



Saint John Branch New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers

<http://www.nbstsj.nbta.ca>



....NOT!!
....No way!!
...Not this time!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It ain't over 'til it's over! Famous quote attributed
to the legendary New York Yankees catcher, Yogi Berra

As we begin this year, the Yogi Berra quote never seemed more appropriate. Every time it looks like New Brunswick will actually be in normal mode, Covid variants raise their ugly heads and make it virtually impossible for the absolute "normal" to return. One only has to check the daily Covid numbers to realize everyone, especially retirees, must exercise caution regarding Covid. The other day I was in a store and there were twelve in the store (of several age groups) but only three of us were wearing masks. That just illustrates how cavalier many are taking the pandemic now that the province is back in the Green zone.

Our committees are still working very hard on behalf of the Branch. Wellness posts a calendar with suggested month's activities and Social is looking into holding a fall meal when prudent to do so. In addition, Membership is looking at ways to increase our membership. All other committees are doing what they can during the uncertain pandemic times. Committees will have updates for our newsletters and website.

As President, I congratulate our committees for continuing to function when we have no idea when everything will really return to normal. Hopefully, that time will be sooner rather than later.

I hope that you will continue to "Stay Safe".

Brian Greig NBSRTSJ President 2021-2023

**THAT FEELING YOU GET
WHEN SCHOOL IS STARTING
AND YOU ARE A
RETIRED TEACHER!**



School Days Museum

The School Days Museum is open this Fall to guided tours by appointment only. Please call 459 - 3738 and leave a message.

Location: Behind the Justice Building at 427 Queen St. and parking is at the York Street Parking Lot - \$1 per hour. Look for the sign 'School Days Museum' above the door of what was once the east entrance to the former Teachers College. Enjoy a trip down Memory Lane as you observe what education in NB was like many years ago! Admission is Free.

You can also do a virtual tour: <https://museum.nbta.ca>

Dianne Stackhouse & Melody Hamm

Financial Report

| NBSRT SJ Budget and Account 2021-2022 | | |
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| Account activity as of August 24, 2021 | | |
| <u>Description</u> | <u>Budget 2021-2022</u> | <u>Actual 2020-2021</u> |
| <u>Revenues</u> | May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022 | May 1, 2021 - May 31, 2021 |
| Membership Dues - Prov. | \$6,960.00 | \$1,692.00 |
| Membership Dues - Local | \$36.00 | \$0.00 |
| 50/50, Door Prizes (net) | \$100.00 | \$0.00 |
| Wellness activities | \$500.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Revenues | \$7,596.00 | \$1,692.00 |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | |
| Social Committee | \$11,700.00 | |
| Annual Meeting (net) | \$1,500.00 | \$100.00 |
| Social Committee - Total | \$13,200.00 | \$100.00 |
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| Governance | | |
| Bank Charges | \$65.00 | \$11.85 |
| Executive Committee | \$600.00 | \$230.00 |
| Meeting Facilities | \$200.00 | \$0.00 |
| Staledated Cheque | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Governance Total | \$865.00 | \$241.85 |
| Committee and Activities Expenses | | |
| Membership Committee | \$500.00 | \$118.03 |
| Standing committees | \$1,000.00 | \$19.55 |
| Newsletters | \$1,400.00 | \$309.57 |
| Wellness Activities | \$1,500.00 | \$275.00 |
| Committee and Activities Expenses Total | \$4,400.00 | \$722.15 |
| Miscellaneous | | |
| Donations, Memorials | \$1,000.00 | \$50.00 |
| Transfer to G.I.C. | \$0.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Total | \$1,624.00 | \$6,050.00 |
| Total Expenditures | \$20,089.00 | \$7,114.00 |
| Surplus/ Deficit | (\$12,493.00) | (\$5,422.00) |
| | approved AGM May 20, 2021 | |
| Bank balance (August 24, 2021) | | \$20,996.34 |

Social Committee

The Social Committee is looking forward to a large gathering event - in the near future. Concerns about meeting too soon after the Province opened up have prevented us from holding the usual "Graduates' Breakfast" (aka Drop-out Luncheon). However, we are hopeful that we can combine that event with our annual fall luncheon, which is tentatively slated for Thursday, October 21st.



It will also be held at the Assumption Centre, and the meal will be free for new retirees. As always, we have draws and other dazzling entertainment planned for the day. We hope to confirm the Fall Luncheon at the next executive meeting, which will take place on September 16th. Watch this space for updates. We are very excited to meet with old (and new) friends, face-to-face.



ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES ENSEIGNANTES ET DES ENSEIGNANTS RETRAITÉS
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS

As the voice of the retired education community, ACER-CART focuses on priorities evolving from issues affecting the well-being of seniors all across Canada.

acer-cart.org

THE FEDERAL ELECTION:

ACER-CART has prepared information on 4 senior issues for consideration as you interact with candidates for the upcoming election. They are ***A National Pharmacare Program, A National Seniors Strategy, Long-Term Care Homes*** and ***Ensuring Retirement Income for Canadians***. For each there is a Key Message, Aspects to Consider and Questions. For your convenience the questions have been compiled and posted as a one page document. Visit the ACER-CART webpage to access the information. (acer-cart.org).

You can also submit a ***letter to the candidates*** from the webpage. You can send a prepared letter, add your comments to the prepared letter or draft your own letter. The “send” button will forward it automatically to all candidates in your riding.

Please do consider sharing the election information and option to submit a letter with friends, family and other groups to which you may belong through various means – facebook post, email, your own webpage.

Website

Hi everyone. Hope your summer was enjoyable and safe. If you haven't already, pick up your computer or phone and take a peek at our website. <https://nbsrtsj.nbta.ca>

Our front page features:

Wellness Calendar for September - it is full of fun things to do, investigate and enjoy.
A couple of **history tidbits** about NBSRT SJ — you might be surprised when our organization started and what has been accomplished over the years .
A list of some great **books** to read.
An enjoyable **slideshow** of animals in our homes and out in nature.
And more.....
Although our last year or so has curtailed many of our social activities, we hope in the near future to have new items of interest. We continue to try to keep you informed and sometimes entertained :).
Until we meet again... <https://nbsrtsj.nbta.ca>

Ellen Palmer. ellen.marie.palmer@gmail.com

Summer Photo Contest



Pat Harley sent this cute photo and caption winning her one of six \$25.00 Sobeys gift cards! The other five lucky winners are as follows...Charlene Archilles, Judy Braman, Heather Toole, MaryAnn Patterson, and Pat Loughery. Congratulations everyone.

Membership Committee



The 2021-23 Membership Committee consists of Judy Braman (Chair), Ellen Palmer, Barry Harbinson, Mary Ann Patterson, Marijke Blok, Rena MacGregor, Margaret Urquhart, Kathy Dalling.

The committee delivered to every Saint John School and active teacher a pen and card supporting them through Covid in June, on your behalf. The Committee delivered invitations to join our association to each of the 24 retiring teachers. So far....3 new members.

Our next meeting is planned for September 7th (still by Zoom) We are planning to invite those teachers who retired in 2020 and 2021 to our

next sit down and eat event!.

Trying to increase our numbers is becoming more difficult and more important as retired numbers have swelled and are now a larger group than active teachers....with no real voice.....as we do not represent enough retired teachers.

If you have friends, relatives or spouses, please help us encourage them to join. It is their voice we need. The perks of discounted travel, luncheons, socials, wellness activities, newsletters and Reflections to name a few may or may not be what individual retired teachers want BUT we need a strong voice to keep our group insurance and hopefully work to improve how it is provided.

Until we increase our numbers, the NBTA will drive Pension and Group Insurance.

Hopefully it will not be long before retired teachers can gather together, share experiences and catch up..

If you have any ideas or suggestions for us please call (Judy343-5940) or email judithabraman@gmail.com

THE SENILITY PRAYER

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference

September Wellness

2021

NBSTA SJ Recipe Contest

Fall Recipe Contest



It's that time of year where many are preparing to harvest their crops. Do you have a favorite, easy, or traditional recipe you would like to share? We would love to try your preserving, pickling, cooking, and/or baking recipe(s). Send as many as you wish.

Contact: **Rose Theriault** at rosethe@nb.sympatico.ca

Prizes: **Sobeys Gift Certificates**

Contest Deadline: **September 31/21**



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | 1 Plant garlic | 2 Toby Keith Sussex Drive-In | 3 KV Music Festival for Mind Care | 4 Try Uncle Mayn's Fish and Chips in St. George |
| 5 Reflexology is it safe? | 6 Labour Day | 7 Don't Dodge Difficult Decisions | 8  | 9 FASD Awareness Day | 10 Advance Poll World Suicide Prevention Day | 11 Advance Poll |
| 12 Advance Poll | 13 Advance Poll | 14 | 15 NB Human Rights Day | 16 NBSRT Zoom Meeting 10am | 17 Strategies for Copying with Stress | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Federal Election  | 21 International Day of Peace | 22 Autumn begins | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 World Contraception Day | 27 | 28 International Right to Know | 29 | 30 Orange Shirt Day | | |