



ST. ALBERT AND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS ' ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

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September: a time of many changes, and often a time of new beginnings. The following is a short article we received about the beginnings of STARTA 1E.

Have you ever heard of 'STARTA 1E'? 'STARTA 1E' has existed for many years, yet most STARTA members have no idea what it is. Let me explain...

There has been a small group of STARTA members who meet regularly for breakfast every week or month. Membership in this group stems from the first executive of STARTA. We discuss everything and anything from grandchildren to political, global problems.

STARTA first met as an association in 1997. Some time after those first years, and our terms of office as the executive of STARTA, a group of us started to meet for breakfast, always on a **Monday** and always in St. Albert. Our group has inevitably and sadly dwindled in number but we still have Eryl Jones, Fern Gouchey, Helen Keiran, Joan Metstinsek, Susan Supraniuk and Alison Weingardt. Jean Elder joined us in later years when we needed help.

Our promise to each other is to meet together until the day we are down to one left standing. And then—who knows!! So we will carry on!

Here's hoping that STARTA will continue to flourish for many more decades and have a strong voice in the community.

Submitted by Eryl Jones from STARTA 1E

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Welcome Back Breakfast: Friday, Sept. 29, 2023

At Sturgeon Valley Country Club

9:00 AM- 11:00AM

Doors Open at 8:30 am.

NEW COST: Due to rising costs of food items, the cost of breakfast has increased by \$1.00 per person.

MEMBERS \$26.00 or NON-MEMBERS \$30.00

Payment by cash or cheque at the registration desk **OR**
by e-transfer the Thursday prior to the breakfast. (see details below)
Please note – there will be no refunds on e-transfer payments.

MEMBERSHIP FEES are due - **\$10.00** per person for the 2023/2024 season.

Membership fees can be paid by cash, cheque or by e-transfer. (see below)

Partners who are not retired teachers can purchase a membership as an Associate Member of STARTA for \$10.00 per person.

GOOD NEWS from our Treasurer Leo Bruseker:

Members can now pay for their breakfasts and membership fees using e-transfer. 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:

- 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 registration tables upon arrival at the breakfast meeting

Looking Forward: Upcoming Breakfast DATES

Friday, October 27 Friday, January 26

Friday, November 24 Friday February 23

(More to come in a future News Bulletins)

Your STARTA Executive for the 2023/2024 Year

Co-Presidents: Wendy Poirier & Mary-Pat O'Neil

Vice-President: Sue Kennedy

Past Co-Presidents: Debbie Kelley & Marian Oberg

Secretary: Donna Fedoration

Treasurer: Leo Bruseker

News Bulletin: Peggy Bergmann & Ardyth Garrison

STARTA Historian (& photographer): Joyce Keltie

Membership & Contact Co-Ordinator: Marine Maslen

STARTA/ARTA Communications Contact: Gail Cuff

Ambiance Co-Ordinator: Debbie Kelley

Events in Review:

AND THEY'RE OFF! Ten STARTA members and friends had an enjoyable time at Century Race Track and Casino on Saturday August 19th. A much smaller group than in previous times when the races were held at Northlands, but we definitely had a **lot of fun**, much laughter, delicious food from the buffet- and maybe, just maybe, a few dollars in pocket by the end of the day!

Many thanks to Maurine Maslen for organizing the outing.

Submitted by Jean F .K. Gale



About 150 individuals attended the **Second Wind Conference** held on Thursday, September 7th at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre in Edmonton.

Participants enjoyed the displays and the varied and interesting presentations. The Keynote, Jeremy Albert, spoke on the appreciation of elders. Our STARTA banner along with our brochures were part of an eye-catching display.

Honouring Members who have Passed

Rob (Robin) Mallett; March 3, 1944 — July 26, 2023

Rob, a retired teacher, who had taught at Paul Kane High School, passed on [July 26](#), 2023. Rob and his wife Bev were both members of the Kelowna Retired Teachers Group. Rob had dealt with Parkinson's Disease for several years. His wife Bev and daughter Cara are among those who will miss him. His friends in Edmonton, St. Albert, and in Kelowna will not forget Rob's repertoire of "unique" expressions and his ability to command an audience when telling his stories.

Pat Glenn, a STARTA member, passed away Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023.

We were saddened this week to this news. A number of our STARTA members have children who were taught by Pat at St. Albert Catholic High School. Many heartwarming stories are being told about him. Former Students and colleagues have talked about his kind and happy disposition. He is remembered for always having a genuine interest in his students and being very approachable.

One former student said, "I was never afraid to ask him a question." And how many know that he gave his time going to elementary classrooms and helping little ones build birdhouses?

As one person said, he was "salt of the earth."

He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.



Pictures from the early days of STARTA:



An important final message:

If you have not been contacted about the breakfast by Wednesday, September 20 and you wish to attend, please contact Maurine Maslen at (780)418-8032 or text (780) 690-5644

Thank you to all who have contributed to this News Bulletin!

Contact Information...

IF YOU HAVE HAD ANY CHANGES to your **CONTACT INFORMATION**, please fill out and bring the attached form to the September breakfast meeting. Thank you!



ST. ALBERT RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP Information 2023-2024

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

NEW MEMBERSHIP: _____ RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP: _____

RETIRED TEACHER: _____ ASSOCIATE MEMBER: _____

Current ARTA MEMBER: Please circle one: YES NO

Membership Fee for 2023-2024 is \$10 for both a member and an associate member. An associate member is anyone who has purchased a membership in STARTA, but does not receive a pension from ATRF.

NOTE: Photos may be taken at STARTA events and may be published in STARTA media. If this is an issue for you, please discuss your concern with the photographer at the event.