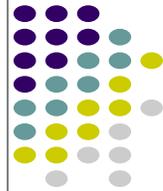




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SPRING LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005

CARRIAGE HOUSE INN - 9030 Mcleod Trail SE

Cost \$17.00 per person, incl. gratuities and tax.

The doors to the Ballroom will be open at 11:00 AM. Lunch

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LUNCHEON CALLERS

Again we want to thank the callers for the work they do for our organization. Please make your calls before April 4 and report details to **Elsie, 239-8049**, or **Pat, 241-0929** no later than April 6.

LTD Monies Rebate, Pension Reform: After Luncheon Topics

LUNCHEON GUESTS

Our members can assist the callers by returning their telephone call. It is important for the Luncheon Committee to have an accurate count ahead of time of the number of members who will attend this function. **Remember that you are responsible for the cost of the luncheon once you have confirmed your attendance.**

President Chuck Rose and Treasurer Paul Demers will give a historical presentation of the work the Calgary Retired Teachers' Association has been undertaken over the years to have CBE retirees gain access to **surplus LTD monies** paid in over a number of years. An update of current efforts underway will also be given.

This presentation will be fol-

lowed by representatives from the Alberta Society for Pension Reform outlining who they are and what their goals are. The ASPR members will also explain their current court action and other matters related to pension reform.

There will be time given for members to ask questions about the information presented in both sessions



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Calgary Retired Teachers' Association - your association - is run entirely by volunteers, who are all retired teachers. Once a year, a new Executive Board is elected. The time is coming close that some off our executive members are reaching the end of their elected terms. Several posi-

tions will be up for election this spring.

Please consider joining your executive as a Member-at-large. This is a great position to learn about the issues of retired teachers and to apprentice for assuming a more specific position. The time commitment is

very moderate, five Executive Meetings to attend for an entire year. Approach one of the executive members at the April Luncheon to learn more. The current executive hopes to welcome some new members-at-large soon. Please consider joining the CRTA Executive this spring.

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CONVENTION 2005 EVENTS

CRTA together with REA-CBE and Calgary Separate retirees presented a booth at this year's Teachers' Convention. The booth was located in the same area as those of Locals 38 and 51 and the provincial ATA and this highly visible site resulted in many teachers stopping by during the two days to enquire about retirement. Volunteers of all

On Wednesday afternoon, February 16, close to 180 Calgary retired teachers came to the Carriage House on McLeod Trail to enjoy fellowship, afternoon snacks and listen to Nancy Pahl. Nancy is a retired colleague, who spent time living in the Dominican Republic. She shared stories and pictures of her time there. Her talk included anecdotes of

incidents of every day life in that country as experienced by an Ex-Pat Canadian.

This was the sixth Get-Together to celebrate Convention and was again generously paid for by the CCTCA and organized by our own Pat Sokolosky.

If any of our readers have an idea or a lead for a speaker



CRTA President

OSTEOPOROSIS

Be on the look out for information on osteoporosis at the coming luncheon. A representative of the Osteoporosis Society will be on hand to inform you about this

Memberships

CRTA thanks those people who recently renewed their membership for 2004 – 2005. This is a reminder that all memberships expire on June 30, 2005, except for those members who bought a multi-year membership a number of years ago. Contact Garry Jeffrey at gjeffrey@shaw.ca or at 289-2807 regarding membership matters.

CRTA Scholarship

As in other years the University of Calgary Scholarship Committee has chosen a student from the Faculty of Education to receive the CRTA Award. Over the years, the membership of the CRTA has provided some monies for an annual scholarship for an outstanding young student in the Division of Teacher Preparation at the University of Calgary.

The recipient will be in attendance at the April Luncheon and will be introduced to the us.



FOODBANK

In the past CRTA received a food bank donation at the Christmas Luncheon. Since many organizations make donations at that time, the executive felt that a gift at a different time of the year could be more advantageous for the Interfaith Foodbank, as food supplies dwindle at this time of

In Memoriam

Let us remember those of our colleagues who passed away recently.

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Jennifer Smith passed away on November 21 at the young age of 30 years. Jennifer's teaching reached far beyond the classroom.

Gordon Martin Stobie passed away on February 2 at the age of 69 years. Gordon earned degrees in Geology and Education from the Universities of Idaho and Calgary. He had a distinguished career in teaching and administration with the Calgary Separate Board.

Rosalie Anne Szuch nee Stone was born on March 30, 1939 and

passed away on November 18, 2004. Rosalie taught pregnant and parenting teens at Louise Dean Centre. Her work there became her passion.

John (Jack) Edward Taylor was born in Halkirk, AB on December 22, 1911 and passed away on November 14. Jack began his career in teaching in 1931 in a one-room schoolhouse, taught and served as principal of the Drumheller High School and then taught in Calgary until 1976.

Emily Newell Williams was born in Calgary on August 24, 1906 and passed away on January 21. Emily graduated from the Calgary Normal School and the University of Calgary with a B. Ed. degree. She taught in rural schools, McKay Road School, and in the Montessori school in Calgary for nearly 50 years.

Mary C. Woodhouse was born on September 11, 1921. She passed away on March 12. Mary achieved her teaching certificate and became a principal with the Calgary Board of Education.

In Memoriam

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Annie Befus passed away at the age of 93 on February 8. Annie spent 15 years as a teacher.

Jessica Bell (Sister Mary Augustine) died on February 28 at St. Ann's Residence, Victoria, BC at the age of 93. Jessica was born on Dec. 07, 1911 on Suva, Fiji Islands. She received her Masters degree in English from Gonzaga University in Spokane WA and her Master of Education from St. Louis University in Missouri MO. Jessica taught in Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, New Westminster, Fredericton, Edmonton and Calgary.

Felipe Sr. Bigornia was born in the Philippines on November 28, 1915. He passed away in Calgary on February 5. He was a teacher for 28 years.

Sister Merle Mary Bintner passed away on January 26 at the age of 89 years. She received her initial teacher training in Bienville, QC. She received her certification in Western Canada and taught in various schools in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Lillian Mary Carr (nee Barta) was born in Lethbridge in 1932 and passed away on January 5. Lillian taught for over twenty years at Vincent Massey Junior High School and five years as a teaching assistant at Highwood Elementary. Lillian was active in the ATA and served in many capacities.

Annette Cammaert was born in Didsbury on July 3, 1917 and passed away in Drumheller on December 11. She was a graduate of the Calgary Normal School in 1937. Annette taught in Linden, the Rockyfort area and many years in Standard.

Douglas Justin Edwards was born on June 2, 1948 and passed away on January 26 at the age of 56 years. Douglas taught for the CBE with a special interest in environmental education.

Rita Gaida (nee Lever) was born in Vigo Cavedine, Trento, Italy in 1949 and

passed away in Hanna, AB on March 12. Rita taught in Hanna.

Therese (Terri) Gauvin was 81 years old when she passed away on January 8. She received her teaching certificate in Moose Jaw, SK and began her career in small country schools. She began teaching in Calgary in 1966 in the French Immersion Program.

Freda Geuder (nee Sautter) was born in North Dakota on August 10, 1907 and passed away on November 19. Freda taught in various rural communities in Alberta and ended her career at Victoria Park School in Alberta.

Elizabeth "Betty" Maries Gmeinwieser passed away in January age of 55. Betty taught for the Calgary Separate Board, for the last sixteen years at St. William School.

Jennifer "Jen" Gregory was born in 1950. For 20 years she taught with Toronto, Edmonton and Calgary school boards. She passed away on March 14.

Bessie Mary Indergard passed away on January 9 on her 93rd birthday. She was a graduate of the Calgary Normal School.

Phoebe Ruby Hanna was born on June 24, 1915 in Swift Current SK and passed away on December 12. Phoebe began her teaching career in the late 1930's in various prairie schools. In 1954 she moved to Calgary and taught for many years at Rosscarrock Elementary School.

Harav Shimshon Heilik was born in Baranow, Poland in 1917 and passed away on March 5. He was a teacher for many years at the I.L Peretz Schools in Calgary and Winnipeg.

Winona Grace Hockley was born in Winnipeg on March 28, 1908 and passed away in Calgary on March 11. Winona was a teacher in Winnipeg schools for over 40 years.

Margaret (Kellough) Kopi was born in

1918 and passed away on February 14. Margaret taught in public schools and in her church for many years.

Veronica MacLeod, nee Fitzpatrick passed away on March 15 after teaching for over 30 years. She was born 86 years ago in Accrington, Lancashire, UK. She taught in a one room schoolhouse near Innisfail, AB and in Kapuskasing, ON and later on in Moose Factory, Montreal, Lachine Rapids and Verdun High School.

Donald Martel passed away on February 27 at the age of 56. He had been a teacher for the Calgary Catholic board for several years.

Jennie Nelson passed away on December 6 at the age of 93. She was born in Atlantic City, IA on December 20, 1910. She taught in Southern Saskatchewan until she married.

Marcel Perreault born in 1924 passed away on February 8. Marcel devoted much of his life teaching music in high schools and many community groups.

Terry Peters passed away on November 25 at the age of 60. Terry was a graduate of the Saskatoon Teachers College. Terry was a teacher in Calgary for over 30 years.

Carl Safran passed away on March 7 at the age of 87. He was a Chief Superintendent of the CBE and was well known as a pioneer in the field of Special Education.

Margaret Saucier, nee King (Kayler 1937-1974) was born in Calgary on November 8, 1904 and passed away on January 25. Margaret received her teaching certificate and became a teacher at Fordville School, one of the long gone one-room schoolhouses that once dotted the prairies.

Lenore Schaeffer passed away on January 24 at the age of 93. She was born in Chesley, ON in 1911. Lenore taught school in small town Saskatchewan until her marriage.



Our Website - www.calgaryretiredteachers.ca

The Calgary Retired Teachers' Association has moved in the direction of providing information and emerging news to members by email and on the internet. The web site is produced by a CRTA volunteer, Erich Berndt – our CRTA Virtual Member-at-large.

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Any CRTA member who has some knowledge of publishing to the web and/or is willing to learn about web pages and email lists and can volunteer some time is asked to contact Erich or any executive member or email us at crt@calgaryretiredteachers.ca.

We have migrated the website to another hosting service and registered our own domain name. From time to time, we will send notices and information out to members whose email addresses we have on file from their membership forms or to those who have subscribed by sending the word "subscribe" in the body of an email sent to crt@calgaryretiredteachers.ca. You can also unsubscribe by sending the command "unsubscribe" in the email body to crt@calgaryretiredteachers.ca

We envision that in the future, CRTA Newsletters will be posted and archived on the web site. You will be able to access the CRTA website and read the Newsletter from anywhere in the world. The latest Newsletter will also be available from the site in printable PDF form.

Those members, who wish to continue receiving the Newsletter in printed form by Canada Post, will receive the Newsletter by mail until further notice. Printed and mailed Newsletters do however take more time to produce and get ready for mailing, and cost more due to increased postage rates. We hope that in the future more and more members will opt to read our newsletters on the web. Members whose email addresses are on file will be notified of the availability of each Newsletter.

Your suggestions of what to include on our website can be sent to: crt@calgaryretiredteachers.ca

