



The Newsletter

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THE 2014—2015 CRTA EXECUTIVE

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President's Report

The Board of Directors of CRTA continues to be actively engaged in providing activities that enrich and give enjoyment to its members. Last year's programs were mostly fully subscribed and there was often a waiting list. Several of the programs provided earlier will be repeated this year, to give a chance to others to participate.

The Board met on February 18 to plan and discuss the activities for 2015. One of those already took place on February 1: A group of 45 CRTA members and adherents enjoyed the musical production of "The Pirates of the North Saskatchewan III" at the Jubilations Theatre. This was a new initiative.

Kathy Newman was the organizer of a third, sold out, silk scarf dying workshop at the Brentwood Baptist Church. Catrina Loman, the instructor, is a CRTA member. Another new initiative, The Financial Wellness Workshops, was started in September by Trudy Hall. The second one in this series already took place on February 20. Through Trudy's work at ARTA, this initiative will likely go province wide.

On March 4, through the work done by Paul Demers, Judy Steiert and Rolande Parel, Phil Moody, past president of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) was engaged to make a presentation on "Exploring Positive Aging: The Stages on Life's Way".

To make many of the programs CRTA provides more affordable, a large amount of money is needed. A few years ago, Terry Allen with assistance of other Board members, filled out all the papers needed to run a Casino. To continue our programming, another Casino will be held on March 14 and 15 at the Elbow River Casino. Members have again stepped up to the plate to work at this venue. Hats off especially to those who work the late shift.

The Calgary Youth Science Fair will be held at the Olympic Oval on April 17. See

page 4 for more information. Like to assist? Call Terry 403 289 2291 or tgallen1@telus.net.

Sandy Orsten and his group of artists are the organizers for another CRTA sponsored Art Show. It will be held at the same place as the previous two years, St.Peter's Anglican Church, Elbow Drive and 75 Avenue SW across from Henry Wisewood's parking lot, on April 25.

CRTA members love to travel! From April 19 till April 26, thirty-two members and CRTA affiliates will participate in the CRTA-Collette's America's Music Cities Tour. The eight day tour will make stops in New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville.

Advance Notice: the 2016 CRTA-Collette tour has at its destination Australia and New Zealand. It will be a twenty-seven day trip, leaving on March 4 and returning to Calgary on March 30, 2016. Don and Mary Checkley are the contact for this event. If you are interested in a trip to China and possibly SE Asia, contact Greg Chitrenky. He is able to get you a group rate. (Not CRTA sponsored)

Preparation for the 10th edition of Steppin'Out is going full speed ahead. Announcements have been mailed out via snail mail and e-mail to our membership. **Do not forget the early bird deadline, March 15, 2015.** The dinner entertainment by Deborah and Richard Popovitch from Penhold AB is something to look forward to. Richard was the entertainer on last year's steam train Stettler to Big Valley return. The CRTA members on that trip thoroughly enjoyed his music and humour. Dinner on April 30 and the Conference on May 1 will be held at the former Greenwood Inn, now called the Ramada Plaza Calgary Airport Hotel.

Another "Heads-Up" Marg Brucker is organizing a visit to the latest Cirque Du Soleil show that is headed for Calgary and will be stationed at the Stampede Grounds. May 19 has been chosen. Look forward for more information to come your way via e-mail. No e-mail? You may call Marg at 403 241 0244 advising her that you are interested in attending the performance.

And then there is Rosebud! Always a popular trip. Last November two buses went to watch the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Margaret Espetveit will make another two bookings this year. One for early June, The Wizard of Oz—a musical— and the traditional Christmas show in November.

The Social Committee, Linda Manwarren and recruited aides, will be organizing another three luncheons this year: June 3 at the Ramada Plaza Airport Hotel, followed by the AGM on September 24 at the same venue. The Christmas Luncheon will be at the Carriage House Inn. Linda would very much like to see an "aide" come forward from among our membership to share her duties. Linda Manwarren 403-259-5597 lmanwarren@gmail.com. Or, contact any of CRTA's board and make it known you can help.

Jim Nielsen has been very busy on the phone and has organized the following short trip program:

1. Vale's Nursery—April 24, 2015—Black Diamond—Bus Excursion, Planter Preparation and Lunch
2. Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park—June 2015—Gleichen/Cluny—Bus Excursion, Guided Tour and Lunch
3. Ellis Bird Farm—August 2015—Lacombe—Bus Excursion—garden Tour and Lunch
4. Kananaskis Lodge—September 2015—Kananaskis Country—Bus Excursion, Scenic Stroll and Lunch
5. Eau Clair Craft Distillery— October 2015—Turner Valley—Bus Excursion, Guided Tour and Lunch

Further details will come to you via e-mail. No email? Call Jim and tell him that you are interested in one or more of the excursions 403-289-3185

The "SEE ALBERTA' all day bus trips for this year include:

1. A repeat of the popular trip to the Medalta Pottery Museum and Brick Plant—June 2—Medicine Hat—Bus Excursion—tours at both sites and lunch.
2. A repeat of the Prairie Steam Excursion to Big Valley—July 17—Stettler—Bus Excursion—Train Ride—Dinner

Finally, **CRTA is looking for new members for our Board of Directors**, as some of our beloved veterans will be stepping down after this year. We will need a new Casino Director and a “See Alberta” bus trip coordinator next year. Support for these positions will be provided. We need newer/younger retirees to step up and help maintain the quality of our programs. If you can help, please think about joining the 2015-2016 Board of Directors. Your commitment would start in September of this year after election at the AGM.

Social Snippets

November 19, 2014 We began the holiday season early with a delicious luncheon held at the Carriage House Inn. This was a joint luncheon with CBEREA. The participants all greatly enjoyed the choir from Lord Beaverbrook High School under the direction of Ms. Heidi Wood.

February 11, 2015. Forty-five CRTA members/adherents attended Jubilations Dinner Theatre for a performance of *The Pirates of the North Saskatchewan III*. Much laughter and good food was enjoyed by all.

Mark your calendars: The next luncheon will occur on June 3 at the Ramada Plaza Calgary Airport Hotel at 3512 26 Street NE. Registration will begin on May 11.

Interested in being part of the Social Committee? Linda would love to have her join her at 403-259-559 and lmanwarren@gmail.com

“Dyslexia”

The SRCF Learning Centre for Calgary is looking for **Adult Volunteers** willing to **TUTOR** children with dyslexia.

A University or college degree is an asset.

If you have the time and desire, we will train you in the proven Orton-Gillingham method.

CONTACT US AT:

***The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation
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Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra

2015 Seniors Open Rehearsals
Jack Singer Concert Hall
205 8 Avenue SE, Calgary

Ticket Information for CRTA Members and Friends

*Price \$10.00 per person (minimum group booking of 10)
Doors open at 10:00 AM (running time about 90minutes.)*

*Contact person: Joye Brown
email jibrown@telusplanet.net. Please contact Joye 10 days before the rehearsal.*

Pick up your tickets at the door when you arrive.

Upcoming Rehearsals

DVORAK’S EPIC CELLO CONCERTO
May 8, 2015 (*register before April 29*)

BEST OF THE BRITISH: BRITTEN, ELGAR and MORE
May 29, 2015 (*register before May 19*)

MUSSORGSKY and RACHMANINOFF with VALENTINA LISITKA
June 5, 2015 (*register before May 27*)

The Membership Year of CRTA follows the school year—July 1 till June 30 of the following year. A free membership is extended only to retiring teachers immediately following their retirement. For membership and membership questions contact Garry Jeffrey, gjeffrey@shaw.ca or 403-289-2807

**Calgary Youth Science Fair
Volunteers Needed
Friday, April 17th, 2015**

Judging for the Calgary Youth Science Fair this year will be held on Friday, April 17th at the Olympic Oval on the University of Calgary campus.

On Friday, April 17th, the Science Fair organizers would like to have additional support at the Olympic Oval to help with the following;

- a) Supervision of students when they are not being judged.
- b) Assistance from teachers to help read the comment sheets left by judges.
- c) 4 or 5 volunteers to assist with photography from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon.

For (a) and (b) the time commitment would be from about 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch will be provided and volunteers will receive reimbursement for parking at the University.

If you can assist us with any of the above roles, please contact :
Terry Allen at tgallen1@telus.net.

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

<i>2014</i>		<i>2015</i>	
<i>Barbara Claire Gerst</i>	<i>November 1</i>	<i>Alexander John (Jake) Longmore</i>	<i>January 21</i>
<i>John Louis Chillholm</i>	<i>November 2</i>	<i>Audrey Poole</i>	<i>January 30</i>
<i>Audrey Jean Martin</i>	<i>November 11</i>	<i>Valerie Ella Treslan</i>	<i>February 1</i>
<i>Russell William Chow</i>	<i>November 20</i>	<i>Helen Marguerite Baker</i>	<i>February 3</i>
<i>Blanche Bruce</i>	<i>November 21</i>	<i>Sheila Brooks</i>	<i>February 7</i>
<i>Matthew Oberhofer</i>	<i>December 11</i>	<i>Mary Lou Smith</i>	<i>February 18</i>
<i>Harold Russell McBain</i>	<i>December 29</i>	<i>John Alfred Probert</i>	<i>February 18</i>
<i>Kenneth Allen Jesse</i>	<i>December 30</i>	<i>James Byrne</i>	<i>February 23</i>
		<i>Edith Dodds-Belanger</i>	<i>February 26</i>

Acknowledgement of Donated Gifts

and the Names of the Lucky Winners

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westside Rec. Centre—Family Pass
Margaret Espetveidt 2. Honey and Honey Cookbook—Marian Peterson 3. Financial Binder (Investors Group) and a \$10.00 coupon from Brooklyn Pizza—Margaret Reeves | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. A hand Painted Scarf by Catrina Looman
Joyce Wilson 5. Famosa Pizza \$25.00 coupon and hand-made cards by Eve Keddy went to Iris Chomyn 6. Healthy Living for Seniors cookbook, pear chutney and a jar of spice mix –Connie Taylor 7. Brooklyn Pizza \$10.00 coupon and hand-made cards by Eve Keddie went to Helena Wilson. |
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CRTA
CALGARY
RETIRED
TEACHERS'
ASSOCIATION

ART SHOW AND SALE
 Saturday April 25, 2015 from 10:00 to 4:00

Original work by members of the Calgary Retired Teachers' Association.
 Artists will be in attendance.
 Refreshments and door prizes. Free Admission

At St. Peter's Anglican Church - Elbow Drive and 75th Avenue SW

More Winners from the Christmas Luncheon

8. Healthy Eating for Seniors Cookbook, per chutney and jar of spice mix
Carol Lacey
10. Christmas Cookie Jar and \$25.00 Safeway coupon
Emilie Kaminski
Classic Rockies coffee table book.
Myrtle Fisher
11. Humpty's \$30.00 gift card and bowling coupon for Chinook Bowling.
Stephen Brown
12. Ticket for CRTA Spring Luncheon.
Dorothy Harvie
13. Edelweiss Gift Basket.
Jennifer Prest
14. Carriage House Dinner for Two (value \$75.00) -
Anna Leinwebber

Finally.... FYI

- A. The CRTA Board needs replacements on the Board. Please give a board member a call for more information. Do you have a program idea? Do not hesitate to contact Don Checkley, checklem@telusplanet.net
- B. CRTA continues to be challenged by technology. If you find out that you did not receive The Newsletter, while some of your friends did, please contact Ena Beunder, cbeunder@shaw.ca or 403-288-3895
- C. The ARTA Walking Challenge is happening again this year. Walk from April till June 30. Let your pedometer do the counting and submit your 30 best dates to checklem@telusplanet.net. More information will be forthcoming in your e-mail box.
- D. CRTA would like to find a permanent place to archive all its information regarding the organization from its beginning. If you have some boxes stashed away somewhere, please contact Marg Brucker 403-241-0244 or mabrucker@shaw.ca