



October 2023 MHADRTA Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello Everyone!

This is my first message as your new President. Welcome to a new year! We look forward to a beautiful fall, thanksgiving and many things to be thankful about.

All branch Presidents were invited to Edmonton at the beginning of September to witness, understand and listen to the workings of the ARTA committees, the ARTA President and the CEO.

The following people are on the Executive:

President—Deb Gerow
Vice-President—Leo Richer
Treasurer—Lawrence Hrycan
Past President—Lorna McIlroy
CEO—Daniel Mulloy

The Budget was approved for the 2023-24 year.

There are now 26,518 active members in ARTA. This includes both retired teachers, and public and private retirees who belong to the ARTA Benefit Program.

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General Meeting "Hallowe'en Theme"

Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Place: Ralph's Steakhouse

**Presentation: Laurie Bauer
Orbit Insurance
(formerly TW Insurance)**

Cost of Luncheon: \$22.00

If you are a MHADRTA member and were not contacted by a member of the phoning committee as of **Thursday, October 19, 2023**, please contact **Mel Deydey (403-581-3348)** to confirm your attendance.

Prospective members can also contact Mel Deydey at the number above.





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

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

**Pioneer Village Schoolhouse:
Vicki McCaig**

Cards & Scrapbook: Annita Pinder

Contact: Barb Taylor

Website: Ed Dick

Phoning: Mel Deydey

**Pension & Financial Wellness:
Ray Hoger**

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

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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Some highlights from my first Board of Directors meeting include the following:

1. Branch Zoom Grants—This grant provides funds to branches to purchase a ZOOM licence to foster Branch communication.
2. Initiatives—Training for Branch Area Representatives and ARTA Specialists has been organized for November 14 & 15, 2023. The first day will be for everyone while the extra half second day will be for ARTA Specialists.
3. ARTA South Office—We will be opening a small ARTA office in Calgary most likely in January, 2024.
4. Advocacy—We have sent a letter to the current Minister of Health concerning the proposal advocating for a province-wide pharmacy licence which would allow us to provide pharmacy services to members throughout the province.
5. Discussion regarding the embarking of a new emergency travel partner took place.
6. Dental Care—Dental claims continue to be considerably higher than in previous years.

I will be attending the ARTA Annual General Meeting on October 3 & 4 in Edmonton. Delle Lovig will be attending as the MHADRTA delegate. Ray Hoger, in his role as Chair of the Pension and Financial Wellness Committee, will also attend. I will provide a report at our October 25 general meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you then!

Therese Bullin
President, **MHADRTA**

WE ♥ OUR volunteers

Volunteers for our October 25th General Meeting

GREETERS:

Darlene Dee
Tammy Rozdeba

50/50:

Tania Haynes
Paul Nederveen

DECORATIONS:

Lori Karwandy
Bonnie Spruyt

PRAYER/GRACE:

Mel Deydey



Life Member



At the "To Hell With The Bell" meeting last month, **MHADRTA** took the opportunity to recognize a most deserving couple as our newest Life Members.

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Garry was born and raised in Alberta. His teaching career spanned 38 years as a teacher and administrator. Some of the locations he taught at included Cluny, Rosebud, Sarnia, Hussar, Foremost and Bow Island. Garry is a former ATA District Representative.

Anne was born and raised in Ontario where she started her teaching career in Sarnia. She moved to Alberta and taught school in Cluny (where she met Garry), and then in Hussar and finally in Bow Island.

Garry and Anne have a son in Calgary and daughter in Tacoma Washington. They have six grandchildren and one great grandson.

We congratulate Garry and Anne and look forward to having them join us for our meetings for many years to come!

Medicine Hat Western Music Show

Saturday, October 7, 2023
Medicine Hat College Theatre



◆12:00 Afternoon Show: Free!

◆Local Cowboy Poets, Storytellers, Musicians, Junior Poets

◆5:00 Meliora Service Dogs demonstration

◆5:30 Supper: Stew, Biscuits, Pie (preorder supper tickets **\$20** by October 1)

◆7:00 Evening Show with Musician, Eli Barsi and Country Storyteller, Ol' Ugly

\$25 Tickets available at Hale Hearing, 13 Ave Co-op Mall or Jen Zollner, MHCPpresident@gmail.com

www.MHCowboyLife.com

Jeannette Zollner is a MHADRTA member who is also the President of the Medicine Hat Cowboy Poetry Foundation. This event is their annual fundraiser. Please reach out to Jeannette if you want more information about this event or about their organization. Check out their website above.

The link to their latest newsletter:

<https://mhcowboylife.files.wordpress.com/2023/09/mhcowboy-life-september-2023.pdf>



Info about our General Meetings

All our General Meetings take place at Ralph's Steakhouse. Please use the entrance on the west side of the building (to your right when facing the establishment). You can park on the west side or behind the building.

Please note that our meetings start promptly at 10:30 am this year. We encourage you, if at all possible, to arrive a few minutes early. Meals are ordered just before the meeting starts and they are served just before 12 noon. The cost of the meal is \$22.00. 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.

For the October meeting we will have our presentation by Laurie Bauer start at 11:00 am followed by Q & A before lunch is served at noon.



We extend our deepest sympathies to our member, **Lori Karwandy**, on the passing of her father, **Emil Krause**. Emil passed away at the age of 93 and served as both a teacher from which he retired at the age of 65 and as an ordained minister in the Lutheran Church until the age of 87. Emil taught in many different districts and retired from Prairie Rose School Division. Lori—may the love and support of family and friends give you strength and comfort as you mourn your father's passing.



October 10—Executive Meeting

October 25—General Meeting
"Hallowe'en Theme"

November 28—Executive meeting

December 13—General Meeting
"Christmas Theme"

January 30—Executive Meeting

February 14—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.

Alberta Retired Teachers Charitable Foundation (ARTCF)

At the ARTCF Annual General Meeting which coincides with the Nov. ARTA Board of Directors meeting, there will be an election for one new member to serve a four year term on the Foundation. If you are interested in being that member, please contact Therese Bullin for a Nomination Package.



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 who retired June, 2023 or if you retired January, 2023) 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 2023/2024 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 and send to: MHADRTA, 36 Prairie Dr. NE, Medicine Hat, AB T1C 1R2

Membership will be valid until August 31, 2024.