful gift basket. We also had a 50/50 draw and Elizabeth Hamlyn was the lucky winner. \$841.50 was raised and donated to the NL Retired Teachers' Foundation. This money will support children's charities. Thank you for your generous support!

Upcoming Events

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

On Monday, March 13, 2023 join us for our first Paddy's Day Luncheon at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 1 on Blackmarsh Road. We have a live band, Kilmainham, performing Celtic Irish music. Wear green for a chance to win a prize. All leprechauns welcome. Come take part in our ceilidh... vocals accompanied by guitar, mandolin, banjo and accordian will get all toes tapping and hands clapping. Some of us may even take to the floor to have a scuff.

Doors open at 11:15. Come early, access the bar, purchase tickets for our 50/50 draw, and socialize with friends.

GAMES DAY

Our traditional fun day is taking place a little later this year on Monday, May 1, 2023. We decided to rename this event "Games Day". Knowing that not everyone is interested in bridge, we thought we would introduce a new activity – Trivia. You are not restricted to one of these two games. If you prefer to play cards or play a board game, or just sit and chat, feel free.

This year, for the first time, we will be awarding prizes for both bridge and trivia. Details will be provided on Games Day. Trivia will be a team event. You can either build your own team of four or be assigned to a team. This being a novel activity, we will limit registration to 40 people. No one individual works alone – one answer per question decided upon by the team.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

AGM AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2023-2025

This June we will have our AGM and Election of Officers. Details will be communicated at a later date.

Visitation Committee

On behalf of the Retired Teachers' Association of Avalon East we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of our deceased colleagues. We regret to inform you that 24 of our members have passed away since the date of our last newsletter in September 2022.

Thank you to Clayton Rice and Cynthia Fardy for keeping us updated with information on this important matter.

May our deceased members rest in peace.

Norma Thorne

Philip Brace

Dave Lawlor

Wayne Wilson

Dave Jackman

Carol Nesbit

Roy Anthony

Beatrice Sullivan

Marie Waddleton

Julie McCormick

Alicia Eaton

Sister Mary Georgina Quick

Judy Durant

William O'Driscoll

John Ryan

Calvin Belbin

Michael Murphy

Loretto Hyde-Doyle

Audrey Nell

Sister Mary Waddleton

Mabel Randell

Lolita Battcock

Michael Brazil

Douglas Wells

Visits to nursing homes and retirement homes have been curtailed due to outbreaks of Covid and other health issues. Hopefully this situation will improve in the near future. Sending cheerful greetings to all our retired teachers who are residents in such homes.

Get well cards were sent to our colleagues who were ill and those recovering from surgery. Wishing you all a speedy recovery. Please continue to pass on to us information regarding our retired teachers so that we can offer support on your behalf.

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Communications Committee

We have a membership of approximately 2100 retired teachers in our district. Since 2019 we have communicated to our membership through email or postal mail (if member made a written request). Some members have indicated to us that they are not receiving our newsletters. If you know of any members who have not requested an electronic copy of our newsletters, please forward the following information. We would like to reach as many of you as possible and encourage you to participate in our upcoming events.

If a member is not receiving an electronic or print copy of our newsletters:

- Submit your request to rtanl@nlta.nl.ca
- In the subject line, type: RTANL Avalon East Newsletter
- Be sure to include your name, regular mailing address, as well as your email
- If you wish to receive a printed copy of our newsletters, please mail this request, including your full name and address to: Avalon East Newsletter c/o 3 Kenmount Road, St. John's, NL A1B 1W1

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