



Saint John Branch New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers

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Special Summer Edition 2020

President's Report

June 2020

Another year has passed us by with opening day Brunch, card games, fall dinner, a lovely social at the RKYC and then just as we were planning 2020 events, COVID 19 descended.

All your executive committee, officers and committee chairs have met virtually to discuss how to proceed. We were unable to have our AGM in May so we are including reports in this newsletter.

The provincial NBSRT met virtually June 16th and a report from our Directors is included.

We are discussing ideas on what we can do when we can finally meet again. Wellness has a virtual nutrition seminar planned so be sure to see their report.

We have had a few questions around travel in the future. Our NBTF Group Insurance has Emergency Travel Insurance (Medical Emergency) as part of the MAJOR MEDICAL. Our insurance booklet explains that our health insurance covers medical issues if you carry the NBTF Group Insurance during this time. THIS IS NOT A TRAVEL CANCELLATION INSURANCE. You would have to purchase that separately. The letter from the Group Insurance Trustees was sent out to you by email in March. ...I spoke to the chair of the NBSRT Group Insurance Committee and a new information update is being requested from the NBTF Trustees concerning current and future coverage and will be made available to you as soon as it is received

Margaret Urquhart, Rona Howald and Marilyn Upton developed What to see in Saint John in 2020 for our expected guests at the provincial AGM. It's a great list and we have included it in this Newsletter. We have a great city.... a good time to enjoy it. The Ladies along with Dale McCrae (NBSRT Web Master), have changed that list into a wonderful presentation of what is often forgotten in Saint John. Dale had put the presentation on the provincial web site AGM page and has now sent it to NBSRTSJ Web Master, Ellen Palmer to put on ours. Be sure to visit our web site. Many thanks to Marg Rona and Marilyn for preparing such a wonderful reminder of what to see in Saint John. A great STAYCATION!

Your committee will meet again virtually to plan and keep sharing information with you.

Please feel free to contact us with ideas, suggestions or questions.

Judy Braman (judithabraman@gmail.com)

You may want to consider the following suggestions for your Staycation

1. Saint John City Market
2. Stonehammer Geopark
3. NB Museum
4. Fort LaTour
5. Loyalist Burial Ground
6. Imperial Theatre
7. Kings Square
8. Reversing Falls and Wolastoq Park
9. Historic Walks
10. Art in Public Places
11. Loyalist House
12. Irving Nature Park and Maze
13. Golf
14. Rockwood Park – walkways, outdoor adventures
15. St Martins Caves
16. Fundy Trail
17. Harbor Passage
18. Loyalist Burial Ground
19. Historic Places of Worship
20. Discover the Beaches

There are websites where there is lots of information about most of these

CARDS COMMITTEE REPORT May 2020

NBSRT SJ has sent the following to our members during the past year.:

- 1 Congratulation
- 3 Thank yous
- 14 Get well
- 27 Sympathy

If you know of any retired teachers that our association should send cards to, please contact: MARIJKE BLOK 654-8212 marijkeblok@gmail.com

School Days Museum 2020 Season

The School Days Museum is closed for the 2020 season due to the numerous Covid 19 restrictions and protocols that were needed to be put in place for it to be open to the public.

However, you can go online for a virtual tour.

<https://museum.nbta.ca>

Dianne Stackhouse and Melody Hamm

Financial Report

<u>NBSRT SJ</u>			
<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget 2019-20</u>	<u>Actual 2019-20</u>	<u>Budget 2020-2021</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	May 1, 2019-April 30, 2020		May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021
Membership Dues - Prov.	\$7,200.00	\$7,164.00	\$7,200.00
Membership Dues - Local	\$120.00	\$216.00	\$120.00
50/50, Door Prizes (net)	\$480.00	\$310.48	\$100.00
Wellness activities		\$600.00	\$500.00
Prov. NBSRT Election		\$0.00	\$0.00
NBSRT AGM 2020		\$500.00	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$7,800.00	\$8,790.48	\$7,920.00
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Social Committee			
Dropout Brunch (net)	\$412.00	\$412.00	\$0.00
Fall Luncheon (net)	\$500.00	\$840.72	\$0.00
Christmas Social (net)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.78	\$2,000.00
Card Parties (net)	\$500.00	\$328.99	\$500.00
Annual Meeting (net)	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$1,500.00
Social Committee - Total	\$3,682.00	\$3,852.49	\$4,000.00
District Retirement Dinner	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$0.00
Executive Barbecue	\$150.00	\$175.58	\$200.00
Meeting Facilities	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
Provincial AGM	\$1,500.00	\$900.00	\$1,500.00
NBSRT AGM 2020		\$500.00	\$0.00
Other Provincial Travel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Newsletters	\$750.00	\$856.54	\$1,200.00
Donations, Memorials	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Executive Committee	\$200.00	\$115.01	\$200.00
Workshops	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Standing committees	\$200.00	\$161.76	\$300.00
Wellness Activities	\$1,350.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$47.40	\$65.00
Staledated Cheque	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prov. NBSRT Election	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Transfer to G.I.C.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memberships Local	\$0.00	\$144.00	\$96.00
Total Expenditures	\$11,132.00	\$8,022.78	\$12,061.00
Surplus/ Deficit	(\$3,332.00)	\$767.70	(\$4,141.00)

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Telephone Committee is a vital link, when circumstances warrant, to members who do not have or would prefer not to be contacted by email. Calls would be made for such matters as a previously unscheduled workshop or information session on pension or group insurance, items of significant interest to all members.

In 2019 -2020 the telephone committee has not been called upon. It did, however, stand ready to make calls and kept the call list current with regular updates from Membership Chair Kathryn Dalling. Sadly, we lost a committee member this year - Faye Sommers.

In September current members will be asked to confirm their willingness to continue serving and call lists updated for each member. Anyone interested in contributing as a member would be welcome. Written guidelines would be provided along with a list of members - usually no more than 10 - 12 - to contact when the President deems it appropriate. (call 633-9692 or email kimlin@nbnet.nb.ca if you would like to serve and/or have questions about doing so.)

Respectfully submitted
Margaret Urquhart

June Report 2020 Wellness Committee (Nancy Steele and Rose Theriault)

The 2019 year started out with a provincial meeting held in Fredericton on September 17 where both Rose Theriault and I attended. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a three- year plan, committee roles, establish short/ long term goals, and identify barriers/ solutions.

Another provincial meeting was held in October in the Miramichi, to further discuss the three-year plan and possible wellness activities. Both Rose and I could not attend. We applied for a provincial grant and it was approved, and we received some funding for the list of activities we had planned. However, all activities and sessions have been postponed until 2021 due to the current pandemic.

We had planned to visit a sugar bush and/or tour and lunch in Kingsbrae Gardens in St. Andrews or a visit to Kings Landing. However, under the current situations our plans are to be determined. Rose and I continued to meet with the executive via Zoom which worked effectively under these uncertain circumstances. Looking forward to the fall and if anyone has ideas or activities for wellness please do not hesitate to let us know. Now for some Good News...

Our postponed nutrition sessions have been rescheduled. So Do Not miss out on this great opportunity. Instead of visiting Sobeys the sessions are through Zoom.

The two original, one-hour **Nutrition Sessions are still FREE** for all **Retired Teachers** and **information** for each is as follows:

June 30 at 11am- Eat Well, Age Well (we will cover some Canada's Food Guide, cooking for 1 or 2 and bone health tips)

July 14 at 11 am – Meal Planning 101

Register for one or both sessions by contacting **Jennifer Myles- Ingersoll**, Registered Dietitian/Certified Diabetes Educator at Sobeys West/Rothesay by e-mail Jennifer.Myles-Ingersoll@Sobeys.com. **Jennifer will forward all the information you need to log into your session by e-mail. It is so easy!** It is a click away...

Stay Safe! Social Distance! Wear a Mask! Be Positive! Stay Connected!

NBSRT – SAINT JOHN BRANCH

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JUNE 4, 2020

Membership Total = 583 (as of June 4, 2020)

IN MEMORIAM

July 2019 – June 4, 2020

July 14, 2019	Pottle	Arthur F.
August 2, 2019	Smith	Dorothy E.
August 3, 2019	McLaughlin	Florence
August 28, 2019	Lunney	Bernard
August 31, 2019	Martz	Sister Angelina
Sept. 19, 2019	McCarthy	Sister Margaret
Sept. 25, 2019	Miller	Elizabeth E.
Nov. 19, 2019	Fuller	Maureen
Nov. 24, 2019	Estabrooks	Olive
Jan. 23, 2020	Beville	Norma
Feb. 2, 2020	Stockford	Lawson
Feb. 6, 2020	Price	Marilee D.
Feb. 7, 2020	Metcalfe	Robert
Feb. 22, 2020	Ewart	Monica
March 7, 2020	Turner	Kathryn
March 16, 2020	Morris	James
March 21, 2020	Nason	Paula
March 28, 2020	Fiander	Jacqueline
April 14, 2020	Somers	Faye M.
April 19, 2020	Young	Helene B.
May 5, 2020	Slemin	Sally
May 26, 2020	Stockford	Helen
May 27, 2020	Esson	Katherine

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Dalling
Membership Chair

Director's Report NBSRT Saint John Branch May 2020

The NBSRT Saint John Branch had a very active group for 2019-2020, until the Covid 19 virus arrived.

As the branch hosting the AGM for the Provincial body, much work had already been completed, when all activities were shut down. While the planning committee was disappointed, we were happy to keep members safe. Many thanks are extended to the sub committee members who worked enthusiastically to plan a very interesting AGM.

The branch holds a regular monthly executive meeting on the third Thursday of the month at River Cross Church. Our October and May meetings are Branch AGM's, with a luncheon and a regularly good turnout from membership. The December meeting is a social event with members and guests and is also very well attended.

Our branch committees consist of: Membership; Social; Scholarship; Publicity & Newsletter; School Days Museum; Wellness; Awards; Telephone; Reflections and Director.

Activities for this past year included:

- Saint John Riverboat Cruise
- Drop out brunch to welcome new retirees
- Fall luncheon at the HOPE centre
- Card parties/Games afternoons
- Christmas Social
- Wellness Committee liaison with Sobeys for nutrition and cooking classes.

NBSRT Saint John also sponsors two scholarships for qualified students. These are administered through UNB SJ and the winners are invited to attend one of the luncheon meetings. Memorial cards are available through local funeral homes as well as from the scholarship committee.

There is a plan to hold an executive meeting in late May by using Zoom, in order to conclude the business for the year. On June 16th the Provincial AGM of the NBSRT was held using Zoom with 40 members participating. Amendments were made to the language in the constitution and the bylaws of NBSRT to reflect the conduct of business going forward,

We look forward to resuming member activities in the fall, as soon as it is safe to do so. Keep well and stay safe.

Patricia Murray. Director

Newsletter/Publicity 2019 – 2020

Four newsletters were sent out this year. Two editions were regular, September and January. Two were special editions. One special newsletter was in regards to NBSRT Provincial elections and the last one was to update our membership on events since the covid 19 shutdown.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Each year, the 2nd Vice President forms an Ad Hoc Committee to receive recommendations for Honorary and Certificates of Appreciation. This year is a catch-up year with four individuals being recognized for their many contributions to the NBSRT-SJ.

When in-person meetings resume, the following Committee members will be awarded Certificates of Appreciation with a brief description of their involvement serving retired teachers in the Saint John area.

Patricia Roy

Robert Taylor

Nancy Steele

Barry Harbinson

Congratulations !!!!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee hosted another successful year. The following is a list of our last five events from September 2019 to March 2020.

- Fall Brunch - September 3, 2019 (Assumption Centre)
- Fall Luncheon - October 17, 2019 (H.O.P.E. Centre)
- Games Day - November 15, 2019 (Assumption Centre)
- Christmas Social - December 4, 2019 (RKYC)
- St. Patrick's Games Day - March 12, 2020 (Assumption Centre)

Good food and great company were enjoyed by all who attended.

At each gathering, door prizes and 50/50 draws were held. Those wearing the most green were also awarded prizes at our St. Paddy's Day celebration.

Regretfully, our spring AGM was cancelled due to COVID-19.

We are hopeful that our events will resume in the near future.

Scholarship Committee Report intended for AGM 2020

For the first time the NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund awarded TWO scholarships to students attending UNBSJ. The 2019-2020 scholarship recipients are: Kiera Logan, a graduate of SMMHS, who is enrolled in the 1st year of a BA program; and Rachel Mary Ingersoll, also a graduate of SMMHS, who is enrolled in the 3rd year of a concurrent BA/Bed. Program. Rachel is the first person to receive this scholarship. (Their photos and letters are posted on the Saint John branch website.)

If you make a donation to the NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund you will receive an official tax receipt for your contribution. Please make your cheque payable to the University of New Brunswick. Mailing address: University of New Brunswick, Development Office, NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3. NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund memorial cards are available at local funeral homes and at the fall and spring luncheons. We have cards to mark special occasions also.

For the reporting period May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019 our fund received \$ 29,365.85 in gifts.

Netta Chase

NBSRT SJ MEMBERS

The 2020 Provincial AGM Planning Committee from Saint John wishes to thank the following sponsors who were willing to provide us with door prizes and/or goodie bag gifts for our cancelled event.

We hope you will support all these local companies/individuals who were so generous and willing to support Retired Teachers.



Bayside Dental	Shoppers	Heather Toole
Westside Dental	Grand Bay Home Hardware	Bonner Dental Clinic
Parascan Dental	Java Moose	JDI
Dr.Holburn, DDS	Collins Travel	Saint John Energy
Westfield Golf Club	Kents	Marilyn Upton
Mitsubishi Motors	Dianna Childs	Saint John Hyundai
Tim Graham CGP	NBTA	TD Bank
Dr. Charlene McDonough	Port of Saint John	Shirley McAlary (City)
Domino Pizza	Lily's	N.B.Teachers Credit Union
Heather Toole	Pat & Merrill Loughery	Saint John Toyota
Chateau Saint John	Jo's Boutique, St. Joseph Hospital	

Thanks to the team who recruited all this support: MaryAnn Patterson, Barry Harbinson, Nancy Steele, Pat Murray, Heather Toole, Pat Dugay, Rona Howald, Marilyn Upton, Netta Chase, Pat Loughery, Robert Taylor, Margaret Urquhart.