



The Quebec Association of Retired Teachers

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*Happy
Summer*



MORE GOOD NEWS

Just as I was putting this bulletin together, Steve Dursa informed me that we have gained a new regular member, Maria Caruso, who lives in Montreal North. I hope that we can meet Maria in person this fall at one of our events. Welcome aboard, Maria.

Also, the lingering problem of auditing our books may be on its way to resolution. Through Steve Dursa's contacts, it appears that we have a volunteer in the auditing business who is willing to examine our financial books for the past two years. More to follow when we meet at the Thanksgiving luncheon.

I would also like to thank our executive committee for the support they have given me during these past sixteen months. Thank you, Annie Schaffhauser, Stefanie Derewecka, Steve Dursa, and Cécile Doucet-Greene. Many thanks as well to our executive committee advisor, Mary Zenaitis, and to Gerry Carroll, in charge of member welfare.

I would like also to thank all our members. Thanks for sticking with us throughout this pandemic.

QART PRESSES THE RESTART BUTTON FOR 2021-2022

It has been a long sixteen months, but things are promising enough that QART has booked the restaurants for its upcoming events in 2021.

QART is cautiously planning to start the 2021-2022 activity year with a Thanksgiving luncheon. It will be held Wednesday, October 13th at 11:30 a.m. The l'Academie Restaurant, 6321 Trans-Canada Highway, Pointe-Claire, has been reserved for this event.

The QART annual mass will follow as the next activity. Once again, Father Joseph Sullivan has agreed to be our celebrant. The mass is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10th at 11:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Fatima church at 875 Boul. Marcel-Laurin, Ville St.-Laurent.

After the mass, at noon, QART will host a luncheon at the nearby Vieux Duluth Restaurant located at 1997 Marcel-Laurin in Ville St.-Laurent.

The QART Christmas party is the next event. QART has reserved Le Bordelais Restaurant for the party that is set to occur on Wednesday, December 1st at 11:30 a.m. Le Bordelais is a very popular restaurant and a favourite of our members. It is located at 1000 Gouin West in the New-Bordeaux/Cartierville area of Montreal.

As said, QART is cautiously optimistic about its plans. It should be noted that a lot depends on the status of COVID-19 at the time of these events. As well, the rules regarding social distancing will have to be significantly relaxed. It looks good nevertheless. Let's encourage everyone who has not yet been vaccinated twice to complete the double vaccination.

THE MEMERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE

This is just a reminder that the membership fees for 2021-2022 are now due. To those who have already paid, thank you for your support.

If you haven't paid yet then the best way is to mail a cheque to our treasurer, Steve Dursa. Include your latest statement or use the form provided at the end of this bulletin.

IN MEMORIAM

FRANÇOISE BOURASSA, former teacher at Holy Names High School and Sir Wilfrid Laurier Junior High School

FATHER JOSEPH CAMERON, former chaplain at Marymount High School and James Lyng High School

RITA FERNANDEZ, former teacher at St. Pius X Comprehensive High School and Laval Catholic High School

FATHER BRIAN MARTIN, former chaplain at John F. Kennedy High School

HEATHER HALL McBRIDE, former teacher in the Lakeshore and Lester B. Pearson School Boards

EDGAR McDOUGALL, former teacher at Msgr. Harold Doran High School and Lester B. Pearson Comprehensive High School

MICHAEL McNALLY, former teacher at John XXIII, Lower Canada College, and John Abbott College

JOAN POLLARD, former teacher at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School

EILEEN PRATT, former member of QART and former principal of St. Aloysius and St. Monica schools

JOHN REISER, former principal in the Montreal Catholic School Commission

HELEN RENÉ de COTRET, former member of QART and former teacher at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Junior High School, Vincent Massey Collegiate, and St. Thomas High School in Pointe Claire

CYNTHIA TYLER, former member of QART and former secretary at St. Pius X Comprehensive High School and Vincent Massey Collegiate

JOHN EVERARD WOOD, husband of QART member Ruby Wood



THE MARY LEONORA FOUNDATION

The Mary Leonora Foundation is a charitable organization that supports Catholic education in Pakistan. Its president is Thomas DeSouza, whose wife, Rita DeSouza, is one of QART's regular members.

The Mary Leonora Foundation is experiencing challenging times in its support of 6 Catholic schools in Faisalabad, Pakistan. Because of COVID-19, the Pakistan government forced the closure of these schools for the greater part of the past year and prevented the Catholic school board from collecting school fees. The result was that 75 teachers were shorted a total of 294 months of salary.

The Mary Leonora Foundation is now trying to help the

Catholic school board find the \$21,000 needed to pay its teachers. The Foundation has asked QART for any help that QART could provide. In response, QART donated \$100 to the Foundation on your behalf.

It is also possible for individual members to donate. These donations would be tax deductible. If you are interested in learning more about this foundation or in making a personal donation, visit their website at www.ephem-era.com/MLF. An online contribution can be made through this site.

The Foundation's mailing address is 9160 Vincent Quiblier, Montreal QC H2M 2B7. The email address is mleonora@bell.net



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

ACER-CART is the national voice of the retired educational community.

In anticipation of the next federal election, ACER-CART is compiling voter information on four seniors' issues: (1) the need for a national seniors' strategy, (2) long-term care, (3) national pharmacare, and (4) pension security.

Q.A.R.T. (QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS)

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QART is a provincial association for retirees who worked at some time in Quebec for an English school, or an English school board, or the English sector of a confessional school board. As retirees, we enjoy socializing, but we are also concerned about our pensions, our health care, and our living conditions. Until 1997, when we renewed our by-laws and became chartered, we were known as the Provincial Association of Catholic Retired Teachers which had been founded in 1965.

As a member of our Association, you will have the opportunity to participate in our social activities. You will also be informed through our newsletter about issues such as our pensions, health insurance, medicare, the cost of living and other topics that affect our living conditions. Further, you will be able to express your opinion on these topics at our general meetings. In addition to this, QART operates a website designed to facilitate member awareness about current issues. QART also distributes information to its members via e-mail.

When you join QART, you are joining a provincial association that is affiliated with the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers. You become a member of ACER-CART. Being affiliated to ACER-CART gives QART a forum for issues of national importance and provides QART with a powerful national lobby group of more than 145,000 members.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this newsletter, please feel free to send me an e-mail at qart.mtl@outlook.com, post me a letter at John Greene, 787 rue Dufour, Laval, QC H7Y 2G2, or call me at 450-969-0674.

Till next time, be safe and have a happy Summer holiday.



QART Membership (now collecting for 2021-2022)

- **Regular Member:** *A member who attends meetings and/or socials.....* Fee: \$30
- **Member-at-Large:** *A member who does not attend meetings or socials but receives the newsletter.....* Fee: \$12
- **Honorary Member:** *A regular member who has belonged to QART for over 25 years.*
 - *if the 25 years were completed prior to July 2013.....* Fee: \$0
 - *if later,.....* Fee: \$12

- **Fill in the required information.**

- **Mail the completed form with your payment cheque to:**

Q.A.R.T.
291 ave. du Parc
L'Ile-Perrot, QC
J7V 9Z5
Attention: Steve Dursa

Date: _____ **Amount enclosed: \$** _____

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone No.: _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

***You can contact Steve Dursa through email at stevedur2020@gmail.com**