



The Newsletter

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CRTA Mission Statement

The mission of the Calgary Retired Teachers Association is to support the financial and social well-being of present and future CRTA members through programs, such as benefits and pension programs, to advocate for retired teachers and seniors, to work in concert with ARTA and other seniors' groups in promoting the interests of its members.

CRTA PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL- MAY- JUNE ACTIVITIES

On April 6th, the CRTA hosted its annual ART SHOW featuring art work produced by artistic members of the CRTA.

On April 18th, 56 members of the CRTA travelled to Medicine Hat to visit the Medalta Pottery Museum. We enjoyed a 2.5 hour guided tour of the museum housed in the National Historic Pottery Site along the South Saskatchewan River in Medicine Hat.

On April 26, Jim Nielsen's gardening group made a visit to Vale's Nursery in Black Diamond and returned with large garden pots full of annuals for a new gardening season.

On April 26th, 13 members of the CRTA joined a 10 day Collette Heritage of America tour. It visited, New York City, Philadelphia, Amish Country around Lancaster Pennsylvania, Gettysburg, Shenandoah National Park, Monticello, Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon and Washington DC.

On May 9, Phil Calloway was the featured speaker at the CRTA's Steppin' Out Banquet. 120 guests enjoyed his " We Need To Laugh Again " presentation

On May 10th, 240 people attended the 2014 Steppin' Out Conference to enjoy sessions on gardening, line dancing, golf, zumba, new legislation concerning wills, Calgary's history, calligraphy, ARTA benefits, Restaurant reviews with John Gilchrist, downsizing, etc.

On May 12th, Greg Chitrenky took 130 ARTA members on a trip to China

On May 16th, 54 CRTA members attend a presentation on Women in War (the growth of women's rights in Canada) at the Military Museums in Calgary.

On June 1st, 20 members of the CRTA will begin their 20-20-20 walking challenge.

On June 6th, members gather for the CRTA's Stampede Kick Off BBQ luncheon at the Blackfoot Inn.

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On June 11th, members of the CRTA will journey to Edmonton to visit the Royal Alberta Museum. We will also see the plans for the new Museum which will open in 2020.

On June 13th, 56 members of the CRTA will travel to Rosebud for the theatre production of the Cotton Patch Gospel.

On June 20 and 21, the CRTA will be holding their Casino at the Elbow River Casino, near the Stampede Grounds.

On June 24th, 40 members of the CRTA will participate in a guided historical tour of Heritage Park in Calgary.

Don Checkley

Membership As you can see from the President's message CRTA is NOT a sleepy organization. Being part of this organization can be a social and mental enriching experience in your retirement years.

The coming membership year runs from JULY 1, 2012 till JUNE 30, 2013. Memberships for the coming year can be obtained at June 6 Barbecue Luncheon at the Blackfoot Inn or you can contact Garry Jeffrey 4412 Brentwood Green NW, Calgary, T2L 1L4—
gjeffrey@shaw.ca

Teachers who retired in June 2012 from the CBE or the Calgary Separate School System are now required to purchase a membership in order to stay in contact with CRTA. Teachers who are retiring on June 30, 2013 will receive CRTA news complimentary until June 30, 2014.

2013 Steppin' Out Door Prize Winners

And

Generous Donors

Klass, Marlene Marchand, Juliette Hachey, Faye Preston, and Peter Morgan. The baskets all contained chocolates from Greg Chitrenky of the Steppin' Out Committee, Cookbooks from the Blue Flame Kitchen, Shampoo from Pure Salon, the BC Healthy Eating Book plus something different in each basket such as food from BITE Groceteria or Caribbean Choice, or glasses from Charlesglen Toyota, Colored Pencil Art Cards from Germaine Bleile, a brand new book by education author, Irene Naestad or a gift certificate from Golden Acres, Heritage Park, Beddington Coop, or COBS! The Starbucks on 9th Ave. in Inglewood, gave us coffee, biscotti and coffee mugs. Norma Ellis, also on the committee, donated specialty coffee from Jamaica!

Other donations and winners included:

AON Hewitt Cheese Tray: Donna Davidson

Beehive Gift Basket: Lorne Haggarty

TW Insurance Travel Mug and Golf Balls: Mary Baltgailis

Donna Gendre

TW Insurance KOBO Reader Janet McKinnon

Dalton's Sunday Brunch for Two: Peter Beunder

Susan Chivers

Rocky Mountain Photo Book and CRTA, June 6, 2013 Barbeque Ticket:

George Brybycin Beverly Holroyd Helen Brown

****Special Note:** Doorprizes were also won in some of the workshop sessions so thank you presenters!

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

Betty Missett– Gale	February 10
Gerhard “Hardy” Loewen	April 12
Dora Ety	April 17
Miriam Roberts	April 21
Sandra Mykytiuk-Evans	May 8
Marjory Erlendson	May 14
Herbert Thomas Pritchard	May 15
Lynn Lacentra	May 21
Cheryl Lynn Warren Bradford	May 22

May They rest In Peace

Authors, Authors and more Authors

At the May Steppin`Out conference a room had been set aside to display the work of retired teachers, who finally found the time to develop their writing talents. There were novels, historical works, poetry and non-fiction.

Nick Gass, a retired Calgary teacher has written a book entitled **Cataclysm, A Scientific Basis for Some Old Legends**. In the book Nick takes geology out of the oil patch to authenticate the first twenty-five verses of the Bible. He presents a multidisciplinary history of the Middle East.

Intrigued? Nick’s book can be bought through iUniverse www.iunivers.com or from a local bookstore.

978-1-4759-6537 (SC-ISBN) softcover \$16.95

Another author is Doug Mirtle. Doug already was writing poetry when he was actively teaching. His muse did not retire with him and here follows one of many of Doug’s poems.

The Rear View Mirror

*Nostalgia has a soft, sweet tongue that whispers, reminisces,
It blends our memories of life, of love’s sweet charms and kisses.
We remember many friends now gone and stories that they told,
Their odysseys recalled from youth until they left the fold.
Our minds are full of memories like a field of grass so green
A tapestry of landscapes of what was and could have been.
We share these movies in our minds and listen to each other,*



Elbow River Casino

McLeod Trail

June 20 and 21, 2013

Terry Allen and his committee tirelessly work on the casino project: application forms have to be filled out and all the i’s dotted and t’s crossed. Upon CRTA’s first successful Casino in December 2011 his committee took on the task of guarding and dispensing the proceeds in a prescribed manner. Money has been spent in support of some charities that are of benefit to seniors as well as charter buses for the numerous trips that CRTA members undertake.

Please consider helping out Terry at the June Casino. He is still in need of some workers for late night shifts. CRTA would like to see some of the younger retirees to help with and support this fund-raising effort. Call Terry at 403-289-2291 or tgallen1@telus.net

*These magic carpets that we ride when we all get together.
And though these autumn years encompass all we were or are,
We carry on the journey until who knows how far?
When our summer side of life becomes the autumn of our years,
May strains of “Auld Lang Syne”, echo in our ears.
Cherish friendship’s golden handshake as winter’s stormy blast is near
We have so much in common, this day, this week, this year.*

(with permission)

Announcements

At the Executive meeting of May 22 it was decided that CRTA will recognize the following businesses for their support of our organization. Each will be presented with a framed certificate. Calgary Co-op Beddington for free parking, South Centre Mall for free parking and a meeting room as well as Charlesglen Toyota for providing CRTA’s executive with a meeting room.

CRTA is looking for volunteers to serve as a director on the 2013-2014 executive. Contact mabrucker@shaw.ca



STANLEY JONES SCHOOL 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ALUMNI RON SOUTHERN, FOUNDER OF ATCO GROUP AND CO-FOUNDER OF SPRUCE MEADOWS

ENTERTAINMENT: ALUMNI TOMMY BANKS, AWARD WINNING CANADIAN PIANIST, CONDUCTOR, ARRANGER, COMPOSER, TELEVISION PERSONALITY AND FORMER SENATOR

STANLEY JONES, ONE OF CALGARY'S ICONIC SANDSTONE BUILDINGS IS 100 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR. THIS IS A **RARE EVENT** IN CALGARY. NOT ONLY HAS THE BUILDING STOOD FOR THIS LONG BUT IT HAS BEEN DOING THE SAME THING FOR ALL OF THOSE 100 YEARS - EDUCATING CALGARY'S CHILDREN! THERE WAS A BRIEF PERIOD WHEN IT WAS ALSO A HOSPITAL AND MORGUE!! CHECK OUT OUR HISTORICAL GARDENS AND FIND OUT WHY! HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO SEE THE INSIDE OF ONE OF CALGARY'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS....TOURS AVAILABLE!!

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH TO SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH, 2013

WHO: ALL ALUMNI, INCLUDING STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF AND INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WHAT: A CELEBRATION OF HISTORY, EDUCATION, LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

WHERE: STANLEY JONES SCHOOL 950 - 6th Street NE, SPRUCE MEADOWS EQUIPLEX

WHY: SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN CALGARY HISTORY

"Each year the school nurse visited. Most students didn't like those visits" quote from Dorothy Nelson (Morgan) attended 1923 to 1931 and plans on attending the 100th!

The school was right next door to Calgary's first airport...."We watched one airshow where a parachutist made both his first and LAST jump" quote from Gord Hawkins, attended 1929-1937 and plans on attending the 100th!

Transcripts from pilots to traffic controllers "We can't land, there are kids on the runway"....quote from historian John Gilpin in his research into the history of Stanley Jones and surrounding area.

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