

Summer Newsletter



JUNE 2026

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Summer Luncheon

Join us for our Summer Luncheon and Annual General Meeting on June 10, 2026, featuring a presentation by Edmonton Public Library.

Time: 11:45 a.m.
Menu: Roast Beef au Jus (gravy on the side)
Note: special dietary requirements can be accommodated
Cost: \$35.00 (includes GST and gratuity)
Location: Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 11727 Kingsway Avenue
Topic: Edmonton Public Library will present an exciting range of new and popular tools, opportunities and services available to seniors in the city libraries.



Registration: Please use [this link](#) to register. The registration deadline is **June 3, 2026**.

Payment: The luncheon fee will be collected in advance through a cheque or e-transfer. We will no longer be collecting cheques or cash at the door. All payments must be received on or before June 3, 2026.

E-transfer to - ertatreasurer1@gmail.com
(indicate in the e-transfer message box [memo] your payment is for the Summer Luncheon)

Cheque made out to Edmonton Retired Teachers' Association and mailed to:
ERTA Treasurer
P.O. Box 57003, Edmonton RPO Jasper Gate,
Edmonton, AB, T5P 0K7

All payments are non-refundable, however, your registration can be transferred to another luncheon date or another attendee for the same luncheon, provided you notify Janice at vpresidenterta@gmail.com by June 2, 2026.

For any further information and assistance, please contact Janice at vpresidenterta@gmail.com or at 780-868-9269.

Food and/or cash donations to the Food Bank are also appreciated and will be collected at the door.

President's Message

As the snow finally recedes and the first signs of green emerge, I am reminded of the enduring spirit of our community. Spring is traditionally a time of renewal, and for the **ERTA**, it serves as a meaningful season to reflect on our shared history while looking forward to the vital work ahead.

I am pleased to announce that our **2026–2027 budget** has been officially approved. As a non-profit organization, our guiding principle remains clear: ensuring that every resource coming into ERTA is directed toward supporting engaging, high-quality programs that spark curiosity and foster connection among our members.

While our signature **Second Wind Conference** is taking a brief hiatus for 2026, we are already laying the groundwork for a spectacular return in 2027. I am humbled and thrilled that the ERTA Board has the confidence to appoint me as the Second Wind Conference Chair. I look forward to providing more detailed information to you in the coming months.

Our foundation is only as strong as the governance that supports it. I want to extend a **tremendous thank you** to our Bylaw Review Committee. These individuals have dedicated countless hours to reviewing and revising our bylaws to ensure they serve our current needs. The proposed revisions will be presented for your approval at our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, held during our luncheon on **June 10, 2026**. I look forward to seeing many of you there as we finalize these important updates.

Thank you for your continued dedication and for the wisdom you bring to our community every day. I wish you all a vibrant and purposeful spring season.

Notice of Intention to Propose a Special Resolution: Bylaw Updates

Over the past year, ERTA's Board of Directors have worked hard to update our current bylaws. Please follow [this link](#) to the proposed bylaws that will be put forward for membership approval at the Annual General Meeting. To see the current ERTA Bylaws posted on our website, [click here](#).

Membership Report

We currently have 411 members enrolled and are excited to welcome additional members into the association. Our colleagues with memberships expiring this year have been notified and asked to renew before June 30. If your membership is expiring, you can renew by going to the membership tab on the ERTA website, myerta.org.

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. Email 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 patrons can sign up by visiting the ERTA website, myerta.org.

To assist you with your membership questions, or to help guide you through the registration process, please contact Cam Colville, Membership Director at membershiperta@gmail.com.

Board Meeting Summary

Highlights from the ERTA Board of Directors March 26, 2026 Board meeting, are as follows:

- The Budget Committee presented the budget for the 2026-26 year and it was approved by the Board.
- The Board approved the proposed bylaw updates that will be presented at the AGM on June 10, 2026 and will be voted on by the membership.
- The Program Committee presented a number of exciting new events they have planned for the rest of 2026 and into 2027. As new events are planned, they are uploaded to the website.

Mark Your Calendar

May 26	- Beginners/Return to Riding Bike Skills
May 27	- E-Bike Skills
May 28	- Intermediate Mountain Bike Skills
June 4	- ARTA/ERTA Heart and Soul Walk
June 10	- Summer Luncheon and AGM
June 25	- Tour of Blind Enthusiasm Brewery
July 2	- Edmonton Riverhawks Game
July 16	- New Beers and Ciders Tasting
Sept 3	- Edmonton Heritage and Harmony Car Rally
Sept 8	- ERTA Coffee Time
Sept 17	- ERTA Fun Bowl
Sept 23	- Fall Luncheon Featuring Author Laurel Deedrick-Mayne
Sept 28	- Painting Workshop 2026

Mountain Bike and E-Bike Skills Classes

ERTA is thrilled to offer members a variety of opportunities to get outside to enjoy the freedom of the road - bicycle style! Whether you are relatively new to biking or it has been a while since you dusted off the wheels, if you have just a few years of experience riding, or if you are discovering the delight and accessibility of an e-bike, we have a class for you! Sharpen your skills and grow your confidence on the bike!



Beginners/Return to Riding May 26, 2026, [click here](#).

E-Bike Skills May 27, 2026, [click here](#).

Intermediate Mountain Bike Skills May 28, 2026, [click here](#).

Tour of Blind Enthusiasm Brewery

Bring your friends and meet up with your former colleagues to enjoy a tour and tasting at one of Canada's most unique breweries! Blind Enthusiasm has a very interesting history in Edmonton, and has an inspiring presence in Edmonton's new "Happy Beer Street". Its beers are inspired by Lambic beers from Belgium and are made using similar old world brewing techniques. The brewery has received a number of international awards cementing its reputation as a world-class producer of spontaneous and mixed fermentation beer.

After a fascinating one hour tour of this unique brewery, you will relax with colleagues and be treated to a guided tasting of the unique blends produced right in their barrel rooms. With a limit of 12 participants this event is sure to sell out, so register early to ensure your spot!

Date: June 25, 2026
Location: **Blind Enthusiasm Brewing Company - The Monolith**, [9919 78 Ave NW, Edmonton](#)
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Cost: ERTA members \$10; Non-members \$15
Payment: By e-transfer: to Ertatreasurer1@gmail.com, **indicating in the e-transfer message box (memo) that your payment is for Blind Enthusiasm Tour June 2026!** If e-transfer is not possible, please contact Janice at vpresidenterta@gmail.com.

NOTES:

1. There will be no refunds for cancellations.
2. Registration will close 7 days prior to the event.
3. Confirmation emails will be sent to all registered participants

For further information, [click here](#) or contact Janice at vpresidenterta@gmail.com.

Edmonton Riverhawks Game



The Edmonton Riverhawks are offering a discount for ERTA members for the July 2, 2026 game at Remax Field. The theme for the evening is Foodie Night and Thirsty Thursday! Some of the local restaurant partners' signature dishes will be highlighted, so come hungry!

Members are to use the **code ERTA15** for tickets in the silver and bronze **senior sections**. The silver sections are seats that fold down and have armrests while the bronze seats are a bleacher seat with a backing. See the seating map, and order tickets here: <https://riverhawksbaseball.com/tickets/tickets>

Beer and Cider Tasting Event

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

Date: July 16, 2026 (and July 21) Please note that the second date is a repeat presentation, and will only be held if the first session becomes full.
Location: MacTaggart Ridge Wine and Beyond at 5962 Mullen Way
Time: Tasting room doors open at 6:00 p.m. for social time. Presentation and tasting of beers and ciders 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 cannot be accommodated at these events.
Payment: Payment will be sent by -transfer to ertatreasurer1@gmail.com upon registration. Please indicate "Beer Tasting" in the e-transfer message box (memo).
Registration: Please use [this link](#) to register, or contact Marlene at 780-699-2148. Registration closes one week prior and confirmations will be sent to participants.

Edmonton Heritage and Harmony Car Rally

On September 3, 2026, enjoy a relaxed and scenic driving experience through Edmonton's rich history and natural beauty. This rally is designed for fun, connection, and exploration—perfect for participants of all experience levels. It is open to ERTA members and their guests. To find out more about the rally, [click here](#).

Please note: A minimum of 20 participants is needed in order for this event to proceed.

The deadline for expressing interest is June 30, 2026. Please [click here](#) to express your interest in participating in this event.

ERTA Coffee Time!

Are you interested in joining other retired teachers for a back-to-school coffee and morning snack?

Square One Coffee (Windsor Park location) has a special mezzanine area set aside so we can join in conversations, share memories, discuss current events, and foster connections. Square One Coffee is local friendly, provides great-tasting coffee and beverages, and bakes their own treats!



Come have fun with your friends and colleagues! There will be a maximum of 12-15 participants for each coffee get-together, so register as soon as possible!

- [September 8](#) - [November 9](#) - [January 5](#)

ERTA Fun Bowl

Join us on September 17, 2026 for an afternoon of fun 5-pin bowling with friends and former colleagues at Plaza Bowling Co., a vintage bowling alley playing vintage music! This light-hearted afternoon will include at least two different bowling games, and some light snacks. Come alone, bring a friend or spouse/partner, and have some laughs! No previous skill or experience needed!



For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Painting Workshop 2026



Are you interested in learning to paint while having fun in the company of friends and colleagues? Any skill level is welcome! Join us for an afternoon "Creation Session" on September 28, 2026 offered in collaboration with an award winning artist, designer and illustrator, **Lorraine Shulba!**

Lorraine will guide us and provide instruction as we paint with acrylic on individual canvases. This workshop includes ALL materials and instruction PLUS wonderful snacks, beverages, prizes and more! Make memories! Come join the fun! This workshop is limited to 30 people, so sign up soon to save your spot! For more information and to register, [click here](#).

ARTA News

Heart and Soul Wellness Walk: June 4, 2026

Our day for participating in the ARTA Heart and Soul Wellness Walk is Thursday, June 4, 2026. Information regarding registration, where and when to meet, and the routes available is linked through the ERTA website, myerta.org. We hope you will plan to come out for some sunshine and camaraderie that afternoon!

ARTA Photo Contest 2026

In case you haven't heard, the **2026 ARTA Photo Contest** is now open for submissions, with categories including Travel, Movement, Simple Joys, and Beauty in Chaos. The winners of each category will have a spotlight in the Autumn 2026 issue of *news&views* and be seen by over 30,000 members. Will you be one of the talented photographers they feature next? [Enter here!](#)

ERTA Waste Management Event Review



The ERTA Waste Management event took place on March 17, 2026 at the Central Lions Senior Center. It was an informative and fun session attended by 11 people. The speaker was knowledgeable and open to lots of questions. The session was about 70 minutes long and included a slide presentation, many useful handouts, and door prizes.

One participant shared, "I learned a ton of new stuff about how to sort my waste properly!"

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