

KING'S COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (KCRTA)

The *King's County Retired Teachers' Association* takes in a wide geographical area of King's County, stretching from above Sussex Corner to Kennebecasis Park near Saint John. Its teacher retirees come from two NBTA branches, Branch #0618 and Branch #0619, and the KCRTA has a membership base of approximately 250+ members. Its members are from five high schools, five middle schools, nine elementary schools and one combined elementary / middle school (K-8). The students within these school walls come from the greater Sussex area, Hampton and its outlying area, Belleisle & Norton and environs, the Kingston Peninsula, Quispamsis, Rothesay, and Kennebecasis Park. To the best of our knowledge, the association has been in existence for forty years.

The KCRTA is run by an executive board which comprises the executive officers (President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President), the branch membership contact person, and four directors who represent the geographical areas of Sussex, Norton & Belleisle, Hampton and the KV area, including the Kingston Peninsula. We have two voting members at the NBSRT Board of Directors' meetings (with the President and the Past President presently serving as the two voting delegates). The KCRTA has representation on the NBSRT Pension Committee, the NBSRT Wellness Committee, the NBSRT Group Insurance Committee, and the NBSRT Online Media Committee. There are two co-correspondents for Reflections. The Executive Board meets regularly between September and early June to carry out the affairs of the association.

Since 1989, the KCRTA has had a Scholarship Committee. Initially, one scholarship of "Two Hundred Fifty Dollars" was awarded. Today, it has evolved into two "One Thousand Dollar" scholarships being presented to two deserving students from among the graduates of the five high schools. Also, we hold two 50/50 raffles (one in the Spring and another one in the Fall) and those proceeds are donated to the School Days Museum annually.

There are two annual KCRTA gatherings. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held in May (generally, the third Wednesday of the month). It begins with a social hour at 11:00 am followed by a hot home-cooked dinner. There is a

guest speaker and/or entertainment. The AGM business then begins around 1:30 pm. In October (usually the third Wednesday) the KCRTA holds a second gathering for its members. New teacher retirees are invited and recognized at this Fall dinner. Speaker(s) on a topic of interest to membership and/or entertainment is provided. Of late, there has not been a formal business meeting; however, any news / update from the NBSRT and the KCRTA is presented. The KCRTA alternate their dinners and meetings between the Sussex area and the Kennebecasis Valley area. Depending upon expressed interest and support, the KCRTA executive try to provide a few other social activities throughout the year.

The KCRTA would welcome members to become involved in local committees and potentially serve on the executive.