



January 2022 MHADRTA *Newsletter*

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Message from the President

Happy New Year, Everyone! Since this is my first newsletter for 2022, I hope that you all had a great Christmas—however you got to celebrate it! The weather was frigidly cold over the Christmas season, but hopefully the warmth of the friends and family made it an enjoyable one. My wishes for you are to have and enjoy a happy, healthy and safe 2022.

I know that this everlasting and ever changing pandemic and the restrictions associated with it are taking a toll on everyone. They have caused a great deal of anxiety among everyone—especially seniors who are feeling very isolated. Don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call a fellow retiree. The sound of your friendly voice could put a

General Meeting Valentine Theme

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm
Meeting will start at 10:30 am

Place: Ralph's Steakhouse
1249 Trans Canada Way SE
Proof of Vaccination or
Negative Rapid Test Required

Program: (Skit) Fashion Show
Extravaganza

Cost of Luncheon: \$20.00

Dress red/white/pink for the occasion

If you have not been phoned by a member of the phoning committee by **Thursday, February 3, 2022**, please contact **Jim Black** (403-548-2028) to confirm your attendance.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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put a smile on the face of a lonely or shut-in senior.

Hopefully with the nice weather we have been enjoying, perhaps some of you are able to spend more time outdoors. Invite a friend to walk with you. You can keep social distances but what a great way to visit. However, with the thawing occurring, sidewalks and walking paths may be icy, so we need to be very careful. Snowshoeing, cross country skiing and skating are other options that we can consider. It enables us to stay physically active!

Remember that advocacy is also a part of the mission of ARTA. We must advocate for what we believe in. If you have concerns about seniors' services, education, health care—especially in light of recent events (breaking promises, handling of the pandemic, the new proposed K-6 curriculum—do not hesitate to contact your local MLA, or the minister in charge of the portfolio.

With this edition starts the fifth year of my newsletters. I am trusting you find them timely and informative. I always welcome submissions, so please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address below.

Hope to see you on the 9th!

Thanks,
Mel Deydey
President, MHADRTA
49ermh@gmail.com



Pioneer Village Old Tyme Christmas

(by Vicki McCaig, Pioneer Village Committee)

The Old Tyme Christmas was held at Pioneer Village on December 2, 2021. There was a festive atmosphere with Santa Claus and his elves in attendance. There were free hotdogs, hot chocolate, caroling, hayrides, and a bonfire with s'mores. Many families toured the village buildings. Children were excited to be in the schoolhouse and for many adults it brought back memories. It always surprises us how many people are not aware of this little gem in the park. Not only were there locals touring, but there were people from places close by or far away. The market in the Cypress Centre was another attraction for people to purchase last minute gifts. At 8 o'clock there was a spectacular array of fireworks for everyone's pleasure!



Thank you to Sandra Craven, Donna Mae Goldade, Ray Morrison, Fay Felesky, Marion Radke and Darlene Dee for being in the schoolhouse to answer any questions and provide information. Bob and Vicki McCaig helped out in the RCMP building and the store. Everyone had a very good time!





MHADRTA Executive 2020-2021

President: Mel Deydey

Past President: Jim Black

1st Vice-President: Therese Bullin

2nd Vice-President: Donna Mae Goldade

Secretary: Ray Morrison

Treasurer: Henk Hof

Membership Chairman: Jim Kaupp

ATA Rep—Local #1: Darlene Dee

ATA Rep—Local #2: Laurel Schlaht

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SEATCA: Delle Lovig

**ARTA Reps: Judy Wonnenberg
Dianne Durda**

**Pioneer Village Schoolhouse:
Vicki McCaig**

Cards & Scrapbook: Annita Pinder

Pension & Financial Wellness: Ray Hoger

Health Benefits: Jim Black

Contact: Barb Taylor

Website: Ed Dick

Phoning: Jim Black

Programs: Donna Mae Goldade

ARTA Board Of Directors: Mel Deydey

Contact information for the executive (email addresses and phone numbers) is available to MHADRTA members on the website. It is password protected.

MHADRTA Membership Info

If have not already done so, it is time to renew your 2021/22 membership as we hope you will continue to be a part of our organization. We welcome newly retired teachers with a free one year membership. We also invite previously retired teachers who have not yet joined us since they've retired or those who allowed their membership to lapse. Your 2021-2022 membership will be valid from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.

Currently, we have 78 members made up of 60 renewals from last year, 9 new members, 7 Lifetime members and two honorary members.

Membership in MHADRTA is \$15.00 per year, payable by cheque or cash. You can also purchase a membership online.

Membership in ARTA is separate. For more information, visit www.arta.net



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South East Alberta Teachers Convention February 24 & 25, 2022

For the second year in a row, the South East Alberta Teachers' Convention will once again be an online ZOOM event. **Marilyn Bossert**, Past President of ARTA, will be one of the presenters at South Alberta Teachers' Convention held jointly with the South West Alberta Teacher's Convention, on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Her presentation will take place at 10:15 am and the title of her presentation is "Looking Ahead to New ADVENTURES." It will be geared toward teachers contemplating retirement as well as teachers who are already retired and want to learn more about ARTA and the benefits it affords teachers once they leave the classroom. Marilyn will be joined by Jennifer Hope and Rod Lowry.



WE  OUR
volunteers

Volunteers for our Feb 9th General Meeting

GREETERS:

Allyson Love
Darlene Dee

DECORATIONS:

Barb Taylor
Therese Bullin

50/50:

Henk Hof
Rita Hof

PRAYER/GRACE:

Mel Deydey



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Do you know one of our members who has done a lot of volunteering (not only limited to our organization) and should be recognized for those efforts? I am seeking nominations for **Volunteer of the Year**. The volunteering of the member does not have to be restricted to MHADRTA or ARTA but can encompass volunteer work within the community, church or other organizations. Please submit your detailed nomination for **Volunteer of the Year 2022** by email to me at 49ermh@gmail.com. **Deadline is March 15, 2022.**



February 9—General Meeting
"Valentine's theme"

March 29—Executive Meeting

April 13—General Meeting
"Spring Theme"

May 31—Executive meeting

June 15—General Meeting
"Annual General Meeting"

ALL **General Meetings** will be held at
Ralph's Steakhouse beginning at
 10:30 am.

All **Executive Meetings** will be held at
Ricky's Restaurant beginning at
 10:30 am.

Doors open at 10:00 am. Please arrive early as the meeting will start at 10:30 am sharp. Meals are ordered before the start of the meeting.

MEDICINE HAT **Rotary Music Festival**

This year's Rotary Music Festival will be an online event due to the continuing pandemic. The trophy we sponsor will not be awarded

this year due to the fact that school choirs will not be participating.

The Rose Bowl event will take place on Friday, March 18.

We are both honoured and privileged to be a part of this wonderful annual event—Sunday, March 6 to Sunday, March 20.

Please visit their website for more information: rotarymusicfestival.com

Christmas Meeting



Thirty-nine members attended the Christmas Meeting and Luncheon held at Ralph's Steakhouse on Wednesday, December 15. Wally Garrioch provided musical entertainment and everyone appeared to enjoy his selection of songs. Thank you to everyone who brought donations of gifts, cash and/or gift cards which were taken to the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter. They were most appreciative of our generous support toward their programs.



NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

If you know retired teachers who are not members of MHADRTA, please encourage them to join our organization! It is a great way to get connect with former colleagues and friends!

I know that many members are still reluctant to join us in person, and we fully understand and respect your decision. Hopefully, you will feel comfortable to join us soon!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION

For those who have no changes in their contact information and wish to pay their membership renewal by eTransfer, please contact our Treasurer, Henk Hof for details and security question. You can contact Henk at hrhof@shaw.ca

There are other options to renew you your membership. You can also fill in the renewal form and mail it or drop it off at the address indicated on the renewal form. Include your payment (cash or cheque) with your renewal form.

Membership Form for 2021/2022 School Year

Yes, I would like to **RENEW** or **PURCHASE A NEW** (Circle ONE) membership in MHADRTA for the 2021/2022 term.

Cost of the Membership: **\$15.00 per year**. Cash or cheque only.

Name: _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code** _____

Phone : _____ **E-mail:** _____

Providing an e-mail address will enable you to receive the newsletter electronically. Your e-mail address is never shared or revealed to anyone as all mailings are sent as a Bcc (blind carbon copy).

Please enclose payment (cheque or money order) and send to: MHADRTA, 36 Prairie Dr. NE, Medicine Hat, AB T1C 1R2

Membership will be valid until **August 31, 2022.**