

**MINUTES and Briefing Notes of Regular Meeting of
PARKLAND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (PARTA)
January 9, 2024**

Statement of Welcome – No Business Meeting Today:

President, Iona Robertson, welcomed members and guests in attendance at our January gathering.

New Year's Breakfast catered by PK Catering

President's Report:

- In January, 2024, a new ARTA office is now open in Calgary to serve members in the southern part of the province.
- As discussed and approved at the December 12, 2023 meeting, PARTA has forwarded a cheque for \$250.00 to the Edmonton Retired Teachers to continue our financial and physical support of their annual Second Wind Conference for 2024. Further information will be forwarded to members as it is received.
- The President shared some ARTA stats: There are currently 85,361 ARTA members with 309 members over 95 years and 81 members over 100 years. The oldest pensioner is 104 and has been collecting for 40 years and the average pension is \$35 000 per year.

Secretary's Report:

Cash totaling \$60.00 and non-perishable food items collected at our December meeting were delivered to the Food Bank. Toys collected were donated to the Kinette Christmas Hampers.

Announcements:

The following dates and events are reserved for our upcoming meetings:

- February 13, 2024 - Representative from Hearing Life Spruce Grove.
- March 12, 2024
- April 9, 2024
- May 14, 2024 (Spring Breakfast)
- June 11, 2024 (AGM)