



ST. ALBERT AND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS ' ASSOCIATION

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August: Rain, rain, go away...come again some other day! I know- we need rain for the gardens, the lawn and trees, the fires! It is great when it is interspersed with a couple of sunshiny days – we need a bit more sun before the leaves all start changing colour and falling!

Goin' To the Horse Races: Saturday, August 19th

Retired teachers and their friends are invited to join me at the races at Century Racetrack and Casino on Saturday, August 19th. Enjoy overlooking the racetrack from the tables of the Finish Line Restaurant, while you indulge in a wonderful buffet. The buffet is open from 3:00 to 5:30 with Post Time at 3:45. For Seniors (age 65+), the cost of the buffet (including coffee and tea) is \$41.95 +GST \$2.10 = \$43.05 + tip. Of course, other types of drinks and betting are extra!

Because at this point, we only have 11 confirmed participants, our reservations need to be made the week of the race. We needed to have 24 to pre-book a special seating area. Now I will phone Monday, August 14 to make the reservation. If anyone else wants to join us, please contact me by phoning (780)418-8032, by texting (780)690-5644, or email me at maslen1@telus.net on or before Sunday, August 13.

The casino and racetrack are located near the International Airport. You will have to provide your own transportation there. Feel free to invite your friends. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Maurine Maslen (Membership and Breakfast Coordinator (and Race Coordinator))

Last Call for Second Wind Conference Registrations

The Second Wind Conference is Thursday, September 7th at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre in Edmonton. Find the registration form by going to secondwindconference.ca Hope to see you there.



GOOD NEWS from our Treasurer Leo Bruseker:

Last year we received a request from a member asking if we could set up the ability to e-transfer payments to STARTA. We are pleased to announce that **members will now be able to pay for their breakfasts and membership fees using e-transfer** if that is their wish. If you have set up e-transfer with your financial institution, you can send your payment to the following email address: startacontact@gmail.com

SPECIAL NOTES:

- E-transfer is one **payment OPTION**. You may continue to pay with cash or cheque at the check-in desk as we have been doing in the past.
- Members using e-transfer must send payment no later than the **Thursday** prior to the Friday breakfast meeting.
- **All members will still need to check in** at the tables as they arrive for breakfast.

Honouring our member Lucy Irene Krisco (Skikiewich)

February 2, 1945 – June 21, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of STARTA member Lucy Krisco. Lucy taught for the Edmonton Public School Board at Mayfield Elementary School for four years, and at Thorncliffe Elementary School for the rest of her career. She and her husband, Nestor, moved to St. Albert soon after they were married. She was very involved with the St. Albert Gardening Club. In the raised boxes Nestor built for her, Lucy planted every type and color of tomato there was. At Christmas, I think they displayed more than 50 trees and many types of nativity scenes throughout their home. The couple loved to go camping. Lucy greatly missed Nestor when he passed, and the pandemic made her loss even worse. Relatives and friends gathered to pay tribute to her life Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Connelly-McKinley Funeral Homes. Interment was in Taber, where Lucy grew up, on August 8th. Lucy will be missed by many of our members.

by Maurine Maslan

Just a reminder – if you know of illness or the passing of one of our members, please call and leave a message for Ardyth Garrison at 780-458-9212. Also, in the case of a passing, and if you are comfortable to do so, we would really appreciate you sending a short item about that person to our News Bulletin editor Ardyth Garrison (garrisonardyth@gmail.com) so we can share that information with other members. Thank you.

Mark your Calendar for our Fall Breakfast:

Friday, September 29th:

**All details will be forthcoming
in the mid-September News Bulletin.**

One more note: many of our members have had changes in their contact information. To ensure that we have accurate information, we are asking ALL members to complete the Contact Information form (will be included in the mid-September News Bulletin) and bring it to the September breakfast meeting.

One more Opportunity: A Request for ‘HELP!’

A family who has recently returned to Canada from Singapore is looking for a qualified teacher to home school their son. He is aged at a Grade 6 level, however, is currently testing at a Grade 3 level. His parents are hoping that, with individual instruction, the gap can be bridged over the year. If you are interested in receiving further details, please contact:

Wendy Poirier, STARTA Co-President: rwpoirier19@gmail.com

*A huge ‘Thank You’ to Maurine, Wendy, and Ardyth
for contributing to this News Bulletin.*

Enjoy those final lazy, crazy days of summer!