



# Saint John Branch

## New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers

<http://www.nbsts.j.nbta.ca>

**Special Edition April 2022**

### **President's Message**

#### **“Are we there yet? – from any child on a long drive**

Any of us who have driven with a child has frequently heard this from any child/children in the vehicle. This also applies to whether or not we are basically done, after just over two years, of Covid restrictions.

While the possibility of Covid restrictions is always present, life seems to be slowly returning to normal. Your NBSRT SJ is echoing “life”. The Wellness Committee is looking at in-person activities for the rest of the year and will publish them on our website as soon as details are finalized.

The biggest event of the 2021-2022 NBSRT SJ year, is our May AGM. This year, for the first time since 2019, it will be an in-person event. The Social Committee is hosting this event and will be announcing details on our website. It is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Hope Centre. For those who usually attend, note that this year it is on a Wednesday, not the traditional Thursday because the facility is booked for Thursday. I hope many will attend although I realize that, as a group, we are in a high-risk category so you might think, “Is it safe to attend?”. Keep in mind that it is nearly two months away and by then we ought to know whether or not it is safe to attend, and what the province will be saying about Covid protocols.

The Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Wellness Committee, has invited Bob Fitzpatrick, NBSRT President, to attend and bring greetings from the provincial body. There is a scheduling conflict which he is trying to resolve, so he can attend both functions. I'll have his reply posted.

I hope each and everyone is planning on things to do this spring and summer – go on a vacation to someplace beyond New Brunswick, visit places in New Brunswick or just have a staycation. Whatever you decide, I hope we “Are there!”

Brian Greig

NBSRT SJ President 2021-2022

# News! News! News!

NBSRT AGM 2022 will be in-person

Tuesday & Wednesday – May 10-11, 2022

Hosted by Carleton-North York Branch Woodstock, NB

Cost: \$35.00

Spouses & significant others  
welcome to attend social



are  
activities



Our Host Hotel: The Best Western  
Plus Hotel and Convention Center

For planning purposes, the Deadline for Registration is **May 2**

**NBSRT SJ is offering financial incentives for members who attend!!**

## **Carleton-North York Branch is Hosting NBSRT 2022 AGM May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2022**

The Carleton-North York Branch of the NBSRT invites you to join your friends and former colleagues at the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers in Woodstock, NB. We encourage you to mark these dates on your calendar, Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our Host Accommodation is the Best Western Plus Woodstock Hotel & Conference Centre located on 123 Gallop Court. (Take exit 185 off TCH and travel down Connell Street until the first traffic light where you will turn right) Rooms have been set aside until **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Many events, including the social on Tuesday night and the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday will take place at the Best Western. Breakfast on Wednesday morning is provided if you are staying at the Host Hotel. See the Carleton-North York Branch website for a list of other accommodations and **other important details including tours and other outings.**

[www.carletonnorthyorknbsrt.com/](http://www.carletonnorthyorknbsrt.com/)

**Registration fee includes:** All social events Tuesday evening, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Annual 2022 AGM, nutrition break and Lunch on May 11<sup>th</sup> **and much more!** Spouses, Significant Others etc., are welcome to the Tuesday evening social.

**Cost: \$30.00 by March 31 or \$35.00 after that.**

**For planning purposes, the Deadline for Registration is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Online registration and e-Transfer available. See below.**

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration – Best Western

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Tours, and other activities –*See Branch Website*

Supper on your own- See Branch website for list of restaurants

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Meet & Greet, activities & games,

**Social Following with live band, “Mid Life Crisis” and cash bar.**

#### **Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

Breakfast on your own, free for Best Western Guests

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Registration – Best Western

8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

9:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting, Nutrition Break and Lunch

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Make registration cheque payable to: (e-Transfer also available – see below)

**NBSRT, Carleton Branch (AGM 2022)**

Mail registration form and cheque to:

**Teri Ann Gibson**

**111 Division Street**

**Woodstock, NB**

**E7M 1P1**

**e-Transfer: Registration Fee** - instructions will be emailed to you upon receipt of your registration. This form of payment is available for both mailed and online registrations.



**ANNOUNCING THE RETURN TO AN IN-PERSON NBSRT SJ AGM**

**May 25**

**Hope Center**

**Chicken Breast meal and all the trimmings**

**\$20.00**

**Doors to open at 11:30**

**Table for 4 or 8**

**Proof of Vaccinations is required**

**Reduced capacity - maximum of 80 people.**

**Prizes and draws to occur.**

**Please contact Laura Wheaton by May 18<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend**

**[lwheaton@rogers.com](mailto:lwheaton@rogers.com)**

**"The organization of the Elmhurst Sugar Bush activity is cancelled. Please feel free to attend this worthwhile activity on your own."**

## **The Honor a Teacher Contest**

### **...a few entries**

This was held in December and was an over whelming success. We received many heart-warming submissions and felt we should publish a few more entries for your enjoyment. Enjoy.

My most inspirational teacher was not one who taught me from her desk or her chalkboard, or with a textbook in front of the class. She did begin her teaching career in the proverbial one-room schoolhouse in Conche, a tiny fishing community on the Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland. She taught every grade, and every child, and every subject. She was the most educated person in her family of seven siblings and used her earnings to help her family survive many lean years. Eventually, she gave up her career to become the mother to five children and a life-long teacher in my life. She is the number one reason I became a teacher and to this day she continues to inspire me with her wisdom.

She is my mom, Mary Butler

Frances Butler

Heather Toole was inspired by three amazing teachers.

1. Garfield Dykeman-An excellent grade 8 teacher and principal at Nashwaaksis Memorial School (1954-1968)/George Street Junior High School (1980)
2. Bill Acheson- Innovative beyond the time and was my gr.9 teacher at Devon Jr. High, later High School, then UNB.
3. Richard Wilber- Taught me at FHS(history) and UNB and was author, broadcaster, social critic, who retired in St. Andrews and recently passed away in 2016.

I would have to nominate Dennis Knibb as one of the more outstanding teachers I encountered. As the Principal of SJHS for 27 years, Dennis made a significant contribution to the lives of so many students and teachers. Dennis also felt an obligation to serve the greater community. He ran for Common Council and served several terms. Believing that service need not be compensated monetarily, he contributed his stipend to numerous charities during his time in office. A remarkable individual.

Barry Harbinson

I was very fortunate to have had many teachers who were influential in my life. One who really stands out in my memory was a member of the Sister of Charity, who taught at Saint Vincent's high school during my three years there.

In grade 11 we were to write the provincial examination in Algebra, which was not one of my strongest subjects. Sister Louise, later known as Sister Belding, took me aside and informed me that she had consulted with my parents, and all had agreed that I would attend Wednesday evening tutorials in Algebra for the months of May and June. She would teach a "select" group of us in her classroom from 5:00-7:00 pm and ensure that we were well prepared for our examination. The only payment expected was to thoroughly wash her blackboards when we were finished our weekly tutorial and of course, we were expected to pass the matriculation exam!

I remember thinking at the time that I was being punished and with typical teenage angst, quite resentful that I had to give up my time. However, with a firm and steady manner, and a lot of patience and humour, Sr. Louise got me through the exam, and I actually did very well.

The lessons I learned from her not just in algebra, but in perseverance, and the importance of putting in a genuine effort helped to influence my decision to become a teacher. I am very grateful to have learned from her.

Pat Murray

Lachlan Stockford was the teacher who inspired me the most. He taught at Saint John Vocational School. He was the kindest and most caring man. He was a brilliant teacher who made learning fun and interesting while always making his students feel as though they were very important to him. His willingness to give advice and listen to his students' concerns and problems made him an exemplary teacher.

Karen (Gillcrist) Fillmore

My love of Mathematics and Physics came from my favourite teacher in high school Sister Angela Martz. Because of her great ability teaching and allowing you to learn without stressing you, it inspired me to become a math and science teacher.

As a young beginning teacher Keith Raymond served as a role model and mentor. He was strict but caring. He worked with such respect for all students no matter what their circumstances were. I learned many teaching techniques but more importantly to be kind in dealing with my students. Also because of him when I went on to get my degrees I got the credentials for Administration and eventually became a Vice - Principal.

Ann Barrett

My favourite teacher who inspired me is now deceased. Sister Brendan was a wonderful Literature teacher who taught the love of all written works!

When she read a sad passage, tears would cascade down those cheeks!  
Many graduates of Saint Vincent's will remember this beloved teacher, who inspired many to follow in her footsteps!  
There was no one like Sister Brendan!!!!

Pauline Taylor

Sister Janet (Sister Garneau)- Sister taught Junior High at Saint Vincent's School. To her students she was so much more than a teacher. She was much younger than the other teachers and many of the girls would remember her playing basketball at lunch time in the gym. Sister was always someone who was willing to listen to our problems and relate to her students. She encouraged us to become lifelong readers emphasizing on us the joy and satisfaction of reading for pleasure and not necessarily gaining information to be used on the next test or exam we would be writing. She always had a quote of the day which was printed meticulously across the top of the front black board. RIP Sister Janet  
Pat Loughery

Helen Rae provided me with the foundations of reading, writing and math. I had Miss Rae as my Grade One and Two teacher (combined classes both year) and although I got the strap for having 3 wrong in math, I'm sure I learned perseverance, respect, and the meaning of the phrase "say what you mean and mean what you say".

Wendy Cornfield

The teacher who inspired me the most is Peter Gilchrist, when he was a junior high teacher at Beaconsfield School. His wry sense of humour and easy-going nature made us all feel comfortable, and our opinions valued. You could tell he loved teaching and took the time to really listen to all of us. I remember taking a poem I had written shyly up to him to read, and he gave me such positive feedback it bolstered my confidence as a writer. Move forward to 2005 when I had written a play called "Lily's Song" and asked Peter to direct for a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Society at the Imperial, which he did marvellously (and then again in 2008!). Little did I know as a student I would be blessed to become this talented, generous man's friend.

Bet O'Toole

When I became a teacher, I modeled my teaching style on their styles and continued for my 45-year career.

1. Bull (William) Coffee: Taught French and gr.10 History. I liked the manner he interacted with students. He treated us like, "people" not ignorant children who knew nothing and not to give an opinion.
2. Harold Northrup: Taught gr.10 and 11 English. Excellent instructional style. He moved around the classroom and didn't stand at the left front corner (looking at the front)and only moving to write on the black(not green) board.

Brian Greig

# April Wellness



2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Monthly Challenge!</b> Take a Photo of you and friends	Win a Gift Card in a random draw	Send Photo to <a href="mailto:ellen.marie.palmer@gmail.com">ellen.marie.palmer@gmail.com</a>		Plan your Garden	<u>April Fool's Day</u> New Moon	<u>Autism Awareness Day</u> Wear Blue Ramadan Begins
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
World Party Day Tour <a href="#">Elmhurst Sugar Bush</a>	<u>Help your Gut!</u>	<u>Flood Ready?</u>	National Walking Day <u>Start a Walking Group</u>	World Health Day Try <u>Deep H2O Exercise</u> Aquatic Center. 9am.	<u>Day of Silence</u> <u>Pronouns</u>	<u>Vimy Ridge Day</u> First ¼ Moon
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Palm Sunday	<u>National Pet Day</u>	<u>Jones Gallery Workshop</u> Begins	National Scrabble Day	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday Passover Begins Full Moon
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>Easter</b> <u>Care of your Easter Lily</u>	<u>World Heritage Day</u>	<u>Canada's Heritage Moments</u>	<u>Just For Laughs-Imperial</u>	<u>Healthy Snack Recipes</u>	<u>World Earth Day</u> (Sustainable Fashion)	Passover Ends <u>Check out Canada Reads!</u> Last ¼ Moon
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Last Day of The <u>SJ Home Show</u>	Read "The Match" by <u>Harlan Coban</u>	<u>Try this 10 min. HIIT Class</u>	<u>Take the Chocolate Quiz.</u>	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	<u>"Migraine Talks"</u>	Honesty Day <u>Deadline to File Taxes</u> New Moon
	<u>Stand With Ukraine</u>				<u>Love is the Answer!</u>	