



# The Newsletter

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**THE 2012-2013 CRTA EXECUTIVE**

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Fran Genereux Social

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Gordon Marconi Benefits

Jim Nielsen Short Day Trip

Juliette Hachey, Norma Ellis, Trudy Hall

Margaret Kurtze, Linda Manwarren

*The Executive is always looking for retired teachers who are willing to serve on the Board. A new member can "learn the ropes" by joining as a Director and consequently assisting in a new or on-going project.*

*The CRTA Executive is always open to hearing from members who have ideas on where and how it can improve in serving its membership and seniors better.*

## President's Message—Annual Report

Firstly, I give my thanks to Margret Brucker, who as Past President has given sage advice to this novice president.

The CRTA has completed another year of activities that cater to our very diverse membership.

Fran Genereux and the social committee organized three luncheons for the membership. In September 2012 we enjoyed a lovely luncheon at the Blackfoot in, followed by the CRTA's AGM. In November, Fran's group in conjunction with the CBE-REA organized our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Carriage House Inn. Lord Beaverbrook's School Choir entertained the guests after the delicious food had been consumed. In June of this year the committee organized the annual Stampede themed BBQ luncheon. The average attendance for each of the luncheons was 101 people.

Our 50th ARTA anniversary project was launched in the fall. We asked members and others to submit stories about outstanding teachers, who influenced them when they were students. Stories about teachers, who had influenced their children were welcomed too. Finally stories about teachers, who as colleagues had been a positive influence in the classroom and beyond. Unfortunately, we were only able to collect approximately 20 stories, which were published on our website. Many stories were promised, but the return was somewhat disappointing.

Irene Bruzga organized a workshop on decorating chairs through the use of collages and paint in November. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate very well which limited the participation in this event.

The CRTA organized a computer workshop on Office 2010 Word, through the ARTA com/tech committee for 25 participants on a very cold day in January.

Kathy Newman organized a series of Calligraphy workshops (sold-out) by Renate Worthington that began on February 8

In January, the CRTA also participated in an ATA session given to potentially retiring teachers about benefits and pensions. The CRTA also shared a booth at the Calgary City Teachers Convention with CBE-REA and ARTA in February, where information was passed out to wishful retirees.

Margaret Brucker organized a workshop on Depression by Dr. Magda Czegledi for 12 interested participants on February 9

Also in February CRTA offered an explanatory workshop on the changes in the ARTA benefits carrier and the new TW insurance available through ARTA to 275 interested and concerned members.

Jim Nielsen organized two sold out visits to the Big Rock Brewery that featured a tour and a meal at the brewery's facility. The visits in September and November 2012 involved 25 members each time.

Irene Bruzga and her art committee sponsored/organized another successful art show on April 6, where artists exhibited their work to visitors and customers in the new location at St. Peter's Anglican Church hall.

In early May, 14 members travelled to the Eastern United States on a joint CRTA-Collette tour called the "Heritage of America" vacation tour. They visited New York, Philadelphia, Colonial Williamsburg and Washington DC.

Gordon Cumming and his conference committee organized another successful "Steppin' Out" Confer-

ence which was held on May 10, 2013. The conference was preceded by a banquet on May 9, where Phil Callaway entertained the audience with a "Learning to Laugh Again" theme. The conference on May 10 featured twenty-one sessions on topics ranging from benefits, travel, gardening, art, history to physical activities. The 250 participants were thoroughly entertained and we would like to thank our many sponsors such as VIA RAIL for their continued support.

Margaret Espetveidt organized two bus trips to the Rosebud Theatre for 56 participants each time. We enjoyed a modern day version of the Christmas Story in late November and the "Cotton Patch Gospel" in June.

The CRTA organized a visitor to the Military Museums in Calgary to hear a lecture on "Women in War" which was basically the history of women's rights in Canada. The visit also included a visit to the Air Force section and one of the Army sections. The tours were led by veterans of the armed services.

In June our CRTA Casino was flooded out as the Elbow River overflowed its banks and filled the Elbow Casino with several feet of water. The CRTA casino volunteers under Terry Allen's direction were evacuated from the casino just before the water began to enter the casino.

In the month of June 20 members of CRTA joined the 20-20-20 ARTA Wellness Walking Chal-

lenge. The combined steps of the 20 members over the 20 days was an amazing 5, 077, 033 steps.

Jim Nielsen organized a tour of Heritage Park for our interested members. Scheduled for June 24, the flood delayed this visit to July 22. Twenty-four of our members enjoyed the walk back through history. Jim Nielsen organized 3 short day bus tours. These tours fell during the period of April to August of this year. The three places that were visited were: Vale's Nursery, the Bar-U Ranch, the Chinook Honey Farm and the Saskatoon Berry Farm. The trips proved to be popular as all seats on the buses were sold out on the first day of publication through our e-mail blast system.

Don and Mary Checkley organized 4 all day bus trips to various locations as part of their "See Alberta" program. The trips had an average attendance of 46 passengers. The April trip went to the MedAlta Pottery Museum in Medicine Hat. The June trip was to the Royal Museum in Edmonton. The July trip visited the Nikka Yuko Gardens in Lethbridge and the Wild Birds of Prey Centre in Coaldale. The August trip saw members in the Crowsnest Pass area to visit the Frank Slide.

The CRTA executive continues to step up and deliver service to its membership. I want to thank the board members for their commitment and willingness to find new activities that meet our membership' needs.

### Door Prize List – June 6, 2013 Luncheon

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Winner</b>
1	Luncheon Ticket – AGM Sept 27	CRTA	Dennis Ming CRTA
2	Basket of Goodies <i>Bite Groceteria and Caffè 1023 9 Ave SE</i> <i>Caribbean Choice 2235 Centre St N</i>	Gathered by Kathy Newman	David Peyto
3	Gift Cards and Scarf	Catrina Loman	Sharon Terray
4	One Year CRTA Membership	CRTA	Patrick Sears
5	Healthy Living for Seniors	ARTA	Barry Marks
6	Healthy Living for Seniors	ARTA	Bev Holroyd
7	Healthy Living for Seniors	ARTA	Irene Summerville
8	\$25 Gift Card Cobbs Bakery	Stadium Cobbs	Charlie Grant
9	Homemade Breads	Linda Manwarren	Bev Montgomery
10	Homemade Breads	Linda Manwarren	Fran Hill
11	Classic Rockies George Brybycin	CRTA	David Ballard
12	Blackfoot Inn Gift Certificate	Blackfoot Inn	Betty Rose
13	Center pieces on each table	CRTA	

### ***General News Items***

Several members of the CRTA's executive are having their name stand for positions on the ARTA' executive. The elections will take place on October 2 at Dalton's Conference Centre in NE Calgary. It is the first time in ARTA's 50 year history that the AGM will take place outside of Edmonton. Gordon Cumming, Paul Demers Mary Checkley, Don Checkley and Trudy Hall are running for various positions. Barb Smith, Greg Chitrenky and Gordon Marconi continue their service to ARTA on their respective committee(s).

Jim Nielsen, Margaret Espetveidt, Ena Beunder, Gordon Marconi and Trudy Hall will be CRTA's *cont'd p.4*

## *CRTA September Luncheon*

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## *Annual General Meeting*

*September 26, 2013*

*Hotel Blackfoot 5940 Backfoot Trail SE*

*Doors open at 11:00 am Program at 11:30 am*

***Entrée: Chicken & Mushroom Vol-au-Vent***

*(Chicken and Vegetables in Puff Pastry)*

***No Host Bar***

*The Hotel Blackfoot would like to express their appreciation for the ongoing patronage of CRTA by providing this luncheon at a \$5.00 reduction*

**\$20.00 for members \$22.00 for non-members**

*CRTA will accept donations at this luncheon for the  
Calgary Public Library Flood Recovery Program*

**Online Registration—September 3—20**

**[www.calgaryretiredteachers.ca](http://www.calgaryretiredteachers.ca)**

**Telephone Registration—September 11-20**

Fran Genereux—403 238 4906

Dietary restrictions or concerns can only be accommodated by calling Fran

**Mail your cheque made out to CRTA to**

Fran Genereux,

132 Oakfield Place SW

Calgary AB T2V 0J2

**Payment must be received by September 23**

**Sorry, no walk-ins can be accepted**

**During the luncheon the audited balance sheets and the Executive for 2014-2015 will be presented for approval from its membership.**

## *Upcoming Events*

- September 26** CRTA Luncheon and AGM  
Hotel Blackfoot
- October 1-2** ARTA AGM in Calgary
- October 17** CBE-REA *Oktoberfest*  
Austrian Canadian Club
- October 17** CRTA Wellness Workshop (see further details in this newsletter)
- October 24** CRTA—Session 1 on computers and privacy
- October 31** CRTA—Session 2 on computers and protection of privacy
- November 4** CRTA Executive Meeting
- November 27** CRTA/CBE REA Christmas Luncheon at the Carriage House Inn
- April 5** CRTA—Art Show at ST Peter's Anglican Church
- May 14—June 12** Budapest to Amsterdam River Cruise (currently sold-out)
- May/June** **In the planning stage** Trips) to China—Vietnam—Cambodia.  
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delegates at ARTA's AGM.

There will be a banquet on Monday evening, October 1st for delegates and guests. A few places may be available for general members. If you would like to attend contact Gordon Cumming, cumingg@shaw.ca

If you can lend a hand manning a table, greeting and directing guests contact Barb Smith, bdsmith2@telus.net or 403 286 1605.

The first of CRTA's appreciation awards to businesses that assist us regularly was presented to Todd Richardson of Charlesglen Toyota in NW Calgary.



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Twice a year the executive conducts its meetings there in a modern, airy board room. We thank this dealership for their hospitality and service to us and other community groups.

Terry Allen reported that, despite the rain and consequent flooding of the Elbow River Casino, CRTA received approx. \$69 000. Thanks to Terry and the volunteers.

Gordon Cumming, on behalf of ARTA presented Terry Allen with an award for many years of volunteering on behalf of students (Science Fair) and organizations that care for the citizens of our city and province (Rotary and Calgary Foundation)

Marg Brucker and Barb Smith collected several boxes with books at this year's SAS (Service Anonymous) book sale in June. They plan to have some of them available, free of charge, to our membership at the Christmas luncheon and the 2014 Steppin' Out Conference.

Irene Bruzga, after having been a board member for many years, has resigned. Irene was instrumental in returning the overpaid health care premiums back to the retired teachers. In addition to initiating the very successful CRTA Art show, Irene worked a number of years ARTA committees. Enjoy your 2nd retirement, Irene!

Thank you Susan Chivers for helping CRTA with keeping track of teachers who pass away. Also a thank you to those members who let us know of a death that does not appear in the obituaries.

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

Susan M Sutherland	January 28
Robert Barrie Callaway	June 8
Doris Friesen	June 14
Marion Honey	June 20
Louretta Kathleen Anderson	June 23
Bryan Ross Seely	June 27
Donald Joseph MacInnis	June 28
Joanne Carol Riethman	June 30
Donna B. Rediger	July 8
Peter Burgel	June 9
Marilina Anna Rossi	July 11
Dennis Thompson	July 18
Marilyn Lovin Silver	July 26
Darlene Lambe Boraas	July 26
Joyce Wontner	August 4
Leslie Sherlock	August 5
Elizabeth Brown	August 11
Sharon Cynthia Mason	August 15
Dolores Schreiner	August 16
Cynthia Clare Downe	August 19

*May They Rest In Peace*

*Memberships*

The anniversary date of our membership year 2013 has passed. Did you renew? It is not too late. \$20 for regular retired teachers. Send your cheque to **Garry Jeffrey, 4412 Brentwood Green Calgary NW, T2L-1L4**

You may also pay on line by going to the website.

The new CRTA data base is almost ready. It will notify you when your membership is due.

## **CRTA Wellness Workshop**

The morning session will feature **Healthy Eating for Seniors**, which focusses on the Canada Food Guide, Portion Size, Label Reading and Sodium Awareness. Lunch will be provided. The afternoon session will discuss seniors and driving, presented by the Alberta Motor Association.

Date: **October 17, 2013**

Location: **Brentwood Baptist Church**  
**3512 Charleswood Drive NW**  
**(across from the Brentwood Shopping Center)**

Cost: **\$10.00**

Registration: 1) email Linda Manwarren at [lmanwarren@gmail.com](mailto:lmanwarren@gmail.com)  
(Only if you have no access to email: 403-259-5597)  
2) Once you have been contacted by Linda and are confirmed to be on the registration list, send a cheque care of Paul Demers, 416 Silvervalley Road NW, Calgary, T3B 4B9  
Mark "Wellness" on the memo portion of the cheque.

## **CRTA Internet Privacy Workshops**

### **Do you know who is watching you while you are on line?**

A huge, mostly hidden industry, is raking in billions collecting, analyzing and selling **Your Personal Information** by tracking your internet activities. One of the fastest growing businesses on the internet is spying on you and selling your personal data.

### **“EVERYTHING YOU’RE DOING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC PERMANENT AND VERY SEARCHABLE**

This information session will examine the (incredible) extent of the invasion of your privacy while you are using the internet. You will then be provided with some strategies that will help you better guard your privacy.

The strategies provided are directed to PC users, but Apple users will also benefit from this information. Social media and 'smartphones' will not be included.

Dates: **October 24 and 31**

Location: See above for the Wellness Workshop

Time: **1:00 PM until 3:00 PM**

Cost: **\$ 5.00 for one session, \$10.00 for two sessions**

**The second session will be a continuation from the first session**

Registration: 1) email Margaret Brucker at [mabrucker@shaw.ca](mailto:mabrucker@shaw.ca)  
2) Once you have been confirmed send a cheque to Paul Demers (address above) and mark it "Privacy" in the memo section.