



The Newsletter

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President's Message

Marg Brucker

For those of you who are on “the web”, or connected by email and/or supporting Canada Post, you know that many activities are happening for Calgary retired teachers. Spring has been a time for a visit or making a plan to visit a garden centre, to check out our personal antiques, to go on an excursion to Aspen Crossing and Field Stone Winery, to explore the Remington Museum and for those members who have been there before, a return visit to Rosebud Theatre to enjoy Anne of Green Gables on June 13 with friends and “first timers”. With such a variety of choices I hope that you have been able to register for at least one of them. Thanks go to Marg Espetveidt, Jim Nielsen and Don and Mary Checkley for making the arrangements.

Great opportunities to purchase art and visit with friends were enjoyed by all who attended the CRTA Art Show and Sale at the end of April. Organizer Irene Bruzga and her capable committee deserve our thanks for making it happen. Thank you to all the talented artists who came and shared their gifts and expertise. As you may realize, the Art Sale market is a busy one in Calgary with many choices for shoppers. This can provide some challenges, but CRTA is looking forward to next year with expectations for a very successful day in a new location, as yet to be announced, due to the sale of St. Andrew's United Church. I know that I am eagerly looking forward to it.

Upcoming Events

CRTA Luncheon June 6

Blackfoot Inn

Rosebud June 13

Anne of Green Gables, the Musical

Contact Marg Espetveidt

rosebudcrt@gmail.com

Aspen Gardens/Fieldstone Winery June 15

Sold Out

ARTA Golf Tournament June 16

CRTA will be represented

Reynolds Museum August 29

Watch website calgaryretiredteachers.org for upcoming details. Organized by Mary and Don Checkley, checklem@telusplanet.net

CRTA Luncheon and AGM September 28

Details will appear in the next newsletter

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Christmas Luncheon November 18

Details will appear in a later newsletter

Our biggest happening this spring was the “Steppin’ Out Conference. One additional event for this year was the Kick-Off Dinner on Thursday evening with guest speaker Colin Milner speaking on the topic of the challenges of aging and being prepared for this transition. Thank you to Gordon Cumming and the Conference committee for their dedication to the planning and execution of the conference. If the evaluation sheets are any indication of the value of the Thursday evening dinner and Friday sessions, it was all a great success. Thank you for your attendance and support. Your input about future events, conference speakers and activities is most welcome.

As I anticipate the month of June, hearing the birds singing in the morning, planting flowers and caring for the lawn, I’m wondering if spring is really here. But this is Calgary... July and the “Stampede” are just around the corner. Are you planning for the summer? Your CRTA Board of Directors and special event coordinators will be putting together trips and getting ready for 2012-2013 programs. I wish you an enjoyable summer, safe travel and enough time to enjoy the warmer days, friends, family and new adventures

Servants Anonymous Society

10th Annual Book Drive and Sale

Supported by the Calgary Herald

Over the past few years CRTA members were able to pick up a book or two for free at the fall and Christmas Luncheons. This was possible through the effort of Judy Steiert, who would pick up a few hundred books at the yearly book sale in support of SAS. The Board sincerely thanks Judy for the work she did.

This year we are looking for five or six volunteers, who would be willing to take over the work that Judy started. If each person picked out fifty or sixty books, there would be enough for our members to choose from at the coming fall luncheons. CRTA would reimburse you for your entry fee of \$2.00 and the money spent on buying your book choices. This year the sale takes place on the following dates;

June 8, 9 and 10 (10 am to 5 pm)

From the Desk of the Past-President

Gordon Cumming

Here is a special invitation to any and all members who want to join the excitement of a vital and growing organization and be part of organizing the ongoing initiatives of CRTA (Calgary Retired Teachers Association) We are searching for individuals who are willing to put their names forward to be :

- a) Board members and help set the direction for the Organization. We have four meetings a year, and would be gentle, starting you off as Members at Large, or attaching you to an experienced Board Member.

or

- b) Program Committee Members, and help facilitate individual activities such as Social, Travel, theater, Gardening, or other Member information events.

For further information, or to submit your names, contact Past-President

Gordon Cumming

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June 15, 16 and 17 (10 am to 5 pm)

June 22, 23 and 24 (10 am to 5 pm)

Crossroads Market, 1234-26 Ave SE

(Junction of Blackfoot Trail and Ogden Road

If you have never been to the sale, you are in for a pleasant surprise. There are so many books! Bring along your spouse, a friend or a family member and have fun choosing books for CRTA. We need people with varying tastes and interests.

Servants Anonymous works on behalf of young women (with or without children) providing long-term support, hope and wholeness to those who are victims of, or at risk of, sexual exploitation.

Contact Marg Brucker 403-241-0244

mabrucker@shaw.ca

2012-2013 Memberships

It is that time of year again that we remind our members that current memberships will expire on June 30. During the Steppin'Out Conference many took the opportunity to renew their membership. Thank you. For those who still have to do this you can:

Send a cheque for \$20.00 to

Garry Jeffrey

4412 Brentwood Green

Calgary NW, T2L 1L4

or

Go to the Alberta Retired Teachers website and follow the instructions for membership/renewal.

Teachers who retired in 2011, your membership no longer is free, but we hope that you now will support CRTA.

Teachers who are retiring this year, 2012, will receive a one-year free membership. Because of FOIP, we do not have a list of all this year's retirees, CBE or CSS, and therefore unable to send a membership to all retirees. We really depend on our membership and others to inform Garry Jeffrey of their retirement. You may also send this information to crta2009@calgaryretiredteachers.ca.

Travel and Local Trips

Mary and Don Checkley, in cooperation with Collette Travel are organizing a trip to the Eastern United States in the Spring of 2013. The tour starts in New York city and will take in various historic sites on the way to Washington. You will visit Mount Vernon, see Amish country, Williamsburg among other interesting places. For more information contact the Don or Mary. checklem@telusplanet.net

There were requests for two pick-up points for our local/provincial trips: one in the north and one in the south. The Board at the last Executive meeting discussed this. It was decided to leave the arrangements as they are. Trips to the south will leave from South Centre. Trips north and Rosebud will leave from Beddington Co-op. It is not practical for the buses to travel from their garage back and forth on the Deerfoot during rush hour.

Did you know that the money we received from the Casino last September pays for the bus on in Province trips?

2012 Steppin'Out Conference

The latest edition of the now well-known CRTA Steppin'Out conferences was again a great success. Well over two hundred members, spouses and friends milled around the Dalton Conference Centre enjoying food, speaker presentations and visiting. A variety of sessions, but with a strong emphasis on health and welfare, kept the attendees engaged. The door prizes, as always, were a highlight of the breaks between sessions. If you were a lucky winner, do not forget to thank the donor, when



you have the opportunity to do so. Also mention their name to your friends and relatives. We have to thank too our prize committee that works tirelessly acquiring those gifts.

The picture to the left shows lottery winner Marie Dayman receiving her prize from Gordon Cumming, chair of the Steppin 'Out committee: A trip for two donated by VIA RAIL. Besides the trip Marie received as well a cheque for \$500 from CRTA to help with the extras. It was Marie's and her husband's Rick first time at the Conference,

Let Us Remember Those Colleagues Who Passed Away Recently

Nancy John Fehr	March 8
Alice Baldwin	March 29
Jessie McAllister	April 11
Mary Laura Berger	April 18
Wayne Stewart Aiken	April 27
Aubrey George Ward	May 3
Eileen Ernestine Gatenby	May 9
Agnes Elizabeth Porter	May 9
Gayle Kathleen Penton	May 10

Obituaries continued from the previous page

Stephen J. Buckley	May 12
John (Jack) Haggarty	May 19
Lucy Madeline Cunningham	May 28
Chad Weisberger	May 29

One Man's Opinion

Of course, teachers cannot take all of the credit for averting an imminent tragedy to take place in the recent provincial election; but we do have long memories with respect to the leader of the "Wild" party. Our leaders were insistent, though non-partisan, that we vote and get out the vote, which we did.

Although some are no doubt displeased with vacating traditional voting patterns, it's "any port in a storm". I do not believe that teachers and retired teachers should feel particularly self-satisfied, but they should severely ruminate on what tremendous political power they do wield, if they deign to get of their butts and exercise it. We cannot expect the dear ol' ATA to do it all for us. Political affiliation at that level can be counter productive as evidenced by the good ol' B.C. Teachers Federation. But "Hey politicians—heads up". Do you actually know how many teachers and retired teachers there are in Alberta? C'est la vie, mon ami.

Regards Nick Gass

If you would like to comment on Nick's piece or on anything else. Please feel free to send your letter to the Newsletter mailing address printed on page 1.

A Few More Upcoming Events to Remember

TO H...WITH THE BELL BREAKFAST

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

9:30—11:30 am

The Calgary Winter Club

Cost \$22.00 per person (incl. GST and gratuity)

Cheques to confirm your attendance no later than Friday, August 17, 2012. to be sent to



Volunteers Needed to Organize

CRTA Wreath Laying on

November 11, 2012

As teachers we worked with many on staff who had served in the military in various capacities and taught many students who later on joined the reserves or military to serve overseas. As a tribute to these courageous individuals in our community who served on our behalf, CRTA would like to honour them by being involved in the Wreath Laying Ceremonies on November 11. There is very little to be done.

This committee would be responsible for:

Contacting the Poppy Fund in June and ordering 3 wreaths paid for by CRTA. These will be made and stored at the Military Museum.

Contacting the Military Museum to let them know CRTA is wishing to become part of the ceremony and at which venues.

Laying one wreath or finding colleagues who would lay a wreath at each of the 3 venues on behalf of CRTA on November 11.

Do this again next year.

We would be honored to have colleagues perform this on our behalf. Contact 403-255-4395 and leave a message. If you wish to be involved.

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ARTA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Watch **ARTA, News and Views** or go to www.albertarta.org for information on

- A) A Quilting Project
- B) A Photo Contest
- C) A Bonspiel on November 16 & 17 in Vermillion

Door prize Steppin'Out 2012***Donors******Winners***

Three First Aid Kits	Valentine Volvo	Bill Piechotta, Annabelle Mclean, Joan MacKenzie
Osteopathic Assessment	The English Osteopaths (\$137.00)	Allen Rix
Gift Bag and One month Membership	Curves	George Preston
Cut Flowers	Beddington Flowers	Rick Dayman
30 Minutes Massage Therapy	Nose Creek Massage Therapy	Cheryl Young
Gift Certificate	Serena's Beauty Salon	Lois Marchand
Car Detailing Service (149.95)	Charlesglen Toyota	Sharon Terray
Basket of Stella & Dot Jewelry	Laura Rokosh	Carol Lacey
Art work	Renate Worthington	Delores Duncan
Water-colour Painting	Dave Harrison	Phil Young
A Meal for Two	Dalton's Convention Centre	Marj Challand
New Balance shoes/pref.customer	Tech Shop (Nolan)	Ruth Walkden
White Hat Celebration for 4 people	Calgary White Hatters (Debbie Stahl)	Lawrence Duncan
Two \$25 Gift Certificates	Golden Acres Garden Centre	Laurette Roth and Joan Liland
Pedometer	Cardiac Wellness Institute (Brenda Marra)	Joan MacKenzie
\$50 Gift Certificate	Safeway Pharmacy	Fran Genereux
Gift bag with certificates for two bus trips (Remington and Mosleigh) chocolates.	CRTA	Donna Russell
Two \$25 Gift Certificates	Toscana Italian Grill (Hektor Askusja)	David Willis and Ron Jeffrey
Pen Set	Bank of Nova Scotia	Paulette Benz
\$25 Gift Card	London Drugs 32 Ave NE (Jacquie Fitzgerald)	Linda Burton-Chalmers
Gift Basket	Bee Hive	Marie Rhodes
Travel Kit	Pipestone Travel	Stefi Bagan
Chocolates	Sweetly Speaking	Ena Beunder
Box with Chocolates	Sweetly Speaking	Elaine Westlake

Golfer's Draw

Two Drivers with head cover	Valentine Volvo	Barb Gerber and Selim Sayegh
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