



August 2022 MHADRTA Newsletter

Volume 5, Number 4

Back for Another Year!

"To Hell With The Bell"

Date: Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

**Place: Back Meeting Room
Ralph's Steakhouse
1249 Trans Canada Way SE**

Special: 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award

Entertainment: Classic Country
(a local musical group)

Cost of Luncheon: \$22.00

If you have not been phoned by a member of the phoning committee
as of **Friday, August 26, 2022**,
please contact **Jim Black**
(403-548-2028)





MHADRTA Executive 2022-2023

President: Mel Deydey

Past President: Jim Black

1st Vice-President: Therese Bullin

2nd Vice-President: Lori Karwandy

Secretary: Ray Morrison

Treasurer: Henk Hof

Membership Chairman: Jim Kaupp

ATA Rep—Local #1: Darlene Dee

ATA Rep—Local #2: Laurel Schlaht

ATA Rep—Local #39: Dianne Durda

SEATCA: Delle Lovig

**Branch ARTA Reps: Judy Wonnenberg
Dianne Durda**

**Pioneer Village Schoolhouse:
Vicki McCaig**

Cards & Scrapbook: Annita Pinder

Health Benefits: Jim Black

**Pension & Financial Wellness:
Ray Hoger**

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 Update

Time to renew your membership! Your 2021/2022 membership is about to expire at the end of August.

Your 2022/2023 membership will be valid from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. We hope you will rejoin. See all your options on the last page of this newsletter.

Membership in MHADRTA is \$15.00 per year, payable by cheque or cash. Membership in ARTA is separate. For more information, visit www.arta.net

Currently we have 49 members who have joined or renewed their memberships early for the 2022/2023 term. This includes 35 renewals, 6 new members, 6 Lifetime members and two honorary members.

We look forward to those who have not yet renewed to join us! You can renew at the September meeting or take advantage of the many options available to you on the Membership page at the end of this newsletter.



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the **P**resident's *m*essage

Hello Everyone!

It is so nice to say "Welcome Back!" We were able to host all six general meetings last year; and we look forward to the new school year term for another successful set of meetings and programs.

Our Executive met in mid August and put some plans in motion. We are going to host our "To Hell with the Bell" meeting on Wednesday, August 31. All three school divisions will be in session that week.

We were very pleased with the venue, service and food that Ralph's Steakhouse provided last year. We will meet there again this year. For those who may not know where it is located, the address for Ralph's Steakhouse is 1249 TransCanada Way SE. Doors will be open at 10:00 am. They have a back room where we will be able to hold our General Meetings. This year all meetings will begin at 10:30 am followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. The cost for lunch will be \$22.00 which includes all taxes and gratuities.

If you are attending the meeting, please park on the west side of the building (right side of the building facing it from the street) --where you will see a single door to enter the building. This door leads to our Meeting Room. Coffee and water will be available and ready for you upon entry to our meeting room. We order our meals from a list of five choices. Feedback this past year was very positive! Brad Hayward and his staff have been very accommodating.

The number of people staying for lunch is very important and we have to call in the number of attendees by Friday prior to the meeting. When you are called, please commit one way or the other. We need to be accurate with our count. If for some reason you are not called by a MHADRTA telephone volunteer, please call me or Jim Black if you wish to attend. We will assure you are placed on a caller's list for the following meeting.

We will have musical entertainment while you eat your meals. There is no guest speaker for this meeting, but we will be recognizing our Volunteer of the Year for 2022 just prior to lunch.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to renew your membership prior to the meeting. There are many options to do that. See the "Membership Page" in this newsletter for all the details. It is the last page of the newsletter. However, if that is not possible, we will certainly welcome you to renew your membership at the meeting.

If you have ideas on guest speakers or on a topic that you would like to learn more about, please speak to me or Donna Mae Goldade or simply send me an email. We want our presentations to be of interest to you while meeting your needs at the same time.

A new MHADRTA season is about to begin, and we couldn't be more excited!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the first meeting!

Sincerely,

Mel Deydey
President, MHADRTA

49ermh@gmail.com

MHADRTA "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2022"

We would like to congratulate **Lori Karwandy** who was selected as the 2022 Volunteer of the Year for MHADRTA. Lori was nominated by Laurel Schlaht and Bonnie Spruyt for not only her volunteer work in MHADRTA but even more so—what she does in the community. Come out to hear the nominators speak about Lori as we honour her!



Pioneer Village Report

By: **Vicki McCaig**



Canada Day

July 1 was a beautiful warm day, and we had an excellent turnout to tour Pioneer Village. There were guests from Medicine Hat and area, Chilliwack, Calgary, Cochrane, Winnipeg, Toronto, Kingston and also from the Ukraine and Israel. I would like to thank Delle Lovig and Ray Morrison for helping Bob and I in the schoolhouse. We put up a new Canadian Flag on the flagpole outside the schoolhouse. Laurel Schlaht has kindly offered to bring in a Union Jack to hang there at Stampede to make it more authentic of the time.

Thank you to Darlene Dee for donating a vintage bookcase for the schoolhouse and thanks to Ken Appleton for cutting off one shelf, so it would fit under the maps. Bob and I took all the books out of the big bookcase and sorted out the duplicates, which we put in the new bookcase. Owen Jalbert made us two shelves to insert in the big bookcase, so we could put double the number of books on two of the shelves. Thus all the titles can be seen. Owen also attached to the wall the extra shelf cut-off from Darlene's bookcase and we put all the workbooks on it. We really appreciated this help for sprucing up the schoolhouse.

PLEASE NOTE: The executive passed a motion to say that we must have 2 people volunteering in the schoolhouse at all times for safety reasons.

It was difficult to find teachers to volunteer this year, so hopefully our membership will keep this opportunity in mind for other years. It can be a very enjoyable time, meeting former students, parents and people visiting from afar.

Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede

Pioneer Village was also very well attended during Stampede. It was the coolest place to be on the grounds and the volunteers enjoyed the surroundings, the people and the lunch in the Volunteer lounge. I would like to thank those people, who worked in the schoolhouse: Laurel Schlaht, Delle Lovig, Ray Morrison (who worked 2 shifts), Darlene Dee, Marian Radke, Mel Deydey, Dianne Durda, Donna Mae Goldade, Anita Pinder Carol Kimenius, Jen Zollner and Jim Koch, Fay Felesky and her grandson, Caiden, as well as Bob and myself. I was also very pleased to have Delaine May, a community volunteer, work 2 shifts for us. Erica Diakow, our MHADRTA member, worked in the church.

Visitors from Alberta came from: Medicine Hat and area, Barrhead, Calgary, Lethbridge, Grande Prairie, Hanna, Vegerville, Dawson Creek, Castor, Brooks, Okotoks, Spruce Grove and Duchess. We had people from other provinces: British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland. From the United States there were people from Oklahoma, California and Illinois.

Some attended from other countries: Bermuda, Cambodia, England, Columbia, Japan, Romania, Lebanon, Hong Kong, Croatia, Spain, Australia, India and Mexico.

The Stampede was a very successful event for all to enjoy!

Congratulations!

.... to **Ray Hoger** who was elected as the new Chair of the Pension & Financial Wellness Committee with ARTA.



ARTA Wellness Challenge 2022

A huge thank you is extended to those who participated in the ARTA Wellness Challenge. We had 9 MHADRTA members submit their times for the challenge. I know there were many others who were physically active and participated in wellness activities but did not submit their totals—that's okay. The important part of being seniors is staying active!

At the ARTA AGM held in Edmonton at the beginning of October, we will find out how our regional compared to the rest of the regionals in the province. I will report at the October meeting.

Please continue to stay active. It's all part of a healthy lifestyle.



Volunteers Needed for our August 31 General Meeting

GREETERS:

2 required

50/50:

2 required

PRAYER/GRACE:

1 required

Please send an email to Mel Deydey at 49ermh@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

SPRING SCHOOL TOURS AT PIONEER VILLAGE

by Vicki McCaig

Two hundred twenty-five children enjoyed tours at the village on Wednesday mornings from 9-12 from May 18 to June 22.

Thank you to Mel Deydey, Therese Bullin, Erika Diakow and Ray Morrison for helping Bob and I in the school house.

Next year the tours will start one week later in May and extend one week longer in June for the nicer weather. It would be nice to get a few more people to help with the tours as some people did double duty.





August 31—General Meeting
"To Hell With the Bell"

October 11—Executive Meeting

October 26—General Meeting
"Hallowe'en Theme"

November 29—Executive meeting

December 14—General Meeting
"Christmas Theme"

January 24—Executive Meeting

February 8—General Meeting
"Valentine's theme"

March 28—Executive Meeting

April 12—General Meeting
"Spring Theme"

May 30—Executive meeting

June 14—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.



WELCOME to
 "brand new retirees" who have
 joined MHADRTA—
**Rod Metz, Susan
 Senkiw, Laurie**

Cooper, and Sherri Kambeitz—who took advantage of a free membership just for being first year retirees. Although not first year retirees, we welcome new members, **Willa Posnikoff** and **Jen Zollner**, who have also joined MHADRTA.



The **ARTA Annual General Meeting** will take place in Edmonton October 4 and 5, 2022. This year it will be in-person! Thank you to **Delle Lovig** and **Ray Hoger** for volunteering to be MHADRTA delegates at this year's event!



At the AGM, elections will take place for one member to each of the following ARTA provincial committees: Health Benefits, Communications, Governance, Pension & Financial Wellness, Strategic Planning & Advocacy, and Wellness. If any MHADRTA member (must also be an ARTA member) is interested in seeking a position on any of the committees, please send me an email and I will forward the nomination package to you. Deadline for applications to be received at the ARTA office is **4:00 pm Tuesday, September 14, 2022.**



it's time to
**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

Membership Page

It is **Membership Renewal Time** for existing MHADRTA members. This year you have couple of different options in renewing your membership. I want you to be informed with what is happening locally and provincially through this medium—the newsletter, emails, and social media. If you are on Facebook, please like the page or follow us on Twitter to be kept up to date.

OPTION 1: Please fill out the form below and mail it to the address on the form below with your cheque or if you are in the neighbourhood you can drop it off in my mailbox.

OPTION 2: Newly retired teachers (those retiring June, 2022 or if you retired in January, 2022) who received the June newsletter as part of their retirement welcome envelope from MHADRTA may use this membership form to join for free. Simply circle NEW and fill out the information. Again, please scan the form or take a picture of the completed form, and email it to **49ermh@gmail.com**, mail it through Canada Post or drop off the form to the address found at the bottom of the form. This way you will always be sent the newsletter.

OPTION 3: Ed Dick has created an online method for anyone who visits the website to join MHADRTA or renew their memberships, and you can pay by using eTransfer. Just contact **Henk Hof** (at **hrhof@shaw.ca**) for information on eTransfers. Lots of options for you to choose from on how to join us!

Membership Form for 2022/23 School Year

Yes, I would like to **RENEW** or **PURCHASE A NEW** (Circle ONE) membership in MHADRTA for the 2022/2023 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. Hard copies of the newsletter are not sent out. 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 (*cheques made payable to* **MHADRTA**) and send to: **MHADRTA, 36 Prairie Dr. NE, Medicine Hat, AB T1C 1R2.**

Membership will be valid until August 31, 2023.