

Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

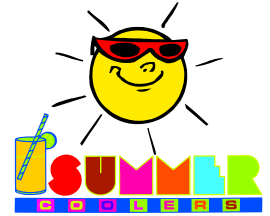
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... from the President's desk

It's June again! It's always hard to believe how quickly year end seems to arrive. Everything gets a little bit hectic with year end trips, celebrations, exams, test, report cards and everything else that goes with winding up the school year.

Some of you will be experiencing changes to your school, class, subjects for the upcoming year; we all wait at this time to hear about all the changes, wondering how it will affect us and our colleagues. For those who are superannuating, the change is a bit more significant. To all of you who have made the decision to move to the next phase of your lives, I wish you the best in your new endeavors.

Next year we will as an organization be attending Showcase 2008 in Saskatoon instead of holding our own local convention. To the convention committee this is a welcome rest for a year. Professional development opportunities are very important to us as a profession and as an organization. We have worked hard to have a 2 day convention that is ours to plan as we see fit. Showcase is such an event. The executive of PAATA would like to remind you that as a professional organization it is expected that all our members attend these conventions. There has been a question as to whether it is appropriate for teachers to request leave on these professional days. There are associations who have lost some of their self-directed professional days because of an impression that they weren't important enough to attend. We hope that our membership will welcome the change next year as an opportunity to attend sessions and speakers that we could never be able to include in our smaller local convention. For those of you who do not wish to drive the distance, I would remind you that we will be providing bus transportation to and from Saskatoon each day.

I hope that you all find time to enjoy the nice weather (finally) and make the best of your summer break. It won't be long before we will be anticipating our first day back in August. And once again we'll wonder where the time went.

- Debbie McPherson

Congratulations to Our Superannuates

<i>Lynda Allbright</i>	<i>Ken Loewen</i>
<i>Valerie Drummond</i>	<i>Lynda Miller</i>
<i>Joel DuBourt</i>	<i>Noreen O'Donnell</i>
<i>Wesley Enns</i>	<i>Jack Phalen</i>
<i>Wayne Gray</i>	<i>Tim Rapko</i>
<i>David Harack</i>	<i>Pat Suchorab</i>
<i>Sandra Kabatoff</i>	<i>Norm Sumners</i>
<i>Arnie Lindberg</i>	<i>Grant Wood</i>
	<i>Tom Wormworth</i>

Superannuation Banquet

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

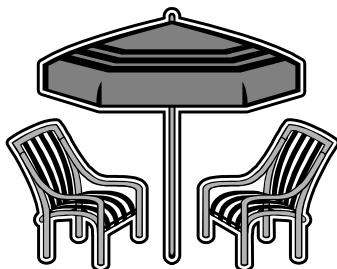
Marlboro Inn

Cocktails: 5:30 p.m.

Banquet: 6:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Perry Acorn on receiving a research grant from the Dr. Sterling McDowell Foundation.

Reminder - We would like pictures for our Education Week insert in the paper. Please check out your pictures and have them ready for our September Rep. Assembly. Make sure you have the proper permission for PAATA to use the pictures.



P.A.A.T.A. EXECUTIVE 2007 – 2008

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Convention

Chair Jeanette Serfas
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Treasurer Sterling Swain

Thanks to everyone for letting your name stand for these positions.

To the staffs of MacDowall and Prince Charles Schools; it is always hard to say goodbye to the people and places that we have come to feel are a part of our lives. We wish you well in your new schools and school communities and thank you for the part your staffs have taken in our association. We look forward to many of you continuing your involvement in PAATA with a new group of colleagues.

We will be looking for a representative to sit on the Strategic Advisory Committee on Provincial Collective Bargaining. Tim Rapko has been PAATA's rep. If you are interested please contact the PAATA office -- 764-0299.

The PAATA will be losing 2 councillors to retirement this year. Tim Rapko and Norm Sumners will be finishing their terms as councillors for the last time this month. The executive have mixed feelings about their exist. On one had we wish them well in their twilight years and on the other hand, their commitment to our association is going to be hard to replace. Both gentlemen have been outstanding at representing our teacher's interests to the STF. It has been very interesting working with both Tim and Norm. (You could never say Tim was boring).

Local Association Leader's Summer Seminar

August 20 - 21, 2007, Saskatoon

PAATA is able to send 10 people to this seminar. (Costs covered by STF) If you are interested in attending this seminar please contact the PAATA office by June 22 (764-0299).

We have several spots still open.

The event will include:

- connecting with provincial organization priorities and people,
- specialized skill development in communications, local bargaining, equity and dispute resolution,
- local association strategic planning.

Some of the topics will be:

Social Justice, Needs Assessment, Political Advocacy for Public Education, Accountability, Wellness, Professionalism, Local Bargaining, Communications.

