



# FALL Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2025

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## Fall Luncheon

Join us for our fall luncheon on September 24, 2025, featuring Corporal Sean Milne, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

**Time:** 11:45 a.m.  
**Menu:** Roast Pork Loin Buffet  
**Cost:** \$35.00 (includes GST and gratuity)  
**Location:** Chateau Louis, 11727 Kingsway Avenue  
**Topic:** “**Spotting Fraud in 2025**”. The ways that fraudsters approach victims, including the elderly, is becoming more sophisticated. In this session, Corporal Milne will describe the clever types of scams they use, how to spot a scam and how to protect yourself from scammers.



**Registration:** Please use [this link](#) to register. Please note, the registration deadline is September 17th.

**Payment:** The luncheon fee will be collected at the Welcome Table upon entry into the ballroom. At this time, payment by cash or cheque is required. Food and/or cash donations to the Food Bank are also appreciated.

For more information contact Lyndi at [vpresidenterta@gmail.com](mailto:vpresidenterta@gmail.com).

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## President's Message

Greetings to our new and returning fellow retirees. As educators we never seem to lose the excitement of late August to early September and the feeling of starting a brand new adventure. As your new ERTA President I'm honored to connect with you as we continue to build a vibrant community for retired teachers.

This organization is a testament to the incredible impact we've all had in the classroom. As we navigate the fall season, let's continue to share our wisdom, support one another, and find new ways to engage with the world around us. ERTA is offering a wide variety of new programs and volunteer opportunities and we are excited to see you join us in whatever way best suits you. We are also in the process of updating our website, newsletters and e-notes, with our goal being to keep you connected to your colleagues and the ERTA community.

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## Membership Report

**Current Membership:**

Regular

318

Complimentary	41
Nonagenarian life	16
Honourary life	5
Other	
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>

Our current membership of 380 includes 41 new members! Welcome aboard! We are actively planning and offering a variety of new events for our members.

Please let us know if you have changed your phone, email, or address so that we are able to continue to provide information about ERTA membership, events and news. Please email [membershiperta@gmail.com](mailto:membershiperta@gmail.com) to update your information.

We encourage you to share news about our complimentary first year membership option with your friends and colleagues! New members can sign up by contacting [membershiperta@gmail.com](mailto:membershiperta@gmail.com).

We are available to assist you with your membership questions or to help guide you through the registration process.

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## Board Meeting Summary

Highlights from the ERTA Board of Directors meeting, are as follows:

The ERTA Board is working hard to better serve you! The Board meeting, held at Barnett House on August 28th, was very busy and the highlights include:

- Many new classes and events are now being offered to respond to the needs and interests of ERTA members.
- A communications strategy is under development to streamline and improve our communications with you.
- As part of the communications strategy, the ERTA website is moving to the ARTA platform and will be re-launched in the near future, with exciting new features.

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## Mark Your Calendar

Sep 11	- Second Wind Conference 2025
Sep 16	- <a href="#">Return to Riding</a>
Sep 17	- <a href="#">Intermediate Bike Skills</a>
Sep 18	- <a href="#">e-Bike Skills</a>
Sep 24	- Fall Luncheon
Oct 9	- <a href="#">Wine Tasting (Argentina)</a>
Oct 15	- <a href="#">Wine Tasting (Argentina)</a>
Oct 22	- Mayfield Dinner Theatre <i>The Simon and Garfunkel Story</i>
Oct 23	- ERTA Introduction to Pickleball 2025
Nov 6	- <a href="#">Wine Tasting (Tuscany, Italy)</a>
Nov 12	- <a href="#">Wine Tasting (Tuscany, Italy)</a>
Nov 19	- Mayfield Dinner Theatre <i>The 90's: It's All Coming Back to Me Now</i>
Dec 3	- Winter Luncheon

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## ARTA News

The ARTA website has a News & Events section that is full of information about topics that may

interest you. Their drop down list includes *Latest News*, *news&views*, *ARTAfacts* and *Upcoming Events*. Check them out at [this link](#).

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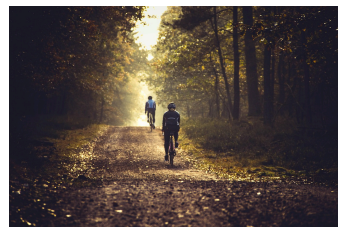
## Cycling

### Return to Riding

If you remember the days of fun and freedom that riding a bike through Edmonton's River Valley provides and you would like to get back into it, this Return to Riding class is for you! This class will help you become familiar with your bicycling capabilities, create confidence for riding paved and gravel multipurpose trails safely, and participate in a ride on paths and trails to use these skills. Please note, you need to bring your own bike and helmet.

**Date:** September 16  
**Location:** Gallagher Park, Cloverdale Community League, 9411-97 Ave.  
**Time:** 10am - noon  
**Cost:** ERTA members \$40; Non-members \$50 (please note that ERTA is subsidizing \$10 for each ERTA member, resulting in the \$40 member fee)

**Registration:** Please use [this link](#) to register. The registration deadline is September 12th.



### Intermediate Bike Skills

This biking class will build your confidence and skills beyond a basic level. You will explore paved and dirt trails and participate in a guided River Valley ride custom made for the group's abilities and comfort level. Please note, you need to bring your own bike and helmet.

**Date:** September 17  
**Location:** Gallagher Park, Cloverdale Community League, 9411-97 Ave.  
**Time:** 10am - noon  
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**Registration:** Please use [this link](#) to register. The registration deadline is September 12th.

### E-Bike Skills

E-bikes present unique opportunities and challenges for riders. If you are wondering about getting the most from your e-bike, this class is for you. Join this class to build your confidence and skills and participate in a guided ride through Edmonton's River Valley! Please note, you need to bring your own e-bike and helmet.

**Date:** September 18  
**Location:** Gallagher Park, Cloverdale Community League, 9411-97 Ave.  
**Time:** 10am - noon  
**Cost:** ERTA members \$40; Non-members \$50 (please note that ERTA is subsidizing \$10 for each ERTA member, resulting in the \$40 member fee)

**Registration:** Please use [this link](#) to register. The registration deadline is September 12th.

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## Mayfield Dinner Theatre: October

Reservations have been made for the brunch presentation of *The Simon & Garfunkel Story* on Wednesday, October 22nd. This internationally renowned stage production tells the story, backed by original video footage, of how two young boys from Queens, New York, became the most successful duo of all time. Dinner theatregoers can expect to be entertained by all of their hit songs.



This dinner theatre presentation sold out in 2016 when it was last performed at the Mayfield so a repeat rush on tickets is anticipated. With dynamic pricing in effect, theatre patrons are now purchasing tickets earlier than they did previously. The Wednesday brunch has become popular with seniors because of the lower ticket prices.

Tickets in C Section seating are \$90.99 each while tickets in Section B cost \$99.91 a piece. No reservations have been made for A Section or Gold Section seating; however, tickets may be available if the request is made early enough. These seats are priced at \$108.84 and \$117.76 respectively.

## Mayfield Dinner Theatre: November

Seating has been reserved for *The 90s: It's All Coming Back to Me Now* on Wednesday, November 20th. The vast expanse of music of the 1990s, sung by artists like Cheryl Crow, Lenny Kravitz, The Tragically Hip, the Backstreet Boys and others, will be showcased.



Tickets are as follows: Section C: \$99.75, Section B: \$103.95, Section A: \$112.35, and Gold Section Booths: \$120.75.

As was the case during the last theatre season, if more than thirty-one tickets are purchased, a discount of 25% on the base ticket price goes into effect. Currently, a 15% discount is applied to the base price before the \$5.00 gratuity, \$6.00 administrative fee and GST are added. The base price of tickets for only the November show will be reduced by 20%, instead of the usual 15%, if thirty-two or more reservations are made.

Call Vi Oko at 780-459-8013 to book your seat. Then send a cheque, made payable to the Edmonton Retired Teachers' Association, to 20 Glenhaven Crescent, St. Albert, AB T8N 1A5. Please date your cheque for October 1 or November 1, depending on the show you are attending. Seating is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## Wine and Beer Tasting Events



Bring your friends and meet up with your former colleagues to learn about the marvelous wines of countries around the world! Thomas Coburger from Wine and Beyond will lead fun-filled evenings of wine tasting, set in the beautiful MacTaggart Ridge tasting room. Each wine event participant will receive a wealth of knowledge along with six wine samples plus a small charcuterie and cheese plate. Registration is open now, space is limited so register early!

**Dates:** Please note that the second date of each set is a repeat presentation, and will only be held if the first session becomes full.

- **Oct. 9 (and 15) - Wines of Argentina**
- **Nov. 6 (and 12) - Wines of Tuscany, Italy**
- Jan. 15 (and 20) - Wines of Spain
- March 12 (and 16) - Wines of Germany
- May 14 (and 20) - Wines of Canada
- July 16 (and 21) - New Beers and Ciders

**Location:** MacTaggart Ridge Wine and Beyond at 5962 Mullen Way

**Time:** Tasting room doors open at 6:00 p.m. for registration and social time. Presentation and tasting of wines (or beer) will occur from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Cost:** ERTA member (plus a guest): \$35, non-member: \$40

**Food:** Please note that food allergies or preferences cannot be accommodated at these events.

**Payment:** The registration fee will be collected by staff at the store upon arrival. Debit cards, credit cards and cash will be accepted.

**Registration:** Please use [this link](#) to register, or contact Marlene at [secretary2erta@gmail.com](mailto:secretary2erta@gmail.com) or at 780-699-2148 to receive an email containing the link to register for these events. Registration closes one week prior to each date listed and confirmations are sent to participants.

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## ERTA Introduction to Pickleball 2025

### Lesson and Round Robin Game Play

Are you interested in learning to play pickleball? This introductory workshop is a 2 hour session with a certified coach at the Edmonton Volleyball/Pickleball Centre. The first hour will focus on skill development and introductory drills; the second hour includes learning about the game through round robin game play. There will be a maximum of 16 participants for this session. This event Includes: a coach, court and paddle rental, round robin sheets, and balls for game play. Come have fun with your friends and colleagues!



**Date:** October 23

**Location:** EVP Centre: 9455 45th Avenue Northwest, Edmonton

**Time:** 10 am - noon

**Cost:** ERTA members \$20 +GST = \$21; Non-members \$30.00 +GST= \$31.50

\*\*Please note that ERTA is subsidizing \$10.00 +GST for each ERTA member resulting in the \$20 member fee.

**Registration:** To register, please use [this link](#). If the form is closed, the pickleball session is full. For further information and/or to be put on a waiting list for a future pickleball session in January, please contact Janice at [vpresidenterta@gmail.com](mailto:vpresidenterta@gmail.com).

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# Volunteer Opportunities

## **Edmonton Public School Foundation**

The mission of the [Edmonton Public Schools Foundation](#) is to raise awareness and funds to level the playing field for children who come to the classroom at a disadvantage. The Edmonton Public Schools Foundation is always seeking volunteers to become involved in event support. This could include tending an information booth at conferences, assisting to set up or support special fundraising events, or providing other volunteer support as the needs arise.

For further information about providing volunteer assistance to the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation, please contact Catherine Bay (Acting Director, Edmonton Public Schools Foundation) at 780-970-5238 or at [catherine.bay@epsb.ca](mailto:catherine.bay@epsb.ca).

## **Mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area**

[BGC Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area \(BGCBigs\)](#) invites retired educators to share their wisdom, guidance, and care as volunteer mentors. Your experience and compassion could be the key to helping a young person thrive!

### **Two Rewarding Ways to Get Involved:**

☀ **Mentoring for Youth & Young Adults from Care (MYAC):**

☀ **In School Mentoring:**

#### **What's Involved?**

- *MYAC program:* Meet your mentee in the evenings or weekends at places like libraries, coffee shops, or community events. Commit to 1 hour per week or bi-weekly for 1+ hours.
- *In School Mentoring:* Spend 1 hour during the school day, once a week, building a connection with a student.

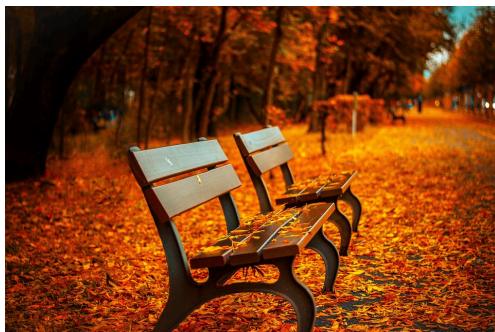
### **Ready to Get Started?**

Email Danielle Newman, Volunteer Recruitment Specialist, at [Danielle.Newman@bgcbigs.ca](mailto:Danielle.Newman@bgcbigs.ca) to learn more or apply today!

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## **Autumn Fires**

By Robert Louis Stevenson



The year is late, the air is chill,  
And summer's fires have died away,  
But in the west, the setting sun  
Still paints a glorious display.  
The trees are stripped, the boughs are bare,  
And leaves fall softly, one by one,  
But still the glory of the fall  
Has not yet completely gone.  
And though the day is almost done,  
The setting sun a beauty shows,  
And all the world is bathed in gold,  
As the brief, bright autumn goes.

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## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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