











**CRTA
NEWSLETTER
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LUNCHEON.


WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2005

CARRIAGE HOUSE INN, 9030 Mcleod Trail. SW

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.



NEW THIS YEAR!

The Social Conveners, Irene Bruzga and Gayle Fields have developed a new system to confirm attendance at the luncheons. To register use e-mail (preferred) or phone your telephone coordinator.

E-mail:
luncheons@calgaryretiredteachers.ca

To register by telephone call your telephone coordinator according to your last name.

If your last name begins with:

A, B, Bernice Gaetz 252-5781

C,D,E,F	Earl Larden	281-5722
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Q,R,S	Marlene Marchand	271-3036
T to Z	Gloria Rasmusson	271-3579

When registering, do not forget any dietary restrictions you may have.

To assist the conveners to make the final luncheon arrangements and confirm the numbers, you are asked to let your intention be known **no later than Saturday, October 8th.**

LUNCHEON NOTES.

Remember that, as in previous years, once you confirm your attendance you will be held responsible for the cost of the luncheon you ordered.

We regret that we have found it necessary to increase the cost of our luncheons to \$20.00

AFTER-LUNCH PROGRAM.

Following the lunch Ralph Levinson, the chair of CRTA Benefits committee, has arranged for Ms. Kathy Short and Ms. Shannon Patershuck, representatives of Johnson Inc. to inform you of their company's programs and their benefits to retired teachers. Kathy Short is very knowledgeable in the field of home and auto insurance. Shannon Patershuck will be able to assist you in comparing different health benefit plans: CBE-Sunlife, CCBE-Blue Cross, ARTA-Manulife and Alberta Blue Cross for Seniors.

MEMBERSHIP.

Please check the date on your mailing label. If it shows 2005, it means that your membership expired on July 1 of this year and this will be the LAST issue of the newsletter you will receive.

Call Garry Jeffrey NOW to renew your membership for \$15.00.

Our membership continues to increase slowly, but steadily. In previous years we were able to extend a one-year membership to ALL the newly retired teachers. The ATA graciously supplied us with a list of new CBE retirees. FOIP no longer makes this possible. If any of our members know of new retirees, CBE, Calgary Separate, or teachers who taught in the surrounding areas of Foothills, Rockyview and beyond, please let Garry know and we will send them free copies of our newsletter for the 2005-

2006 membership year.

2004 retirees' free membership expired as of July 1 and this newsletter is the last one you will receive. Contact Garry Jeffreys at gjeffrey@shaw.ca or by phone 289-2807 to obtain a membership in our organization.

CRTA is affiliated through ARTA (Alberta Retired Teachers Association) with other provincial groups of retired teachers. For more information about our purpose go to our website www.calgaryretiredteachers.ca

LTD MONEYS.

On Wednesday, June 29, 2005 the Honorable Justice B.E Mahoney issued a decision in the matter of steps to be taken to distribute the LTD surplus to its claimants. Justice Mahoney appointed Mr. J. Perry Dorgan of Johnson Inc (ATA) and Mr. J Allan of RSM Richter Inc (CBE) as joint trustees. Some 30+ directive regarding responsibilities, actions and timelines and costs were issued. The complete transcript of the Court's decision is available on our website. You may also contact Lois Marchand, if you do not have access to web and would like to read the document.

An update on the advertising procedure to reach eligible claimants and other timelines will be brought to the luncheon.

CRTA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.

Four times a year the CRTA newsletter has to be mailed to our members. Faithfully over the past few years members of the Executive spent a couple of hours doing this task.

At the last Executive meeting on September 14 it was proposed that it would be very nice if we had a few extra hands available, who could help out once in a while.

Please contact Ena Beunder, 288-3895 or cbeunder@shaw.ca, if you can help us out. "Stuffing" time is Thursday afternoons at ATA local 38, 212-3016-5th Avenue NE.

TEACHERS' GARAGE SALE.

October 15, 2005

Dr. E.P. Scarlett H.S.

10.00 till noon

The annual garage sale is upon us. Do you have any teaching material that may be of use to colleagues? This year Lorraine Kupsch is organizing this event. You can contact her for further details at lorraine@costumesandsuch.com or by phone 403-936-5592.

TAX REBATE FOR SENIOR HOMEOWNERS

You might be eligible for a tax rebate from the provincial government. To qualify for this new program you must:

- be 65 years of age or older
- Be an Alberta resident
- Own residential property in Alberta
- **Have had an increase in the education portion of you 2005 property taxes when compared to the education portion of your 2004 property taxes.**

If you meet the above criteria, you may obtain an application form by calling the Alberta Seniors Information Line toll free at 1-800-642-3853.

On Wednesday, October 26, 2006 delegates of all provincial chapters of retired teachers will meet at Barnett House in Edmonton for ARTA's annual meeting. CRTA will send six representatives.

CRTA executive members will take turns attending Local 38 CSR meetings. They will speak on pension and benefit issues that may impact current teachers in their retirement years.

U OF C FACULTY OF EDUCATION CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF TEACHER EDUCATION IN CALGARY

The Faculty of Education at the University of Calgary has been marking its 100th birthday throughout 2005. Several events have taken place and the week-end of November 17-20 will see the most significant celebrations for teachers. The week-end events recognize that the Faculty of Education was the founding faculty of the U of C and it will trace the roots of the faculty back to the Calgary Normal School.

The whole year of celebration has been centered around the impact that teachers have had on Albertans and the province in the past 100 years. There are many activities and many different ways for teachers to participate. Over the year we have seen the launch of a virtual family tree where alumni can re-acquaint with classmates; the launch of a 200 page well illustrated book on the history of teacher education in 20th century Calgary; and commemorative displays at the Nickle Arts Museum and the Glenbow Museum Archives.

CELEBRATORY WEEK-END. NOVEMBER 17-20, 2005

This week-end offers a number of activities for teachers.

Thursday, November 17—Distinguished lecture:

UNLEASING POTENTIAL

Venue: Blue Room, Dining Centre,

Time: 7:30 pm.

Friday, November 18—New Alumni Chapter specific to education will be launched.

Saturday, November 19— GALA EVENT

Venue: MacEwen Hall
University of Calgary

Time: Reception 5:30 p.m
Dinner 6:60 p.m.

Speaker: The Honourable Peter Lougheed.

For ticket information call: 220-4344.

Sunday, November 20.

Launch of My Most Memorable Teacher. The Centennial Project will be launched in Heritage Hall on SAIT Campus.

On-Going in 2005—Virtual Family Tree.

The Faculty of Education's Virtual family Tree traces the lives and times of U of C teachers back to 1911. Go to the website to visit or to register.

For complete and up to date information about all these events visit the website www.celebrateteachers.com

You may also contact Jean Hutchinson at 282-6179

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

**Joan F. Anderson.
Sister Theresa Marie Bednarik, scsl
Ray Bortolin
Edward Scott Buchanan
Sister Florence Dansereau, F.C.J.
Marie Louise Davis
April Jacqueline Gorman
Dr. Beverly Anne MacKeen
Agnes Emily Hunter Sullivan**

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