



November 2023 MHADRTA *Newsletter* Volume 6, Number 6



General Meeting "Christmas Theme"

Date: Wednesday, December 13,
2023

Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Place: Ralph's Steakhouse

Entertainment: To Be Announced

Cost of Luncheon: \$22.00

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

If you have not been phoned by a member of the
phoning committee
by **Thursday, December 7, 2023**,
please contact **Mel Deydey** (403-581-3348) 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)



MERRY CHRISTMAS



MHADRTA Executive 2023-2024

President: Therese Bullin

Past President: Mel Deydey

1st Vice-President: Vacant

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:
Therese Bullin**

**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 2023/24 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 2023-2024 membership will be valid from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.

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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the President's *P*message

Happy November to you all. I am sure that you are looking forward to Christmas and family time together.

November is the date for the new benefits plans. You will have received a new ARTA card in the mail. Unfortunately, they forgot to add ART at the beginning of your benefit number. You can print it in yourself or wait for a new card to come to you.

Beneva becomes our new travel provider.

ARTA held their AGM on Oct. 3 & 4. This was also a celebration of ARTA's 60 years as an organization. A wonderful dinner was held to celebrate.

At our last meeting, Judy Wonnenberg Gave a wonderful synopsis of the new benefits in place for retired teachers.

As well, Laurie Bauer, from Orbit Insurance (formerly TW Insurance) gave an interesting talk about different types of insurance. We learned a lot. Thank you again to our speakers!

Thanks,
Therese Bullin
President, MHADRTA
theresebullin@gmail.com



November 28—Executive meeting

December 13—General Meeting
"Christmas Theme"

January 30—Executive Meeting

February 14—General Meeting
"Valentine's theme"

March 26—Executive Meeting

April 10—General Meeting
"Spring Theme"

June 04—Executive meeting

June 19—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.



We are continuing a practice that we have enjoyed for the past few years. For our Christmas meeting, you are welcome to bring your spouse (or a guest) to the meeting. They are welcome to attend the meeting and lunch, or join us just for lunch. The cost of their lunch will be exactly the same as yours! Please tell the telephone caller volunteer whether there will be one or two people attending.



Now, more than ever, scholarships, bursaries and financial assistance make a huge difference in the life of a student. After ten consecutive years, the Clarence M. Goldade Memorial Scholarships concluded with the presentation of this year's award.

At the Awards Night held at Eagle Butte High School (a high school in Prairie Rose School Division), on Friday, October 27, 2023, Clarence's widow, Donna Mae Goldade presented the scholarship. This year's recipient was Kiara Reesor, who is a first year student enrolled in the Faculty of Education at Medicine Hat College. Kiara was unable to attend the ceremony and the award was accepted by Mrs. Laura Hausauer on her behalf.

Established in 2014, this memorial scholarship was born from a very successful ARTA Golf Tournament which was organized in memory of educator and ARTA member, Clarence who also served as MHADRTA President from 2009-2011. The goal was to establish a series of scholarships to help post-secondary students studying to become a teacher.

The award began in 2014 as a one time ARTA \$1,000 provincial scholarship awarded to a student entering second year studies in Education. This was followed by a series of nine local \$500 scholarships presented annually to a graduate of Eagle Butte High School (in Dunmore)—part of Prairie Rose Division which was the division in which Clarence Goldade was an educator. A requirement is that the recipient must be entering the field of Education.



Submitted by:
Laurel Schlaht



At the ARTA AGM held on October 3 & 4, the Election of Officers and new ARTA committee members for 2023-2024 produced the following results.

Deb Gerow was returned as **President** of ARTA for 2023-2024. Deb is a member of Elk Island Retired Teachers Association (EIRTA).

Leo Richer from Central Alberta Retired Teachers (CARTA) was re-elected as **Vice-President**.

Lawrence Hrycan, from WCRTA, was acclaimed as **Treasurer** for 2023-24.

Committee Members (Acclaimed or Elected):

Communications: Mel Deydey (MHADRTA)—acclaimed.

Governance: Marilyn Bossert (CDRTA)—elected.

Health Benefits: Julie Ginther (EIRTA)—acclaimed.

Pension & Financial Wellness: Larry Hartel (CARTA) — acclaimed

Strategic Planning & Advocacy: Frank Bruseker (CRTA)—acclaimed.

Wellness: Terry Whitehead (SWARTA)—elected.



There is an opportunity for a creative person to get involved with MHADRTA in the role of **Cards & Scrapbook** leader. Annita Pinder, who has held this role for the past several years, served notice at the last general meeting that she is stepping down from the position at the end of June, 2024.

If you want to serve in this capacity and perhaps mentor Annita over the next several months, please speak with Annita or let any member of the Executive know your interest.

We wish to thank Annita for her dedication in sending cards to the sick and to the families who have lost loved ones. She has created many beautiful scrapbooks of events in MHADRTA. Several of these scrapbooks are stored in the museum at the Esplanade.

At the next ARTA Board of Directors meeting, the Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Retired Teachers

Charitable Foundation (ARTCF) will be held. A new member will be elected for a four year term to the Foundation. 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 13 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**



WE OUR volunteers

**Volunteers
for our December 13th
General Meeting**

GREETERS:

Phyllis McLaughlin
Bonnie Spruyt

DECORATIONS:

Dianne Durda
Lori Karwandy

50/50:

Darlene Dee
Judy Dickie

PRAYER/GRACE:

Ray Morrison

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

If you have not yet renewed for the 2023/2024 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 2023/24 School Year

Yes, I would like to **RENEW** or **PURCHASE A NEW** (Circle ONE) membership in MHADRTA for the 2023/2024 term.

Cost of the Membership: **\$15.00 per year**. Cash or cheque only.
First Year of Retirement: **FREE**

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, 2024.