



Saint John Branch New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers

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

Winter Newsletter 2018

President's Message:

The greatest Wealth is Health. - Virgil

HAPPY 2018!!!!

Your Executive Committee is working hard on your behalf and two of the areas we are working to improve are Wellness and Membership.

Our Wellness Committee is constantly posting on NBSRTSJ Facebook and our Web Page the various activities around our community that may whet your interest. Our goal is not to choose events to host but to give you the widest variety of opportunities to pursue what interests you.

Our goal in regards to Membership is to increase it to 90%. Each committee member is trying to contact a minimum of five retired teachers and encourage them to sign up. Signing up as a member of the NBSRT-SJ gives us a stronger voice! If we don't represent the majority of retired teachers we have no say in pension matters and group insurance and this should concern us all!

Please keep whispering into the ears of your fellow retirees.

Your Executive Committee members are very active as you will see in the following updates. Their efforts, on behalf of all of us, are sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully,

Judy Braman



St. Patrick's Day Games Day

Come and join us on March 15th for an afternoon with friends playing the game of your choice. A lunch of sandwiches, sweets, fruit, tea and coffee will be served. Prizes will be awarded for our "Wearing of the Green Contest," as well as our regular 50/50 and door prizes.

Date...Thursday, March 15th...1:00pm - 4:00pm

Where... Assumption Centre on Chapel Street Westside

Cost....\$10 per person

Please register by March 8th with Norma by ☎ at 659 2553 or through email at ngmurphy51@yahoo.com

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Our 2017-18 scholarship recipient is Rylee Kinsella. Read about her educational and career plans in her thank you letter posted on our website. <http://www.nbsrtsj.nbta.ca>

Recently the scholarship fund received a bequest from the estate of the late Carol Harris Raynes. Carol was a wonderful teacher who gave back in many ways to retired teachers and her community. We are so thankful to Carol for her generous gift to help young people attend UNBSJ in the future.

Remember our scholarship fund when making a memorial donation. NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund memorial cards are available at funeral homes in Saint John, at the October and May luncheons or by contacting Netta Chase (738-2168).

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CHANGES/UPDATES

Did you know that you can make changes to your membership information through our local website: <http://www.nbsrtsj.nbta.ca>

Go to the website, click on MEMBERSHIP and then select UPDATE YOUR INFO. You can make use of this feature to change your address if you have moved, changed your phone number or changed your email address. You will also find here a little bit of info on how to contact our pension branch (now called VESTCOR) to share these changes with them.

You could also tell other retired teachers of this feature if they wish to join. Just fill out the form and a membership application will be mailed to them.

REMEMBER.... THERE IS POWER IN NUMBERS

SCHOOL DAYS MUSEUM

The School Days Museum is trying to put together a display from the 1950's. They are interested in toys such as view masters, dolls, etc as well as clothing from the same period.

If you have any items to donate or loan to the School Days Museum, please contact:

Melody Hamm at 738-3244 or melody.hamm@bellaliant.net or

Dianne Stackhouse at 738-2657 or diannestackhouse@rogers.com

We will gladly arrange a time to pick up and deliver these items to the museum.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

The committee's mandate is to call members who do not have email when, between newsletters, subjects come up for your consideration. These calls would, for example, be about pension, group insurance and presentations on specific topics.

Should you ***not wish*** to receive these calls, please contact Marg (633-9692) by February 20th, 2018.

NEW BRUNSWICK TEACHERS' FEDERATION GROUP INSURANCE

Re available on the NBSRT website

A current Plan booklet (English) can be viewed on or downloaded from the Johnson, NBTF and NBSRT websites in the coming days. Those without email can ask Johnson to mail them one. (Phone 506 - 460 – 1292 or Johnson Insurance 650 Montgomery St, Box 1176, Fredericton E3B 5C8)

KEEPING CONNECTED

If you know a retired teacher who would appreciate a visit from another retired teacher, please contact Marilyn Lester at 652-3124.

REMINDERS

Annual Provincial NBSRT Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Provincial NBSRT will be held on May 1st and 2nd at the Wingate Hotel in Dieppe, N. B. See the latest Reflections Issue for the new election procedure for the provincial executive positions. Some financial assistance will be available from your local branch. Please contact Judy Braman (343-5940) if you are interested.

Registration forms are available on the NBSRT website.

Local Branch NBSRT -SJ Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting of NBSRT-SJ will be held on Thursday May 17th, 2018 at the H.O.P.E. Center on Loch Lomond Rd.

Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. with lunch at noon. Cost is \$15.00 per person

More info will follow in the next newsletter

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Pathways to Education in Saint John

Pathways to Education is a national program that partnered with the Teen Resource Center in Saint John to launch a new program in 2016.

This program provides youth with one on one support that they need to successfully complete high school and move on to post-secondary or directly to work depending on the individual needs of each young person.

The program supports each youth and their family through a variety of free supports: academic, social, financial and advocacy.

The program needs volunteer tutors for the after school tutoring room. They are asking for Retired Teachers support.

If you are able to help or want more information please contact:

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