# **Member's Handbook**



# Parkland Area Branch PARTA

### **Alberta Retired Teachers' Association**

### What Does Alberta Retired Teachers' Association Do For Us?

#### ARTA is a non-profit organization which provides:

- ✓ Advocacy for retirees regarding health care, long-term care and many other issues affecting seniors. The more members we have, the more influential we are to lobby on these issues.
- ✓ A **benefits plan** to members unmatched anywhere.
- ✓ The Affinity Program which offers discounts on transportation, rental, travel and accommodation with participating vendors.
- ✓ Scholarships for children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews of our members if they are attending colleges, universities or technical schools.
- ✓ <u>news & views Magazine</u> published four times a year containing information of interest to seniors and organization events.
- ✓ Continuing **support for education** in Alberta and Canada.
- ✓ Wellness programs offered in our communities across Alberta for all seniors.

### **ARTA Branches**

ARTA has 18 branches across Alberta and one in British Columbia which provide important programs for seniors and opportunities for social interaction. While it is not necessary to belong to a branch to remain a member of the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association (ARTA) members are encouraged to do so for their own enjoyment and for the strengthening of the organization. There is the opportunity to form a new branch with a minimum of 25 members.

The activities of the branches such as Parkland Area are the backbone of ARTA. They provide social and learning activities in their local areas, enabling members to remain in contact with their colleagues. In addition, elected members and volunteers from the branches serve all ARTA membership:

- As delegates to our democratic policy-making annual General Assembly.
- On the important standing and ad hoc committees that negotiate our health benefits insurance and lobby government to re-examine our pensions.
- On the scholarship committees.
- On ad hoc committees that support ATA in its attempt to improve the quality of education at all levels across the province.
- On committees to improve the conditions of children and poverty and to support concerns of all senior citizens.
- By contributing articles to our <u>News and Views Newsletter</u> and the ARTA website to keep our members informed.

### Parkland Area (PARTA) Branch Membership

# <u>**Regular/Full Membership**</u>: Any person will be granted membership and full voting privilege who is:

- In receipt of a pension from Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund
- A retired or previously employed teacher from Alberta
- The spouse/partner of a member
- The surviving spouse of a retired teacher
- A retired teacher from another province, institution or district
- A previous employee of Parkland School Division
- An Honorary Member of Alberta Teachers' Association
- Accepted by ARTA as a regular or affiliate member
- Approved by PARTA Executive

<u>Membership Dues</u>: Membership fees to PARTA are \$5.00 per year beginning October1, 2013 to help effectively carry out the business of the branch and help with its forward development. Dues may be paid:

- At the beginning of each year in September
- At the first meeting a person attends as a member
- Multiple years

Members having already paid the \$5.00 lifetime membership, have the option to pay under the new bylaw but are not required to do so.

The fiscal year for the branch will be from June 1 to May 31 of each year.

### **Membership Application:**

You can make application to the Parkland Area Branch of ARTA (PARTA) using the

application form found in this handbook. If you wish to have it sent to you, please contact:

Judy Cruise at 780-963-4716 or parta.contact.2010@gmail.com

You can make application to the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association by:

Phone: 780-822-2400 or Toll Free at 780-855-212-2400 E-mail: info@arta.net Website: arta.net

## **Frequently Required Contacts**



PARTA (Parkland Area Retired Teachers' Association)

E-mail: parta.contact.2010@gmail.com partaweb@gmail.com

Website: https://sites.google.com/site/partateachers/ ARTA Website

#### **Alberta Retired Teachers' Association**



15505 137 Avenue NW Edmonton AB T5V 1R9 Phone: (780) 822-2400 Toll Free in Canada 1-855-212-2400 Email: <u>info@arta.net</u>

### **Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund**

600 Barnett House 11010 142 ST NW EDMONTON AB T5N 2R1 Reception: 6th Floor **Phone:** (780) 451-4166 Toll Free: 1-800-661-9582 **Fax:** (780) 452-3547

**Reach ATRF by Email:** General Inquiries: <u>info@atrf.com</u> Plan Member Inquiries: <u>member@atrf.com</u> Pensioner Inquiries: <u>pensioner@atrf.com</u>

Parkland Teachers' Local 10

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**Local Office:** 5008 - 51 Avenue, Stony Plain Monday - Friday 9:00 to 12:00 PO Box 2030 Stony Plain Alberta T7Z 1X6 Phone: (780) 963-5898 Fax: (780) 963-5212 E-mail: <u>parklandteachers@shaw.ca</u>

Parkland Substitute Teachers' Group Representative: Mary Ng-Notton Cell Phone: (780)909-3663 E-Mail: parklandsubs10@gmail.com

### **PARTA Membership Application Form**

Prospective members may use this form to apply for membership.

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