



Parkland Area Retired Teachers Association

Annual Review

2012-2013

Membership: PARTA has a roster of 66 paid memberships and a contact list of approximately 320 members. It is a mandate of the current membership and executive to improve the active members list substantially.

Operations: PARTA is up and running with a full slate of executive officers and plans to develop committees to fully serve the membership and preserve the heritage of this fledgling group. The secretary, treasurer and phone convener have established a data base of membership and a web master is learning necessary skills in anticipation of the time PARTA will have its own web page.

Accomplishments: In 2012-2013, the Members' Handbook, Bylaws, Logo and History were made ready for publication and distribution. The ATA Local 10 has graciously agreed to help connect retiring staff with PARTA by allowing us to attend meetings, place our contact information on their website and include an invitation to our branch in their Retired Teachers' Information package. PARTA is now a contributing member of the Second Wind Conference, has members who serve on ARTA committees and is committed to inform the membership of the benefits of membership in ARTA as well as the local group. PARTA contributes to the local food bank and Christmas Hamper Project.

Functions: PARTA members meet the first Tuesday of each month for brunch at the Tri-Leisure Centre in Spruce Grove. In addition to the fellowship and good food, members have had presentations on Winter Driving, Early Bedding Plants and Greenhouses, Volunteer Opportunities in the Area and Information about the ARTA Benefits Plan. We enjoyed A Taste of Shotz food experience and donated generously to the Kinettes Hamper Drive. Outings were planned to the Concordia Community Christmas Concert and Jubilations Dinner Theatre.

Goals: It is planned that a Marketing and Management Committee will be established to develop promotional strategies and events to increase active membership and that a Care Committee will receive and provide timely information to bring social acknowledgements from PARTA to families and members as required. An Historical Committee will organize and preserve records and branch information.

One of the mandates of the executive is to insure vibrant leadership by allowing co-positions and shared responsibilities that will enhance personal retirement objectives and not burden individuals with certain roles. It is hoped that this approach will encourage participation by many and promote fellowship and purpose for the members.

As we continue into our future, it is expected that PARTA will work to provide information, social and volunteer opportunities as well as encouragement and support for its diversified membership. We intend to put out the word that PARTA is not only an organization of select, specific individuals but welcomes a variety of like-minded retirees whose contributions will strengthen the group and insure its success.

Review of Goals from 2012-13

A Marketing and Management Committee has not yet been established.

A Care Committee has not been formally established. The executive members deal with any social obligations of PARTA.

A Historical Committee has not been established. With the development of a Web page, the history of the young PARTA organization can be found in that information.

We continue to encourage and benefit from sharing responsibilities and including as many members as we can to accomplish the tasks of PARTA to serve the membership.

The membership of PARTA continues to grow.

We do not seem to have great success in planned events outside of our monthly brunch meetings.