

President's AGM Report

May 25, 2022

Mom, can we go out to play with our friends?

Although a child's statement, it also applies to every one applies to nearly every one thanks to Covid. For the first time since 2019 we are having an in-person Annual General Meeting..

Due to Covid, you'll note that nearly all Committee Reports are quite brief. That does not mean that the committees have been doing nothing. The Wellness Committee has been working very hard organizing monthly activities and posting a monthly calendar on our website. The Social Committee had several events cancelled by the province's Covid restrictions. Other committees also have seen Covid affect what they can do. Hopefully, Covid protocols are now things of the past and, as far as our committees go, life returns to normal.

I would be greatly amiss if I did not give a kudo to each committee and its members for all the work done during the past year (2021-2022). It isn't easy to continually plan, only to have Covid protocols negatively affect the plan, yet your committees continued to plan.. Kudos to all!

What did I, as President do? Aside from chairing all but one Executive Committee Meeting (Thank you Bob Bonner for chairing that meeting), attended every committee meeting I could, when asked/invited to attend. In addition, I represented the Branch when requested by the provincial body. Due to medical issues, I was unable to attend the Directors' meeting and could not attend the NBSRT Annual General Meeting earlier this month. I hope to be able to attend next year's meeting.

In closing, once again I applaud the work and dedication to everyone on the Executive Committee and all our committees for the outstanding work, and effort, they have done, and continue to do, on your behalf. **WELL DONE!**

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Greig NBSRT President, 2021-2023

Annual Report for NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship CommitteeAGM2022

I took on the role of chair for the Scholarship Committee in September 2021 and would like to thank Netta Chase, the out-going chair, for her support during the transition and the other members of the Executive for their warm welcome.

Part of our agreement when I took on this role was the understanding that I am currently working on a time- and energy-consuming project that is scheduled to be completed in August 2022, so although I have a number of ideas for raising awareness about the scholarship fund and, hopefully, increasing donations, these will be on hold until that time. Meanwhile, it's status quo.

We had one scholarship recipient this year, Matthew Peterson, a graduate of St. Malachy's, and although we could not meet him at a Fall Luncheon due to Covid concerns, he wrote us a delightful letter expressing his gratitude for the \$2000 scholarship. Matthew is a first-year student at UNBSJ studying for a BSc in Computer Science, but he has been pursuing and developing his passion for computers and code since he was 9 years old. He is very concerned with safe and ethically designed technologies and wrote that the scholarship will make a significant contribution to his education, especially considering the difficulties students have been facing in securing summer employment during the pandemic.

Marion Williams, Senior Development Officer, Development & Donor Relations at UNB, continues to be our contact person for all information on the scholarship recipients and accounts. The latest accounting report from UNB came out in October 2021: during the reporting period 01 May 2020 – 30 April 2021, the NBSRT Saint John Scholarship Fund received \$925.00 in gifts, up from \$539.54 the previous year; the balance as of 30 April 2021 was \$149,583.96.

Donations can be made either at local funeral homes or to the university. Rather than our own memorial cards, Brennan's now uses generic ones that allow donors to fill in the charity of choice, but they do have our information in their system and are still able to accept donations on our behalf. Contributions can also be made directly through either the UNB website, unb.ca/giving/, or through the mail: University of New Brunswick, Development Office, NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3. Income tax receipts are issued by the university.

I look forward to implementing some new ideas next fall.

Respectfully submitted,



Susanne Sutton

Social Committee Report May 25" AGM

As we all are aware, the Social Committee has made and cancelled several events during the last year.

We met in June of 2021 to plan for the school opening "Drop out/Graduation" luncheon for new retirees. Unfortunately, this cancelled.

Since then, we attempted to hold events for October 2021 and Christmas. Again - not possible. But we are thankful that the combined Wellness and Executive committee were able to pull off a Zoom celebration for Christmas.

We are very excited to hold this in-person AGM and we look forward to planning the first "Dropout/graduation" celebration since 2019

Membership Committee Report June 2021-May 2022

The Membership Committee's role is to encourage retired teachers and soon to be retired teachers to join NBSRT.

To that end the committee led the campaign to let active teachers know how much we supported them during the covid crisis. Each school was visited and each teacher who was retiring in June 2021 was contacted and encouraged to join.

To date we have 7/24 new members from 2021.

As covid is still active we have not met face to face for 2 years and are at a stand. We are still hoping to be able to plan a welcome to retirement for new members in the fall that would include a celebration for all our members.

As the number of retirees increases and now is larger than active teachers, retirees need to understand that they need to belong to one group (NBSRT) . THIS WILL ensure that retirees issues, particularly related to pension and health care are heard. If we all don't belong to a united group our voices are not heard.

Signing up new members has been disappointing the past few years and we will be looking for ideas and suggestions from our general membership.

We need to double our numbers and our committee will work hard to encourage all retired teachers TO JOIN and become a powerful voice.

Respectfully Submitted Judy Braman (chair)

AGM May 2022 Saint John, NB Wellness Committee Report

This year the Saint John Branch Wellness Committee focused on two goals. First to develop a variety of wellness activities and secondly to support and promote the Provincial Wellness initiatives.

Fortunately, Elizabeth Donnelly-Nelson, Paula Scott, and Patricia Bastarache offered their talents as new Wellness Committee Members and we met virtually (a feat in itself) and we planned a variety of activities, contests, and challenges. Then we created a survey with the activities listed and then the Executive Committee provided input. Since January, the Final List of Monthly Wellness Activities has met with changes due to Covid-19. (See Original 2022 SJ Branch Wellness Schedule of Activities)

The Wellness Committee wanted to support and promote the Provincial 5-Monthly Wellness Challenges this year because they align nicely with Saint John's Monthly Wellness Calendars activities.

Listed below outlines the Wellness Activities this past year. You may also go to the [link](#) for further details of the NBSRT SJ Wellness Activities.

- Online June and July Wellness Calendars promoted the Summer Photo Contest
- Pets and Wildlife with a Random Draw for \$25 Gift Certificate to Sobeys. Deadline was August 31st.
- Newsletter and NBSRT Webpage promoted August Wellness Calendar and the Summer Photo Contest and the introduction of the Fall Harvest Recipe Contest.
- September Newsletter included the September Wellness Calendar and announced the six winners of the \$25 Sobeys Gift Certificates in Summer Photo Contest. Pat Harley, one of the winners had a cute photo of a kitten featured in the Newsletter. Other winners were Charlene Archilles, Judy Braman, MaryAnn Patterson, and Pat Loughery.
- The October Wellness Calendar on the SJ Branch webpage promoted the Provincial 5-Wellness Challenges for the first time and encouraged the Saint John members to follow the link to the provincial challenges. The October Wellness Calendar presented simple everyday challenges to promote goals to establish healthy forming habits as well. Finally, the monthly calendar promoted the Fall Harvest Recipe Contest.
- Fall Newsletter featured the promotion of the December 8th Virtual Wine and Cheese Christmas Party, Let's Walk Down Memory Lane article, promotion of the

Honour Your Favourite Teacher Contest, Visit Public Library Online article, and two Wellness Calendars: November and December.

- There were 24 Saint John members who attended the Virtual Christmas Wine and Cheese Party on December 8, 2021. During the festive night we enjoyed **Ellen Palmer's House Band** who entertained us with Christmas songs that were performed around the awarding of gift certificates that were randomly drawn. The highlight were the anecdotes read or expressed of those retired teachers who inspired the winners to become teachers themselves. Thank you to all who attended and a special thank you to all those who entered the Honor a Retired Teacher Contest and who themselves inspired the next generations of talented teachers. Winners listed in two parts on our website. Here were the winners that night.
[Attendance Gift Certificate Draws for \\$25:](#) Rena McGregor, Bob Bonner, Rachel Malone, Pat Loughery, Judy Braman, and Heather Tool
[Attendance \\$100 Grand Prize Draw:](#) Debbie McLaggin.

“Honor a Teacher Contest”, \$25 Gift Certificate Draw Winners:

1. Rebecca Swezey for entering her inspirational teacher, Sara Ewart. In my last few years as a Kindergarten teacher Sara Ewart and Kathy Gallant were great co-workers that were a joy to work with and share our resources. I was fortunate to have these teachers to have a positive influence on me.

2. Judy Braman for entering her role model, Mark Holmes. Mr. Holmes taught us most subjects and set high standards. One day he was handing back assignments and he called “Lyle” back. He said, “Lyle I didn’t agree with your opinion, but you have researched it well and presented excellent support”. He changed Lyle’s mark to an A+. Wow!!! As a kid knowing I wanted to teach that made a huge impression on me. Set high expectations, encourage questioning, admit a mistake or a willingness to change your mind and always celebrate students “gifts!”

3. Paula Scott for entering both Dave and MaryAnn Patterson who were my mentors during my high school years. They were my volleyball coaches but more importantly were like my second set of parents who helped guide me along my way. With their strong support, generosity, and encouragement they convinced me to not only to go to university but to try out for UNB volleyball team when I didn't have the confidence to believe in myself. I absolutely loved playing volleyball at UNB for four years and have thoroughly enjoyed my teaching career of 30.5 years where I coached volleyball for many years, and I am still enjoying refereeing volleyball after 25 years. I am very grateful to these two wonderful people for who I am and what I have achieved to this day. THANK YOU, MaryAnn, and Dave for

your wonderful guidance, above and beyond generosity and most of all, believing in me!!

4. **Nancy Steele for entering Dr. Wayne Hare, a significant person in her life.** Dr. Wayne Hare inspired me to continue my masters in Guidance and Special Ed (as it was called back in 1989.) Wayne is still with us today but not in good health.

Honor a Teacher Grand Prize Winner of a \$50 Gift Certificate: Anne Griffin for entering Sister Mary Beth McCurdy who inspired her. She was a new teacher when I had her in grade 5 and she did many exciting, new things in the classroom. The most important thing for me was that she sang and played guitar inspiring me to learn guitar and become a teacher myself. I loved singing with my classes, and I credit her for giving me that gift. She is now mother superior of the “Sisters of Charity”.

-We applied for The Wellness Grant, and our Branch received our grant. We appreciate the funds.

- I attended two virtual Provincial Wellness Committee meetings in December and January. The purpose of the first meeting was to promote the applying for the Wellness Grant and to provide ideas for the branches by explaining what they are doing. We had a guest speaker Kathryn Baird, City of Fredericton Recreation Officer, who provided us with more ideas to try with our members.

- The January Wellness Calendar is on our webpage along with the New Year’s Resolution Challenge that also promoted the Provincial Challenges once again. This time SJ members had a chance to win a \$25 Gift Certificate. We had to cancel the Turf Bowling activity scheduled for January due to Covid. A Saint John member gave a recommendation for a book and another a recommendation for an online music activity to enjoy and we promoted both.

-At the beginning of the Feb. 17th, Executive Meeting we had a brief and informative Wellness presentation from guest speaker Wanda Wilson, from Red Cross. Wanda explained the project Connections and the purpose of her virtual presentation was to find volunteers and seniors who may need assistance. The goal of the program is to keep seniors in their homes where possible.

-We posted on our Saint John webpage the February and March Wellness Calendars and The Saint John Monthly Wellness Challenges were promoted once again. Pat Dugay won this contest and awarded a \$25 Gift Certificate. It was a photo of her friends dress up in green for Saint Patrick’s Day! Sadly, we cancelled The Elmhurst Sugar Bush Tour and Breakfast and the Deep- Water Exercise class

at the Aquatic Center due to Covid. The Wellness Committee promoted both activities on our April Wellness Calendar instead. After a postponement in February, we had Elizabeth Donnelly-Nelson conduct a virtual art workshop in March entitled Create Your Personal Mandala.

-The Spring Newsletter features the April Wellness Calendar and Friends Photo Contest and a chance to win a \$25 Gift Card.

The Wellness Committee is planning to organize more activities for this summer: Kayaking to Partridge Island for a walking Tour, Lawn Bowling, Pickleball, and Painting on Canvas ...Outside.

Thank you to this year's new Wellness Committee members Elizabeth Donnelly-Nelson, Paula Scott, and Pat Bastarache who brought great ideas, talents, and new activities to this year's schedule. I appreciate all your skills and patience. A special thank you to MaryAnn Patterson for her time and talents promoting the Wellness Activities in our Newsletters as well as Ellen Palmer for her technological skills promoting all the Wellness endeavours including taking charge of the Photo Contests and updating the ever-changing activities due to Covid-19. I would also like to thank Brian Greig, Barry Harbinson, and Judy Braman for their continued guidance and support with the endless details behind the scenes.

Respectfully,

Rose Theriault (Wellness Chair)

Card Committee 2021-2022 AGM Report

The Card Committee has sent out 42 Sympathy cards and 15 Get Well/Thinking of You cards since the Spring of 2021. The Committee appreciates the support of members in notifying them of people who are in need of a get well card or sympathy card.

May Newsletter report 2022

This year 6 newsletters were sent out. Currently 108 retired teachers receive a hardcopy of these newsletters.

I would like to thank Pat Murray and Marg Urquhart for their help in getting this mailed out to everyone.

If for some reason you have moved and would like to continue to receive this at your new address please contact Kathy Dalling (696-8668)

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ann Patterson

AGM NBSRT – Saint John Branch MEMBERSHIP DATA REPORT

MAY 19, 2022

Retired teachers, Saint John Branch, who have passed away since Last AGM (May 20, 2021)

(NOTE: only those who are NBSRT members are listed)

May 21, 2021	Josephine M. Stackhouse
August 17, 2021	Gloria E. Nice
August 24, 2021	Daniel MacDonald
August 26, 2021	Elizabeth A. Hogan
Sept. 27, 2021	David MacGowan
Oct. 5, 2021	Norman F. Ferguson
Oct. 12, 2021	Arthur Sullivan
Nov. 11, 2021	John Gorman
Nov. 18, 2021	George Pottle
Dec. 12, 2021	Doreen Mulholland
Jan. 24, 2022	Del O'Brien

Jan. 25, 2022	Noel Horgan
Feb. 2, 2022	Francie K. Wheaton
Feb. 14, 2022	Evelyn Martin
March 9, 2022	Rhonda Internoscia
March 12, 2022	Ann Marie Morrissey
March 13, 2022	Marlene Cummings
March 26, 2022	Judith Meinert

Same time frame last year had 17 on this list.

B. Comparison of enrollment:

Enrollment Sept. 30, 2012 was 535

Enrollment Oct. 16, 2019 was 604

Enrollment May 20, 2021 is 567

Enrollment May 19, 2022 is 552

C. Percentage of retired teachers becoming members :

2011	84%
- 2012	60%
- 2013	68%
- 2014	50%
- 2015	41%
- 2016	53%
- 2017	59%
- 2018	42%
- 2019	30%
- 2020	17%
- 2021	25%

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Dalling

AGM May 25, 2022 - Website Report

Our website looks a little different this year. Most announcements and gatherings were moved to the home page. It gives you the opportunity to see immediately what is happening.

Our Newsletter, Wellness activities, Contests, Calendar, etc. are all available. We had an “Honour a Teacher” contest in December - check out the entries. You may see some names that you know.

Hopefully as our world goes back to “normal” ;p , we will see more activities and information that is of interest to you.

Visit <https://nbsrtsj.nbta.ca>

Submitted by: Ellen Palmer

Museum Report “School Days” Museum Free Admission

Summer Hours

June 14 to August 20
9 AM to 4 PM - Monday to Friday
Guided and unguided tours

Re-enactments in the one room school every Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:30 PM
(approximately 45 minutes)
Researchers welcome (by appointment)

Call 506-459-3738 and leave a message.

Location

Behind Justice Building - 427 Queen St.
Large attached annex (easterly entrance)
Parking - York Street Parking Lot
\$1 per hour