

**CRTA  
NEWSLETTER  
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**SUMMER LUNCHEON**

**Wednesday, June 14, 2006.**  
**Best Western Village Park Inn, Crowchild Trail NW**

**Cost \$20.00 per person, incl. gratuity and GST.**  
**Doors to the dining room will be open at 11:00 PM**

**No-Host Bar.**

**Entertainment by Don Williams & Friends**

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE. Between June 5 and June 9 2006.  
By e-mail to: [luncheons@calgaryretiredteachers.ca](mailto:luncheons@calgaryretiredteachers.ca)

By phone contact the person listed below according to the chart below.

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## THE APRIL LUNCHEON

Charlie Grant began the luncheon by saying grace, when 120 retired teachers met at the Carriage House to enjoy good food and company.

The Lord Beaverbrook High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Monique Olivier, entertained the teachers with a selection of the pieces that were sung at the Kiwanis music festival. Everyone enjoyed the excellent singing and the group were congratulated for being one of the Calgary representatives at the Provincial Music Festival.

A short business meeting followed the luncheon. Chuck Rose, the president, presented an update on the LTD moneys, ARTA's relationship with the Society for Pension Reform and a possible second meeting with the Minister of Education. (A first meeting to discuss issues pertinent to retired teachers took place in November 2005.) He also congratulated Jody Simpson, this year's winner of the CRTA scholarship.

A copy of the Treasurer's report –highlighted by Paul Demers— an invitation to serve as a census taker and a request to become a letter writer to Canadian troops were available on the luncheon tables.



The following letter was received from Monica Brinck, the Community Coordinator for THE INTERFAITH FOODBANK.

On behalf of our clients, volunteers and staff of the Calgary Inter-Faith Foodbank society please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for your organization The Calgary Retired Teachers' Association. To date this activity has brought in 82 pounds of food.

Your support will assist Calgarians in crisis by providing families with a nutritionally balanced emergency hamper up to 6 times a year. 85% of the people and families only require our services two to three times before they are able to regain their stability. Last year 109 000 people were assisted of which more than 45 000 were children.

Your support provides individuals and families with the hope and energy they need to be healthy, learn and achieve their goals.

### DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

#### Lord Beaverbrook High School Cosmetology Department

Jean Gervais

Betty Rose

Elsie Kushnir

#### Johnson Insurance, Inc. Kathy Short, representative, Indoor Gardening Kit

Lawrence King

#### Eye Witness Camera Kit Kelly Kovacsics, Sales Agent 606-9922

Mary Tyrrell

#### Carriage House Inn Basket of Baking

Bev Cummings

#### One-Year CRTA Membership

Marilyn Stewart

#### Easter Lily

Colin Smith

#### Pot of Mums

Ila Payette



*Brad Adams, do not forget to bring the door in order to claim your free lunch on June 14!*

## L T D MONIES

A meeting of representatives of stakeholder groups that was scheduled for May 19 has been postponed till June 2.

It appears that the process of distribution of the CBE LTD monies continues to crawl forward at a snail's pace. Various 'deadlines' have come and gone. The next progress report from our President is planned for the June 14 Luncheon meeting.

## 2006 –2007 CRTA EXECUTIVE

In our previous newsletter we made it known that CRTA is in need of members who are willing to help on the CRTA executive as members-at-large and as assistants to current executive members. Several members have indicated that they are willing to volunteer a few hours on behalf of retired teachers. **We could use a few more. Please talk to any of the current executive members, .if you wonder what the work entails. Anyone of us will be happy to answer your questions.**

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

On May 15, 16 and 17 several executive members attended a retreat in St.Paul together with members of other ARTA branches. The purpose of the retreat was to explore effective ways for organizing and operating the local ARTA branches to the benefit of retired teachers.

On behalf of CRTA Dr. Jean Hutchinson, Gordon Cummings, Irene Bruzga, Paul Demers and Dr. Chuck Rose attended.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

July 1, 2006 is quickly coming up and that means that our yearly memberships **have to be renewed. If you have 2006 printed in the lower right-hand corner** of the mailing of the envelope in which you received this newsletter, your membership expires on July 1 2006.

Attached to this newsletter is a renewal form. Please take a moment to fill it out and mail it with a cheque in the amount of \$15 to Garry Jeffrey. Garry will also be available to receive membership renewals at the luncheon on June 14.

## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS AND LIFE

In every newsletter we make room for the names of those teachers who have passed away. The names are usually obtained through the obituary column off the Calgary Herald. At the moment our list contains the names of teachers who taught in the City of Calgary. In the past, our newsletter also recognized teachers who taught outside of Calgary. And not long ago we included details about the teacher's career, if they were available as well.

It was suggested to the Executive that teachers should not just be remembered after they pass away, but that it would be a fine thing to celebrate the work and achievements of colleagues, while they are still with us.

Helen Brown has graciously expressed her willingness to work on this feature, but needs the help of some volunteers to make it come to life. If you are interested in helping Helen, please contact her at 274-0943.

## BASIC HEALTH CARE, DENTAL AND EXTENDED HEALTH CARE INSURANCE.

If you participate in any or all of the above-mentioned group insurances through Johnson Inc. **YOU MUST CARRY A VALID ARTA MEMBERSHIP.** Do not let that membership lapse, for your insurance would become invalid. Renewal date for the ARTA membership is also July 1. Multiple year memberships are welcomed. For any questions regarding the ARTA group insurance and its benefits speak to Ralph Levinson.

**LET US REMEMBER THOSE COLLEAGUES WHO PASSED AWAY  
RECENTLY**

Gudbjorg O.Eugenia (Jean) Arnason.

Elsie Bernice Morrissey

Dave Clements

Margaret (Peg) Douglass Patterson

Evelyn Matilda Howe

Leonora Nancy Szuch

Francis Irene MacKinnon

John Arthur Yorke

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**TO HELL WITH THE BELL!**

September 5, 2006  
9 till 11 am

Glencoe Club  
636 29 Avenue SW.

Cost \$21.00 pp.

For Reservations send cheque  
made out to CBE-REA **No Later**  
than August 18

to

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NEXT NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER 2.  
ENJOY THE SUMMER.