



Parkland Area Retired Teachers' Association
Annual Review
2014-2015

PARTA begins its fifth full year as a branch of the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association.

We have made some excellent strides in developing our organization to serve the retired and practising teachers of Parkland School Division. It continues to draw new members and contributes its talents and experience at the local and provincial level. This level of involvement brings to our members current information and the opportunity to participate fully in all that ARTA has to offer all retired teachers. We recognize:

- Maxine Anderson – GERTA Second Wind Conference Registrar.
- Bill Fraser and Robin Smith – Financial and Estate Planning Program Development.
- Laurie Semler – PARTA Website Design and Development.
- Judy Cruise and Nancy St. Amand – Locating a new venue for our meetings.

Service to Retired Teachers:

Because PARTA members serve at the provincial level, local membership keeps informed of services and changes important to their healthy, productive retirement.

In February, 2014, ARTA's 50th Anniversary was an exciting and memorable celebration. Outstanding Volunteer Awards were presented to Dave Johannsen and Maxine Anderson. Irl Miller received honourable mention but was presented the award by the ERTA to which he also belongs. It was an honour to celebrate these individuals who serve their communities and colleagues so diligently.

Iona Robertson, Robin Smith and Laurie Semler attended the ARTA Retreat and Board of Directors' Meeting, May 26-27, 2015 in Canmore.

Iona has shared PARTA bylaws, members' handbook and promotional brochure with Frank Tschbold, President of Wolf Creek Retired Teachers' in the Ponoka area.

Service to Practicing Teachers:

In order to connect with our practicing teachers in the area, PARTA executive continues to attend the monthly dinner meetings of Parkland ATA Local 10.

With members from St. Albert and Strathcona, we hosted the ARTA booth at the North Central Teachers' Convention in February, 2015.

President, Iona Robertson attended the ATA Local 10 Annual Induction and Retirement Ceremony on October 27, 2014.

Iona made a short presentation on behalf of PARTA at retirement workshops at Parkland Local 10 on January 17, 2015 and Hinton/Edson on March 7, 2015.

Service to the Community:

PARTA hosted a very successful Financial Wellness Workshop on April 23, 2015 at the Chateau Nova in Edmonton. **Wills, Estates and Cost of Aging** was presented by Lawyer, Paul Foisey and Certified Financial Planner, Aron Egey-Samu. Members, Bill Fraser, Mary Linn Sage and Nancy St Amand facilitated this event with help from Judy Cruise, Deb Schellenberger, Vi Keith-McDonald and Ernie Clintberg.

We contribute to the Parkland Food Bank at every meeting.

We are a supporting branch of the Second Wind Conference for the Greater Edmonton area.

PARTA is becoming a visible organization within our communities.

Growth of PARTA:

We have moved to the Spruce Grove Motor Inn for our monthly meetings.

With the development of our website and organizational materials, we are creating a strong organizational foundation with which to support, inform and benefit all retired teachers and seniors in our areas. Our goal is to help ARTA fulfil its purpose and mandates.