



December 2022 MHADRTA Newsletter

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General Meeting "Christmas Theme"

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Place: Ralph's Steakhouse

Entertainment: Netty Mac

Cost of Luncheon: \$22.00

**Spouses, partners/significant others welcome
to join us for the meal.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The meal is a Christmas Turkey Dinner with the trimmings
for the same regular price and there will NOT be another choice this month!**

If you have not been phoned by a member of the phoning committee
by **Wednesday, December 7, 2022**,
please contact **Jim Black** (403-548-2028) to confirm your attendance.

We will be collecting gifts for the Women's Shelter Society
Donations of gift cards, toiletries and personal hygiene products as well as
gifts for children (including clothing—pajamas, socks, undergarments, etc)
Gifts of cash, also welcome!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

the President's message

Another year is coming to a close and hopefully it was a better one than the previous two years!

We have been very fortunate to be able to hold all our executive and general meetings as 'in-person meeting' with about 35 to 40 members attending each time. We hope that you will consider joining us for a very special Christmas Turkey dinner with all the trimmings this month! Spouses, partners, significant others are most welcome to join us for the meal. They are welcome to attend the meeting as well. We have to give Ralph's one week notice, so the cut-off for confirming attendance will be the Wednesday prior to the meeting. Please inform your volunteer caller whether one person or two will be staying for the meal.

If you are attending the Christmas Meeting, please note that we begin the meeting at 10:30 am. We encourage you to be on time.

No date has been set for the 50th Anniversary Celebration for our Branch becoming an ARTA branch. The committee will meet in the new year to finalize the date and details. More information will be provided in our next newsletter and at our February general meeting

I am not sure what Christmas will look like for everyone, but I think we need to be grateful for the many blessings we have been afforded. I am grateful for my family and my health—and that we all have been able to stay safe.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas (however that looks) and all the very best this holiday season. May 2023 be a much better year! Stay healthy and stay safe!

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



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.



It is with a very heavy heart that we share with you the sad and devastating news of the sudden passing of Judy Wonnenberg's son. Nicholas (Nick) Ralph Deis, suffered a massive heart attack and succumbed to it at the tender age of 45 years.

I sent Judy a message on behalf of all members of MHADRTA extending our sincerest condolences and Annita Pinder has send a card on behalf of MHADRTA.

We hope that the love of family, friends and former colleagues of Judy give her the support she needs as she grieves her painful loss. Please keep Judy in your thoughts and prayers.

At the most recent ARTA Board of Directors meeting, the Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Retired Teachers Charitable Foundation (ARTCF) was held. The new member elected for a four year term to the Foundation was Dr. Donna Crawford, a retired educator and consultant with Calgary Board of Education, replacing Graham Sewell who completed his four year term. ACTRF supports the Parkinsons Society of Alberta, Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories, Alzheimer Society of Calgary, and Operation Friendship Seniors Society. If you wish to support ARTCF with a financial or memorial donation, please visit www.arta.net/advocacy/artcf for more details.



Women's Shelter Christmas Donations

At our Annual Christmas Meeting, traditionally we have brought gifts/gift cards or made cash donations to the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society.



Medicine Hat
Women's Shelter Society

They have been eternally grateful for our support and would welcome any support our members could give this Christmas Season.

If you do not plan to attend the December 14 meeting, we ask that you send your donation/gift cards to:

**Medicine Hat Women's Shelter
Society
PO Box 2500 LCD 1
Medicine Hat, AB
T1A 8G8**





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

**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 Update

If you have not already done so, it is time to renew your 2022/23 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 2022-2023 membership will be valid from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

Membership renewal information can be found 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



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WE OUR volunteers

**Volunteers
for our December 14th
General Meeting**

GREETERS:

Sharon Clay
Phyllis McLaughlin

DECORATIONS:

Dianne Durda

50/50:

Darlene Dee
Judy Dickie

PRAYER/GRACE:

Delle Lovig

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We thank all those who have already renewed their memberships for the current year.

If you have not yet renewed for the 2022/2023 year, please fill in the membership form below and mail it with your cheque to the address at the bottom of the form; or you can deliver it to the address, and leave it in the mailbox. You can also renew your membership through our website, and eTransfer your membership fee to Henk Hof.

We also welcome new members! Feel free to share this newsletter with any of your retired teacher colleagues who are not members.

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 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 OR bring it with you to the first meeting you attend in the fall.

Membership will be valid until August 31, 2023.