

NBSRTSJ October 2011 Luncheon

Meeting

IMPORTANT NOTICE - CHANGE OF VENUE .

The results of our membership survey and brainstorming of May 2011 have resulted in a change of venue and, hopefully, a shorter meeting with more time for socializing.

Date: October 20th, 2011 (Thursday) **Location:** Hatheway Pavillion, Lily Lake

Guest Speaker: Jacqueline Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner, Planning and
Development, City of Saint John on **Plan SJ**

Times: 11 a.m.–12 (register, complete sign up sheets, cash bar, purchase Card
Party, Christmas Wine and Cheese Social, 50/50 and door prize
tickets)

12 noon Luncheon Meeting

Menu: Choose an entrée when you register— BBQ Chicken or Atlantic Salmon with
dill sauce. Both will be served with mashed potatoes, garden vegetables,
strawberry shortcake and tea/coffee. **Price:** \$24 (includes tax and gratuity)

To register: Sue Smith (738-2113 or dd1smith@nb.sympatico.ca) or
Ernestine Smith (672-1374)

***REGISTER BY OCTOBER 12TH, 2011 – UNFORTUNATELY, REGISTRATION ON SITE WILL NOT BE
POSSIBLE DUE TO OUR CONTRACT WITH THE CATERERS.***

Copies of the minutes of our May meeting, reports, budget, and other items will be emailed with this newsletter and/or on the luncheon tables to help move the meeting along as quickly as possible.

DIGITAL PICTURES AND YOUR COMPUTER WORKSHOPS: (sign up sheets at October Lunch meeting or contact Roger Savoie at 832-4833 or savoioj@hotmail.com). Sessions will take place in the WORKROOM, Simonds High School 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Those who have laptops are encouraged to bring them, along with a power bar, as the workroom has a limited number of computers. Space is limited. You can choose to attend one or both.

Managing Digital Photographs on your Personal or Laptop Computer - **Oct. 26, 2011**

Basic Editing of Digital Images using a Computer - **February 21, 2012**

CHRISTMAS WINE AND CHEESE: Join us to celebrate the season on **December 8th, 2011**, 7 – 9:00 p.m. at Chateau Champlain. Cheeses, wines and light snacks will be available along with a punch for drivers! Tickets are \$10 and will be available at our October 20th luncheon meeting.

CONTACT US: We welcome your comments and observations. You can contact us through our website (<http://www.nbsrtsj.nbta.ca>) or using the phone numbers and/or email addresses that will be available for the October meeting.

SHOULD WE SEND SOMEONE A CARD? We encourage you to contact Jean Cameron (672-6515) when you know of someone who should receive a card. Persons who would receive cards would include those who are ill, homebound or hospitalized. Cards are also sent to those who have suffered a loss as well as those celebrating a special event, accomplishment or milestone in their lives.

WHAT'S ON THE WEBSITE? (<http://www.nbsrtsj.nbta.ca>) Whether from home or at your local branch of the library we encourage you to visit our website. It is updated

frequently and thanks for your feedback at our May meeting. Here are examples of what you will find on the site:

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| Local/Provincial Weather Report | Constitution |
| Webcams showing highway conditions | Pictures |
| Pension/Group Insurance Information with charts | Activity/Event Information |
| Executive Committee (Click on name to email) | Current Newsletter |
| Approved Meeting Minutes/Reports | Membership Application Form |
| Retiree Lists(local since 2008) and Provincial | Memorial Lists |
- Link to sign in to the library (renew your books here online)
- Links to our national association, ACER/CART, and parent association, NBSRT, retired teacher organizations and government branches.

Did you know that you can update you contact information online? Simply click on "Membership Information correct?" enter your new information and submit. It's as easy as that!

PENSION COMMITTEE: Our provincial organization, the NBSRT, has activated a Pension Committee and Barry Harbinson, our 1st V-President, has been named chair. (Congratulations!)

At a time when there is much discussion about defined benefits pensions, *our pension*, and a committee named by government to look at each public service pension we need to be vigilant. If you know of retired teachers who have not joined NBSRT we encourage you to talk to them. Remind them that as retirees we need to look after pension and Group Insurance (if they are insured by Johnson's) for ourselves. We also have a representative, Debbie Ellison, on the NB Coalition for Seniors and Nursing Home Residents Rights. (She is now the President.) At the national level ACER/CART is lobbying to eliminate the tax on death benefits and have adult passports be valid for ten years. The greater our numbers, the greater our voice!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

We have approximately 426 members - we encourage everyone to invite former colleagues to join us at the fall luncheon. Membership forms as well as change of address forms will be available - and they can be accessed on line www.nbsrtsj.nb.ca . Any questions regarding membership may be directed to Gerry or Lynne White at whiteely@nbnet.nb.ca or at 849-2202.

VOICE MAIL: We have established voice mail as a means of being in touch. We hope to have it operational in the very near future.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

A **card party** for retired teachers and friends will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, 35 Gondola Point Road in Rothesay, (use the back door) on Thursday, **November 3rd**, 1:30 to 4:00. Cost is \$5.00. Light refreshments will be available at break time. Several prizes will be drawn! Bring your friends and your cards or games. Tickets will be available at the fall luncheon or by calling Lynne White at 849-2202.

An information session on The **Canada Pension Plan and How it Affects the Teachers Pension Plan** at age 65 will be held at Bayview elementary School on **March 21st** from 2 – 3 p.m. Sign up on the website or at the fall luncheon.

January : Tuesdays are Seniors Ski days at Poley Mountain, Join the team

April 10th: Spring Workshops for Gardeners at Brunswick Nurseries. Check their website for further information info@brunswicknurseries.com

If there are activities, workshops, speakers or events you would be interested in planning, or helping us plan, for your fellow retirees do let us know!