



The Newsletter

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THE 2015—2016 CARTA EXECUTIVE

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Sandra Grassick Casino

Trudy Hall Director at Large

Dave Harrison Art Show

Garry Jeffrey Membership

Myrna Eichhorn Director at Large

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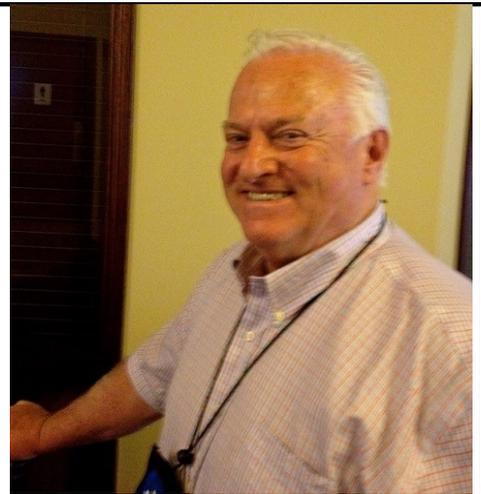
Barb Smith Director at Large

Lynn Rule Director at Large

Any suggestions for activities, enquiries etc. can be directed through the e-mail addresses above.

Welcome to the New Board of Directors

At the AGM on September 25, 2015 a new slate of officers was elected to guide CARTA through the coming year. Greg Chitrenky, the new President, has been a member of the Board since 2006. Greg has been the driving force in bringing CARTA into the often confusing and frustrating world of technology. He has been a vice-



president and has served and continues to serve as a director on ARTA committees. We welcome new Board members: Sandra Grassick, who will take the position as Casino director, vacated by Terry Allen. Dave Harrison will serve as the Director in charge of the popular Spring Art Show, while Myrna Eichorn and Lynn Rule joined the Board as Directors at Large.

Board members are continually engaged in developing programs and presentations that may be of interest to our membership. Late September saw a group of CARTA members enjoy a tour of a distillery in Turner Valley, followed by a luncheon. Trudy Hall is passionate about informing members about financial wellness in retirement and brings in speakers to address the topic. Trudy also works on the ARTA committee for Financial Wellness. Linda Manwarren bought 50 group tickets of the musical 'Once...' that were sold very quickly. Rosebud will be visited on November 25 by two buses filled with members and associated CARTA members to enjoy Rosebud Theatre's Christmas presentation "A Wind in the Willows"

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our technology wizards, most of the event registrations are now taking place on line and payments are made effortless through Paypal and the popular credit cards.

President's Report—Greg Chitrenky

My life has been nothing but hectic, since I was nominated and elected as president of the Calgary Retired Teachers Association at the AGM and Luncheon on September 24. Prior to that I traveled to Edmonton on September 9 for a workshop for new presidents of the various locals in Alberta. I was back in Edmonton on September 14 for the ARTA Representative's meeting.

On October the CRTA Technology committee met with Derek Heck, CRTA's professional technology assistant, to try to iron out some outstanding problems with on-line membership enrollment. It appears that Derek has been able to find a solution and we now can complete the enrollment process, including membership fee payment, all on line

October 10 was the date for the annual ARTA AGM which I attended together with Don and Mary Checkley, Trudy Hall, Ena Beunder, Paul Demers, Marg Brucker, Gordon Cumming, Rolande Parel, Linda Manwarren and Myrna Eichhorn. Ena, Mar, Rolande, Linda and Myrna were the CRTA delegates this year, while the others attended because of their membership in various ARTA committees.

The federal election won by the Liberals, promises, as does the new NDP government in Alberta, to impact the way taxes are being levied. Changes in taxes for seniors, some good, some not so good, seem likely. ARTA/CRTA will keep their membership informed.

Thirty people went on the Eau Claire Distillery tour in Turner Valley, one of Jim Nielsen's short day trips. A City Walk on October 1 was attended by another thirty members. The date with the musical 'Once...' on November 7, has come and gone with 50 people enjoying the show. Margaret Espetveidt has registered 100 people for the Rosebud Theatre's winter season presentation.

On November 12 thirty-five people attended a Financial Wellness workshop presented by members of the Alberta Securities commission and a financial planner, who is also a retired teacher.

And finally, I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Luncheon.



Remembrance Day 2015

CRTA continued the tradition started by Irene Bruzga a number of years ago to honour our fallen soldiers by laying a wreath at the various commemorative sites in Calgary.

This year, Ena Beunder laid a wreath at the Jubilee Auditorium, Trudy Hall at the Cenotaph and Rolande Parel at the ceremony at the Military Museums.

May They Rest In Peace

Board of Directors Meeting November 2, 2015

At the above mentioned date two new committees were struck:

Linda Manwarren, Rolande Parel and Bryan Scott have been asked to give advice with regard to the establishment of two new scholarships: one at Mount Royal University and the other at St. Mary's University. The funds to make the initial payment would come from Casino funds. Individuals would also be welcome to add moneys to the funds. Proceeds from the funds would ideally be directed to students who pursue a career in education.

CRTA already has a long-standing scholarship at the University of Calgary from which moneys are drawn yearly and given to a deserving student in the Faculty of Education, according to criteria established by the University of Calgary.

The second committee, consisting of Myrna Eichhorn and Paul Demers, is investigating the possibility of organizing a series of visual media classes for those retirees who may want to explore and develop a new hobby.

If you want to contact any of the above mentioned board members go to the CRTA web site and click on 'contact' or call Don Checkley 403-271-1193

Memberships

At this time Garry Jeffrey, the CRTA Membership Director, prefers to receive your membership fee to be paid by cheque. Send your payment to 4412 Brentwood Green, Calgary NW, T2B 1L4. gjeffrey@shaw.ca, 403-289-2897

Social Snippets by Linda Manwarren

The September AGM and Luncheon was attended by 80. Following the elections, reports for the AGM and a delicious meal, many remained to hear about Long Stay vacations through Merit Travel. Lori Bauer of TW Insurance provided three door prizes: a BBQ set won by Ron Jeffrey, a Car Safety Kit won by Louis Only and a goodie bag won by Lorie Nikiforuk. Brunch for 2 at the Ramada was supplied by the hotel and won by Dennis Espetveidt. CRTA awarded a ticket for the next luncheon to June Ferguson.

Did you know the CRTA subsidizes the cost of most activities and certainly the luncheons? For example, members paid \$25.00 for the September luncheon when the actual cost of the meal, room, etc. actually came to approximately \$34.00 per person.

To celebrate Active Seniors Week, Lori Beattie led a group on a hike through Inglewood, Ramsey and Bridgeland. It was a wonderfully warm afternoon that encouraged a stop for ice cream at Bridgeland Market! CRTA awarded a copy of Lori's new book of Calgary Hikes to Betty Rusnik.

Broadway Across Canada was a new initiative for me with CRTA. The tickets to ONCE sold quickly and certainly told me there is an interest among CRTA members for this type of activity. I will investigate similar ones for the future.

December 2nd is the annual Christmas Luncheon, a combined activity with CBE-REA and to be held at the Carriage House. Registration begins November 2nd and closes November 29th. The Food Bank is the designated charity for this luncheon. We encourage you to bring food donations or to make a monetary donation. If your donation exceeds \$10.00 and is in an envelope with your name and address, the Food Bank will send you a tax receipt.

Thank you to all who have persevered through the online registration process. It is getting better and provides the option of using a credit card. I will continue to take registrations through email and on the phone for those who need that.

Interested in being part of the Social Committee? Please contact me at 403-259-5597 or lmanwarren@gmail.com

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Mark Your Calendars

CRTA is planning a special evening for 36 lucky people on January 27, 2016 at VinGogh Paint and Sip Studio, 7004 Macleod Trail SE, from 5:30-9:00 PM. Come and enjoy a drink and some snacks, while creating your very own masterpiece! No painting experience required. Watch the email and the website for registration details, beginning January 6th. Call or email Linda with questions (lmanwarren@gmail.com) 403-259-5597

DO NOT CALL ABOUT THIS EVENT UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 2, 2016

Don't forget to check-out the CBE-REA newsletter on line. It is full of all kinds of activities: both the physically active and the sit-down variety. CRTA and CBE-REA follow the mantra that mentally and physically engaged seniors will live a long and happy life. Both organizations try to cater the need of keeping members socially engaged. Therefore, take out a membership, volunteer and enjoy the company of your colleagues.

*I wish all members of the CRTA a Joyous Christmas/Hanukah and a Happy and Healthy 2016.
Ena Beunder, Editor The Newsletter*



Christmas Luncheon



A Joint Luncheon of CRTA and CBE-REA

Carriage House, 9030 Mcleod Trail S

December 2, 2015 11:00 AM—3:00 PM

Doors open @ 11:00 AM

As always a free book shall be available for the guests. Check the tables in the foyer. These books were bought through a donation by CRTA to Servants Anonymous at the yearly book sale

Traditional Turkey Dinner

Entertainment @ 1:00 PM by The Lord Beaverbrook Choir under the direction of Heidi Wood

Reservations and payments can be made on line. You may also reserve by going on email or by phone. Imanwarren@gmail.com or call 403-259-5597. Advise Linda Manwarren of dietary restrictions.

Let Us Take A Moment To remember Those Colleagues Who Passed Away Recently

Peter Stefanchuk	August 25
“Barry” Wilfred Duncan	August 31
Michele Lyn (Matheson) Yablonski	September 29
Carol Ann Tomanik	September 30
M Felicia Melnyk	October 1
Mary Elenor Davidson	October 4
Eleanor Doolan	October 4
Dale Norman Fisher	October 8
Brock Ramsay	October 10
Frederick Vincent	October 27
Louis Lapointe	November 3
Janet Ann Beattie	November 8

If anyone was missed in this column, please contact cbeunder@shaw.ca or 403-288-3895 and the name will be added in the next Newsletter



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A total of 21 174 828 footsteps were left on the streets, paths, homes, yards in Calgary and beyond by fifty-seven CRTA walkers this past Spring.

Each ARTA local was allowed to total the steps of their thirty best walkers. For the second time thirty walkers with a total of 14 384 428 steps claimed first place for

Calgary among the ARTA locals.

During the three months of April, May and June the thirty walked an average of 14 000 three times a week. Phenomenal! If you feel intimidated by this, don't be. As Mary Checkley, member of the ARTA Wellness Committee always says: "Any walking is better than no walking at all."

This was the third time ARTA's Wellness committee encouraged its members to accept a challenge and 57 Calgary members heard the call and participated. Well done everyone!

The next CRTA Newsletter will be published in March 2016

