

RTANL AVALON EAST DIVISION

KEEPING IN TOUCH

JANUARY 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We would like to wish all our members a Happy New Year. We hope 2020 will bring you good health, happiness, adventure and success in the coming year. We hope you have enjoyed a healthy and happy Christmas and holiday season with your family and friends.

What a winter! Snowmageddon 2020 will go down in the record books. The resilience, compassion and generosity of Newfoundlanders was second to none. Only Newfoundlanders could take an event like this and turn it into something people wished they had experienced. We now have lots of snow to enjoy our favorite outdoor activities. Keep active, stay warm and safe. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Octoberfest

On October 7, 2019 our division hosted our annual Octoberfest at Glendenning Golf Club. A hot turkey dinner was enjoyed by 139 members. Dr. Bill Eaton entertained the group with songs, jokes and anecdotes. The 50/50 draw was won by Beverley Johnson and several other members won beautiful prizes.



Christmas

On Dec. 2, 2019, Holiday Inn hosted our annual Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair. Twenty vendors offered beautiful crafts to a large group of buyers. There were 326 members in attendance who enjoyed a hot chicken dinner and entertainment by the talented Vicky Harnett and Bill Brennan. Thanks to Pat Hayden Ryan and

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Fun Day – Feb.24th

- 9:30am – 3:30pm
- Clovelly Golf Course
- Cost - \$25.00
- Register by Feb.12th

March Dance

Our March dance is **cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances.

AGM - June 8th,

- 10:30 am
- Sandman Hotel
- All members are invited to attend
- Followed by buffet lunch
- Cost - \$30.00
- Register by May 22th

Paula Cramm for their generous donations. Pat's print was won by Marion Nash and Paula's quilt by Georgina Long. A number of prize draws were also made throughout the luncheon.



UP COMING EVENTS:

Funday

Upcoming events include Funday to be held this year at Clovelly Golf Course on **Feb 24th**. We encourage you to get your group together to play cards, bridge, poker, board games or just come along and chat with friends. We look forward to a lovely day and a delicious lunch. Complete your form and send to Elizabeth Hamlyn.

AGM

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at the Sandman Hotel in the Bonavista Room starting at 10:30 a.m. on **June 8th**. Election of officers, ratification of amendments to our by-laws, year-end reports and the Financial statement for the year will be presented. Lunch will be served at 12:00 followed by our guest speaker Paula McDonald, CEO of the Teachers' Pension plan of NL Corporation. Please see attached registration form and send it to Denise Barbour. Also, the amended by – laws are attached for your information.

Each event must be paid for by a separate cheque to the social chair indicated. E transfers can't be accepted at this time.

March Dance

Due to unforeseen circumstances our March dance is cancelled.

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. Members of the visitation committee as well as executive members visited the funeral

homes to pay our respect. Cards of sympathy were sent on behalf of RTANL, Avalon East Division. A list of our deceased members is shown below.

Visitation committee members have also visited retired teachers who are living in retirement and nursing homes. Several homes in the St. John's area as well as homes in Conception Bay Centre and Conception Bay South have been visited. Cards have also been sent to some of our teachers who are ill at home or who are recovering from surgery. If you know of a colleague who would welcome a visit, please contact a member of the visitation committee.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We are especially grateful to Clayton Rice, Cynthia Fardy and all executive members for keeping us informed.

We hope that a visit or a card has brought a sense of peace and comfort to many of our members and their families.

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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.

Nina Bartlett
Frank Ramjattan
Andrew Woodfine
Elizabeth Holloway
Roderick Hardy
Anna Christina McDonald
Sadie Hamilton
William Kenneth Coffey
Valerie Bullock

Francis Hollohan
Olga Ash
Jane Martin
Francis Kennedy
Eleanor Rodgers
Gerald Doyle
Sister Patricia King
L. May Morris

Ewald Hajek
Bernard Farewell
Brother George Fitzpatrick
Theresa Hanlon
Anna Wiseman
Anna McCarthy
Brother Gordon Bellows
Lillian Andrews

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.

PLAISANCE REGIONAL

On September 26, four members of our executive went to Placentia to join some Plaisance Regional members for a very pleasant lunch. We were happy to meet their president, Carmelita Traverse, and to bring greetings from our Avalon East Division, as their sponsor. We complimented Carmelita on her hard work forming the group and maintaining it since 2007. They have shared a picture showing members enjoying themselves at their very successful Christmas luncheon at the Star Hall in Placentia on Dec.12. If you live in the area and would like to learn more about the group and participate in their activities, contact Carmelita Traverse at: carme_traverse@yahoo.ca



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Rainbow Riders are looking for volunteers. They offer therapeutic riding programs for children with disabilities. If you are interested in volunteering or require more information please contact Olivia Robinson at 738-1055.