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HARTA's Mini-Conference in May

Léo Richer



Léo is our key-note speaker for 2025. He taught for the Red Deer Catholic School Board for 38 years, mainly as a Bilingual High School Social Studies and French teacher. He was the team leader for Sec-

ond Languages and French Immersion from 1999 to 2014 and was head marker for Social Studies 30 with Alberta Education from 2001 to 2011. Before his employment in Red Deer, he taught one

year in Australia, 1 year for Indian Affairs at Saddle Lake, and 1 year for the County of St. Paul.

Léo joined his local branch of CARTA (Central Alberta Retired Teachers' Association in Red Deer) when he retired in 2015. He served as VP for 6 years. He became an ARTA rep in 2016, and in 2018, he was elected to the Pension and Financial Wellness Committee. He enjoyed this work immensely and served as chair for 3 years. He was elected Vice President of ARTA in 2022 and completed 2 years in that role.

Jim Allan



Jim Allan is the chair of the Alberta retired Teachers' Charitable Foundation. (ARTCF) The foundation board is made up of four board members who serve for a 4 year term each. Each year, at

the ARTA Board of Director's Meeting, a new foundation board member is elected for the next four year term.

The Charitable Foundation of the Alberta Teachers Association seeks to help seniors in Alberta with housing, health, and education programs. As this is his fourth year on the Charitable Foundation, he has the privilege of chairing it. His 37 years of serving in various roles for the Alberta Teachers' Association have served him well in helping with this valuable committee. Jim will update the participants at the conference with the latest information about the foundation.

Marilyn Hoar



Marilyn has presented two earlier sessions on countries in the far east, the south Pacific, and the Indian subcontinent. Her session in this year's mini-conference will

feature her time in Qatar.

After a year backpacking around the world, Marilyn Hoar decided she would like to work over-seas. She did her doctoral research on education in Fiji, worked for the Aga Khan Educational Services in Tajikistan, and with educational reform in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. Marilyn was Chief of Education with UNICEF in Uzbekistan, Nepal, and Kenya. She will host a slide show travelogue of Qatar and the surrounding communities.

Deb Gerow



Join ARTA President Deb Gerow as she shares experiences and learnings from her ten years as a part time firefighter and medical first responder in the Strathcona

County Emergency Services.

Jim Junod



Jim has worked for CN as an investigator of train derailments and other accidents. One of his hobbies has been the restoration of old cars Please join Jim as he leads us through the restoration of

ones his cars through words and photos of the restoration of a car.

You can find all the details you need to register for the Min-Conference on May 8. Total cost is \$25.00 for the full day or \$15.00 for the morning or afternoon presentations. The \$15.00 does not include lunch. For more information please phone (780) 986-8349. If there is no answer please leave a voice message.



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HARTA Mini-Conference Featured Topics

- **Keynote**
- **Qatar Travelogue**
- **Alberta Retired
Teachers' Charitable
Foundation An
Overview**
- **A Volunteer Fire
Fighter's Story**
- **A Car Restoration
Story**

**Conference Funded
in part by ARTA**



**Thursday, May 8, 2025
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

**Cost - \$25.00 for the Conference In-person,
St. David's United Church
4614 - 48 St. in Leduc, Online (on Zoom),
Free online to current HARTA Members.**

**For more info phone (780) 986-8349
or email: rnthompson@shaw.ca (r n thompson)**

HARTA Mini-Conference 2025 Form
Presenters and Schedule for Thursday, May 8th, 2025
St. David's United Church
4614 – 48 Street, Leduc T9E 5X7

Surname _____ First Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Email Address _____ Phone No. _____

Membership: Check one or more:

If you are a branch member other than HARTA, indicate the branch. _____

_____ ARTA _____ HARTA _____ Non-member.

Workshop fee: ____ \$25.00 In-Person with meals. Afternoon or Morning Sessions only:
 ____ \$15.00 no meals. **Payment details:** Cheque, Money order or cash for ____ registrations:

Total fees \$ _____ (We also accept e-transfers.)

Forward registrations to Ron Thompson: rnthompson@shaw.ca or by mail to:

HARTA C/O 4020 - 37 Avenue, Leduc, Alberta. T9E 6C9

Registration is not complete until payment has been received.

No refunds after May 1st, 2025.

Space is limited so register early.

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| 9:00-9:25 | Registration |
| 9:25-9:30 | Indigenous Welcome – Bob Silverthorne |
| 9:30-10:00 | Keynote – Léo Richer – (Past ARTA Vice President) |
| 10:00-10:10 | Break |
| 10:10-11:10 | Alberta Retired Teachers' Charitable Foundation (An Overview) – Jim Allan |
| 11:10-11:20 | Break |
| 11:20-12:20 | A Qatar Travelogue – Marilyn Hoar |
| 12:20-1:20 | Lunch Break |
| 1:20-2:20 | A volunteer Firefighter's Story – Deb Gerow (ARTA's President) |
| 2:20-2:30 | Break |
| 2:30-3:30 | Restoring a 60s Car – Jim Junod |
| 3:30-4:00 | Evaluations – Wrap-up |