

# RTANL AVALON EAST DIVISION

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Fall 2024

### Greetings from the President

It is my pleasure to present our Fall Newsletter. Our executive has planned a number of activities for the upcoming year. Our surveys have told us that our members enjoy sit down events where time is provided to gather and chat with fellow members of our association.

We look forward to providing these events for your participation and enjoyment this year. Our Social Committee has two events planned for the Fall. We encourage you to come and bring a fellow retiree who may not have attended our events before. We will have guest speakers and/or entertainment that I am sure you will enjoy.

On June 4, 2024, we held our Annual General Meeting at the Sandman Hotel. The weather certainly didn't cooperate that morning as those who attended battled heavy wind and rain. Although 21 members registered for the event only 15 attended. We were extremely pleased that a number of the attendees were newly retired teachers. At this meeting we thanked Brian Whitty for his contribution to the Executive and wished him well as he is leaving the executive to join the Board of the Retired Teachers' Foundation.

At our first executive meeting on August 28 for the 2024-2025 year, the executive appointed Shirley Shepherd to the position of Vice President. Shirley will fill this position until our Annual General Meeting in June when a new executive will be elected. Welcome Shirley! Members of your new executive are:

**President:** Mary Purchase  
**Vice President:** Shirley Shepherd  
**Secretary:** Marlene Audeau-Joyce  
**Treasurer:** Pam Bry

**Members At Large:** Betty Lou Kennedy  
Sharon Reddy  
Paula Redmond  
Sandra Shepherd

*-Mary D. Purchase  
President*

### Upcoming Events

#### Octoberfest

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**

- Lester's Farm Chalet
- 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Cost:**  
\$20.00 Members  
\$30.00 Non-Members
- Registration Cap - 150
- Register by Thursday, October 3, 2024
- Speaker – Joan Dohey  
Topic: Practical Self Care for Seniors

#### Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair

**Monday, December 2, 2024**

- Glendenning Golf Course
- 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Cost:**  
\$30.00 Members  
\$35.00 Non-Members
- Registration Cap - 225
- Register by Monday, November 18, 2024



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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Last year our social committee offered four events for our members. Almost 100 members attended Octoberfest, which was held at Lester's Farm Market with Farmer Jim Lester as our guest speaker. Over 200 members were present for our Christmas Luncheon and Craft Fair which was held at Glendenning Golf Club in early December. Unfortunately, our Bridge and Games Day in May did not proceed due to low registration. Our AGM 2023 took place in June at the Sandman Hotel with 20 members registered. We were delighted to have a number of newly retired teachers in attendance and a complimentary lunch was enjoyed by all.

We are already in high gear planning this year's events. Our first event, Octoberfest, will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at Lester's Farm Chalet. Come and enjoy a turkey or salmon dinner with fresh Lester's vegetables. We are pleased to have Joan Dohey as our guest speaker with her topic: Practical Self-Care for Seniors. A tour of the farm will be available at no charge for those who are interested. There will also be a 50/50 draw.

Our second event is a long-time favourite of so many members and guests. Glendenning Golf Course will be the venue for our Annual Christmas Luncheon which will be held on Monday, December 2, 2024. There will be entertainment, prizes and a 50/50 draw. Once again, we are asking if any member is interested in donating an item for a fundraising ticket draw, please contact a member of the social committee. We were very fortunate last year to have an exquisite quilt donated by Paula Cramm and two beautiful prints donated by Patricia Hayden Ryan. All proceeds of fundraising go to the Retired Teachers' Foundation. This Foundation supports children's charities in our province. Please see the attached registration forms and note the deadline for registration for both events. Winter and Spring events are in the planning stages, and we will let you know about these in our Winter Newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing many of our members at the upcoming events.

### **Social Committee Co-Chairs:**

Betty Lou Kennedy - (709) 754-0784

Paula Redmond - (709) 437-6636

## VISITATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of RTANL Avalon East, members of the visitation committee continue to support the families of our deceased colleagues by recognizing the memory of their loved ones. Cards of sympathy have been sent to family members and where possible, funeral home visits have been made.

Once again, we regret to inform you that 38 of our division members have passed away since our last update in January 2024. May their memories live on in our minds and hearts.

To those members who have been experiencing illness of any kind we wish them a healthy road ahead. Feel better soon!

Greetings to all our retired teachers who have taken up residence in nursing homes and retirement homes. Hopefully, your days are filled with many happy moments.

Thank you to Clayton Rice, Cynthia Fardy and all our members who have reached out to us with information regarding our membership so that we can continue to keep contact with our retirees. Please continue to do so.

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### **Visitation Committee Members:**

Gloria McDonald (CBS and surrounding areas)  
[gloriam9@eastlink.ca](mailto:gloriam9@eastlink.ca)  
(709) 229-7061

Sharon Reddy (St. John's)  
[sharon.reddy@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:sharon.reddy@nf.sympatico.ca)  
(709) 579-8169

## **OBITUARIES**

May our deceased colleagues rest in peace.

Kevin Lewis  
Zita Curran  
Charlene Sheppard  
Bernetta Mooney  
Rene Estrada  
Joseph Dobbin  
Bernice Hibbs  
Cynthia Gill  
Rita St. Croix  
Janette Planchat  
Harold Rupensinghe  
Eileen Follett  
Charlie Harkins  
Barbara Bursey  
Robert Bradbury  
Sister Elizabeth Quinlan  
Denis Byrd  
Samuel Parsons  
Violet Tulk

Noreen Brien  
Paul Duggan  
Avalon Smith  
Sister Helen Harding  
Hubert Furry  
Anne Carew  
Beniah (Ben) Hicks  
Elizabeth Wells  
Roberta Gillespie  
Maureen Van De Hulst  
Mary Glynn  
Job Halyard  
Myrle Vokey  
Randy Rodgers  
Sister Margaret McLoughlan  
Kevin Veitch  
Marilyn Plank  
Heather Anderson  
Frances (Frankie) Hanley

*In our last newsletter the names of two of our deceased members were listed incorrectly. J. Colin Jones should have read J. Calvin Jones, Thomas Compton should have read George Compton.  
Sincere apologies.*

***Rest in Peace Colleagues***

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

We have a membership of approximately 2,100 retired teachers in our district. Since 2019, we have communicated to our membership through email or postal mail (if a member made a written request). Some members have indicated to us that they are not receiving our newsletters. If you know of any members who have not requested an electronic copy of our newsletters, please forward the following information. We would like to reach as many of you as possible and encourage you to participate in our upcoming events.

If a member is not receiving an electronic or print copy of our newsletters:

- Submit your request to [rtanl@nlta.nl.ca](mailto:rtanl@nlta.nl.ca)

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- In the subject line, type: RTANL Avalon East Newsletter
  - Be sure to include your name, your regular mailing address, as well as your email address.
  - If you wish to receive a printed copy of our newsletters, please mail this request, including your full name and address to: Avalon East Newsletter c/o 3 Kenmount Road, St. John's, NL A1B 1W1

Please notify us if your email address or your personal mailing address changes at any time, so we can update your information in our database.



# Octoberfest

## RTANL Avalon East Division

- When: Thursday, October 17, 2024  
11:30 am – 2:00 pm
- Where: Lester's Farm Chalet  
92 Pearltown Road, St. John's
- Menu: Turkey Dinner or Salmon Dinner  
Dessert  
Tea or Coffee
- Speaker: Joan Dohey - Practical Self-Care for Seniors
- Bonus Activity: Tour of farm available at no charge
- Cost: \$20.00 Members. \$30.00 Non Members
- Registration Deadline: Thursday October 3, 2024 **FIRM**

Octoberfest Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Members may bring a guest.

Cost per person: \$20.00 Members \$30.00 Guests  
**(cheque only)**

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Choose One: Turkey Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ or Salmon Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to: Avalon East Division- RTANL and send to:

Betty Lou Kennedy  
7 Cassino Place  
St. John's, NL  
A1A 3X3

**Contact: Betty Lou Kennedy Phone: (709) 754-0784  
or email: [bettylou.kennedy156@gmail.com](mailto:bettylou.kennedy156@gmail.com)**

***Forms due no later than Thursday, October 3, 2024***

**I am over 80**

- and will attend alone (Free) \_\_\_\_\_
- will attend with my spouse (Both free) \_\_\_\_\_
- will attend with my guest (Guest \$30.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**I am over 90**

- will attend alone (Free) \_\_\_\_\_
- will attend with my spouse (Both free) \_\_\_\_\_
- will attend with my guest (Both free) \_\_\_\_\_



## Christmas Luncheon



### Avalon East Division

Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (RTANL)

When: **Monday, December 2, 2024**

**11:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

Where: **Glendenning Golf Course  
120 Gabriel Road  
St. John's, NL**

Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Dessert, Tea or Coffee

Cost: \$30.00 Members. \$35.00 Non Members

**Luncheon: 12:00 pm**

Contact : Paula Redmond 709-437-6636  
or email: pmredmond53@gmail.com

**Please complete and return the attached form no later than**

**Monday, November 18, 2024.**

## Christmas Luncheon Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Members may bring a guest.

Cost per person: **\$30.00 Members** **\$35.00 Non Members**

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to: **Avalon East Division – RTANL** and send to:

Paula Redmond  
7 Whitten's Lane  
Torbay, NL  
A1K 1H1

***Forms due no later than Monday, November 18, 2024***

***Payment by cheque only, as in the event of cancellation we can shred cheques!***

### **I am over 80**

- and will attend alone (Free). \_\_\_\_\_
- will attend with my spouse (Both free). \_\_\_\_\_
- will attend with my guest (Guest \$30.00). \_\_\_\_\_

### **I am over 90**

- will attend alone (Free) \_\_\_\_\_
- will attend with my spouse (Both free). \_\_\_\_\_
- will attend with my guest (Both free). \_\_\_\_\_



**Christmas Luncheon Group Registration Form**

School Group: \_\_\_\_\_

***Round tables of 8.***

***Multiple tables can be reserved.***

Number In Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Group Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Payment

Name	Payment

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**(One cheque per group please. No cash).**

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