

RTANL AVALON EAST DIVISION

KEEPING IN TOUCH

WELCOME BACK

Fall 2023

It is hard to believe that the summer is over and that we are heading into the Fall again. We have been blessed with beautiful weather this September. Your executive is looking forward to planning activities for this fall and winter.

The Pandemic certainly impacted our Association. For two years we were unable to gather at all and last year was the first year since the pandemic that we were able to organize four events for our members. All who attended were positive in their comments, but we did notice that our numbers were down from pre-pandemic events. It is our hope that this year we will see our numbers increase.

At our Annual General Meeting on June 15, 2023, at the Network Cafe, we elected our new executive.

Members of your new executive are:

President:	Mary Purchase
Vice President:	Brian Whitty
Secretary:	Marlene Audeau-Joyce
Treasurer:	Pam Bry
Members At Large:	Betty Lou Kennedy Sharon Reddy Paula Redmond Sandra Shepherd

The new executive held its first meeting on September 12 at the NLTA Boardroom and we are looking forward to another successful year.

Mary D. Purchase
President

Upcoming Events

Octoberfest

Friday, October 13, 2023

- Lester's Farm Chalet
- 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Cost:**
\$20.00 Members
\$30.00 Non-Members
- Registration Cap - 150
- Register by Thursday, October 5, 2023
- Speaker - Farmer Jim Lester

Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair

Monday, December 4, 2023

- Glendenning Golf Course
- 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Cost:**
\$30.00 Members
\$35.00 Non-Members
- Registration Cap - 225
- Register by Friday, November 17, 2023



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Last year our social committee had a very productive year and we were able to provide four events for our members. Over 300 members attended our events.

- **AGM 2021** - Fluvarium - Walk, Meeting and Complimentary Lunch - Entertainment Roger Stoodley - Attendance - 41
- **Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair** - Holiday Inn - Entertainment by The Hallidays - Attendance - 165
- **Paddy's Day Luncheon** - The Legion - Entertainment by Kilmainham - Attendance - 75
- **Games Day** - Mazol Shiners - Registration - 38. Unfortunately, this event was cancelled due to the low registration.
- **AGM 2022** - Network Cafe - Complimentary Lunch - Attendance 27

The members who attended our events spoke positively and we would like to thank Denise Barbour and Elizabeth Hamlyn who chaired the social committee for the past number of years. Although Denise and Elizabeth are no longer on our executive, they will continue to support our division as members of the social committee. We thank all the members of the social committee who work tirelessly on your behalf to bring you these events.

This year we are already in high gear planning events. Paula and I are pleased to co-chair the social committee and we will be working with Denise, Elizabeth and Patrick Marshall to plan the upcoming events.

Our first event this year, Octoberfest, will be held on Friday, October 13, 2023, at Lester's Farm Chalet. Come and enjoy a turkey or salmon dinner with fresh Lester's vegetables. Farmer Jim Lester will speak to us about preparing our gardens for Fall and Winter. A good time to get your ideas for next year's planting!

Our second event is a long-time favourite of so many of our members and guests. Unfortunately, the Holiday Inn is not available to us this year. Glendenning Golf Course will be the venue for our Annual Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair. It will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023. The format will be the same as in previous years and we look forward to seeing many of you at this event. In keeping with previous luncheons, we will have a 50/50 ticket draw. If any member is interested in donating an item for a fundraising ticket draw, please contact a member of the social committee. All proceeds of fundraising go to the Retired Teachers' Foundation. This Foundation supports children's charities in our province.

Please see the attached registration forms and note the deadline for registration for both events.

Winter and Spring events are in the planning stages and we will let you know about these in the Winter newsletter. Looking forward to seeing many of our members at the upcoming events.

Social Committee Co-Chairs:

Betty Lou Kennedy - (709) 754-0784 or bettyloukennedy156@gmail.com

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VISITATION COMMITTEE

We regret to inform you that, since our last report, 38 members of the Avalon East Retired Teachers Association have gone to their eternal rest. Condolences to family members have been sent and visits were made to funeral homes, where possible, when committee members were notified of the wakes of these members. May our dear colleagues and friends rest in peace.

When contacted by our Avalon East retired teachers informing us of a member who is sick, get-well cards were sent on your behalf. Wishing all of our members who have been hospitalized or have experienced illness best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

Since the covid pandemic and the many restrictions regarding visits to retirement homes and nursing homes, we have not received requests from families to visit our colleagues. We want to assure residents of these homes, who are connected to Avalon East, that we have not forgotten you. Hopefully, you are all doing well.

Please continue to keep in touch with a member of the visitation committee if you know of a recently deceased retired teacher from our division. Also, we would like to be made aware of any our colleagues who are ill so that we can send them cheerful wishes.

Thank you to Clayton Rice and Cynthia Fardy and all who continue to keep us in the know regarding our members.

Visitation Committee Members:

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Sharon Reddy (St. John's)
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OBITUARIES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of our deceased members.

*Sister Catherine Burke
Daphne Butler
Mary Carroll
Florence Coffey
Ralph Collier
Robin Cook
Mary Craig
Scott Crocker
Reverend Nathan Cutler
Frank Dawe
Virginia Dillon
Myrtle Dunham
Gerald Fallon
Gus Flannigan
Richard Flynn
Doreen Greene
Carol Harris
Sonia Harvey
Sister Annette Hawco*

*Beverly Johnson
Don Jones
Sister Lydia Kelly
Randolph Kettle
Christina King
Dorothy King
Regis Maloney
Marie Marrie
Joanne Murphy
William Murphy
Marmaduke Newhook
Mary Lou Perrier
David Riche
Deanie Roberts
Gerald Ryan
Brenda Stamp
Sister Jean Whelan
Marie Whelan
Dolores Withers*

Rest in Peace Colleagues

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 a 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.ca
- In the subject line, type: RTANL Avalon East Newsletter
- Be sure to include your name, your regular mailing address, as well as your email address.
- 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

Please notify us if your email address or your personal mailing address changes at any time, so we can update your information in our database.