

**NBSRT Saint John Branch  
Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

This meeting was held at St. Mark's Church, Dexter Drive, at noon, with President Barrie Rigby chairing and 96 members in attendance. Following greetings, "O Canada" was led by George Little, and Robert Taylor offered Grace. A luncheon of chicken breast and gingerbread was enjoyed. Barrie Rigby introduced the Head Table. Ann Stone recognized this year's Scholarship recipient, Philip Vautour, a 2010 graduate of Harbourview High who is in the B.A. program at UNBSJ. Marg Urquhart offered thanks and a certificate to the people of St. Mark's. NBTA Branch 0820 Vice President Peter Woytiuk brought greetings, noting that this year there will be 29 retirees who will be honoured at a dinner at Lily Lake on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Marilyn McCarron and Karen Keating coordinated a number of prize draws, including a \$150 voucher from Uniglobe Travel. Donna Hetherington won \$88.50 in the 50/50 draw.

*(Reports marked \* below were circulated a few copies per table, and a copy is filed with the Minutes).*

**Minutes\***: Robert Taylor summarized the minutes of the October 21<sup>st</sup> luncheon meeting. He moved their acceptance and George Little seconded; motion carried.

**President's Report\***: Barrie Rigby stressed the importance of members keeping us up to date when addresses, phone numbers, or e-mails change. Acceptance of his report was moved by him and seconded by Carol Robertson; motion carried.

**Financial Report\***: Treasurer Larry McPhee's report covered April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There was an operating surplus of \$1622, and total assets (closing) are \$16,161. The financial records were reviewed by Bruce Robertson. The report was accepted on motion of Larry McPhee, seconded by Marg Urquhart. Larry reported that the mystery deposit of \$1935 earlier in the year has been "absorbed". He did not have a copy of next year's budget available, but said it would be on the web site

**Director's Report**: Brian Bawn has posted notes from the Biennial Business Meeting on the web site. He noted the meeting included recognition of George Little by making him a life member of ACER/CART. The provincial Society now has 2133 members. He spoke of proposed "Critical Illnesses" coverage for 29 illnesses; further information will be circulated in late summer. Brian moved and Mary Ellen Maillet seconded that his report be accepted; motion carried.

**Social Committee\***: Marg Urquhart reported for Sue Smith. She circulated a ballot on the tables asking if members would be willing to pay up to \$20 or \$25 for lunch at Lily Lake. Marg moved and Pat Beyea seconded that this report be accepted; motion carried.

**Scholarship Fund Report:** Ann Stone reported that this fund has grown from \$27,947 to \$38,266 this year. She moved and Barry Harbinson seconded acceptance of this report; motion carried.

**Group Insurance / Wellness Report\*:** Pat Beyea moved and John Noddin seconded that this report be accepted; motion carried.

**Membership Report:** Lynne White reported that the Branch has 434 members. All members should encourage former colleagues to join in order to have a greater voice in pension, insurance, and seniors' housing issues.

**Biennial By The Sea Report:** Barry Harbinson extended thanks to the committee and the Branch delegates who supported the Biennial. Barry moved and Marg Urquhart seconded acceptance of his report; motion carried.

**Nominating Committee Report\*:** Pat Beyea submitted the following nominations for the 2011-2013 Board: Gerry Mabey for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Nancy Steele for Director, Linda Perrin for Alternate Director, and Mary Ellen Maillet for Telephone Committee Chair. In each case she called once for further nominations, Del O'Brien animatedly moved that nominations cease, and the candidates were declared elected. Barrie Rigby moves from President to Past President; Marg Urquhart moves up to President; and Barry Harbinson moves up to First Vice. Other Executive positions and Committee Chairs remain the same – see filed report.

Carol Harris led the **Memorial Moment** for former colleagues who passed away since our October meeting: Winnifred Rae Williams, Sister Lila Kindred, Winnifred Ellen (Doherty) MacAndrew, Edith Ardie (MacKnight) Northrup, Sister Geraldine McIntyre, Mikel Marley Jackson, Ermon Fay (Johnson) Duschenes, John L. Maxwell, Marion G. Hunt, Emily Grace (Doherty) Huestis, Paul Arthur Henderson, Norma B. (Seeley) Proud, Sister Mary F. O'Malley, and Wynona Bernice (Merrithew) Geldart.

**New Business:**

- Volunteers are needed for a study by the group NICE, re experiences (or lack thereof) in elder abuse.
- Barrie Rigby announced that leftover goody bag materials from the Biennial are available for pickup.
- Marg Urquhart made a presentation to Barrie Rigby in honour of his six years as Branch Vice President and President.
- Does anyone know where the provincial NBSRT banner went after the Biennial?
- The annual Dropout Lunch will be held September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Promotion of local and provincial NBSRT websites ([www.nbsrtsj.ca](http://www.nbsrtsj.ca) and [www.nbta.ca/nbsrt](http://www.nbta.ca/nbsrt) ).

**Brainstorming Session:** Marg Urquhart gave members one minute to consult and write down ideas for each of five areas of concern:

- How to improve our local web site;
- Ideas for speakers;
- Ideas for social events;
- Ideas for workshops;
- Ideas for fun activities;
- Other comments.

Written ideas were collected and later compiled, and will be considered by the Board.

**Adjournment** at 2:05 pm moved by Clare Walsh.

**Next meeting:** Fall Luncheon on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.