



September 2021 MHADRTA Newsletter

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New Venue! New Starting Time!

First General Meeting in 19 Months!

"To Hell With The Bell"

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

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

No Guest Speaker: Time to Socialize

Cost of Luncheon: \$20.00

If you have not been phoned by a member of the phoning committee by **Thursday, September 9, 2021**, please contact **Jim Black** **(403-548-2028)** to confirm your attendance.



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: Laurel Schlaht

ATA Rep—Local #39: Vacant

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 2020/2021 membership is about to expire at the end of August.

Your 2021/2022 membership will be valid from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. During the pandemic several have allowed their memberships to lapse. We hope you will rejoin. We are giving you an opportunity to renew your membership early. 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 43 members for 2021-22 made up of 30 renewals from last year, 4 new members, 7 Lifetime members and two honorary members. We look forward to those who have not yet renewed to join us!



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

Hello Everyone!

We can finally meet again! Many have contacted me how happy and excited they are that we are able to meet in-person after a VERY long absence. I would have to concur.

Our Executive met in early August and put some plans in motion. We are going to host our first in-person gathering on Wednesday, September 15—a belated “To Hell with the Bell” meeting.

We have a new venue as we could not come to an acceptable agreement on price with the Lodge. We will be meeting at Ralph's Steakhouse located at 1249 TransCanada Way SE. 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 \$20.00 which includes all taxes and gratuities. Our first meeting in 19 months will not feature a guest speaker as we are sure you will want to socialize and just catch up with people you may not have seen since the beginning of the pandemic..

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. There will be a sign on the door indicating a “MHADRTA Meeting.” This door leads to our Meeting Room. Coffee and water will be available and ready for you upon entry to our meeting room.

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.

Since school returned early this year—August 30—our “Too Hell With the Bell” is a couple of weeks late.

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 send me an email. We want our presentations to be of interest to you while meeting your needs at the same time.

This is like starting all over again, and we couldn't be more excited!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the first meeting!

Sincerely,

Mel Deydey
President, MHADRTA

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MHADRTA EXECUTIVE FOR 2021-2022



(Left to Right) **Jim Black** (Past President), **Therese Bullin** (1st Vice President), **Mel Deydey** (President), **Donna Mae Goldade** (2nd Vice President), **Ray Morrison** (Secretary), **Henk Hof** (Treasurer)



Pioneer Village Report

By: Vicki McCaig



1. Owen Jalbert is the new chairman of Pioneer Village.
2. The schoolhouse has been painted a soft yellow. Repairs to the foundation have taken place. A new door has been installed. The entryway platform has been repaired and the ramp has new sheeting over it, as the wood was deteriorating underneath.
3. Canada Day, July 1st, was well-attended. Visitors were local residents, from other parts of Alberta and a few from beyond Alberta. Thank you to Delle Lovig, Donna Mae Goldade, Ray Morrison and Mel Deydey for volunteering in the schoolhouse for the afternoon. Bob and Vicki McCaig did the morning shift. It was a pleasant day and everyone was happy to be out and enjoying the park at Pioneer Village.
4. One attendee, Richard Berregh, wanted to donate an old refinished desk and some books, but on discussion with his family felt his children, who were teaching in the system, may want the desk and he is having a look at which books he has. He did not have any "Dick and Jane" books, but mostly had books we already have.

The **ARTA Annual General Meeting** will take place in Edmonton October 5 and 6, 2021. This year it will be in-person! Thank you to **Delle Lovig** and **Ray Morrison** 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, 2021.**

Golf and Lunch!

The annual fun Golf & Lunch at Paradise Valley is cancelled for this year. We look forward to hosting the event next fall.



ARTA Wellness Challenge "Time of Your Life"

A thank you is extended to those who participated in the ARTA Wellness Challenge. We had 13 MHADRTA members submit their times for the challenge. I know there were many others who did wellness activities but did not submit their totals—that's okay. The important part is to stay active! Together we logged 828.733 hours which averaged to 63.75 h per participant. Percentage wise, our participation rate was 19.7% of our membership.

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.



Volunteers for our September 15th General Meeting

GREETERS:

Darlene Dee
Jim Black

50/50:

Rita Hof
And helper

PRAYER/GRACE:

Laurel Schlaht

ATA LOCAL NO. 39

We are in need of a volunteer who is a retiree from the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education who would be interested in being the ATA Local No. 39 rep to MHADRTA. You would become part of the Executive in an appointed role.

You would be required to attend the local meetings of ATA Local #39 and report/share news from the local to our Executive meetings and at General Meetings.

We would like to thank Ray West, who has served in this capacity for the past few years and now wishes to step aside.





September 15—General Meeting
"To Hell With the Bell"

October 12—Executive Meeting

October 27—General Meeting
"Hallowe'en Theme"

November 30—Executive meeting

December 15—General Meeting
"Christmas Theme"

January 25—Executive Meeting

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.



WELCOME to
 "brand new retirees" who have
 joined MHADRTA—
Boris Grisonich,

Shauna Pahl, and **Maria Sehn**—who took advantage of a free membership just for being first year retirees. Although not a first year retiree, we also welcome new member, **Carol Kimenius,** who has joined MHADRTA.



We extend our deepest sympathies to **Lori Karwandy** and her family on the passing of Lori's mother, **Esther Krause,** at the age of 87. Like her daughter, Mrs. Krause was a teacher having taught in various locations in BC, Saskatchewan and Alberta (since she was a clergy wife) including Hilda, Schuler and Bindloss in Prairie Rose School Division—retiring in 1989. She continued to sub with MHSD#76 after retirement. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

ATA LOCAL
NO. 1



There is a request from ATA Local No.1 as they are looking for a retired teacher from Medicine Hat School District No. 76. They want an individual who is still substitute teaching for the district and would be willing to be part of ATA Local No 1. This is not a MHADRTA position and you would not be reporting to us.

You would be required to attend ATA Local No. 1 meetings. For more information, please contact Darlene Dee.



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 2021/22 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. 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, 2022.**