



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

MEMBER REPORT

The Prince Edward Island Retired Teachers' Association is made up of 1078 members. We have 8 regular meetings throughout the year and hold our AGM on the first Thursday of November. Because of our small size, we are able to have our monthly meetings which are held at the office of the PEITF. Our AGM rotates yearly between Charlottetown and Summerside.

We have several changes in our Executive for 2023- 2024. The President is Phyllis Horne, and Vice-President is Lise Morin. Wayne Denman is Past-President. The county and French representatives also changed. A complete list of members has been forwarded to ACERCART.

We had several main activities throughout the year. The annual golf tournament was held last September. Wayne Denman put a lot of work into organizing this event. We recently participated in the pre-retirement seminars held for active teachers. We are fortunate to have Michel Plamondon as a representative on the pension committee of the PEIRTA. Prince Edward Island retired teachers received a 3.74% increase in their pensions to reflect the CPI. Each year, the RTA awards scholarships and bursaries to PEI students in the pursuit of a career in education and also young leader awards to students graduating from Island high schools.

The PEIRTA continues to work on several initiatives. At the AGM to be held in November, we will be electing a vice-president and president-elect. Planning is underway for hosting a curling tournament in November. At a recent meeting, Michel Plamondon reported that the pension committee agreed to some changes to improve the application form for the RTA membership which is included in the pension application mailed out to new retirees. Two of these improvements include putting the \$2 membership fee amount on the application and getting the email address from the retiree. The RTA representative is also invited to attend a retirement reception in June for all new retirees. We are looking at some possible new social events which include sponsoring a teachers' choir, bridge, and performers at various venues across the province. We continue to work on informing new retirees of the benefits of belonging to the RTA.

The East Coast Retired Teachers' Organization is made up of all the retired teacher groups in Atlantic Canada plus the Quebec Provincial Association of Retired School Educators. We met in Montreal in October and also had a Zoom meeting in March. We continue to share ideas and strategies under the leadership of Marg Urquhart, our East Coast representative.

PEIRTA is very appreciative of the work being done by ACER-CART, our national organization, particularly in the area of advocating for seniors. Pharmacare and aging in place continue to be priorities for all seniors.

Respectfully