

## George Little

### Nomination for Honourary Life Membership in NBSRT

It is a pleasure to nominate George Little of Saint John Branch for honorary membership in the New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers.

I have known George most of my teaching career which began in Simonds High when it was on Bayside Drive and continued at the Hickey Road site. We have been good friends as well as colleagues throughout those years and in retirement. George got me into the retired teacher's society.

But those things do not make one deserving of honorary membership. George's service with the NBSRT Saint John branch began the year he retired in 1994. Since then, George has served the branch and the provincial body in many capacities. In the Saint John Branch, George served as Director for the Branch between 1995 and 2000; he was the 1st Vice president for 1997-1998; President for 1999-2002; Past President for 2002-2006. George regularly attended branch meetings, spring and fall luncheons and participated fully in branch business and discussions. George was a "full time volunteer" recruiter for the Society and brought in many members and successfully encouraged some to take on executive roles. During George's time on the executive, membership in the NBSRT Saint John Branch rose from approximately 150 to over 400. Frequently, at Branch luncheons George could be counted on to lead the singing of O'Canada as well as introduce and/or thank speakers.

Provincially, George was a representative at semi-annual meetings and Biennials. In the fall of 2002 George and I took on the Co-Editorship of REFLECTIONS and stayed with the task for six years-eighteen issues. I was fortunate to partner with George in bringing in Reflections "on-line". Under his leadership more retired teachers began writing travelogues, book reviews, and articles about classroom humour. We brought about the end of "subscribed Reflections" with all members receiving Reflections as part of membership.

Nationally, during the period 2002-2009 George served as ACER/CART representative for the NBSRT. He was a member of the national Health and Welfare committee. George actively participated in the initiative to successfully lobby the federal government on pension splitting for income tax purposes.

And he was the Regional Representative for the Atlantic Provinces on the Executive Council of ACER/CART.

Being a public speaker of note, George, a skillful writer of renown, with wit to make any

Scotsman smile, has used his affable, brogue-personality to make us proud to be his colleague and a fellow member of the NBSRT.

For these reasons, I nominate *George Little* for honorary life membership in the New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers.