

**CRTA
NEWSLETTER
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SPRING LUNCHEON.

**Wednesday, April 12, 2006.
Carriage House, 9030 Mcleod Trail, SE.**

**Cost \$20.00 per person, incl. gratuity and GST.
Doors to the dining room will be open at 11:00 PM**

No-Host Bar.

Entertainment by a Choir from Lord Beaverbrook High School.

**CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE. Between April 3 and April 7, 2006.
By e-mail to: luncheons@calgaryretiredteachers.ca**

By phone contact the person listed below according to the chart below.

Surnames starting with	Contact Person	Telephone Number
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 Rasmussen	271-3579

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

As the 2006 calendar approaches the Ides of March, your CRTA Executive continues to work on behalf of retired teachers in the greater Calgary region.

Convention Get-Together

Thank you to Shirley Holmslund for her leadership in organizing this year's Convention Get-Together at the Carriage House and thanks to the ATA Convention Committee for sponsoring the event. A delightful outlay of hors d'oeuvres, fruit and desserts set the stage for some great conversation and the special feature for the afternoon.

Dean Romfo Van Camp treated a sizable and appreciative audience to a presentation on her recent trip to the Orangutan Reserve in Borneo, one of only two areas in which the orangutan exists. Dean returned with wonderful pictures, great stories and the ability to pronounce the names of each of the orangutans. It was an amazing adventure!

April Luncheon

Irene Bruzga and Gayle Fields are in the process of planning for the April 12th Luncheon at the Carriage House. They have arranged for some great entertainment and door prizes and we hope to provide the latest information on LTD and pension matters. Don't forget to confirm your attendance by e-mail or by phone between April 3rd and April 7th.

Pensions

On March 8th, Mike Allen and Jean Crawford updated the Executive on pension matters with a summary of the ARTA presentation designed to educate retired teachers and those currently in service. Led by Mike and Jean, your pension committee awaits its second meeting with the Minister of Education and continues to work with the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association Standing Com-

mittee on Pensions, as well as Pension representatives from other Branches.

In addition to educating our own members, efforts are being made to help MLA's understand the need to address the problems with the pension plan. According to recent reports, including the May 23, 2005 ATRF document, "Funding of the Teachers' pension Plan", by the time the original unfunded liability of 6 billion is cleared in 2060, taxpayers (including teachers) will have expended a minimum of 31.4 billion to repay the 4 billion for which the government is responsible. Teachers will have paid a minimum of 15.2 billion to clear the 2 billion for which they agreed to accept responsibility in 1992. It would appear that for some reason, the government has not yet realized the magnitude of this issue.

LTD Fund Distribution

As of the writing of this message, the deadline for applying to be included in the LTD distribution has come and gone. On March 9th your representatives attended a Court of Queen's Bench hearing at which the Judicial Trustees requested and were granted an extension of the above noted deadline. The Honorable Justice Mahoney extended the deadline until April 30, 2006.

In a second decision, the Honorable Justice granted the request from the judicial trustees to dispense with the final audit initially required by the court. The third request was made by RSM Richter and involves an increase to the budget submitted by the joint trustees and previously approved by the court.

Another \$75 000 is being requested, in addition to the \$510 000 already approved.

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This matter will be addressed by the judge after it is reviewed by the joint trustee from Johnson Inc. and after the judge has considered that review and arguments from the different lawyers involved.

March 2nd Judgment

We have also received a ruling with respect to the matter of legal costs being taken from the fund. We are not accepting of the ruling. Your representatives will gather with the ATA, ATA Legal Council and the representatives of the other beneficiary groups to consider the possibility of appeal. Further information will be forthcoming on the CRTA web site.

Alberta Retired Teachers' Association

At the provincial level, Branch representatives continue to work on the new model of governance recently adopted. A retreat has been planned for mid May and will focus on the work of Board Committees and issues of concern to the fourteen Branches.

In addition to the leadership and service he provides to us as Treasurer for CRTA, Paul Demers is serving as ARTA Treasurer and will attend the retreat in that capacity. Ralph Levinson will attend as a member of the Benefits and Pension Committees. I will attend as a Consultant to the Representative Committee. Two other CRTA Executive Members will also attend. If you are interested in working with the CRTA on issues of provincial concern, please advise a member of the executive committee.

CALGARY INTERFAITH FOODBANK

It has become a tradition that CRTA collects non-perishable food items at the April Luncheon to donate to the Food Bank. Please consider bringing an item. It will be much appreciated by those in need.

DECEMBER 14, 2005 LUNCHEON DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Country 105 Sports Package

Dr . Helen Diemert
Dolores Belinski

Dr. E. P. Scarlett Cosmetology

Ruth Deans
Elisabeth Bourges

Norfolk Pine

Janet Snider
Sally DeMann

Free CRTA Membership

Marilyn Stewart

Free CRTA April Luncheon

Anna McGregor

Prairie Mountain Fiddlers CD

Marian Nagel

Best Western Village Park Inn

Peter Burgel

Johnson Insurance Package

MEMBERSHIP JUST A REMINDER

June 30, 2006 is fast approaching and it is therefore time to think about renewing your membership in the organization. Most of the members will see 2006 in the lower right hand corner of the mailing label on the envelope the newsletter comes in. Only backed by a numerous membership will the Executive be able to lend a credible voice to the issues addressed in the President's article.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY JULY 1, 2006.

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

May Beaton Cooper

June 28, 1916—March 14, 2006

Marjorie Culp

December 19, 1927-November 30, 2005

Alice Maude Douglas (nee Rieger)

January 20, 1924-January 24, 2006

Richard Gell

October 14, 1922—January 14, 2006

Emily Hill

1908—February 13, 2006

Ivan Delburt Howden

March 29, 1944—December 2, 2005

Ruby Hughes

February 23, 1905—November 7, 2005

Ronald Edward Kelter

February 28, 1947—February 19, 2006

Joan Kruger

February 9, 1948—March 8, 2006

Helen Oline Lonvik

November 14, 1930—January 29, 2006

Jon Frederick"Rick" McDonald

August 7, 1947—November 19, 2005

Patricia Lois MacKinnon

1950—January 19, 2006

Barbara Jane Shaw

July 31, 1943—March 8, 2006

Howard Lancaster Wolfe

August 18, 1920—January 21, 2006

CRTA NEEDS YOUR HELP

It has become apparent that that more members are needed on the CRTA executive. Because the executive members, like all retirees, like to travel a fair bit, we have found that some of the positions need two people to work well. To stay a vibrant organization we need more members to take on an active role. We need some members-at-large; people who are interested in learning about, and after familiarization, working on the issues mentioned in the President's article. Contact an executive member or mention someone who is interested to one of us.

CRTA Executive meets five times between September and June for approximately three hours. Please step forward and help.

REPLACEMENT NEEDED

CRTA NEEDS A NEWSLETTER EDITOR STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2006. Job sharing a possibility. Contact Ena Beunder 288-3895

OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

The Osteoporosis Society is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Presenters to go out to interested groups and teach about the illness, prevention through diet and exercise etc.
- Volunteers to sit on an education Committee to explore target groups.
- Volunteers to serve on the Communications Committee.

Contact Brenda Rogers at 932-6699

ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY

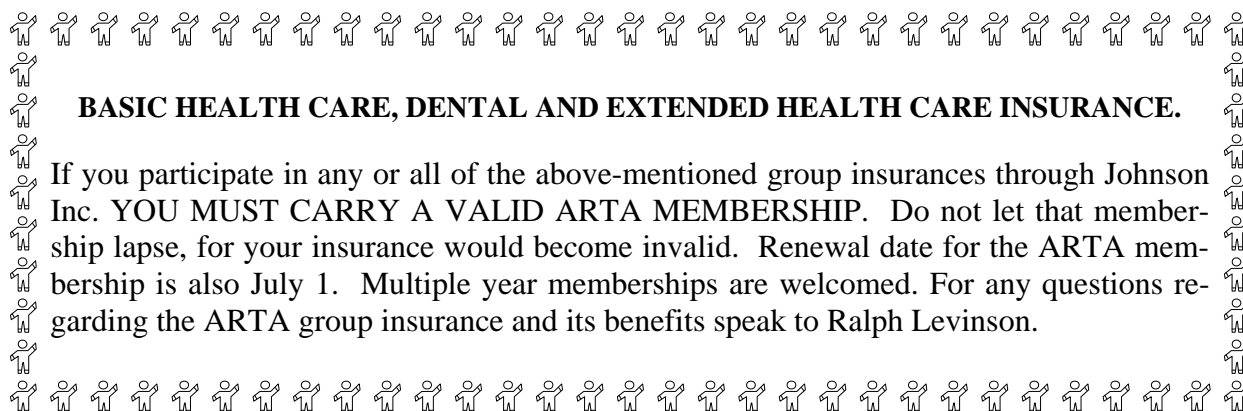
The Elizabeth Fry Society is seeking volunteers who are interested in Court work. Duties include approaching people appearing in Youth court and Adult court and provide them with basic legal information and referrals; advise them of their plea options and explain court procedures. Training will be provided.

Contact (403) 294-0737.

VOLLEYBALL COACHES WANTED

West Island College, a private grades 7-12 school is looking to hire an experienced senior boys and experienced senior girls coach for the 2006 season. Minimum of three practices per week between 3:15 and 4:30 pm. Games Mondays and/or Wednesdays after school. Competitive salary.

Contact Tracy Armitage at 255-5300 ext. 290 or tracyarmitage@westislandcollege.ab.ca for further information.

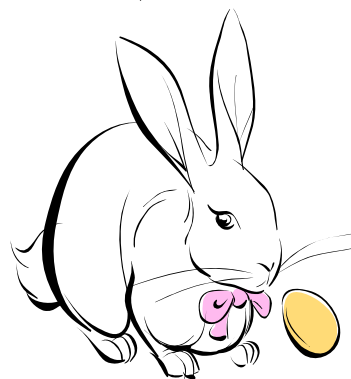

BASIC HEALTH CARE, DENTAL AND EXTENDED HEALTH CARE INSURANCE.

If you participate in any or all of the above-mentioned group insurances through Johnson Inc. **YOU MUST CARRY A VALID ARTA MEMBERSHIP.** Do not let that membership lapse, for your insurance would become invalid. Renewal date for the ARTA membership is also July 1. Multiple year memberships are welcomed. For any questions regarding the ARTA group insurance and its benefits speak to Ralph Levinson.

CRTA EXECUTIVE 2005-2006

President	Charles Rose	288-5266
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	Paul Demers	286-8338
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	Jean Crawford	247-3664
	Ralph Levinson	948-3691
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CSR Rep	Members take turns.	
Social	Irene Bruzga	255-4395
	Gayle Fields	249-1358

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The next issue of the CRTA Newsletter will be published on May 26. Volunteers will be needed for mailing the issue on May 25 from 1.00 pm till 3.00 pm at the ATA Office, Suite 212, 3016—5th Ave. NE

SENIOR CONFERENCE 2006
” Exploring New Horizons”

**One day Conference for Seniors Interested in Exploring
New horizons and Options in Retirement**

Monday, May 1, 2005

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

To be held at

Confederation Park Seniors Centre
2212—13th Street N.W.
289-4780

For further information contact Joanne Sobie at 254-9456
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