



Saint John Branch New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring NBSRTSJ Retirees!

Your Executive Committee hopes that you have weathered the icy winter without incident. We hope that you and yours don't suffer loss or anxiety with the rising spring waters and that you are ready to enjoy our lovely NB summers.

Welcome back to those who escaped the cold.

Your Executive Committee is, as always, busy planning events and staying on top of issues. Thanks to you who took the time to go on line and sign the petition to protect pensions. Although NB did not have great numbers the target was reached and the petition will be presented to parliament in the summer.

The Group Insurance Information session was well attended and we were assured that we have a strong plan.

Hopefully some of you are heading to Bathurst May 7,8 for the Provincial AGM. It's a beautiful drive and funds are available for a fun and informative trip.

Our Past President and present provincial 2nd Vice President, Barry Harbinson, has agreed to chair the committee to host the Provincial AGM in Saint John in 2020. We hope many of you will support the local branch by helping and/or attending the festivities.

Don't forget that we have our local NBSRTSJ AGM on May 16th at the Hope Center. It is an election year and we have questions regarding venues for events. See the Social Committee's report on how to sign up for a great meal and fellowship.

Although Marilyn Lester and Debbie McLaggan are passing on the co-chair torch for Wellness they have already planned a Fall Cruise from the Saint John Marina. Be sure

to read their information on a great opportunity to tour the river at such a great and beautiful time of year.

It is an honour to work on your behalf, please feel free to talk to me or any of our Executive Committee about concerns or ideas. (They are a wonderful, energetic group)

See you at the AGM May 16th!

Judy (Braman)

NBTF Group Insurance

NBSRT–SAINT JOHN BRANCH

The NBSRT Group Insurance Committee has had an influx of volunteers as a result of an appeal made at the 2018 AGM and put out to the Branch Presidents following the AGM in Moncton. This appeal was made in an attempt to gather representation from all branches around the province (in compliance with the committee's terms of reference).

The Group Insurance Committee currently consists of 9 members (including chairperson) and a liaison person from the NBSRT Executive Committee (non-voting). More information is available on the NBSRT website.

The committee has met on three occasions since formation: September 13, 2018 in Fredericton, November 5, 2018 in Miramichi and April 16, 2019 in Dalhousie. Another meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Fredericton on September 18, 2019.

Items moving forward:

1. President June MacNairn has advised us that the motion passed May 2018 re proportional representation of retired teachers to active teachers as trustees on the NBTF Group Insurance was brought to the NBTF Executive April 5, 2019. She is awaiting a reply from Mr. Leopkey, Executive Director of NBTF.
2. In a presentation made to the NBSRTGI, Dale Weldon, Senior Consultant Johnson Inc., advised us to inform members who have had an insurance claim refused, that an **appeal form** should be filed. Further research showed it can be found at the following address:
<https://www.nbtffenb.ca/benefit-entitlement-review/> This information was forwarded to all members via Branch Presidents after contact with the NBSRT President.
3. An article for Reflections is being prepared for submission May 24, 2019.
4. Information is being gathered to present to NBSRT Executive on items which NBTF Trustees might consider when they next go to market.
5. Examining how to combine/group caps on services to greater benefit our members... will be prepared to submit to NBSRT Executive in the future.

6. Topic of dispensing fees is being discussed and possibly expanded to include other topics... in discussion phase.
7. Discussion took place of the Communique/Newsletter of Nov. 13, 2018 from the NBTF Group Insurance Trustees advising us of changes in our coverage and/or premiums. Chart was in the WINTER NEWSLETTER. The new age groupings will result in increases in premiums for the under 60 retired teachers, a decrease in premiums for between 60 to 65 retired teachers and no change in premiums for the 65 and over retired teachers.

The committee is working very hard to represent the interests of all NBSRT members in an advisory role to NBSRT.

NBSRT Group Insurance Committee

NBSRTSJ Wellness Committee Report

SAINT JOHN RIVER BOAT TOUR

Would you be interested in taking a boat tour of the Saint John River? The tentative date would be September 18th. The cost for members would be \$35 and for non-members \$45. To make this happen, a minimum of 40 participants is required. A sign up sheet will be available at the AGM on May 16th. If you don't plan on attending the AGM, you may e-mail Marilyn Lester at davelester@rogers.com by June 14th. If sufficient interest is expressed, details will follow.

SPRING LUNCHEON

Notice..AGM Luncheon...Reminder

This notice is to all NBSRTSJ Members. You are all invited to join us for a delicious Turkey dinner luncheon to hear about what is going on with our organization.

When?.... Thursday, May 16th...doors will open at 10:45am and lunch will be served at noon

Where?.... The HOPE CENTRE on Loch Lomond Rd. Just past the airport on the left hand side of the Road

Cost?....\$15 for members will buy you a lovely turkey dinner, which includes dessert and tea or coffee.

Please register by May 9th with Laura by phone at 738 2604 or through her emaillwheaton@rogers.com

Back to School Brunch

This is a reminder to NBSRT members, old and new, to register for our first event of the new season... "Back to School Brunch".

Where?... Assumption Centre on Chapel St. West... lots of parking in the back yard.

When?... Tuesday, Sept. 3rd... doors will be open by 10:30 and brunch will be served by 11:45.

Cost?... cost to members is \$10 but will be free to our new retirees.

Please register by Aug. 27th with Anne by phone at 214 9332 or through email at... alevasseur1@hotmail.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

The New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers' Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund

Each year we give a scholarship to a local high school graduate who is registered in the 1st year of a UNBSJ degree program. In the fall of 2019 we will offer a new scholarship to a 3rd, 4th, or 5th year student in the B.A. /B. Ed. program at UNBSJ. Please support the scholarship fund by using the [NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund](#) memorial cards available at funeral homes in the city. Official tax receipts are issued from UNB for all donations made to the scholarship fund.

(3 ways to make a donation: some funeral homes, the UNB website or by mail. Make your cheque payable to the University of New Brunswick. Mailing address: University of New Brunswick, Development Office, [NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund](#), P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3.)

School Days Museum

If you have any items to donate or loan to the School Days Museum, please contact: **Dianne Stackhouse** at 738-2657 or diannestackhouse@rogers.com

or

Melody Hamm at 738-3244

We will gladly arrange a time to pick up and deliver these items to the museum in Fredericton. Items can also be brought to our May 16th Luncheon.

Visit our Websites

Our websites – both the Provincial and Local – contain a wealth of information for Retired Teachers.

If you are looking for **local events**, just go to our Saint John site – www.nbsrtsj.nbta.ca and look under *Events* for information dealing with social opportunities such as our *Fall AGM*, *Games Day* or the *Christmas Social*.

It gives details about the event, how to sign up, dates and the cost. Also our site gives you information about your **local NBSRTSJ Board** and what it accomplishes.

This can be found under *Minutes* and *Reports*. If you have a friend who is a retired teacher but not a member of our association, encourage them to join:

– you can find an application form under **Membership**.

Want to know what **NBSRT** branches and the provincial bodies have been doing in the last year? Visit the **Provincial website** www.nbsrt.ca (Members Only) and click on the *Reports* button. Or click on Reflections to view the online version.

Check us out!