

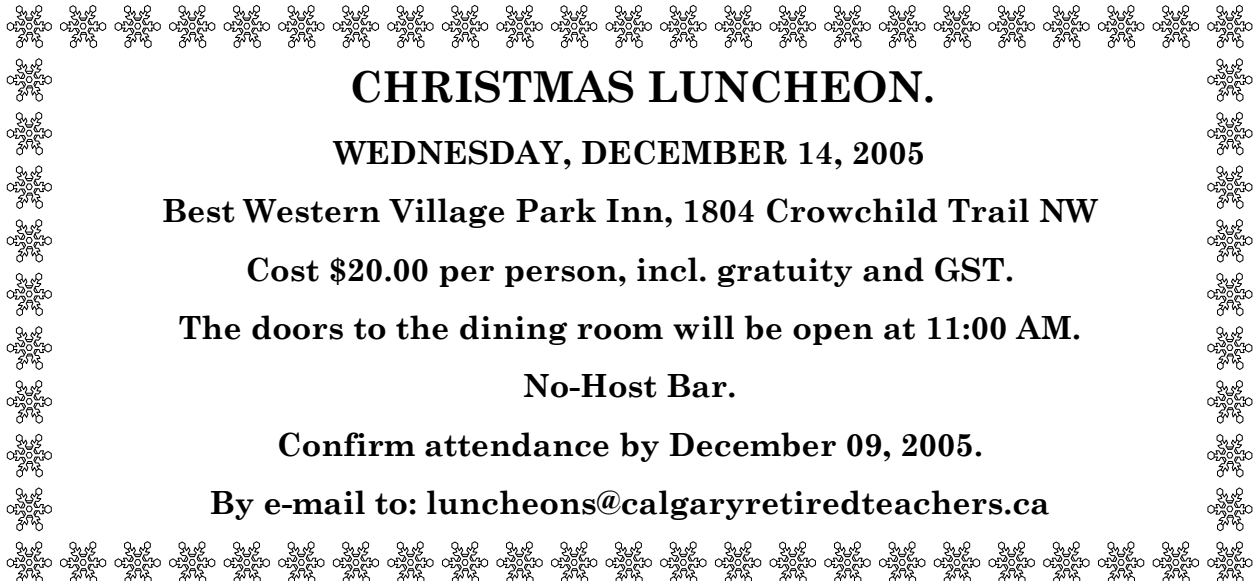
**CRTA
NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2005**

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2005

Best Western Village Park Inn, 1804 Crowchild Trail NW

Cost \$20.00 per person, incl. gratuity and GST.

The doors to the dining room will be open at 11:00 AM.

No-Host Bar.

Confirm attendance by December 09, 2005.

By e-mail to: luncheons@calgaryretiredteachers.ca

Registration by Telephone:

<u>Surnames starting with</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
A, B	Bernice Gaetz	252-5781
C, D, E, F	Earl Larden	281-5722
G, H, I, J	Marion Kinney	271-1344
K, L	Wendy Both	281-5657
M, N, O, P	Dave Thomson	249-9086
Q, R, S	Marlene Marchand	271-3036
T to Z	Gloria Rasmussen	271-3579

LUNCHEON NOTES.

- When registering please be sure to note any dietary restrictions you may have, At the luncheon make your server aware that a special plate has been prepared for you.
- When registering please be sure to give your first and last name, as well as your telephone number.
- If registering for a friend or guest be sure to do the same. This will ensure that a nametag has been prepared for you.
- A Commissioner for Oaths will be in attendance to sign CBE LTD Rebate forms.
- You are reminded that if you do not attend the luncheon after registering, or cancel after the deadline of December 9, you will be billed for the meal.

WINNERS OF DOOR PRIZES AT THE OCTOBER LUNCHEON.

- ★ Gordon Jepson, Sue Wood, Jeannie McCauley and Judy Branson all received an E. P. Scarlett Gift Bag.
- ★ Lois Brown—One year CRTA membership
- ★ Cornelia Van Geel—CRTA X-mas luncheon.
- ★ Lynn Lacentra –Gift from Diane Gillies Tole
- ★ Margaret McCallum—Carriage House Bread/ Cake.
- ★ Doreen Cross—Johnson Inc.

CRTA THANKS ALL WHO DONATED DOOR PRIZES.



The ARTA President and the CRTA President

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

ARTA and the CRTA

To many in the retired teacher community, the ARTA (The Alberta retired teachers’ Association) is known for its role as sponsor of the health/dental and travel insurance program administered by Johnson Inc. In order to access that insurance, one needs to be an ARTA member.

Members of the CRTA (Calgary Retired Teachers’ association) frequently ask about our relationship with the ARTA. Simply stated, the CRTA is one of the ARTA branches.

As part of their duties, those who served on previous CRTA executive committees attended the ARTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) to hear reports, make decisions, approve budgets and monitor provincial operations. Executive members also served in ARTA executive positions and on standing committees. Significant contributions and service to the ARTA have resulted in ARTA Lifetime Memberships being awarded to some of our members. The last two from Calgary to receive such honors were Frank Hoskyn and Dora Corbett.

Of late, the ARTA has begun the transition from an executive governed organization to one led by a Board of Directors in which each of the 14 branch presidents serves as a Director. The ARTA President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Chairs of its four standing committees also sit on the Board.

In addition to your president, a number of our executive committee members continue to represent your interests in ARTA affairs. Delegates at the ARTA AGM in October were Erich Berndt, Paul Demers, Jean Hutchinson, Ralph Levinson, Lois Marchand and Marj Weerstra.. Paul Demers was elected ARTA treasurer for the coming year. Ralph and Paul continue to serve on the Insurance Benefits Committee. Mike Allen, Jean Crawford, Ralph Levinson and Jim Weed share responsibilities on the Pension Committee. Having completed a three-year term on what is called “The Representative Committee”, I will serve an additional year as a consultant to that group.

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Among the goals for the new organization are the development of a three-year business plan, full participation and representation in pension matters and improvements in the Health, Dental and Travel Insurance Plan.

If you have questions or comments regarding ARTA programs and/or benefits, you are invited to visit the ARTA website at www.albertaarta.com. You may also visit our CRTA website at www.calgaryretiredteachers.ca. You may wish to phone the appropriate executive member.

On your behalf, I thank your representatives for their leadership and service at both CRTA and ARTA levels.

ODDS AND ENDS

We were advised that Morgex Insurance has joined the Johnson Inc. team

From time to time we receive requests from members and non-members to advertise in our newsletter. Your executive is in the process of developing a policy in this regard. More about this in the next newsletter.

The **Belfast Elementary School Choir** will entertain at the Christmas Luncheon.

Will **SANTA** visit? Join the luncheon to find out.

Save Trees and the Mailman's Load

Receive the Newsletter by e-mail. Send your request to: crtc@calgaryretiredteachers.ca or glen@calgaryretiredteachers.ca

THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Getting approximately 850 newsletter folded and put into envelopes is a **BIG JOB**. We appreciate the help we received on September 29 to mail out the October issue.

The current issue will be mailed on November 24, again with the help of some volunteers.

**RETIRED TEACHERS'
CONVENTION
GET—TOGETHER.**

Sponsored by the Calgary
Teachers' Convention Association
at

The Carriage House Inn

9030 Macleod trail S.E.

on

**Wednesday, February 15th,
2006**

2 to 4 pm

2:30 pm—Guest Speaker

Dean Romfo Van Camp

Orangutan Adventure in Borneo

Complimentary

Coffee, Tea & Dessert

RSVP by February 8th, via e-mail
or telephone format, same as De-
cember Luncheon.

HELP WANTED

Due to the resignation of one of our executive members the Editor of the CRTA Newsletter is in need of an assistant to help with proofreading. If you have a few hours to spare, please phone 288-3895 or e-mail cbeunder@shaw.ca

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS CLUB
BURSARY**

The University of Calgary has notified the Educational Progress Club historian that the bursary established at the University in the name of the club has been awarded to Ms. Carrie Marie Meyer, a student in the Faculty of Education. The award amount is \$350.00. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Bursary may do so by contacting Linda Sharma, Student Awards and Financial Aid at 220-7872.

LET US REMEMBER
**THOSE COLLEAGUES WHO
PASSED AWAY RECENTLY**

Vera May (nee Sumner) Ferguson
Mervin Liebreich
Marguerite Gertrude McRae
Elizabeth Mehrer
Lilian Ethel Thompson

Note: If you wish us to acknowledge a colleague who has taught in the Calgary area and who has passed away recently, do not hesitate to notify the Newsletter editor. The name will be included in our next issue. You can also submit obituaries to the webmaster for inclusion on the website's *In Memoriam* page.

**CRTA Executive — Working for
You!**

On November 4 Jean Crawford, Chuck Rose, Jim Weed and Jack Fulweiler met with Education Minister Gene Zwodesky. They discussed:

- **The lack of representation of retired teachers on ATRF**
- **Lack of proper supervision of the plan.**
- **There should be an independent look at plan followed by a report.**

Other issues of concern are: COLA, bridge benefit, unfunded liability and the pensions of teachers who retired during the rollback years.

If you are interested in working with us on these issues, contact one of the executive members

Your CRTA Website

Visit the CRTA website for updated information on pensions, benefits, obituaries, job and volunteer, postings, links to other relevant groups, archived CRTA Newsletters, as well as pictures of members attending CRTA events. Visit: www.calgaryretiredteachers.ca

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★ Vice-President	★ Jean Hutchinson	★ 282-6179		★ Paul Demers	★ 286-8338
★ Vice-President	★ Gord Cumming	★ 288-5731	★ Pension Chair	★ Mike Allen	★ 281-4081
★ Past-President	★ Marj Weerstra	★ 251-9742		★ Jean Crawford	★ 247-3664
★ Secretary	★ Lois Marchand	★ 271-3036		★ Ralph Levinson	★ 948-3691
★ Treasurer	★ Paul Demers	★ 286-8338			
★ Membership	★ Garry Jeffrey	★ 289-2807	★ Member at Large	★ Shirley Holmlund	★ 271-5310
★ Communication	★ Ena Beunder	★ 288-3895	★ CSR Rep.	★ Members taking turns.	
★ Technology	★ Erich Berndt	★ 286-2240	★ Social Conveners	★ Irene Bruzga	★ 255-4395
	★ Glen Roszel	★ 293-2235		★ Gayle Fields	★ 249-1358

Deadline to submit information for the next CRTA Newsletter is March 1, 2006. Next Newsletter mailing is on March 23, 2006. Next CRTA Luncheon will be held on April 12, 2006.