



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

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2010

... from the President's desk

Well, here it is; my final President's message. It's hard to believe that I have been doing this for 6 years now. The time has passed quickly. As part of my office duties I prepare the newsletter each month. Every time it comes to writing this message I always have to pause and consider all the things I should write about, could write about and the things I really want to write about. Most often I end up writing about what I should write about. I don't think I've used very many of these messages to chastise or criticize our members. I know there have been a few where I vented a little. I was going to use this one to get all the things that bug me off my chest but I have reconsidered and will not. Those of you who read this aren't the ones that need to be railed at anyway. It's those that do not keep themselves informed that frustrate me when they criticize after the fact as if we have just pulled a fast one on them. As of today I'm letting all that go.

There are many people I want to thank before I ride off into the sunset. To the PAATA executive members I have worked with; you are a great bunch of people. As diversified as our group is, it's amazing that we work so well together. Congratulations on a job well done.

To the SSL's in each of the schools; Thank you for your participation whether voluntary or involuntary. You are a vital part of the organization and we rely on your participation at all times.

To my school staff, especially my custodians: For six years we have been holding PAATA meetings at John Diefenbaker and I thank you for putting up with the intrusion and the extra work it causes for you. I hope that the leftover food you were able to enjoy made everything okay. I know the staff will miss the occasional goodie that were left behind.

To both Dr. Cooke and Mr. Jelinski; Your doors have always been open to me and I really appreciate your willingness to meet with me.

To both Boards of Education: Thank you for always being open to meeting with us and discussing the issues with us.

I know I'm going to forget to thank a lot of people. Please know that this is not a job that you can do alone in isolation. All of you have enabled me to carry out the duties of this office and to represent the teachers of the PAATA.

I have come full circle. My first teaching assignment in Ontario started after Easter. I have been in a tobogganing accident and was on crutches. Now, 31 years later I am finishing my last teaching assignment and I have managed to fracture a bone in my right foot and am hobbling around. Really, the more things change the more they stay the same really fits my situation.

Even though I will miss this job and all that it entails, I am also looking forward to new beginnings. Many of you will also experience new beginnings in the fall with new grade assignments, perhaps a transfer or two out there. I wish all of you my best wishes for the years to come. Before you know it, you'll be where I am right now, wondering where the time has gone. Thank you.

- Debbie McPherson

2009 - 2010 Superannuates

- Arpin, Geraldine
- Bender, Cecile
- Bischler, Judith
- Dice, David
- Gray, Virginia
- Guidinger, Sue
- Laflamme, Peter
- Luckowich, Janet
- McLachlan, Jim
- McPherson, Debbie
- McShane, Tanya
- Phaneuf, Lynn
- Reeves, Vivian
- Sander, Jack
- Sastaunik, Donna
- Smith, Theresa
- Stevenson, Joyce
- Thalheimer, Jo-Anne
- Ward, Elisabeth
- Wesson, Graeme
- Wood, Janice

Superannuation Events in June

- 3rd - **Tanya McShane**
4 - 6 p.m. - Golf and Curling Club
- 7th - **Catholic Division Retirement Tea**
4 p.m. - St. Joseph's Church
- 9th - **PAATA Superannuation Banquet**
Marlboro Hotel
- 14th - **SRSD Recognition Evening**
- 17th - **David Dice**
4 - 6 p.m. - Sask. Rivers Ed. Centre
- 18th - **Geraldine Arpin**
7:30 p.m. - Golf and Curling Club, Tee Room
Debbie McPherson
7:30 p.m. - Golf and Curling Club, Cosmo Room
- 25th - **Terry Smith**
4 - 6 p.m. - Midtown Hall
- 29th - **Jim Mireau**
4 - 7 p.m. - E.A. Rawlinson Centre



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If you want an STF Diary for next year you have to order it yourself.



The Grand Tour



The Grand Canal from Academia Bridge, photo by G.Bland

WORKS INSPIRED BY RECENT TRAVEL

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 2010

OPENING RECEPTION

Saturday, August 7, 2010
2 pm to 5 pm

Coffee & Hors d'Oeuvres
COME & GO

New Ground Café
167 Bellamy Avenue
Birch Hills, Sask.

Chef Jennifer Willems

Call Gordon Bland, 306-752-2521 for more information
OR
Email: bland.dyck@sasktel.ca

STF Summer Short Courses

The booklets are out with the courses being offered for this summer. Please take the time to check them out.



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