



Saint John Branch
New Brunswick Society of
Retired Teachers

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

Newsletter

President's Message: Barry Harbinson:

“When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down ‘happy’. They told me I didn’t understand the assignment, and I told them they didn’t understand life.”

— John Lennon



The NBSRT SJ has had another successful year planning activities for you. Our Social Committee has been as diligent as ever in organizing card parties, the Christmas Social and the dinners for your benefit. The Wellness committee had also tried to promote your health, both physical and mental, with the walks and Games night. We were also very grateful to Bob Fitzpatrick for his information session on our pensions. As in all organizations, there are numerous individuals, working on the newsletter, keeping our data base current etc., who perform tasks that are not so obvious. Therefore, to all committee members, thank you, on behalf of our membership, for the work that you have performed.

Please note the various activities such as our Spring Luncheon, Drop Out Brunch, Fall Luncheon, Movie Night and Walks that are listed in this newsletter.

This article is written with conflicting emotions. I'm very grateful that I have had the privilege of serving as your president for the past four years, and thankful that our members have, at least to my face, been so supportive during this tenure. I'm certainly most appreciative of the individuals who have served on the numerous committees of the NBSRT SJ, planning and executing the numerous activities for you. And, of course, there is relief that I won't have to write another "President's Message" for your newsletter.

To our incoming executive, I offer my congratulations and best wishes for a successful and satisfying term.

Barry Harbinson
President, NBSRTSJ



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Card Committee: Jean Cameron

If you would like a card sent to a retired teacher on behalf of the Branch, please contact Jean at 672-6515. Cards may express sympathy, extend wishes for a speedy recovery or deliver congratulations.



School Days Museum: Norma Murphy

The School Days Museum is a provincial museum under the sponsorship of the Retired Teachers' Association.

Location: Justice Building Annex, East Entrance, Queen Street, Fredericton

Open: Mid-June to late August

Hours of Operation: Mon. to Fri. -- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., remainder of year by appointment

Admission: Free but donations are accepted and appreciated

For more information and virtual tour, visit the website: museum.nbta.ca

Contact Persons: Pat Dugay at 672-3973 (patdugay@hotmail.ca) or
Norma Murphy at 659-2553 (ngmurphy51@yahoo.com)



Scholarship: Netta Chase

NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund memorial cards are available at local funeral homes and at the fall and spring luncheons. Also we have cards to mark special occasions.

- If you make a donation to the NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund you will receive an official tax receipt from UNB for your contribution.
- Brennan's Funeral Homes will accept your donation and give you a temporary receipt.
- Other funeral homes will place a memorial card but you mail your donation to the university. Please make your cheque payable to the University of New Brunswick. The mailing address is: University of New Brunswick, Development Office, NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5A3

Mechlin Aidemouni, a graduate of St. Malachy's Memorial High School, received the 2016-17 Scholarship. Mechlin and her mother attended our fall luncheon, and her photo and thank you letter are posted on our website.



AGM Luncheon: Pat Roy, Social Committee

The AGM Meeting and Luncheon will take place, Thursday, May 18th at the Hope Centre on Loch Lomond Road. The Centre is located just past the airport, on the driver's side (if coming from Saint John, passenger side if coming from St. Martins). The cost of the home cooked Turkey Dinner is \$20 per meal. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 draw.

Doors open at 11:00 A.M. and the Dinner served at noon.

Please register with Laura Wheaton (738-2604 or lwheaton@rogers.com) by May 11th.

Other Planned Meals:

Back To School Brunch – Sept. 5th, Assumption Centre, Chapel Street, West. Cost is \$15 per meal but free to this year's retirees. Doors open at 10:45 A.M., and the brunch will be served at noon. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 draw.

Please register with Laura Wheaton (738-2604 or lwheaton@rogers.com) by August 30th.

October Luncheon – Oct. 26th is the date for the NBSRTSJ annual Fall Luncheon at St. Mark's Church. More details will follow closer to the date of the Luncheon.



Website Information: Ellen Palmer

A great way to look at Reflections is online. View colored pictures and never worry about losing your copy.

Go to nbsrt.ca and check under News and Announcements on the left hand side of the page. Click on Spring Reflections Now Online. There you can register. To find Reflections, remain on the provincial website - nbsrt.ca, click on Members - located on the top menu bar and then Log in to the Members Only Area. If you do not have an access number, just follow the directions and a number will be emailed to you. Happy reading.

Also, don't forget to check out our Saint John website – nbsrtsj.nbta.ca - for information and events in your Saint John area.



Wellness Committee: Bill Mahaffy

The Walking Club will meet, Tuesday, May 9th, 11:00 A.M., at the Little River Reservoir. There will be a movie night, May 30th, 7:00 P.M. at Parkland Saint John in their on-site movie theatre. Parkland Saint John is located at 40 Vitality Way, Saint John. The phone number is 672-4289; fax 649-4715. Additional details will be announced later.

Additional Topics For Consideration:

NBTF GROUP INSURANCE

“LET’S HEAR YOUR OPINION”

NB retired teachers have the option of being part of the NBTF Group Insurance Plan (the Plan), administered by Johnson Inc., and managed by the NBTF Group Insurance Trustees (the Trustees).

Yearly you receive a Newsletter from the Trustees advising you of any changes in your coverage and/or premiums. Until now, you have had no avenue to express your comments or opinions on these matters. Your NBSRT Group Insurance Committee now has an email set up where you can do so.

NBSRT.GroupInsurance@gmail.com

Email your concerns, ask questions, give opinions, make suggestions, comments, etc. A summary of these emails (anonymously) will be in the next issue of Reflections and will also be on the agenda of the next meeting of your NBSRT Group Insurance Committee. Contact Johnsons @ 1-888-851-5500 if your question concerns your benefits.

Benefits or enhancements you would like the Trustees to consider when they “go to market” can also be forwarded. If you do not have access to email, you may send by regular mail to:

NBSRT Group Insurance Committee, 10 Spring Garden Rd., Saint John, NB E2N 1K3.

So, Let’s Hear Your Opinion!

BRANCH CONSTITUTION CHANGES:

There will be changes to the Branch’s Constitution to be presented at the May 18th, Annual General Meeting for approval by the membership. Most are simply defining roles and keeping the Articles in line with the provincial NBSRT Constitution. Anyone wishing a copy of the proposed changes should email Judy Braman at judithabraman@gmail.com

ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY REQUEST:

The Society needs tutors to work one on one with a few of the Society’s women to help prepare them for the GED exams in Math and Writing. If you, or anyone you know, are interested, contact Judy Murphy, Executive Director of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John. Contact Information: 635-8851 (Office); 646-8665 (Cell) or efry@nb.aibn.com.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK HISTORIAL SOCIETY:

The Society's April Newsletter is online at www.loyalisthouse.ca. It contains articles on the recent Heritage fair; the return of the Prince Victor figurehead; the demolition of the Jelly Bean buildings and information about the presentation to be made at the Museum (Market Square), May 30th, 7:30 P.M.

150 EVENT:

Frank Belyea (847-2016) wants teachers who paddled with him from Edmundston to Saint John to commemorate the 1967 Centennial Year to contact him for a reunion and short paddle to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. In addition, everyone is welcome to join.