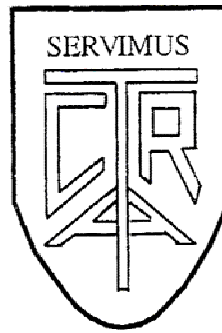


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NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2007

FALL LUNCHEON & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday October 17, 2007

Dalton's Conference Centre at the Greenwood Inn

3515 26 St. N.E.

(Directly North of the Sheraton Cavalier-turn north onto 26th St. at 32 Ave N.E.)

Cost: \$25.00 per person, including GST and gratuity.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

No Host Bar

Confirm attendance between October 4 and October 11

Email: confirmluncheon@calgaryretiredteachers.ca

Or

Telephone one of the phone volunteers listed below.

Names starting with	Contact	Telephone number
A, B	Bernice Gaetz	252-5781
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H, J	Julie Biggs	249-1999
K, L	Mimi Hogaboam	288-2792
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A Message from the President

On behalf of your Executive/Board of Directors, I am pleased to bring you greetings and to welcome you to another exciting year of activity and fellowship with the CRTA. We trust you enjoyed the summer wherever your travels took you and that, as part of your adventures over the months to come, CRTA activities will find a place on your calendar.

The fall newsletter is being issued somewhat early this time around as we have a number of matters on which to update you and a wonderful program of activities tentatively mapped out for the year to come. We are pleased to welcome more than 107 new retirees to the CRTA and we look forward to having them join us for luncheons, activities and special programs. In addition, more than 350 memberships have been renewed since May. At this point, we boast a membership of 825. What potential that brings to our association! What a great community!

We invite all members to attend our first Annual General Meeting since becoming a registered society. The AGM will be combined with our fall luncheon. Official notice, agenda and notice of motions are contained within this newsletter. Please remember to leave your name and phone number when confirming your attendance, as well as any dietary restrictions you may have. If bringing guests, please leave their names and phone numbers as well. We encourage everyone to bring a food item for the Veteran's Food Bank. Anyone needing transportation is invited to contact one of the executive.

In this newsletter, you will find a list of meeting and luncheon dates, as well as some of the special programs and activities being planned for the year. You are invited to 'get involved' and, if there are others events or activities you would like to see offered, to help us get them started.

LTD UPDATE

We are advised that work is still on schedule for the distribution of funds in late October. Questions or concerns may be directed to Paul Demers or Chuck Rose. Should additional information be forthcoming, we will use our email fan out system and/or website to advise members.

OTHER SURPLUS FUNDS

Efforts to recover other surplus funds continue. On behalf of CBE employees and former employees, the ATA appealed the court ruling that the matter is a labor matter and not under the jurisdiction of the courts. That appeal is scheduled to be heard this fall.

VALUE ADDED MEMBERSHIP CARD

Your CRTA membership card is worth discount dollars to you at a number of Calgary businesses. You must present a current CRTA membership card to obtain the discounts. In order to facilitate access to these benefits, new membership cards will be issued sometime in the fall. See the list of participating businesses and professional services elsewhere in this newsletter.

PENSION ISSUES UPDATE

Over the summer, your pension committee has been busy. In addition to the continuation of its research and work to educate retirees, active teachers, other taxpayers and politicians to the issues that plague the pension plan, the committee made several major representations.

After efforts to meet with the Minister of Education, the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports failed, and concerned about the limitations placed on the Task Force on the Teachers' Unfunded Pension Liability, Chair, Jean Crawford, Mike Allen, Ralph Levinson, Chuck Rose and Jim Weed contacted the Task Force directly and subsequently met with them.

Of major concern to our committee was the decision of the Minister to limit the focus of the undertaking. According to its frame of reference, the Task Force is to consider how to address the portion of the problem that was assigned to teachers in 1992, to apportion responsibility for the problem and to propose solutions that will benefit taxpayers, ameliorate the less than favorable relationship between teachers and government and that will lead to the recruitment and retention of quality teachers in Alberta. Apparently, there will be no consideration of the major portion of the unfunded liability or how it serves to prevent the plan from working as it should, let alone the problems and failings of the plan we have identified.

In the limited time available, your committee made a brief presentation, responded to questions and conversed freely with the three members of the Task Force. We did our best to help them understand the issues involved and the folly of treating the matter as a labor issue.

The committee also met with Premier Stelmach's Executive Assistant with respect to the concerns of CRTA members and now awaits a response and second meeting. An initial meeting was also held with the President of the Canadian Taxpayers' Association. The committee also offered to meet with the President, Executive Secretary and Associate Executive Secretary of the Alberta Teachers' Association to discuss our position and policies prior to and in anticipation of the report of the Minister's Task Force. We are also awaiting a response from them.

Your Pension Committee invites your comments and input. We trust you will feel free to contact any member of the committee and that you will not hesitate in sharing our views and policies with your friends, neighbors and your MLAs.

Note: The text of the CRTA Pension Committee's presentation is included at the end of this newsletter.

CRTA MEETING DATES , LUNCHEONS & TENTATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR 2007-2008

<u>Board Meetings</u>	<u>Luncheons</u>	<u>Events TBA</u>	<u>Possible 'New Horizons' Grant Initiative</u>
Sept. 05/07			
Nov. 08/07	Oct. 17/07 (AGM)	Pension Forum	Courses/Seminars/Symposium 'Aging to Sage-ing'
Jan. 09/08	Dec. 12/07 (Xmas)	Convention Get-to-gether	Financial Planning Fitness Activities Folk Music/Singing/Choir
Mar. 12/08	TBA (Spring Lunch)	CRTA Convention	Art Show Travel Evening Wine Art Challenge
May 14/08	TBA (Intro to Summer)		

**CRTA SUMMER LUNCHEON MEETING
JUNE 13, 2007**

CARRIAGE HOUSE

Over 100 guests were welcomed to the luncheon at the Carriage House by Chuck Rose, President of the CRTA. Prior to the luncheon, the following members were thanked for their tireless efforts on behalf of the CRTA.

- The CRTA Phone Committee comprised of Julie Biggs, Marg Brucker, Bernice Gaetz, Mimi Hogaboam, Marion Kinney, Earl Larden, Tanis Lefroy, Marlene Marchand, Gloria Rasmussen and Dave Thompson.
- Earl Larden and Pauline Alberts for their help with the registration desk.
- Sheena Banks and Irene Bruzga for their work in organizing the luncheons.

The luncheon began with Charlie Grant saying grace.

Following the lunch, the Westside Singers treated the audience to a wonderful array of songs. Susan Woodward, daughter-in-law of the late Beryl Woodward, a CRTA member, directed the choir. Participating in the choir were CRTA members Bernice Gaetz and Arlene Witherspoon.

President Chuck began the business meeting at 1:25.

Announcements

- Betty Wolfe is seeking a volunteer pianist who can play by ear “old songs”.
- Retired teachers who wish to volunteer to teach over the summer can contact Matthew Daw at 204-2684, or matthewd@momentum.org. Teaching would involve work with new immigrants. A math/science teacher is currently needed.

Business:

- Paul Demers presented the Treasurer’s Report.
- **Two “Value-Added membership benefits were announced. Dr. Rhonda Salloum, Brentwood Dental Clinic – 15% discount upon presentation of the CRTA membership card. The Beehive-** at either the Kensington or 17th Ave location – 15% discount on candles, honey, soap, etc. upon presentation of the CRTA membership card.
- A brief update was given on the LTD money.
- **AGM, Executive /Board Elections and Committee Needs** Members were asked to consider serving the CRTA either through work on the executive/board or assisting in other ways for the coming year. Help is always needed and a small contribution from a lot of people will allow the CRTA to continue to be vibrant and serve member’s needs. Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting, October 15, 2007, at which time Chuck Rose will become Past President, and Jean Hutchinson will conclude her term as Vice President. Lois Marchand has submitted her resignation.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Carriage House Brunch Tickets

Elsie Kushnir

Calgary Zoo Pass

Suzanne Wood

Heritage Park Passes

Barbara Hongisto

Heritage House Publishing –Book

Lila Mydlarski

CRTA Plants

Bernice Gaetz Nancy Davies

Bar U Ranch Pass

Pauline Alberts

CRTA Luncheon Door Prize

Fred Kohut

CRTA Membership

Lorna Binkly

Johnson Inc. Reading Lamp

Ena Beunder

Luncheon Reminders

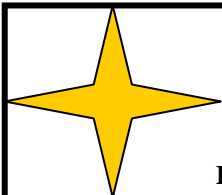
1. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let the luncheon committee know in advance.
2. Remember: Once you confirm your attendance, you are responsible for the cost of the meal ordered.

CALGARY RETIRED TEACHERS' VALUE-ADDED MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Your are entitled to discounts at the following Calgary businesses upon presentation of a current CRTA membership card.

- 1. Brentwood Village Dental Clinic**
Brentwood Village Mall - #323, 3030 Brentwood Road NW (210-5050)
Dr. Rhonda Salloum and her Associates offer a full range of dental services at rates suggested by the Alberta Dental Association. Members will be given a 15% discount.
- 2. The BeeHive**
311- 10th Street NW (270-2622) and 831-17th Ave. SW (244-1616)
A 15% discount awaits you at two locations in Calgary, where there is a wide selection of natural soaps, lotions, honey, pollen, beeswax candles and many other exotic gifts.
- 3. Ariadne Hair Salon**
Crowfoot Shopping Center - Unit B29 Crowfoot Rise NW - 208-7355
Emil will gladly give you a 10% discount on a full range of hair styling.
- 4. Golden Sun Health Foods**
South Centre Mall at #210 278-0080
Vitamins and health. All items not on sale will be discounted by 15%.
- 5. Collette Travel**
A 7% travel discount is available to members. If you organize a trip of 10 or more, you can probably go free. For more details, contact Ralph Levinson at 948-3691.

If you have other businesses interested in providing discounts, please contact Paul Demers at 286-8338.



LET US REMEMBER THOSE COLLEAGUES WHO SERVED CALGARY STUDENTS AND PASSED AWAY RECENTLY

Bell, R. Diane	May 14/07	McKenzie, Helen C.	July 4/07
Mackie, Helen B.	May 31/07	Laird, Gayle	July 28/07
Daugherty, A. Victor	June 17/07	Brown, Hazel A.	July 31/07
Scott, Helen Mary	June 24/07	Faucher, Marcel N.	July 31/07
Bent, Janet E.	June 26/07	Morrison, Robert	Aug. 6/07
Edwards, Jean M.	June 28/07	Ste. Croix, Gail M.	Aug. 10/07
Nielsen, Virginia	June 29/07	Way, Martha	Aug. 17/07
Gajda, Patricia D.	July 1/07	Boyd, Maura E.	Aug. 21/07
Kelly, Ronald V.	July 4/07	Parr, Calvin Donald	Aug. 26/07
Ross Annette	July 5/07	Barnes, Rosaleen (Rosie)	Aug. 27/07

ANNOUNCEMENTS, INVITATIONS & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

Recently Retired?

Find out how you can enjoy the fellowship of other women educators, support local community initiatives and support women educators at local regional and international levels.

Delta Kappa Gamma invites you to attend a presentation and reception at the Port O'Call Inn -1935 McKnight Blvd. NE on October 17th at 4:30 p.m. in the Yankee Beacon Room, 7th floor

Refreshments and Presentation: No Cost

Presenter: Carolyn King
Topic: Emotional Intelligence & Effective Teaching

For further information and to RSVP, contact Jo-Anne at 281-6009

ElderNET, Calgary would like to invite you to a "Fall Fling"!

**Wednesday, November 21st, 10:00am. to 2:30pm. At The Red and White Club, 1833 Crowchild Tr. NW
(Park at the north-east end of McMahon Stadium)**

- **Hear what ElderNET Calgary has achieved**
- **Explore how ElderNET Calgary can best represent the interests of seniors, caregivers & other stakeholders.**
- **Enjoy lunch and meet others concerned with planning together for seniors.**

There is no charge for the "Fall Fling" (and parking is free!) so just bring your ideas, energy and creativity and be prepared to share them with other passionate stakeholders!

RSVP by November 7th to Karen at 974-3112 or e-mail Karen.kathol@calgary.ca
(Let Karen know if you need assistance with transportation).