



Parkland Area Retired Teachers Association
Annual Review
2013-2014

As of September 10, 2013 PARTA begins its fourth year of operation.

PARTA members meet the first Tuesday of each month for brunch at the Tri-Leisure Centre in Spruce Grove. Our primary mandate is to act as liaison between the provincial organization and our local membership and provide events where colleagues can socialize and learn.

Community Service:

PARTA contributes to the Parkland Food Bank and Christmas Hamper Project.

Presentations: enjoyed this year:

Fraud/Scams – Bill Fraser, Cosco Presentation

Botswana - Nat and Marie Rutter, Travel Presentation

“Retirement Planning: Long Term Care” - Aron Egey-Samu, Servus Wealth Strategies, Sp. Grove

“Memory” - Bill Fraser, Cosco Presentation

TW Insurance Presentation - Laurie Bauer, Business Development Manager, Edmonton

Members, Mary Linn Sage, Laurie Semler and Vi Keist-McDonald were given free memberships to International Council of Active Aging courtesy of ARTA Wellness.

The membership fee to PARTA was increased to \$5.00 per year beginning October 1, 2013 to help effectively carry out the business of the branch and help with its forward development. Members having already paid the \$5.00 life membership, have the option to pay under the new bylaw but are not required to do so.

Members Surveys were completed by several members and their results will be used to guide the activities of PARTA in the future.

PARTA is a contributing member of **GERTA Second Wind Conference**. Information sessions, an art show and sale and many prize draws make this an enjoyable event.

A new Logo has been designed by Kimberley Robertson, daughter of Iona and Barry Robertson, and was well received by the membership. It was meant to incorporate the elements of the Parkland School Division logo and provide PARTA a recognizable symbol.



The Annual General Meeting has been moved from September to June of each year and the fiscal year is from June 1 to May 31. PARTA branch can provide information to ARTA in a timely manner at the beginning of their year to accommodate requirements for the AGM in October.

PARTA has a full executive roster whose members also serve at the provincial level on Benefits, Pension and Governance committees.

To enhance communication, a website has been created and maintained to share information with our growing membership and other branches.

Monthly newsletters have been designed to accompany the invitation to PARTA Monthly meetings.

Our branch history has been brought up to date and appears on Page 28 in the Winter 2014 [ARTA News and Views](#).

Our Bylaws and Members' Handbook are complete.

In order to connect with our practicing teachers:

- two members of the PARTA executive attend the monthly dinner meetings of Parkland ATA Local 10.
- Some of our executive represented PARTA in the ATA Local 10 Booth at the Tri-Area Trade Fair in April
- Along with members from St. Albert and Strathcona, manned the ARTA booth at the North Central Teachers' Convention in February.

In its attempt to serve its communities, PARTA has chosen to contribute to the Parkland Food Bank and Christmas Hamper Project. We are also a contributing member of GERTA Second Wind Conference.