



Saint John Branch New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers

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Fall Newsletter 2017

Happy Fall!!! Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

Your Executive Officers and Executive Committee are hard at work planning activities that support the well-being of our membership.

After attending a meeting of the Provincial Association of NBSRT I was **SHOCKED** to learn that there are over 9000 retired teachers in New Brunswick. I was further **SHOCKED** to learn that less than half are spending \$3.00 a month to support the NBSRT and its local branches.

That may explain why we had no real voice in recent changes to our pension plan and why we have no real representation on the Board of Trustees of our Group Insurance Plan. A sad fact when we pay 100% of our much higher premiums.

Are you concerned about rising costs of health care, drug costs? Physiotherapy limits? Just to name a few.

Until we recruit our retired teacher friends and former colleagues who are not members and increase our number to a much higher percentage we will continue to have no voice on important issues. Those who do not join will not get whatever we get as we are getting nothing.

Every NBSRT member needs to carry applications for membership and be on a mission to get every teacher who is not a member to join. NBSRT is not about just teas and socializing, it is about pension, health care, and seniors' rights. NBSRTSJ, 66 years ago led the way in getting teachers pensions paid monthly so teachers didn't have to apply every month. They pushed and got a health plan. It is time for NBSRTSJ members to lead the way again!!!

Let's get our enrollment up to at least 90%

See you at the dinner. I will have lots of applications available!

Judy Braman (President NBSRTSJ)



FALL LUNCHEON

...Thursday, Oct.26th at Saint Mark's Church in Quispamsis.

A lovely roast beef dinner will be served at noon for \$20 per person.

Doors open at 11:15 a.m.

Please register by **Oct. 19th** with Norma by phone at 659 - 2553 or through email at ngmurphy51@yahoo.com

Door prizes and 50/50 tickets will be available.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

GAMES DAY

,,,Thursday, Nov. 9th at Parkland Retirement Village - 35 Bloom Ave. (off Millidge Ave.)

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun playing cards or any game that your group of **friends** might enjoy, (players do not have to be NBSRT members).

Sandwiches, sweets, fruit and tea/ coffee will be served. The cost per person is \$10.

Time...1:00 pm – 4:00pm.

Please register by **Nov. 2nd** with Anne by phone....648-0885 or by email...alevasseur1@hotmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Hope to see you there!

WELLNESS

Follow Us on Facebook Workshop Nov. 2nd at Portland United Church

The Wellness Committee would like to keep you informed on the many activities that are happening in this group and your community. One of the best ways to do this in today's environment is using Facebook.

Not on Facebook?

Not comfortable using it?

Don't know anything about it?

LET US HELP YOU!!!!

Join Ellen Palmer and her 'helpers' on Nov. 2nd at Portland United Church, **50 Newport Crescent, at 1:30pm**. Participants will become acquainted with Facebook and how to use it effectively and safely.

If you have a lap top, iPad and/or notebook, please bring it along. If not, there will be some computers on hand.

There will be a signup sheet for this opportunity at our dinner on October 26th. If you are not attending the luncheon and would like to be involved with this workshop, please call 652-3124.

SCHOLARSHIP

NBSRTSJ Scholarship News

Our 2017 - 2018 Scholarship winner is Miss Rylee A. Kinsella, a graduate of Simonds High School. Our scholarship this year was valued at \$2500. Before graduation, Rylee volunteered at school and in the community and she worked part time at Guardian Drugs. Rylee is enrolled in the first year of a Bachelor of Science degree program at UNBSJ. We will have an opportunity to meet and congratulate her at our Fall Luncheon. Rylee will be attending along with Marion Williams, our UNB donor relations contact.

MEMBERSHIP ...update your information

Have you moved, changed your phone number, recently gotten an email address or changed your email address?

Did you know you can make any or all of those changes yourself on line? Simply go to your local branch website:

<http://www.nbsrtj.nbta.ca>

and click the Membership tab and then the "Update Your Info" selection.

Fill in the form as requested and click SUBMIT. Your info will be forwarded to the Membership Secretary and undated. You will receive a notification once this has been done.

WEBSITE

Our website www.nbsrtsj.nbta.ca is full of helpful information and details. Take a few minutes and have a look. Click on any *Event* on the right hand side of the page and you will see all the information needed to ensure you don't miss any gatherings.

Under *News* and *Opportunities* you may learn about the latest happenings in the organization.

Didn't get a newsletter? – They are located online for your convenience.

Click on the top bar to see information about *pensions, group insurance, informative links, photos* and much more.

About Us has information on our history, retirees, executives and more.

We have minutes and reports from our monthly meetings to keep you up to date on what your executive and committees are working on.

Take a look, it's there for you. www.nbsrtsj.nbta.ca