



# The Newsletter

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## **ADVOCACY—WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

With the Provincial Election upon us, as Retirees and Seniors, we have the opportunity to be part of a dialogue with candidates and Political Parties to make them more responsive to our needs and wishes. All aspiring politicians know that Seniors are not only more conversant with the issues than any other segments of the population, but we shape the opinion of friends and family, and are twice as likely to vote than some younger demographic groups.

This campaign will no doubt highlight a number of issues with particular impact on our future. Of particular concern to us are those issues revolving around Health Care . . . Seniors Pharmaceutical Plan, Long Term Care and Assisted Living Strategies, and commitment to Home Care Support to enable seniors to maintain their own residences. Also of interest will be Levels of Taxation for those of us on Defined Benefits Pensions, the future of Education Funding, Resource Development etc.

Get involved. Your phone will be ringing . . . Maybe this is the time to answer that survey. There will be forums . . . Time to attend. Gather two or three friends, shape your questions and issues and visit a candidate. Smile, establish a relationship, and follow up with a visit down the road *cont'd on p.2*

## ***Upcoming Events 2012***

***April 11***

***CBEREA Annual Meeting And Luncheon***

***April 27***

***Container Gardening***

***April 28***

***CRTA ART SHOW***

***May 10-11***

***Steppin'Out Conference***

***June 6***

***CRTA Luncheon***

***June 13 Rosebud Theatre***

***June 18***

***ARTA Memorial Golf Tournament***

***September 27***

***CRTA Annual Meeting and Luncheon***

***November 28***

***CRTA-CBEREA Christmas Luncheon***

to affirm their actions. (Lunch afterwards would be most appropriate)

The Alberta Retired Teachers Association has an excellent paper on Advocacy on their website. As well they are consolidating the responses of the Political Parties to our issues and concerns. Take time to visit.

<http://www.alberarta.org/>

**Together we will make a difference.**

### ***Steppin'Out 2012***

*Some members received registration information for the Conference after March 15. Therefore*

***THE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 31***

*Don't miss the opportunity to attend this wonderful conference. The brochure shows numerous interesting sessions to attend. Both breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.*

*Because of casino proceeds CRTA was able to engage an exciting Evening Dinner speaker for May 10.*

*Colin Milner is founder and CEO of the International Council on Active Aging and is one of the world's visionaries on the health and well-being of older adults.*

*Steppin'Out is not exclusive to CRTA members! Bring your spouse and/or best friend(s) along.*

### ***Charity of Choice::***

#### ***Servants Anonymous Society***

At the June 6 Luncheon CRTA will have a cash, loonie-toonie collection for SAS. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10 or more. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, if a receipt is required. SAS provide long-

### ***CRTA Luncheon: Dress Western***

***June 6, 2012***

***Blackfoot Inn Calgary***

***5942 Blackfoot Trail SE***

NOTE: this will be the only print advertisement of this event. Mark your calendars or check with the CRTA website.

Entree: BBQ 1/4 chicken

Western Entertainer: Bud Edgar

Doors open: 11:00 am – Lunch: 11:30 am

Cost : \$25 members – \$27 non-members

**REGISTRATION MAY 22 to MAY 28**

Email: [crt@gmail.com](mailto:crt@gmail.com)

Fran Genereux 403-238-4906

Gaye-Ellen Shaw 403-730-0461

Please indicate with you registration if you have any dietary concerns.

**Payment by cheque only and made out to CRTA.**

**Mail to Fran Genereux**

**132 Oakfield Place SW**

**Calgary T2V 0J2**

**Payment has to be in on June 1, 2012**

**Sorry, No walk-ins accepted.**

term support, hope and wholeness to young women (with or without children), who are victim of or are at risk of sexual exploitation. CRTA appreciates you support.



## CRTA ART SHOW ON APRIL 28, 2012

St.Andrews United Church

924 Heritage Drive SW

10.00 am– 4:00 pm

*Cash and Cheques only for purchases*

***LAST CALL FOR ARTISTS REGISTRATIONS***

***LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE***

Retired teachers who are visual artists and wish to participate can register **until March 31. After March 31 registrations will be open to all retired artists.** Applications from retired artists will be accepted on a first come first basis, according to the date of registration from March 31 to April 10 or until our spaces are filled.

**APPLICATION WILL CLOSE ON APRIL 10. 2012**

Email images of work can be sent if artists are uncertain about the acceptability of a particular piece to [bruzgav@hotmail.com](mailto:bruzgav@hotmail.com)

Download the registration Form and Liability form from the CRTA Website at [www.calgaryretiredteachers.ca](http://www.calgaryretiredteachers.ca) and mail these along with \$10 to the following address.

CRTA ART SHOW

c/o 5115 Carney Road NW

Calgary—T2V 1G1

### *Travel Near and Far*

On April 25, eleven CRTA-ARTA members will be leaving for a 13 day Collette Vacation to Italy and Greece. They will fly into Milan and tour the Lake District before traveling on to Venice, where they will be boarding the Norwegian Cruise Line's MS Jade for a seven day round trip which will take them through the Adriatic Sea and includes visits to several Greek islands. This trip was facilitated through Don and Mary Checkley.

Don and Mary are also planning a trip to the Eastern United States for the Spring of 2013. Ryan Micucki, of Collette Vacations will give more details on this trip during the Steppin'Out Conference on May 11.

Jim Nielsen has been busy making arrangements to visit Vale's Nursery in Black Diamond. The purpose is to acquaint participants with locally grown prairie hardy annuals and to give instruction in the selection and arrangement of plants in outdoor containers for home use.

The cost is \$5.00 per person plus the cost of soil and plant material. CRTA will arrange for the bus. Further details will be forthcoming. Watch your email.

Margaret Espetveidt is organizing a trip to Rosebud to see the musical "Anne of Green Gables on June 13. Again watch your email for further details

*Let Us Take A Moment to Remember Those  
Colleagues Who Passed Away*

**2011**

Norma Weed	November 10
Margaret Myrtle Stucken	November 17
Janet "Jan" Elizabeth Christie	November 23
Walter Rogalski	November 24
Lorne Wilfred Bunyan	November 24
Alexander Coelho	November 24
Grace Lydia Edler	November 30
Pam Nolan	December 22

**2012**

Robert Horton	January 6
Dawn Elizabeth Wickenden	January 7
Diane Sandra Vogt	January 8
Delphine Malvina Lemire	January 15
Daphne Panton	January 30
Carlo Manzara	February 8
Doreen Margaret Kaiser	February 12
Marie Veronica Kenny	February 14
Dorothy Margaret Blais	February 15
Janice Rose Bertram	February 18
John Frederick Mayell	February 27
Mary Ann Callanan	February 28
LeEllen "Lee" Svoboda	March 5
Betty Helena Smart	March 7
Carol Lynne Lawrence	March 14
Melvin "Earl" McLaughlin	March 17
Lynda Reynolds	March 22

**2012 ARTA Memorial Golf Tourna-**

**ment** CRTA would like to be represented by four golfers at the 2012 ARTA tournament. If you are interested contact Greg Chitrenky, [gichitrenky@gmail.com](mailto:gichitrenky@gmail.com). CRTA will pay entry fee.

**Membership** The coming membership year runs from JULY 1, 2012 till JUNE 30, 2013. Memberships for the coming year can be obtained at the Steppin' Out Conference and the June 9 Luncheon..

New retirees receive their first year membership free, as do members reaching the age of 85

**Scholarships**

The Educational Progress Club Bursary 2012 at the University of Calgary has been awarded to Lauren Little, a student in the Faculty of Education, We wish Lauren all the best with her future studies and career as a teacher.

The 2012 CRTA scholarship at the University of Calgary with the value of \$2400 will be received by Katelyn Horechek, a student in the Faculty of Education.

**CRTA Archives**

Last year CRTA celebrated its 50th anniversary. At that time Chuck Rose and Marj Weerstra did much work to locate archival material. The years from 1990 till now are available, but earlier years' archival material appears lost. Is there anyone, especially amongst our older members, who remembers some of the earlier secretaries or where some boxes may be hidden in a basement or garage? Please contact Marg Brucker, 403-241-0244, [mabrucker@shaw.ca](mailto:mabrucker@shaw.ca)



## *Hats off for Our Volunteers*

CRTA, during the past fifteen year has grown into a vital and active organization. Although created with the purpose to be an advocate for the welfare of retired teachers, its activity level was limited to organizing four luncheons a year. One has only to look at the calendar on page one to realize that CRTA does a lot more.

The Board, which consists of approximately twenty members, is a place where new activity ideas are hatched and often brought to fruition through the efforts of a Board member or members. Ideas from our membership at large are very much welcomed and given due consideration.

A number of years ago it became clear that with the increase in programming more people were needed to allow Board members retirement time as well. Volunteers were needed and many of our members stepped up to plate voluntarily or by invitation. The CRTA Board of Directors wants to thank you for your effort to make CRTA what it is today.

### **2011-2012 Volunteers are:**

<b><u>Casino</u></b>	Fran Genereux	Lila Mydlarski	<b><u>Obituaries</u></b>
Rose Loschiavo	Myrna Clark	Sheila Rocks	Susan Chivers
Ray Doderre	Cyril Ayers	George Rocks	Marj Weersta
Bonnie Marconi	Dave Lunn	Elsie Kushnir	One Board Member
Chuck Rose	Glenda Nixon	SEVEN Board Members	<b><u>Calgary Philharmonic</u></b>
Don Barton	Betty Ayers	<b><u>Steppin'Out 2012</u></b>	Ardyth MacQuarrie
Jim Sagan	Marie Rhodes	Erich Berndt	Riva Avis
Carol Mewha	Doug Rhodes	Marg Espetveidt	<b><u>Rosebud Theatre</u></b>
Sidney Stevenson	Gloria Dalton	Jeannie McCauley	Margaret Espetveidt
Leonne Ferguson	Lorraine Patrick	Kathy Newman	
Dave Scammel	Marlene Sorensen	Carol Palis	
Marlene Marchand	Don DeCecco	FOURTEEN Board Mem-	
Lois Marchand	Karen Anderson	bers	
	Catrina Loman		

**And . . .  
for 2013 we need a  
coordinator for the  
ART SHOW**

## **Christmas Luncheon 2011 Door Prizes**

<b>1. Lazy Loaf and Kettle</b>	\$30.00 Gift Certificate	Elain Cowley
<b>2. Cobbs Bread</b>	\$10.00 Gift Certificate	Marilyn Zelenka
<b>3. Cobbs Bakery</b>	\$10.00 Gift Certificate	Debbie Ireland
<b>4. Blacks Westhills</b>	Photo Album	Ruth Kerr
<b>5. Glamorgan Bakery</b>	The Famous One Dozen Cheese buns	Elaine booth
<b>6. Michelle's Floral Boutique</b>	\$15.00 Gift Certificate	Jane Topp
<b>7. Galleria</b>	Spiced Tea Mix	Irene Kraus
<b>8. Glenmore Landing Photo</b>	Gift Package	Barb Montgomery
<b>9. Kathy Newman, donor</b>	Gift box and shortcake	Rose Burghart
<b>10. Fran Genereux, donor</b>	Norwex Dust Mitt	Mona Robertson
<b>11. Ev Keddie, donor</b>	Gift Cards	Helen Shworak
<b>12. Katrina Loman, donor</b>	Scarf	Fran Hill
<b>13a. Natalie Kurzuk, donor</b>	Gift Cards	June Ferguson
<b>13b. Natalie Kurzuk, donor</b>	Gift Cards	Peter Morgan
<b>14. CBEREA</b>	Two tickets to Stage West	Delores Dunca
<b>15. CBEREA</b>	One Year Membership	Ellen Sears
<b>16. CRTA</b>	Bud Cadman	Bud Cadman
<b>17. CBEREA</b>	One ticket to AGM Luncheon	Helen Beres
<b>18. CRTA</b>	One ticket CRTA Luncheon, June 6 Blackfoot Inn	Barb Sawaryn
<b>19. Richmond Pub and Eatery</b>	Gift Certificate \$50.00	Dorohy Harvie
<b>20. Westside Recreation Cen- tre.</b>	Family Pass—Value \$47.00	Marlene Sorensen
<b>21. Carriage House Inn</b>	Certificate Dinner for two	Dave Thomson

