



# October 2021 MHADRTA Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello Everyone!

While we are enjoying a beautiful fall, we are still in throes of the pandemic which has placed a number of restrictions upon us in an attempt to reduce the number of positive cases.

We held our "To Hell With Bell" meeting last month with 29 members in attendance with a wonderful welcome and excellent service and meal at Ralph's Steakhouse. Those in attendance were thrilled to be able to meet again and socialize the colleagues they had not seen in a long time.

We look forward to our second meeting at the end of this month. It is a Hallowe'en theme and you are asked to dress in costume, fall colours or something Hallowe'en related. Please confirm with the MHADRTA phoning volunteer when they call you

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## General Meeting "Hallowe'en Theme"

**Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

**Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm**

**Place: Ralph's Steakhouse**

**Cost of Luncheon: \$20.00**

**PROOF OF BEING FULLY VACCINATED, A  
NEGATIVE RAPID TEST OR COPY OF MEDICAL  
EXEMPTION WILL BE REQUIRED.**

If you have not been phoned by a member  
of the phoning committee  
by **Thursday, October 21, 2021**,  
please contact **Jim Black** (403-548-2028)





## **MHADRTA Executive 2021-2022**

**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: Jim Black**

**ATA Rep—Local #39: Dianne Durda**

**SEATCA: Delle Lovig**

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

**Pioneer Village Schoolhouse:  
Vicki McCaig**

**Cards & Scrapbook: Annita Pinder**

**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**

If you have not already done so, it is time to renew your 2021/2022 membership! We hope you will continue to be a part of our organization. **Of course, we welcome newly retired teachers with a free one year membership—and FIVE new retirees have already take us up on our offer. Welcome to MHADRTA.** 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 2021-22 membership will be valid from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.

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](http://www.arta.net)

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this week. We realize that many are still uncomfortable attending the meeting and we both understand that and fully respect your decision.

Please note that our meetings start at 10:30 am this year. The meal arrives just before 12 noon.

The cost of the meal is \$20.00. When you arrive there will be a sheet with a choice of five meal items from which you will select one that will arrive shortly after the adjournment of the meeting.

Donna Mae Goldade and Barb Taylor have arranged an activity that will take place at the end of the business portion of the meeting prior to the serving of the meal.

Please note that you will be required to show Proof of Vaccination (fully vaccinated). If you are unvaccinated or have only had your first shot, you will need to show a Negative Rapid Test taken within 72 hours of the meeting obtained at your cost (an AHS one will not be accepted) or provide a copy of a medical exemption. You can contact Shoppers Drug Mart to arrange your rapid test—cost is \$40.00.

I hope this helps with your decision whether to attend or not.

Continue to enjoy the beautiful fall! Stay healthy and stay safe!

**Mel Deydey**

President & Newsletter Editor/**MHADRTA**

# WE ♥ OUR volunteers

## **Volunteers for our September 15th General Meeting**

### **GREETERS:**

Delle Lovig  
Laurel Schlaht

### **50/50:**

Henk Hof  
and helper

### **DECORATIONS:**

Darlene Dee  
Donna Mae Goldade  
Barb Taylor

### **PRAYER/GRACE:**

Ray Morrison



**WELCOME** to  
"brand new  
retirees" who  
have joined  
MHADRTA—

**Dietmar Stanke** and **Val Browne**—who took advantage of a free membership just for being first year retirees. Although not first year retirees, we also welcome new members, **D'laine Werner**, **Elaine Dufresne** and **Janet Ganzer**, who have joined MHADRTA. We are honoured to have you join us.



The **ARTA Annual General Meeting** took place virtually as a ZOOM webinar over two mornings—October 5 and 6, 2021 with approximately 90 delegates and guests in attendance. Below are some highlights.

Presidents and delegates from each of the 18 branches were in attendance. Based on the number of MHADRTA members who are also ARTA members, we were allowed to send the President (or designate) and two delegates. Mel Deydey, Delle Lovig and Ray Morrison represented MHADRTA.

Annual Reports were given by members of the Executive Committee, the CEO, the Chairs of each of the six Committees, and the Chairs of the Benefit Trust and the Charitable Foundation. The Budget for 2022 was approved and there were presentations from Rod Matheson of ATRF and Jason Schilling from the ATA.

There are now 26,518 active members in ARTA—a growth of 6.12% over the past year (2020-2021). This includes both retired teachers and private and public sector retirees who belong to the ARTA Benefit Plan. There are 24 members who are over 100 years of age; and the average age of ARTA members is 71.4 years.

ATRF showed a return of 9.2% over ten years. Administration free per member is \$119.00 compared to an average of \$171.00 for peer group of Canadian Public Service Pension Plans. Retired teachers are encouraged to read their annual January statements to ensure all information is correct. There are 83,000 ATRF members of which 30,000 are retirees. The oldest person receiving a pension is 103 years young and has been receiving a pension for 45 years. The average ATRF pension is \$34,189.00.

Elections are a part of every ARTA AGM. The Executive positions are one year terms. The Committee member positions are four year terms with the exception of the Health Benefits Committee which is a five year term.

**Lorna McIlroy** is the **President** of ARTA for 2021. This is Lorna's third year as President and was acclaimed to the position. She hails from Grande Prairie and is a member of NWARDTA (Northwestern Alberta Retired Teachers Association).

**Deb Gerow** from Elk Island Retired Teachers (EIRTA) was acclaimed as **Vice-President**. This is Deb's second year in the position.

**Dolaine Koch**, also from EIRTA, was acclaimed as **Treasurer** for 2021.

#### ***Committee Members (Acclaimed or Elected):***

**Communications: Mary McDougall** (CRTA)—acclaimed

**Governance: Ron Thompson** (HARTA)—acclaimed.

**Health Benefits: Gordon Cumming** (CRTA) —acclaimed

**Pension & Financial Wellness: Blair Lowry** (SWARTA) — acclaimed

**Strategic Planning & Advocacy: Carl McColl** (OKARTA)—elected over Dennis Espetveidt.

**Wellness: Erika Foley** (WRTA) — acclaimed.

**Marilyn Bossert** will serve as ARTA's Past President. She was also appointed as the **Western Canada Regional Representative for ACER-CART**. The Executive of ACER-CART is made up of the President, Vice-President, Executive Director, Past President and three regional representatives—Western Canada, Ontario and Eastern Canada.





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, 2021 or if you retired in January, 2021) 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 & email it to **49ermh@gmail.com**, mail 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 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 and send to: MHADRTA, 36 Prairie Dr. NE, Medicine Hat, AB T1C 1R2

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