

**MINUTES and Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)
October 10, 2023**

Statement of Welcome – No Business Meeting Today:

President, Iona Robertson, welcomed those in attendance and acknowledged meeting on Treaty 6 and 8 First Nations' land. A special welcome was extended to Gary Sawatzky, ARTA Chief Operating Officer, presenting information about ARTA Rx, ARTA's Preferred Partnerships and other topics brought by members. 23 PARTA members were in attendance.

President's Report:

President, Iona Robertson, gave a brief report on the activities attended since our last PARTA meeting (AGM), June 13, 2023. Information from these will be available at a later date.

- Aug. 5 – ARTA Board of Directors' Meeting via Zoom.
- Sept. 7 – Edmonton Retired Teachers' Second Wind Conference.
- Sept. 12-13 - ARTA Board of Directors' Meeting preceded by a Branch Presidents' meeting. Laurie Semler and Ron Thompson also attended.
- Oct. 3-4 – ARTA Annual General Meeting.
- Oct. 4 – ATA Local 10 Monthly Meeting. – Bill Fraser and I attended.

Announcements:

The following meeting dates with confirmed presentations or special meals for each:

-November 14, 2023 – Vince Gobeil – Family Services Manager for Valuecremations.
Topic – Planning and Consideration for “End-of Life”.

-December 12, 2023 – Ecole Broxton Park School Choir to entertain.

-January 9, 2024 - New Years' Breakfast catered by PK Catering.

-February 13, 2024 – Representative from Hearing Life, Spruce Grove.
Topic – Information and Hearing/Ear Care.

-March 12, 2024

-May 14, 2024 (Spring Breakfast)

-April 9, 2024

-June 11, 2024 (AGM)

The Presentation by Gary Sawatzky was very well received and a letter of thanks will be sent.