



Parkland Area Retired Teachers Association Annual Review
2016-2017

Parkland Area Retired Teachers' Association is in its 10th year as a Branch of the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association. We proudly serve the retired teachers of Alberta. As of the recent Board of Directors' Meeting in Kananaskis, there is a PARTA member serving on every ARTA Committee, Board or Foundation.

Involvement in PARTA: The PARTA Executive for 2016 - 2017:

Iona Robertson - President

Maxine Anderson - Past President

Mary Linn Sage - Vice-President.

Judy Cruise - Secretary-Treasurer.

Nancy St. Amand - Branch Representative.

Robin Smith - Branch Representative.

Laurie Semler Branch Representative and Webmaster.

Bill Fraser - Branch Representative.

Branch Development:

PARTA paid membership as of June 7, 2017: 72.

PARTA members who are also ARTA members: 48.

Branch Activities:

- PARTA had very successful Body Composition Clinics in January with a follow-up clinic in June. Nancy St. Amand, with help from Mary Linn Sage, acted as the chairperson for this worthwhile wellness initiative.
- Bill Fraser organized January Paint Nite at the Cheesecake Café in Spruce Grove.
- A visit to the Parkland Pioneer Museum was arranged by Lou Hansen, Bill Fraser and Darrold Quartly.
- PARTA members took the **ARTA Walking Challenge** from April 1 to June 30.

Involvement in ARTA:

PARTA members are becoming great contributors and ambassadors for the provincial organization. The following PARTA members serve Alberta Retiring/Retired teachers in the following capacities:

Branch Representatives – Nancy St. Amand Robin Smith
Laurie Semler Bill Fraser

ARTA Pension and Advisory Committee, Chair – Bill Fraser.

ARTA Governance Committee, Member/Advisor – Maxine Anderson.

ARTA Communications Committee, Member – Laurie Semler.

ARTA Wellness Committee, Chairman – Ron Thompson.

ARTA Charitable Foundation, Co-Chairman - Robin Smith.

ARTA Benefits Trust – Robin Smith.

ARTA Charitable Foundation, Director – Irl Miller.

ARTA Strategic Planning and Advisory Committee, Member – Iona Robertson.

ARTA Benefits Plan Trust, Trustee – Ernest Clintberg.

Several PARTA members attended the **Annual ARTA Retreat** in Kananaskis on May 28, 29 and 30. Laurie Semler, Robin Smith, Ron Thompson, Bill Fraser, Maxine Anderson and Iona Robertson attended this wellness centered event. It was Iona's pleasure to introduce keynote speaker, Dr. Dave Hepburn. Ernest Clintberg joined us to attend the Board of Directors on May 30 and 31.

Involvement with other Branches:

- PARTA contributes to the annual GERTA Second Wind Conference.
- Iona Robertson attended the Geneology Club of the Calgary Retired Teachers to present a workshop on "Archiving Family Photos".

Involvement in ATA: PARTA continues to develop a stronger relationship with the practicing teachers in the district.

- President and/or other executive attend regular Parkland ATA Local meetings.
- Executive members present at Parkland School Division Pre-Retirement Workshops.
- Our Branch Representative present benefits and pension information to other locals.

- With members from HARTA, SCARTA, STARTA and ERTA, PARTA members hosted the ARTA booth at the North Central Teachers' Convention.
- President Iona Robertson attended the Retirement and Induction Celebration for Evergreen ATA Local 11 on October 6 in Hinton and the Parkland ATA Local 10 on October 24 in Spruce Grove.
- Bill Fraser and Laurie Semler provided a very popular retirement information session entitled "The Other Side of the Door" at the NCTCA in February.

Involvement in the Community:

We continue to offer donations to the Parkland Food Bank at every meeting. In addition, at the December meeting we approved a \$100 donation to that organization.

Announcements:

As of March 1, 2017, ARTA moved into their new offices.

