

The Newsletter

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A TRIBUTE TO ENA

“Have a good holiday, Ena, but don’t forget to come back!” Ena is our CRTA Newsletter Editor and now that she is on holidays, we see the reality of all the work that she does for the CRTA. As well as collecting data and producing the newsletter every two months, Ena keeps track of CRTA emails, phone calls and snail mail letters. “We miss you already!”

Thank you, Ena! CRTA Executive

President’s Message

What an exciting and rewarding year for CRTA! It’s been a privilege to work with such an outstanding group of individuals. Most recently we had an impressive line-up of speakers and presenters at the CRTA “Steppin’ Out” Conference. Thank you to everyone who made this remarkable event possible: the speakers and presenters, the Conference Committee members of CRTA under Gordon Cumming’s leadership, the hosts, volunteers, our partners; the Alberta Retired Teachers’ Association, Johnson Inc. and Collette Vacations and the amazing staff at the Dalton Centre. Of course a special thank you to our enthusiastic participants. Without you, there would be no conference ... no “Steppin’ Out”.

The second annual Art Show and Sale, March 27th, 2010 was an overwhelming success thanks to Irene Bruzga and her assembly of dedicated volunteers, the artists, and the patrons. Over six hundred people viewed the handiwork of the artists and enjoyed the opportunities to visit with former colleagues at St. Andrews United Church. Irene is already planning to add new dimensions to the 2011 Art Show. Be sure to keep in touch.

As we did not have access to any grants this year, our activities for members were somewhat limited compared to last year, however, many interesting and exciting programs were enjoyed by participants. A pre-Christmas bus trip to Rosebud theatre was entertaining, “Fiddler on the Roof” was

enjoyed at the Jubilee Auditorium and several members and friends attended Friday morning sessions at the Jack Singer Concert Hall listening to rehearsals by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. Thank you to everyone who made these events possible for all of us to enjoy. The Valentine’s Tea was a special time to meet with friends, enjoy the goodies and remember Teachers’ Conventions from the past as we celebrated our new adventures in retirement.



CRTA luncheons are favorite activities for many members. The October and December functions provided good food and great opportunities to visit, catch up on travels and grand children. As soon as we are able to enjoy the spring, you can begin planning for the BBQ on June 11th at the Varsity Acres Community Centre. Plans are also under way for a June tour to Rosebud Theatre to enjoy “Oliver”. More theatre: “Menopause the Musical, The Hilarious Celebration of

Women and The Change®” on June 29th, and a matinee performance of Mamma Mia on September 25 at the Jubilee Auditorium. Also, Judy Steiert, a Professional Sage-ing Leader, presented a workshop related to “a profound new vision of growing older” on May 19th at Brentview Baptist Church.

Something new for CRTA this year was the need to provide opportunities for members to hear about the proposed changes to the Alberta Pharmaceutical Plan and the impact on the ARTA Benefits Plan. Thank you to Ralph Levinson, Johnson Inc. and everyone who stepped up to enable the sessions sponsored by ARTA at Brentview Baptist Church in March and April.

Membership Announcement: At the June BBQ members will be asked to vote on a recommendation from the Board of Directors concerning an increase in the CRTA membership fees. The Board will recommend that the new cost be \$20 per year (July 1st to June 30). Presently the cost is \$15 per year. (more details on page 2)

Thank you for your interest and participation in CRTA activities. Your Board of Directors is looking forward to planning activities and programs for 2010 – 2011. We welcome your feedback, and suggestions and also your volunteerism if you would like to join the Board.

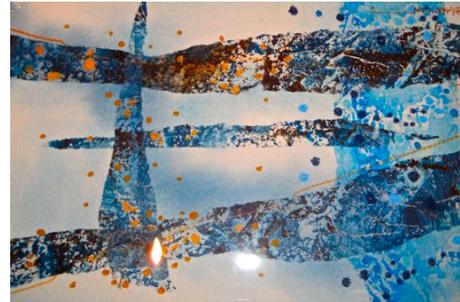
Wishing you a great summer.

Margaret Brucker



Pictured here are Gordon Cumming, Chair of the "Steppin' Out 2010" Conference, and Annabelle McLean, winner of the VIA Rail Return Trip for Two from Edmonton to Vancouver. The CRTA is most appreciative of the generosity of VIA Rail in supporting our activities with this amazing donation.

Congratulations Annabelle, and have a great trip!



Steppin' Out 2010

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| Alberta Egg Producers | Lorraine Lavoie |
| ARTA | Carole Baldwin |
| Gerry Bates Photo Cards | Lesley Reed |
| The Beehive | Pam Minkevics |
| Calgary Cycle | Pat Peach |
| Calgary Wordfest | Lyla Eye to enter text |
| Norma Ellis - Coffee | Lynn Piechotta |
| Digital Camera | June Ferguson |
| Dalton Conference Center | Rosemary Kennedy |
| Edwards Garden Center | Mavis Bush |
| Fran Genereux - Norwex | Susan Matheny |
| Glamorgan Bakery | Bob Crabb |
| Golden Acre | Evelda Love |
| Dave Harrison -Artist | John Bleile |
| Honda Canada | Sharon Allen |
| J. Planidin Apex Mortgage | Rose Loschiavo |
| M&M Gift Certificate | Gwen North |
| Nature Conservancy | Laura Auger |
| Opalescent Jewelry | Greg Reed |

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| Pipestone Travel | Elizabeth Beyko |
| Speargrass Golf Course | Sue Rhodes |
| Wash My Back Towels | Jack Liland |
| Sheila Rock Cards | Joanne Watson |

Our Donors help to make our events more fun by adding a bit of surprise and delight.

Special thanks to all of them for their generosity.

Please remember to say thank you when you visit their shops or use their services as we want our donors to feel supported by the CRTA Membership.



CAMERA LOST AT STEPPIN' OUT SYMPOSIUM

One of the presenters at the conference could not find his camera after his Salsa session in Maple Leaf A. There were videos and pictures of dancers on this Canon camera which he is desperate to get back. If you have any information or can help in any way, please contact us by calling 403-255-4395.



IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective July 1, 2010 the annual membership fee for the Calgary Retired Teachers' Association will be increased to \$20.00/year.

This is the first membership fee increase in eight years, and is motivated by the increased cost of carrying out the business of CRTA and the significant improvement in the number and variety of activities offered to our membership. Some of these activities require a degree of subsidization.

Among the many events and activities organized by the CRTA are:

- We organize 4 luncheons each year.
- A Spring Tea is being planned.
- We arrange an annual Retired Teachers' Conference.
- We have established an Affinity Program. (We have engaged a number of businesses that provide items or services at a reduced cost for members)
- A variety of theatre presentations and courses have been made available to members.
- We have worked to retrieve funds belonging to retired teachers. Currently work is being done to ensure the demutualization of the CBE Dental and Vision Benefits Plans.
- We have prepared and are constantly upgrading a very informative website: calgaryretiredteachers.ca
- We issue 4 newsletters each year.

****IF YOU ARE OVER 85 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVE CRTA MEMBER FOR A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS, YOU MAY APPLY FOR A FREE MEMBERSHIP! CONTACT GARRY FOR INFORMATION AT : gjeffrey@shaw.ca**

ANOTHER GREAT ART SHOW AND SALE!

March 27 was a great day! That was the day of the Second Annual Calgary Retired Teacher's Art Show and Sale at St. Andrews United Church at 924 Heritage Dr. S.W., showcasing the talents of retired teachers and friends. 44 artists participated in the show with work that was viewed by approximately 600 enthusiastic attendees who streamed through the hall during the 6 hour event. Many comments were made as to the excellent variety and quality of the art on display. Thanks to all who attended and supported the show. It just keeps getting better! If you missed this one you want to be sure you attend next year. So mark Saturday, March 26 on your calendar and we will see you next year. IRENE, DAVE, COMMITTEE AND ARTISTS!



MESSAGE FROM CRUISE PLUS

Hello, fellow travelers!

I just wanted to follow up and say thank you for taking the time to participate in our "Having Nautical Thoughts" presentation. I really enjoyed meeting all of you and hearing of your past travel experiences and sharing some of mine! I hope you enjoyed it too, and that we managed to discuss together something new that will keep your interest in travel vibrant.

A few of you expressed interest in the single traveler packages we offer, so that information follows at the bottom of this page. We sometimes get other singles offers that are of great value as well, so if that is how you travel and what you are interested in, I hope you signed up for our emails, and would encourage you to keep an eye on our website for supplier specials.

Incidentally, our website is just being loaded with content right now, but as we go forward it should have a wealth of information that would help you make plans. Check it out at www.cruiseplus.ca <<http://www.cruiseplus.ca>>. We hope you'll add it to your favorites!

We really appreciate the business we've received from CRTA, and look forward to assisting you with your future travel plans. We have a great staff - friendly, well trained and eager to assist - so feel free to contact me or anyone else when you begin making plans. Booking with us will get you a great deal; access to often unique packages...and we will continue to support your organization so that they can again sponsor fantastic events such as the Stepping Out Symposium!

Thanks again. We look forward to hearing from you!

Best regards,
Janet Rathy

*** 'EXCLUSIVE'***

COLOURS OF CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND

Enjoy glorious fall colours as the foliage turns crimson and gold!

HOSTED 3 NIGHT STAY IN NEW YORK CITY AND 10 NIGHT CRUISE*

****Grab a friend, or come as a single, but join us on this hosted cruise and tour! Prices are based on double or single occupancy.****

****Sept. 23, 2010 – Oct. 6, 2010****

*This packages includes roundtrip air from Calgary, 3 nights 4 Star Hotel in New York City, with a full day deluxe tour of New York, 10 night Colours of Canada New England Cruise and a Quebec City Tour *Join Robin, your CruisePlus Host, on this amazing trip!



COLOURS OF CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND

Itinerary:

-Air Schedule: At time of booking - times are specific in order to have transfers and tour included. Any deviations may result in the loss of transfer(s) and/or tour. Hotel Accommodations for 3 nights 9/23/2010-9/26/2010 at the ...
Manhattan Hotel at Times Square
790 7th Avenue 51st Street New York, New York 10019
Phone: (212) 581-3300

-9/26/2010: Motor coach transportation will be provided between Hotel and Pier

-October 6/10: City tour of Quebec and transfers to Airport

-Additional Inclusions: Vouchers are to be used at the leisure of each room.

-Admission per person to choice of the Empire State Building Observatory, or Museum of the City of New York

-Admission per person to choice of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History or Top of the Rock Observation Deck (Rockefeller Center)

-Shopping discounts at Macy's, Bloomingdales & South Street Seaport

-Invitation to be a Special Guest of the CBS Early Show

-On board ship: \$25 per person onboard credit, Pinnacle Grill Dinner
- Photo Sheet

-Package Price Per Person USD Based on Double Occupancy
MM Category Inside: \$2999*
Package Price USD Based on Single Occupancy
Category K Inside: \$4999

Information or booking: Robin Scott -
CruisePlus Management Ltd.

Ph 800-854-9664 ext. 107 Email:
robin@cruiseplus.ca

TRAVELLERS' REGISTRY

by Juliette Hachey

At the 'Steppin' Out 2010 Symposium, several people wrote their name on the Travellers' Registry. The purpose of the registry is to provide a link for individual travellers to share common travel goals and expenses when on a holiday.

Often, travel companies offer group rates so connecting with other travellers who share an interest in a common destination means not only travelling companions but also, the possibility of reduced costs.

If you wish to add your name to the registry please send me an e-mail at: jmhachey@telus.net.

...If you are staying at home...

Then come to see:



...an outrageously funny production at the Jack Singer on June 29th at 8 PM, at the group rate cost of \$48.00.

Email Marg Brucker mabbrucker@shaw.ca

OR ... MAMMA MIA at the September 25 2PM Matinee at the Jubilee Auditorium for \$37.00 which is also a group rate.

Contact:
Kathy Newman

newkat@shaw.ca



CRTA JUNE BARBEQUE will be held on June 11, 2010!!

Dust off your western gear and come out for some grub at this year's BARBEQUE! It will be held at the Varsity Community Centre from 11:30AM to 2:00 PM and will cost \$21.00 for members and \$23.00 for non-members. Entertainment will be provided by William Bjorn also known as DIAMOND RIDGE. Please bring a DONATION for the Interfaith Food Bank.

Use the **LUNCHEON PHONE LIST** below to register from May 24 to June 4, 2010:

A, B	Bernice Gaetz	403-252-5781
C, D	Earl Larden	403-281-5722
E,F,G	Tanis Lefroy	403-251-6214
H,I,J,K	Mimi Hogaboam	403-288-2792
L,M,N	Gloria Rasmussen	403-271-3579
O,P,Q,R	Kay Samphire	403-242-0189
S	Marg Brucker	403-241-0244
T,U,V	Dave Thomson	403-249-9086
W,X,Y,Z	Jeannie McCauley	403-275-8025.

GENERAL MEETING AND ROAST BEEF DINNER: September 29, 2010 at the Blackfoot Inn from 11:30 to 2:00 PM. This event costs \$25.00 for members and \$27.00 for non-members. Please bring a FOOD DONATION for the Veteran's Food Bank. The phone in will be from Sept. 10 to Sept 22, 2010.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: December 8, 2010 at the Carriage House Inn from 11:30 to 2:00 PM. This will be a turkey dinner and will cost \$25.00 for members and \$27.00 for non-members. FOOD DONATIONS are requested for the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank. Entertainment will be the Lord Beaverbrook Singers under the direction of Heidi Wood. The phone in will be from November 18 to December 1, 2010

The Calgary Board of Education Retired Employees' Association

Invites you to attend the...

"To H...with the Bell" Breakfast

at the Calgary Winter Club 4611 - 14th Street NW

Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2010

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Cost: \$22.00 per person (includes GST and gratuity)

CELEBRATE your retirement by toasting the beginning of a new school year. All retirees are invited. Spouses are most welcome or bring a friend.

*Cheques to confirm your attendance must be received by: **FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010** and can be made out to: CBE Retired Employees' Association (CBEREA) and mailed to CBEREA c/o Fran Hill, 80 MacEwan Glen Close NW, Calgary, T3K 2C3. For more information: Phone: 403 274 - 2401 (Fran)*

Please register early on a first come, first served basis. Come early to reserve your table. Your name tag, which will be available in the reception area at the door before the breakfast, will confirm your registration and act as buffet voucher. Parking is available on the upper deck entrance to the Panorama Room off parking lot.

Let's Take A Moment To Remember Colleagues Who Have Passed Away

<i>Bryan Hart Predy</i>	<i>August 10, 2009</i>
<i>Frederick Robert "Bert" Fea</i>	<i>March 6, 2010</i>
<i>Ernest Lakusta</i>	<i>March 12, 2010</i>
<i>Margaret Hunt</i>	<i>March 14, 2010</i>
<i>Gladys Cranston</i>	<i>March 17, 2010</i>
<i>Isabel Campbell</i>	<i>March 26, 2010</i>
<i>Thelma Audrey CROZIER</i>	<i>March 27, 2010</i>
<i>Mildred (Millie) Fern McCaw</i>	<i>March 27, 2010</i>
<i>Howard Alan Berlin</i>	<i>April 3, 2010</i>
<i>Ronald Davis</i>	<i>April 6, 2010</i>
<i>Peggy McCARTHY</i>	<i>April 11, 2010</i>
<i>Marjorie Helen Mayer</i>	<i>April 19, 2010</i>
<i>Molly Ramsey</i>	<i>April 19, 2010</i>
<i>Lorna Lodvedt</i>	<i>April 26, 2010</i>
<i>Margaret Helen McLuskey</i>	<i>April 28, 2010</i>
<i>Pauline Phillips</i>	<i>May 2, 2010</i>
<i>Crichton, Colin Andrew</i>	<i>May 9, 2010</i>
<i>Kenneth Archibald Hodgert</i>	<i>May 13, 2010</i>

If you know of a teacher who passed away and was not recognized by CRTA, please contact Ena Beunder at crt2009@calgaryretiredteachers.ca

FEATURED ORGANIZATION

by Norma Ellis

["http://www.carp.ca/About/index.cfm?"](http://www.carp.ca/About/index.cfm?)A New Vision of Aging for Canada

"CARP is a national, non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to a 'New Vision of Aging for Canada' promoting social change that will bring financial security, equitable access to health care and freedom from discrimination. Our mandate is to promote and protect the interests, rights and quality of life for Canadians as we age." (Carp.ca) CARP is formerly known as Canadian Association of Retired Persons. There are now more than 30 chapters across Canada with Chapter 10 being right here in Calgary. Membership is \$20.00 and is available on line. On accessing their website you will find a recommended reading list about pensions, other articles of interest to retired persons, among other things. The CARP magazine has now been replaced by Zoomer which is geared at not only retirees but, also those considered at the pre-retirement stage.

Submission to Calgary Retired Teachers' Association

Calgary Science Network (CSN) is committed to creating awareness that science is fun, and integral to daily life. Our core programs, **Scientists & Engineers-in-the-Classroom** and **Teacher Workshops**, provide interactive experiences that enrich science learning, and get kids EXCITED about Science! In the last school year we reached almost 9,000 students and had a total attendance of 850 teachers at our workshops.

Teacher Workshops are co-presented by volunteer scientists and experienced educators, to ensure that participants get the best of both worlds – accurate science and classroom friendly activities.

Will you consider sharing your valuable classroom experience by volunteering as a workshop leader? Training and support is available, and presenters receive an **honorarium of \$65-\$90** per workshop. By presenting one workshop you can impact 30 teachers—and 750 students!

Contact Elspeth at 403-247-1575, Ed at 403-512-5123 or **HYPERLINK**

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