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Scheduled Events to June 30th 2018:

Drayton Valley Thursday, October 18th at 11:30 AM at Beehive Association 5056—50 Ave. The program will be about the Drayton Valley Library.

Leduc Wednesday, November 20th at 11:30 AM at St. David's United Church. Al Arntson will present a session on organ transplants. Al is a survivor of a double lung transplant recipient.

Leduc Wednesday, February 13th at 11:30 AM at St. David's United Church. Luncheon followed by Presentation by Pot Luck and Devices Workshop.

Wetaskiwin Wednesday, March 13th, Luncheon at O'Brian's Restaurant in Wetaskiwin luncheon at 11:30 AM. Program to be arranged.

Leduc Wednesday, April 10 or 17 at 11:30 AM at St. David's United Church. Luncheon with program to follow. Program to be arranged.

Drayton Valley On Tuesday, May 14th from 9:30 to 3:30 PM HARTA will be holding its annual Min-

Conference. Please stay tuned for more details.

Leduc Friday, September 6th, 2019, 10:30 AM AGM, Election of Officers and Brunch at St. David's United Church in Leduc

Other ARTA Fall Events

ARTA Board of Directors Meeting November 27th & 28, 2018.

ARTA AGM Oct. 2nd & 3rd

- The ARTA Annual General Meeting was held on October 2 and 3 in Edmonton. Our delegates from HARTA were Elaine Merriman, and Ron Thompson.
- Congratulations to Leo Richer of CARTA who was elected to the ARTA Pension and Financial Wellness Committee.
- Here are some tidbits of information we gleaned from the AGM.
- Congratulations to President Marilyn Bossert and Vice President Lorna McIlroy who will continue on for 2018 – 2019.

In 1970 the average age of retirement was 62 and retirees collected for about 20 years. In 2017 the average age of retirement was 60 and retirees will collect their pension for an average of 30 years.

Currently the oldest person receiving an ATRF pension is 108 (a lady). The oldest gentleman is 102.

Today 230 retirees receiving a pension are over 95 and 35 of these are centenarians. If you are with the ARTA Benefits Plan there will be no increase in pre-

mium fees for the coming year. The Shingrix vaccine is now covered by the ARTA plan. They have increased the three year hearing aid maximum to \$900 for Health Wise and Total Health plans, and to \$1100 for Health Wise Plus and Ultimate Health plans.

- HARTA is in the process of creating a web page. As the website progresses you will be informed as to its web address and contents.

The major portion of the above article was emailed to me by Edna Warriner, president of CARTA, The Central Alberta Retired Teachers' Association in Red Deer. Thanks for your submission Edna.

HARTA's Wetaskiwin Luncheon

HARTA's last luncheon was at O'Brian's Restaurant in Wetaskiwin. Erika Lefevre was our speaker. Her session was on Traffic Safety Advocacy.

"In 2011, Canadian mother Erika Lefevre received the phone call no parent wants to receive: her 30 year old son, Mathieu, had been killed while cycling in New York City, when a truck driver in a 28 t crane truck ran over him and fled the scene. Erika's first trip to New York was to identify her son in the city morgue, and it was in that city that Erika began her newest role: advocate.

Erika's presentation focussed on the role her family played, fighting for changes that could have prevented their son's death. Erika's activism was described as a watershed moment for New York City's adoption of Vision Zero, and demanded a deeper investigation of the circumstances around Mathieu's death. Based on her experience, Erika outlined how successful advocacy and positive road safety change can be achieved. Her goal is to create awareness of Road Safety, to emphasize the importance of advocating and providing support for Road Victims and adopting Vision Zero as a plan to reduce Traffic Violence and traffic fatalities." Erika indicated that all so-called accidents should be renamed collisions.

From The Accidental Advocate from the Vision Zero Advocate where Erika Lefevre presented for traffic safety.

HARTA AGM Outcome (Review)

The HARTA AGM took place on Friday, September 7. The results of the Election were as follows:

President:	Ron Thompson
VP Drayton Valley:	Sandy Hamilton
VP Leduc:	Elaine Merriman
VP Wetaskiwin:	Ron Holmlund
ATA Liaison:	Walley Porter
Treasurer:	Darleen Broadbent
Secretary:	Erika LeFevre

The Schedule as shown in this newsletter was approved to the end of the 2018-19 Program year. The AGM will take place on Friday, September 6, 2019. The budget for the current fiscal year was approved by the meeting.

After the AGM and Brunch Gary Sawatzky gave the attendees a review the ARTA benefit plan's history. He explained how the Benefits Committee tried to keep the cost of the plan down for its members. He went through the changes in the plan as of November 1st.

HARTA Drayton Valley Luncheon Details

The luncheon details are as follows: the presenter is Leah Anderson from the Drayton Valley library. She will review the many programs available through the Drayton Valley Library. Once again the date and time are Thursday, OCTOBER 18 @12:00 pm. The location is the Beehive Association at 5056 – 50 Ave. Hope to see you there.

Member Welfare

Please let the editor know of anyone who would appreciate a get well note or a phone call from other HARTA members.

Membership Fees

Members who need to pay their fees can do

so at HARTA Luncheons. Members may also send a cheque or money order to: HARTA, C/O Ron Thompson, 4020 – 37 Ave. in Leduc, Alberta. The Postal Code is T9E 6C9. Please send \$10.00 for each year you would like to renew. Our next HARTA event is at the O'Brian's Restaurant in Wetaskiwin. See the details given earlier in this newsletter as well as the Poster at the end of this newsletter.

Executive and Contact Info for the 2018-19 Program Year

Alvin Rurka: Past President

Ron Thompson: President & ARTA Rep

Elaine Merriman: Vice President Leduc

Sandy Hamilton: Vice President Drayton Valley

Ron Holmlund: Vice President Wetaskiwin

Walley Porter: ATA Liaison

Darleen Broadbent: Treasurer

Erika Lefevre: Secretary

The Goals of HARTA

- **To carry on social activities, enabling our members to maintain contact with their colleagues.**
- **To provide information to our members about the resources available through the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association. (ARTA) and other sources.**

ARTA supports an engaged lifestyle after retirement through member-centered services, advocacy, communication, wellness and leadership.



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HARTA LUNCHEON

Drayton Valley

Thursday, OCTOBER 18 @ 12:00 pm

Beehive Association

5056 – 50 Ave.
(former Consortium)

Lunch: soup & sandwiches provided by Cobblestone
\$10.00 per person

Program: DV Library Programs for
2018/2019

Guest Speaker: Leah Anderson

Please contact Sandy Hamilton by Thursday Oct. 12 @ 780-542-5146 or email hamsgs1@telus.net if you will be attending.