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NEWSLETTER MAY-JUNE 2007

SUMMER LUNCHEON

Wednesday June 13, 2007

Carriage House Inn

9030 Macleod Trail S.W

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

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. No Host Bar

Confirm attendance between June 4 and June 7

Email: luncheons@calgaryretiredteachers.ca

Or

Phone one of the phone volunteers listed below.

Names starting with	Contact	Telephone number
A, B	Bernice Gaetz	252-5781
C, D	Earl Larden	281-5722
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W, X, Y, Z	Marlene Marchand	271-3036

CRTA is looking for members to join the Executive as Members-at-Large. Our role is expanding and more hands are needed to serve our membership well. Consider assisting the very busy retirees, who are currently on the Board, during the next executive year 2007-2008
Phone Marj Weerstra or Ena Beunder for further information.

**CRTA SPRING LUNCHEON
APRIL 11, 2007
SILVER SPRINGS
GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**

Chuck Rose, the president, welcomed approximately ninety members to the luncheon. He introduced the following guests: CRTA scholarship winner Ryan Fox, the ARTA scholarship winner, Chris Gordon and the Collette Travel representative, Lawrence Rowley.

After Shirley Holmlund said grace, the luncheon guests enjoyed a tasty meal and lots of friendly talk and had the opportunity to renew friendships.

Some highlights of the business portion of the meeting were

- Gordon Cummings, chair of the CRTA Steppin' Out Conference updated the group on the work being done on the conference and introduced the organizing committee members: Irene Bruzga, Shirly Holmlund, Sandra Dunfield, Paul Demers and Ralph Levinson. The conference will have 15 presenters, a noon hour lunch program and will end with a Spelling Bee. The conference organizers obtained sponsorships from ARTA, Collette Travel, Johnson Insurance, Sharon Levinson C.F.P and Alberta Lotteries. Door prizes will be provided by Alberta Egg Producers, Fitter-First, Fratello Coffee, Black's Photography, The Bee Hive, Calgary Parks and Recreation, goden Acres and Greenwood Inn.
- Paul Demers presented the Treasurer's Report.
- The scholarship winners graciously thanked CRTA/ ARTA members by expressing appreciation for the financial support provided to them.

The business part of the luncheon concluded with the handing out of door prizes. *When you do business with our kind donors let them know that you are a retired teacher and appreciate their donations to our lunches.*

Ralph Levinson introduced Lawrence Rowley, the Alberta representative for Collette Travel, who provided information about Collette Vacation Travel and who showed slides of various holiday destinations attractive for retired teachers.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

**Reading Lights
JOHNSON INSURANCE**

Gloria Rasmussen	Jean Crawford
Clare Beels	Nora Ming
Jim Jarrell	Elsie Kushnir
Sally Peterson	MargBrucker
Ryan Fox	Marlene Marchand

**Book: *Camping in British Columbia*
HERITAGE HOUSE PUBLISING**

Betty Rose

Heritage Park Passes

Lorna Binkley

CRTA Flowers

Elveda Love, Sharon Norem,
Audrey Kobberstad

CRTA Free June Luncheon

Kathy Samphire

Bar U Ranch Passes

**BAR U RANCH, LONGVIEW, AB
403-395-3044**

Elizabeth Bourges

Cosmetology Certificates

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL H.S.

Cosmetology 777-7022

Stephen Keddie Gordon Mack Gloria Toole

Fratello Coffee Gift Basket

FRATELLO COFFEE

Order on line: www:fratellocoffee.com

Sharon Holeck

Callebaut Chocolate-Honey Spread

**THE BEE HIVE, 311—10 STREET NW
270-2622**

Audrey Wirzfield

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The next CRT membership year goes from July 1, 2007 till June 30, 2008. if the label on the envelope in which you received this newsletter reads 2007, your current membership will expire on June 30, 2007. Please use the enclosed renewal form. Membership applications can also be printed off the CRTA website.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Native Calgarians know very well that the long weekend in May signals the beginning of the gardening season in our part of Alberta. Add to that the warm weather we have been enjoying and you can be certain those things shared with us in the Gardening Session at the CRTA Retired Teachers' conference are already being put to good use.

With the appeal on the LTD ruling set for the fall, the next event on the CRTA calendar is the June Luncheon scheduled for the Carriage House on Wednesday, June 13.

Our luncheons continue to be successful, but pose some interesting challenges for the coming year. Consider, for example, that along with the rest of Calgary the hotel industry is experiencing a boom. Hotels can barely keep pace with the bookings and business from the corporate sector.

A few short years ago we were able to hold a luncheon for \$15.00, which included the gratuities and GST. Now, in addition to higher food and beverage costs, hotels are charging for the rental of the facilities and in an effort to attract and keep hotel staff, gratuities have risen such that 17-18% is applied to the entire bill; with the GST charge calculated on top of that.

In the past, most establishments ran their own kitchens. Now the norm seems to be to contract out the kitchens. This sometimes results in deterioration of the quality and quantity of food. We have left venues for that very reason.

Given the new parameters, it is a challenge to find a venue that can easily be accessed by all members and that can fulfill our need for a tasty, reasonably priced meal. Due to the limited number of hotels in the north-west quadrant of the city, the task is further complicated.

In view of the necessity for advanced reservations and our positive experience with the quality of food and food service at our recent conference, we have booked Dalton Center as the location for our October luncheon and Annual Meeting. The December luncheons has been booked at the Carriage House.

Early in the fall we will be requesting your assistance in completing a short luncheon survey in order to give some direction to those who plan our luncheons.

We are indebted to Irene Bruzga and Sheena Banks who have diligently worked on our behalf to ensure the success of our luncheons, complete with entertainment and door prizes.

We have also been blessed and very much appreciate the service provided by our telephone committee: Bernice Gaetz, Earl Larden, Tanis LeFroy, Julie Biggs, Mimi Hogaboam, Gloria Rasmussen, Marion Kinney, Marge Brucker, Dave Thomson and Marlene Marchand.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge the efforts of Elsie Kushnir, Nina Tait and Marion Peterson, who continue to 'pitch in' at luncheons and other events, where needed

CRTA CONFERENCE

Over 150 participants and presenters enjoyed great companionship and greater laughs while learning about RRIF, gardening, digital photography and much more from an exciting and diverse program. Attendees participated in line-dancing and fitness activities and enjoyed tasty food and the wild comic presentation of Chris Gordon. The conference organizers were pleased to have both ARTA president Dean McMullen and its Executive Secretary Don Moch in attendance.

The conference was another venture of CRTA in trying to broaden CRTA's appeal and service to its members. From the comments of the attendees the event proved to have been a success. The organizing committee wants to thank all those who took time to critique the presentations, venue, organization etc. They are especially grateful for the many positive remarks and suggestions made for improvement of the next conference

DO YOU HAVE ANY WONDERFUL IDEA(S) TO MAKE CRTA MORE RELEVANT TO YOU AND TO OTHERS. CAN YOU THINK OF AREAS TO BRANCH OUT IN? DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ANY OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS LISTED ON PAGE 1.

CRTA TIDBITS

Greg Chitrenky will be taking over the Webmaster duties for the CRTA website and **Dave Baker** and **Glen Roszel** will handle the e-mailing for CRTA. Erich Berndt is away traveling and will only serve as technology consultant to CRTA executive upon his return. Please continue to send luncheon confirmations to confirmluncheon@calgaryretiredteachers.ca. General inquiries can be directed to info@calgaryretiredteachers.ca

We thank **Janet Wees** for compiling a list of 2007 teacher retirement events which can be viewed on the website. If you know of a teacher who is retiring, please forward the name and the retirement information to retirees2007@calgaryretiredteachers.ca. Newly retired teachers receive a one year free membership in both CRTA and ARTA. Information laws prevent us from receiving a list of retirees from both Catholic and Public school boards. Your help in identifying these new retirees is appreciated

CBE-REA

**Invites you to attend
"To H...with the Bell" Breakfast
at
The Calgary Winter club
4611—14 Street NW
Tuesday, September 4, 2007
9:00 to 11:00 am**

**Cost: \$21.00 per person
(includes GST and gratuity)**

Celebrate your retirement by toasting the beginning of a new school year. All retirees are invited. Spouses are most welcome; or bring a friend.

Cheques to confirm your attendance must be received by August 17, 2007.

Make your cheque payable to CBE-REA and mail to CBE-REA c/o J.Timothy Buehner, #19, 7900 Silver Springs Road N.W. Calgary T3B 4J5. Include a note with your year of retirement, your address and phone number. For more information contact Tim or Clare 247-3976 or Peggy 271-6271

HERITAGE PARK

For Dave Thomson, retired teacher, working as an exhibit interpreter at Heritage Park has become second nature. Each summer for the last seventeen years Dave has donned a period costume and helped guests escape modern-day stress by immersing them in Western Canada' pre-World War I past. Dave's interest in trains is shared with guests to the Park's Railway Round House and Car shop, where gems of Canada's early railways are exhibited. His work at the Park has allowed him to maintain a strong connection with the community in his retirement years and to continue using his teaching skills in a fun environment.

With dozens of exhibits at the park there are many different opportunities for employees and volunteers to apply their particular interest and backgrounds. Whether it's cooking on a wood stove in the Ranch House of constructing miniature turn-of-the-century houses at the Atlas Lumber Building, exhibit interpreters are encouraged to provide a stimulating environment for guests where emphasis is on first-hand experience.

If you are seeking an opportunity to work with people and continue to learn Heritage Park may be a great place for you to work. Readers interested in ore information about how you can get involved in the Park's interpretive program can contact Dean Davis at 268-8603 or e-mail him at ddavis@heritagepark.ab.ca

Submitted by Dave Thomson

TEACHERS' GARAGE SALE ORGANIZER NEEDED

This year the Teachers' Garage Sale, sponsored by ATA Local 38, will be held Saturday, October 13 at E.P. Scarlett H.S. from 10:00 am to noon. Retired teachers give away or sell cheaply their well thought out and experienced teaching aids, workbooks, overhead etc.

The retired teacher who normally organizes this event is unable to do so this year and is looking for a replacement for just this year. It is a matter of being a contact person for those who participate and giving them instruction via e-mail. If you are able to volunteer to help organize this event, please contact Lorraine Kupsch at 936-5592.

This event has run successfully for the last 7 years and it would be a shame if it was not held this year.

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

<i>Robert Hall</i>	<i>March 28</i>
<i>Linda Gail Jacobson</i>	<i>March 31</i>
<i>Lynne Ann Flynn</i>	<i>April 2</i>
<i>Elsie Shyba</i>	<i>April 4</i>
<i>Donna May Cox</i>	<i>April 10</i>
<i>Lillian Mary Cooper</i>	<i>April 14</i>
<i>James Stephen Fisher</i>	<i>April 16</i>
<i>Ernest Henry Elkins</i>	<i>April 17</i>
<i>Mary Badry</i>	<i>April 18</i>
<i>Douglas Holeton</i>	<i>April 18</i>
<i>Albert Maitland K. Perrin</i>	<i>April 19</i>
<i>Paul Vaden(Val) Wybert</i>	<i>April 20</i>
<i>Georgette Pearl Lambert</i>	<i>April 21</i>
<i>Margaret Jensen</i>	<i>April 24</i>
<i>Laura Theresa Haberl</i>	<i>April 24</i>
<i>Doreen (Legare) Gillett</i>	<i>April 29</i>
<i>Margaret Fozard</i>	<i>May 8</i>

LUNCHEON JUNE 13.

Note: If you have any dietary restriction, please let the luncheon committee know.

Remember: Once you confirm your attendance, you are responsible for the cost of the meal ordered

OBITUARIES

Did we omit someone you know from the obituary column? Please let us know and we will recognize that person in the next newsletter.

cbeunder@shaw.ca



TO ALL OUR CRTA MEMBERS
WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL
SUMMER

Cut off this portion of your newsletter and return with your CRTA Membership renewal/application

The annual membership fee is still \$15.00. You may pay for more than one year, if you wish.

Reminder: A CRTA membership year runs from July 1st of the current year to June 30 of the next year.

Cheques should be made payable to: Calgary retired Teachers' Association.

Date: _____, 200— E-mail _____

Name: _____ Telephone _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ year(s) (eg. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc)

Year of Retirement _____ Member of ARTA: Yes _____ No _____

I prefer to receive The Newsletter by e-mail _____, by regular mail _____ (check one)

Mail to: Garry Jeffrey, Membership Convener, 4412 Brentwood Green, NW, Calgary, T2L 1L4