



# The Newsletter

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## *President's Message*

The autumn leaves have slipped of the trees and mostly disappeared into bags and alleyways, reminding us that summer is over and routines are beginning. The CRTA Board members have been busy in Calgary and Edmonton looking after the interests of CRTA and ARTA. The October ARTA AGM was the scene of an Honorary Life Membership presentation to Chuck Rose to acknowledge Chuck's many years of service to ARTA. Gordon Cumming became the new vice president. In this role he will assist Marlene Reddekopp from Grand Prairie, the newly chosen president of ARTA. There are several CRTA members serving on various committees and in different elected offices. Thank you to each of them for their commitment to Alberta retired teachers.

October 25th was a delightful day for many CRTA members when they journeyed to Red Deer Lake School to share the day with the Foothills Retired Teachers Association and take part in their conference activities. "Nourishment for the Heart, Mind and Body: One Day Conference for Retirees" was a very informative experience accompanied with good food and collegiality. A heartfelt thank-you goes to the FRTA members for making us feel welcome and sharing their conference with us.

Many of our retired colleagues have over the years served the CBE and CCSD as substitute teachers, only to learn this year that they would not be (re)-hired in September 2010. Your president and vice president were able to speak about this matter to the superintendents of both organizations to express the view of CRTA that the mere fact of retirement

should not be used to exclude them, fully qualified teachers, from applying for available work. The meetings were conducted in a cordial atmosphere and CRTA's concerns noted.

By now you may have received a letter containing a cheque and an explanation of the Long Term Disability/Demutualization and other Benefit Fund Surpluses. Thank you to all the present and past CRTA members, Earl Hjelter, Dr. Sandra Anderson and the staff at Johnson Inc. who worked tirelessly on the process of bringing this issue to a successful conclusion. There is more information on this subject further in this newsletter for your perusal.

Under Gordon Cumming's capable leadership the Steppin' Out committee has been putting together a list of speakers and activities for the April 29th edition of Steppin' Out 2011. Be sure too mark your calendar and be at the Greenwood Inn at the Dalton Conference Centre on April 29, 2011. You will not be disappointed in your choices.

December 8th at the Carriage Inn will bring CRTA members together with CBEREA members for a joint Christmas luncheon. This is a new endeavour by our two social committees. Bring your friends from teaching, encourage those newly retired teachers to attend and come for a traditional turkey dinner followed by some special entertainment. Be sure to check the deadline elsewhere in this newsletter.

As you gather with family and friends during the festive season, "*may Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!*" Anon

**December 8, 2010  
CRTA and CBEREA  
Christmas Luncheon**

The Carriage House Macleod Trail, South  
Turkey Dinner—No Host Bar  
11:30 AM—2:00 PM  
\$25.00 for members  
\$27 for non-members  
Entertainment by  
Lord Beaverbrook Choir  
Directed by Heidi Wood

Registration between  
November 17 and December 1  
E-mail: [crtaluncheon@gmail.com](mailto:crtaluncheon@gmail.com)  
Telephone:

Kay Samphire—403-242-0189  
Jeannie McCauley—403-275-8025

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

**Jeanie Seaver, 912—30 Avenue  
Calgary NW T2K-0A1**

Any dietary restrictions should be mentioned in the e-mail or in the phone message.

*CRTA will accept Foodbank donations at the luncheon. Donations by cheque are welcome as well. Let's do our bit for the less fortunate.*

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

**CRTA 50th Anniversary  
Celebration Luncheon**

**Blackfoot Inn 52 Avenue & Blackfoot  
Trail SE  
June 9, 2011**

The social Committee is seeking assistance in putting a commemorative program together. Anecdotes, artefacts, pictures in digital format, etc. Let's make this event memorable. Contact, Kay Samphire, Jeannie McCauley or the newest member of CRTA Social Committee, Gayle Shaw, 403-703-0461.

Your help will be much appreciated.

**Door Prize Winners  
September 25th Luncheon**

**ARTA—Wash My Back Towel**  
Marlene Poilievre

**Good Earth Café—Epiphany Chocolates**  
Marj Weerstra

**CRTA Christmas Luncheon**  
Cecily Bornemisza

**Modern Country Interiors (2 pillows)**  
Margaret McCallum

**Ev Keddie Cards**  
Ralph Levinson

**Peaseblossom Vase and Plant**  
Sharon Allen

**CRTA Door Prize (1 year membership)**  
Joan MacKenzie

**Catrina Loman Scarf**  
Nora Ming

**Steppin' Out 2011**

**April 29**

**Greenwood Inn  
Dalton's Conference Centre  
32 Avenue & 26 Street NE**

*Details are forthcoming in early 2011*

*Door Prize Winners cont'd*

**Beano Café—Coffee and Mug**  
Pat Sokolosky

**Blackfoot Inn—Brunch for Two**  
Shirley Holmlund

**Gerry Bates Cards**  
Judy Steiert

\*\* Talbot's provided all guests with a sample of Eye Concentration for Wrinkles and Face

*Let Us Remember Respectfully  
Thos Colleagues  
Who Passed Away Recently*

Lascelles (Las) Alexis Gayle	August 6
James (Jim) Kelly	September 6
John Vigna	October 23
Betty Appleton Rimmer	October 25
Ellen Elliott	October 26
Cornelia Jacoba (Corrie) VanGeel	October 27
Sister Teresa Spence scsi	October 29
Floyd Wheeler	October 30
Bradley Jason Baker	November 5
William (Bill) Berezowski	November 13

*CRTA Art Show and Sale*

The Calgary Retired Teachers' Association is hosting its third annual Art show and Sale on Saturday, March 26th, 2011 featuring the work of retired teachers and friends. Those visual artists who are retirees and wish to participate may register by downloading the CRTA ART SHOW registration form from the CRTA website and mailing it to CRTA Art Show, c/o 1423 Klondike Avenue SW, Calgary AB, T2V 2L9. The registration form will be available for download **after January 1, 2011**. Space is limited and is on a first come basis.

Mark the date on your calendar and be sure to come and enjoy the talent and diversity of the many participating artists.

**SAME VENUE!**  
**St. Andrew's United Church**  
**924 Heritage Drive SW**  
**Saturday March 26, 2011**  
**10.00AM—4.00 PM**

**We are pleased to accept cash or cheques for purchases**

**CALGARY PHILHARMONIC  
OPEN REHEARSALS 2010-2011  
SENIORS WELCOME**

CRTA is once again providing the opportunity for retired teachers and their friends, family, neighbours etc. to book and attend the CPO open rehearsals, as their will only book groups of ten or more. The only requirement is that you must be 55 or over to participate. Any senior is able to attend with a group.

The cost is \$9.00 per person and is payable in cash only at the door. CPO is not set up to take debit or credit cards for the rehearsals.

To view the schedule and sign-up via e-mail go to the Calgary Retired Teachers website for all the details.

**T** Don and Mary Checkley are hard at work to develop a CRTA travel program. Currently a trip to Tuscany, Italy for April 12-21, 2011 is on the program. The cost is around \$3000. 24 spaces are available. Contact the Checkley's by phone 403-271-1193 or via e-mail checklem@telusplanet.net. On these trips you can invite along your non-teacher friends. They will receive the same discounted prices as offered to CRTA members.

**E** Book at Sears for a Collette Vacation and receive a discount. For details ask Don or Mary.

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*Volunteers Needed*

CRTA continuously receives requests for volunteers. Those requests are forwarded to the webmaster and posted. Looking for something to do this winter? Check out our website.

## Presentation of ARTA Life Membership to Dr. Charles Phillip Rose



Since 1963, Charles Phillip Rose, better known to us all as Chuck, has made an impact on the educations of kids and the lives of colleagues in Calgary and across Alberta.

As a classroom teacher, program consultant, and administrator at the school and district level, he demonstrated a commitment to developing the best opportunities for students, and ensuring professional development programs for staff. His commitment to being knowledgeable and developing his own abilities led to his earning a Doctorate in Elementary Education. His passion for the 'Education of Educators' continues to this day as he mentors aspiring school administrators, while he is instructing and assisting with the M.Ed, Program in Western Canada for Gonzaga University.

Chuck has always been committed to his Profession. As an active member and leader in the Health and Phys.Ed Council since 1963, he was equally at home in a classroom, gymnasium, behind a podium, or pulling the strings of his Double Bass while the crowd went 'wild' Calgary teachers fondly remember him as the first full-time President of Local #38 ATA, who became their 'face and voice' during their first strike in 1971. After six years of Local involvement, he later served four years as Vice-President of the Provincial ATA.

Soon after retirement, Chuck was introduced to the apparent shortfalls and inequities of Teacher Pensions in Alberta, compared to other Provinces. Never one to leave the work to others, he soon became active and a leader in both CRTA and ARTA.

CRTA was fortunate to have Chuck move through the Committee chairs to become President. His term was highlighted by growth in membership, Society status for the branch, resolution of the Long Term Disability dispute with the Calgary Board of Education, and the development of extensive opportunities for Retirees with the "New Dimensions in Retirement" program. The continuing struggle with the Pension issues saw him leading delegations to productive conversations with the Premier and Minister of Education.

ARTA involvement started with the Pension issue, but Chuck's abilities were soon put to work on the Representative Committee. Those years of his involvement saw the emergence of the new Governance model of ARTA with organizational changes that have resulted in greater engagement and involvement of Retirees across the Province.

One cannot have a resume like this without a well-developed understanding of the issues, as well as a voracious appetite for work. You must have a willingness to commit personal time to the common cause as well as time for personal connection.

Robert Kennedy said, "It is not enough to understand, or to see clearly. The future will be shaped in the arena of human activity, by those willing to commit their minds and their bodies to the task." On behalf of his ARTA colleagues, we are in debt to Dr. Charles Phillip Rose for having understood and lived that thought.

These are the words of Gordon Cumming at the ARTA AGM in October 2011. Ed.

November 3,2010

## **LONG Term Disability/Demutualization & Other Benefit Fund Surpluses**

After 8 years in representing members regarding the return of the above noted surpluses, the CRTA is pleased to announce that the final cheques are 'in the mail' and the issue has been resolved.

On November 5th, 2010, another **\$1,229,589.67** will be returned to 8,571 **participants** who provided service to the CBE and who contributed to the plans.

### ***Details***

Johnson Inc has agreed to distribute the funds with the plan for distribution approved by The Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

For the most part, if a member received a payment for the LTD portion of the undertaking, he or she may expect a payment this time.

To be eligible for payment, a member must have provided service and contributed to the plan for five years or more during the period 1981 to 1996.

Regardless of employee group, all who are eligible will receive the same dollar amount per year of service (\$12.23 per year)

The highest amount of any cheque will be \$195.70.

Claimants with less than five years of service will not be included and cheques for less than \$50 will not be written.

We are assured that the monies received by our members will not be subject to tax.

Cheques have been prepared for mailing and will go out by November 5, 2010.

Along with each cheque, a one-page attachment will be included. Recipients will not be receiving copies or other documents.

CRTA members with questions or concerns may contact either Paul Demers or Chuck Rose.

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Chuck Rose	403-288-5266	cprose@shaw.ca

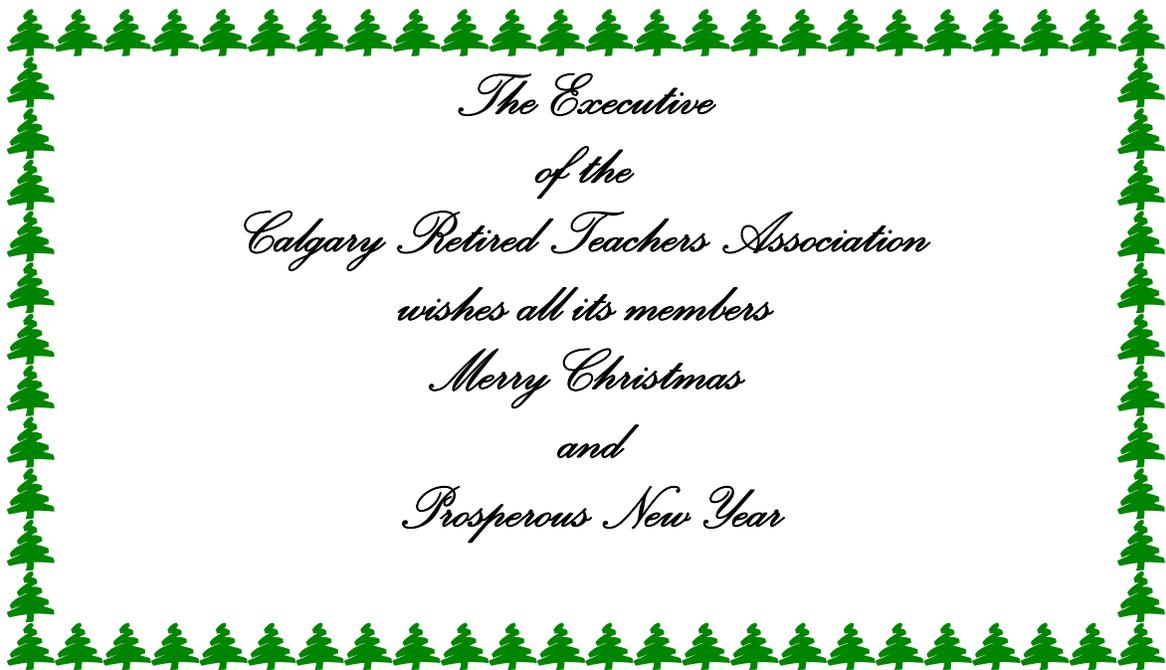
## *Appreciation*

In addition to expressing appreciation for the support and patience of our members throughout, the CRTA would like to express heartfelt thanks to the following people who served to lead our efforts.

After identifying the issue, Irene Bruzga brought the matter to the attention of the CRTA early in 2002. In the early stages, the late Gordon Vincent, Gordon Branson and the unflappable, courteous and persistent Marj Weerstra led our efforts. When formal representation became necessary Paul Demers and Chuck Rose were appointed to represent the CRTA.

From the point at which the Alberta Teacher's Association accepted responsibility and offered to represent all employee groups, the ATA's efforts have been stellar. Clear and frequent communication became the order of the day, a process for input and discussion was put into place and followed, and there was no hesitation in drawing upon our leadership and expertise. Associate Executive Secretary, Earl Helter, is to be credited for that, along with ATA legal counsel, Dr. Sandra Anderson of Field Law. (Over the course of events, Earl has retired and is now a member of the retired teaching community.)

We have already expressed our thanks to Perry Dorgan and Shelley Malanchuk of Johnson Inc. for the professional and ethical manner in which they assisted all parties in the LTD portion of this issue and for the manner in which they served the court. Once again, Perry, Shelley and Savannah Koch of Johnson Inc. have agreed to serve and at minimal cost to our members and others involved.



The next edition of the Newsletter will be published in March 2011. In the meantime visit the CRTA and ARTA websites to stay current with news concerning retired teachers.

