

June 2022 MHADRTA Newsletter

Volume 5, Number 3

Our 2022 MHADRTA Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

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

Guest Speaker: Time to Socialize

Cost of Luncheon: \$22.00 (new price)

If you have not been phoned by a member of the phoning committee by **Thursday, June 9, 2022**, please contact **Jim Black** (403-548-2028) to confirm your attendance.

We are offering an incentive to renew your membership in MHADRTA early. Your current membership is valid until the end of August. If you renew your membership for 2022-23 on or before June 15, your name will be entered to win one of two free lunches for the September 2022 General meeting.



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

the President's message

Hello Everyone!

It truly feels like Spring—the weather is beautiful, trees and lawns are greening up and spring flowers are in bloom. I love this season! It is a great opportunity to be able to spend more time outside—whether gardening, participating in a physical activity or just enjoying the sunshine and fresh air!

COVID isn't over, but we have been both blessed and fortunate to have held five General Meetings this year. Although our numbers have been in the thirty to forty range, we feel it has been a successful year for our members to socialize and stay in touch with what is happening in Education in our province. As well, it is great to be able visit with former colleagues that we had not seen in a long, long time.

As people begin to become more comfortable gathering, we look forward to higher numbers at future General Meetings.

A couple of highlights from the ARTA Board of Directors meeting held at the end of May, is that the new ARTA offices will be open to members only (by appointment) beginning June 13. The new ARTARx Pharmacy is scheduled to open July 1st. Both have been a long time coming and they are soon to be

a reality. How very exciting indeed! The ARTA Wellness retreat took place in Canmore in late May and I am pleased to report that Delle Lovig represented MHADRTA. I was unable to attend the retreat but took part in the Board of Directors meeting by ZOOM.

I'm not sure if this is my last message as President of MHADRTA or not. Our Election of Officers will be taking place at our June meeting. All of the Executive positions are up for election—President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving on the Executive, please contact Delle Lovig, a Past President, who will be running the Election. You can also be nominated from the floor. I must say it has truly been an honour and pleasure being your President for the past five years. The term of president is supposed to be a two-year term, but with illness and then COVID for the past two years, my term crept from two to five years. Thank you for being such a wonderful group to lead. I hope that I have met your expectations as President. Whether I continue as your President or serve as your Past President, I will continue to be an active member and supporter of MHADRTA.

The fresh air is great for us; and the exercise even better. Don't forget to participate in the Wellness Challenge. More information can be found inside this newsletter. I urge everyone to participate.

Stay healthy and keep safe!

Mel Deydey

President, MHADRTA & Newsletter Editor
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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

*Nominations for our **Volunteer of the Year for 2022** have closed, the recipient has been selected and his/her name will be announced in our September 2022 newsletter. A formal presentation and recognition will take place at the September General Meeting. The presentation would have occurred at the June meeting; however, the recipient will be out of town and is unable to attend our June meeting.*



MHADRTA Executive 2020-2022

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: Dianne Durda

SEATCA: Delle Lovig

**Branch ARTA Reps: Judy Wonnemberg
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

It's that time of year again—time to re-new your membership as 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. 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 remain valid from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.

Currently, we have 79 members made up of 63 renewals from last year, 9 new members, 5 Lifetime members and two honorary members.

The June meeting will be **Early Renewal Month** for 2022-2023 memberships.

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**



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Don't count the days,
make the days count

— Muhammad Ali —

Our Newest Life Member



(Claire Sergeant is presented with her Lifetime Membership certificate by MHADRTA President, Mel Deydey at our April General Meeting.)

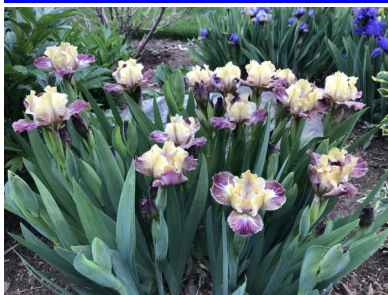
Claire Sergeant has been an active member of MHADRTA for many years. On April 13, Claire was honoured with a Life Membership in MHADRTA with all the rights and privileges associated with it. She was presented with a certificate to recognize the occasion, a bouquet

of flowers and enjoyed a free lunch!

Claire was born in Russell, MB and grew up on a farm outside of Binscarth, MB. She attended a one room country school for grades 1-8 in Balmerino (just outside of Binscarth). She completed grades 9-12 at Binscarth High School from where she graduated. After completing post-secondary training she began her teaching career in Manitoba.

Claire moved to Alberta with her husband, Jim who was originally from Calgary. She joined MHSD#76 in 1976 as an elementary teacher at Riverside School where she taught until 1982 when she transferred to George Davison School where she taught for ten years. After leaving George Davison, Claire taught one more year at Webster Niblock School before officially retiring. Her retirement coincided with her husband's retirement, because they wanted to travel.

Their first trip was to Israel; and it was truly a memorable trip for them. To quote Claire: "What a wonderful feeling of peace and joy. It is difficult to explain. It is like you've come home. God bless Israel!"



Pioneer Village Report

On May 15th, the Pioneer Village Committee had a work party to clean the buildings at the Village. It was a successful day of cleaning windows, mopping floors and getting rid of cobwebs and dust. It was then ready to welcome the children for school tours, starting on Wednesday mornings in mid-May and June. I would like to thank Ray Morrison, Mel Deydey and Therese Bullin for being in the school, helping us to educate students about one-room schoolhouses. I know they enjoyed the morning as much as the students did.

Pioneer Village will be open from Noon-3PM on Canada Day, July 1st. The public will be able to tour all the buildings and volunteers will answer questions in each building. There also will be a number of activities and bands performing on the rest of the grounds from Noon until 11:00 PM, when there will be a fireworks display. Hot dogs will be provided for children 12 and under, food trucks will be on the grounds and it should be a fun family outing.

Remember to visit Pioneer Village during Stampede time from July 27-30.

Again volunteers will be in the buildings to answer questions. We are so fortunate to have Retired Teachers to volunteer in the schoolhouse for this event, also.

We have received a number of donations of books and we are looking into dividing up the books between a few bookcases, so the ones in the yellow bookcase can be better displayed. Duplicate books would then be accessible for people to enjoy and bring back memories. We are in the process of looking for vintage bookcases to fit under the maps in the schoolhouse.

Pioneer Village will now be known as "Co-op Pioneer Village" as Co-op has volunteered to sponsor the village for the next 5 years. We thank Co-op for their generous support.

We are so thankful to the Retired Teachers who volunteer in the schoolhouse for the many events that take place at Pioneer Village.

Submitted by Vicki McCaig



ARTA sponsors twelve scholarships—six ARTA Certificate/Diploma and six ARTA-TW Insurance Scholarships—available to relatives (children, grandchildren and first-and second-generation nieces and nephews) of ARTA members.

Students who have completed one full year of a certificate or diploma program of two or more years at an accredited post-secondary institution are eligible for a certificate/diploma scholarship.

The degree scholarships are limited to students who have successfully completed at least one year of an undergraduate or transfer program leading to a degree. Up to two \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2000 scholarships are awarded annually for each kind of scholarship based on academic achievement, community involvement and volunteer work. Personal accomplishments, future goals and two reference letters are taken into consideration as well.

Application information and forms can be found on the arta.net website under Member Services/ARTA Member Advantages. The deadline for submissions is July 31. Students who have already received an ARTA scholarship no longer qualify.

A video on the ARTA website is very informative. **Deadline to apply is July 31, 2022.**

2022 ARTA Wellness Challenge

One event that has existed throughout the pandemic has been the **ARTA Wellness Challenge**. This year's event began **April 1, 2022** and runs until **June 30, 2022**. You are required to record the amount of time you spend doing some form of physical activity. This year you can either record amount of time spent each day in physical activity or the number of steps. As retirees, wellness and staying active is important as we enter or continue through our lives as seniors.

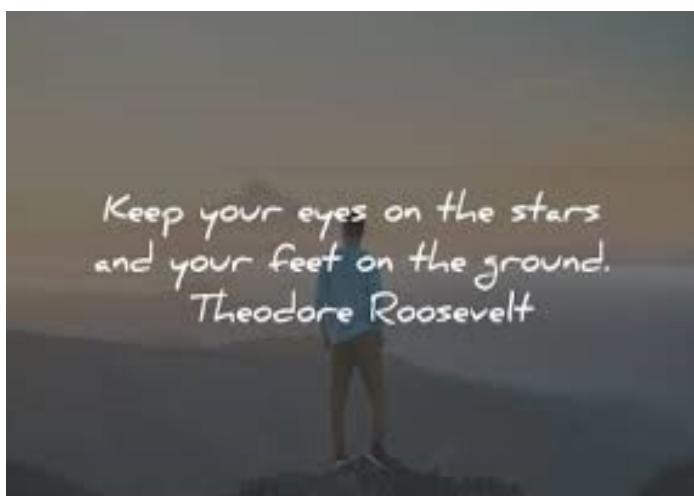
There are many, many physical activities that increase our heart rate. A thorough list was printed in the last newsletter.

After June 30th, select your **best 30 days** (since April 1, 2022) and record them on the sheet on the next page.

Simply send an email with your name, your ARTA member number, and the total amount of time in hours and/or minutes you were involved or the number of steps you took in any physical activity. Send it to me at **49ermh@gmail.com** before July 31 or you can send the form on the next page directly to ARTA.

There are awards provincially for the people with the highest totals and for the branches that have the greatest percentage of their members participating. Hopefully, the number of MHADRTA members who participate will be a large one!

Everyone can participate—whether it is 15 minutes a day or an hour a day (or more) per day. It doesn't matter whether your best 30 days is five hours or fifty hours. The important thing is that you did something physically active to stay healthy!



WE ♥ OUR volunteers

Volunteers for our June 15th General Meeting

GREETERS:

**Peggy Kelly
Janet Ganzer**

DECORATIONS:

**Bev Wahl
Helper Needed**

50/50:

**Darlene Dee
Marion Radke**

PRAYER/GRACE:

Mel Deydey



Wellness

CHALLENGE

Personal Best-30-Days Report

Please send or email this page to your branch president by **July 31, 2022**.

If you do not belong to a branch, please send or email this page to the ARTA office (contests@arta.net) by **July 31, 2022**.

Alberta Retired Teachers' Association

Attn: Jennifer Hope

15505 137 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5V 1R9

BEST DAYS FROM APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30

	ACTIVITY	STEPS/TIME		ACTIVITY	STEPS/TIME
1			16		
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8			23		
9			24		
10			25		
11			26		
12			27		
13			28		
14			29		
15			30		
TOTAL					

NAME

MEMBER #

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

In Loving Memory ...



Norma Nelson was a Life Member of MHADRTA who passed away gently on February 14, 2022 at the age of 96 years.

Norma was born in Edmonton, Alberta, and received her elementary and junior high education in Thorhild, Alberta, and high school in Medicine Hat. After completing Normal School in Calgary she taught in two rural divisions – Red Deer School Division No. 3 and Medicine Hat School Division No. 4, each for one year.

In 1946, Norma joined the Medicine Hat School District No. 76. She greatly appreciated the privilege and opportunity to be a classroom teacher and second vice

Principal at Connaught School, Principal of Elizabeth Street School and Central Park School, over a period of 35 years.

In 1987, she was the recipient of the "Honored Educators' Award" from the Medicine Hat School District No. 76, and her name was added to the Honor Roll of Education.



Bill Blore was also a Life member of MHADRTA who passed away at 87 years of age on February 10, 2022.

Bill was born in Red Deer, Alberta, grew up and took all his schooling there. He later obtained a Degree in Education at the University of Alberta. He was hired by the Calgary Board of Education and taught for 10 years; then served as principal for 25 years. While teaching at Currie School, Bill met and

later married the love of his life, Clare Wagner of Lemsford, Saskatchewan, who was also a schoolteacher. After teaching many years, Bill and Clare decided in 1991 to retire and move to Vancouver Island.

In September 2013, they made the decision to be closer to Clare's family, moved to Alberta, and chose a nice retirement community in Medicine Hat. Being an educator, Bill had a huge capacity for learning and one of his favorite subjects was history. He and Clare were regular attendees at MHADRTA meetings.

Have you visited our website?

One of our members, who was an original creator of the website, usually goes south for the winter. Last winter, with the craziness of the pandemic and travel restrictions, **Stella Dalsto** decided to stay home in Medicine Hat for the winter. She was very fortunate as a milder than normal winter was chosen for her in Medicine Hat. Stella undertook to create an addition to the website with a ton of pictures and memorabilia from the earlier days of MHADRTA. Our webmaster, Ed Dick has placed a link on our homepage to the pages Stella created. It is titled: **MHADRTA 2008-2015**. Please visit the website and click on the link for a trip down "Memory Lane" especially if you are one of our long time retirees. Thank you, Stella, for all your hard work and the long hours it took you to complete this task for the members to enjoy! This Year, she spent the winter down south.

Our web address is also found on page 2: mhadrta.wixsite.com/mhadrta



In addition.... If you want to contact me (as your President), click the word CONTACT at the top of the page and the screen that pops up will enable you to send a message directly to me.



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It is **Membership Renewal Time** for existing MHADRTA members. This year you have couple of different options in renewing your membership. You can actually renew your membership at any general meeting. Just let Jim know if there are any changes

to your contact information. With many still uncomfortable meeting in person or being in crowds there are other way to renew your membership. If you are not yet attending our meetings, I plan to keep you 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 receive this 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 sent the September 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.