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## **HARTA's Tentative Program Schedule for 2023-24**

**Most Presentations will also be  
available on Zoom. (Funded by ARTA.)**

**HARTA's AGM Friday,  
September 15th, 2023**

HARTA will hold its AGM at St. David's United Church, Friday, September 15th. The time, 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Gary Sawatzky or someone from his staff will update us re: the ARTA benefit plan changes to come .

### **HARTA's 2023 - 24 Tentative Program Schedule**

- Thursday, September 28, 2023, Wetaskiwin First United Church
- Thursday, October 12, 2023, Drayton Valley Mini-Conference & Luncheon: 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM (approx. at the Days Inn).
- Thursday, November 16, 2023, St. David's United Church, Leduc
- Thursday, February 15, 2024, Devices Workshop, St. David's United Church, Leduc
- Thursday, March 14, 2024, Wetaskiwin First United Church, Wetaskiwin.

- Thursday, May 9, 2024, Mini-Conference, St. David's United Church, Leduc.
- Friday, September 15, HARTA AGM, St. David's United Church.
- The full confirmed program schedule will be available after the AGM.

## **News From Drayton Valley**

The fall mini conference luncheon has been put together for **Thursday, October 12th**, in the Oak Room (at the recently renamed Days Inn). The cost \$20 per person for lunch + \$10 for HARTA membership (unless already paid/current). Could we get a few of the retired guys to join us for this event? Please pay at the door. (Linda and I from Leduc will be there. It would be great to see a few more members from outside of Drayton Valley.) Please confirm your attendance to Susan by Wednesday, October 4th.

### **Oct 12 Schedule:**

10 AM: registration, coffee & muffins, & socialize  
10:30: Marilyn Hoar - The Role of UNICEF in education around the world

There are many NGO's (non-governmental Organizations) that support the education of children in developing countries. UNICEF also has a mandate to support education, although its role is quite different than that of Save the Children or World Vision. Marilyn Hoar was the UNICEF Chief of Education in Uzbekistan, Nepal, and Kenya. She will describe the role of UNICEF in these countries and globally as well as her experiences working with NGO's, other UN agencies, and gov-

ernments to improve access for all children to quality education. She will also discuss some of the global initiatives to improve education systems.

11:45: Lunch (soup, sandwiches, veggies)

12:30: Joey Cherpin - Director of Emergency Management - preparing for emergencies, like evacuations...!

1:30 - approx. wrap up. Thanks to Joan H, Sandy H, Jeanette M & Ron T for assisting me in organizing this event!

**PLEASE join the local HARTA FaceBook page that was recently started to help keep our members connected!**

**Look for: Drayton Valley Retired School Staff (HARTA)**

Information provided by Susan Schwindt, Representative for Drayton Valley with insets by Ron Thompson, Editor

## **The HARTA Slate for the Executive for the 2023—2024 Program Year**

President:	Ron Thompson
VP Leduc:	Elaine Merriman
VP Wetaskiwin:	Bob Silverthorne
Rep. Drayton Valley:	Susan Schwindt
Secretary:	Janice Storeshaw
Treasurer:	Connie Dublenko
Membership:	Lawrence Dublenko
ATA Liaison Blackgold, S.T.A.R.S Locals:	Gary Hansen
ATA Liaison Wetaskiwin, Timberline Locales:	Bob Silverthorne

If you know of anyone else who would like to stand for election at the AGM, please let me know at [rnthompson102@gmail.com](mailto:rnthompson102@gmail.com) or leave a message on my home phone: (780)

**986-8349.** Nominations can also be made at the AGM.

## **Other HARTA AGM Details**

The supporting documents for the HARTA AGM were emailed to HARTA members during July. They will be emailed again shortly before the AGM.

Ron Thompson — HARTA President

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## **HARTA's Goals**

- 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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### Zoom Annual Licence Funded by ARTA

**You're Invited to  
HARTA's AGM  
ARTA Benefits  
Presentation by Gary  
Sawatzky to follow.  
The in-person meeting will  
be at St. David's United  
Church, AGM at 10:30  
Lunch to follow. The  
AGM and Gary's  
Presentation will also be  
available online.**



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**Friday, Sept. 15th, 2023, 10:30 AM**

**Doors open at 10:00 AM**

**Annual Membership \$10.00**

**Lunch \$15.00 per person**

**New members no charge**

**(Membership \$10.00 for two years for new retirees.)**



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**HARTA's Wetaskiwin  
Luncheon at Wetaskiwin  
First United Church  
5115 - 51st Ave. Wetaskiwin**

**Program:  
What's New with  
Insurance**

**Speaker: Laurie  
Bauer**

**Cost for lunch \$10.00  
per person, no cost for  
new members or  
guests.**



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**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

**Doors open 11:00 AM, Lunch at 11:30 AM**

**Program at 12:30 PM**

**Membership \$10.00 Per Year**

**New retirees \$10.00 for the first Two Years**



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**You're Invited  
to HARTA's Fall  
Mini-Conference &  
Luncheon in Drayton**

**Valley @ the  
Days Inn in the  
Oak Room**

**4302 - 50 Ave  
in Drayton Valley**

**Marilyn Hoar- UNICEF  
Experiences  
Joey Cherpin -  
Preparing for  
Emergencies**



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Susan Schwindt**

**Thursday October 12, 2023 Doors open 10:00  
AM 1st presentation 10:30 AM,  
2nd presentation 12:30 PM  
Lunch & Beverage \$20.00 - 11:45 AM  
Membership \$10.00 Per Year  
New retirees \$10.00 for the first Two Years  
Please RSVP by Oct. 4, 20223**