

Fall Newsletter



September 2026

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Fall Luncheon

Join us for our Fall Luncheon on September 23, 2026, featuring local Canadian author, Laurel Deedrick-Mayne.



Time: 11:45 a.m.

Menu: Breast of Chicken in a Tomato Basil Sauce (GF)
Note: special dietary requirements can be accommodated

Cost: \$35.00 (includes GST and gratuity)

Location: Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 11727 Kingsway Avenue

Topic: Laurel Deedrick-Mayne will tell us about her writing inspiration and process for her acclaimed novel, *A Wake for the Dreamland*, and then entertain questions from the membership.

Registration: Please use [this link](#) to register. The registration deadline is **September 15, 2026**.

Payment: The luncheon fee will be collected **in advance** through e-transfer or a cheque. We will no longer be collecting cheques or cash at the door. All payments must be received on or before September 15, 2026.

E-transfer to - ertatreasurer1@gmail.com

(indicate in the e-transfer message box [memo] your payment is for the Fall Luncheon and include the names for whom you are paying)

Cheque made out to Edmonton Retired Teachers' Association and mailed to: ERTA Treasurer, P.O. Box 50117, Edmonton RPO Clareview, Edmonton, AB, T5Y 2M9
(Include the event Fall luncheon on the cheque and indicate the names for whom you are paying)

All payments are non-refundable, however, your registration can be transferred to another luncheon date provided you notify Lyndi at ppresidenterta@gmail.com by September 14, 2026.

For any further information and assistance, please contact Lyndi Karbonik at ppresidenterta@gmail.com or by calling 780-932-7314.

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

President's Message

As my first President's Message, I wish to thank our hardworking and dedicated past and present Board members for all they have done to ensure ERTA is strong, sustainable and meeting the needs of its members. This dedicated volunteer group has worked tirelessly, on a shoestring budget, to fulfill our [mission](#):

to be an engaging, vibrant and supportive community of retired educators that provides opportunities for connections, wellness, learning, advocacy and volunteerism.

I am so grateful to this group of volunteers who believe, as I do, in the importance of having a vibrant association for our retired colleagues. Click [here](#) to meet the 2026-27 Board of Directors.

ERTA is fully run by volunteers! Would you like to get involved? There are many ways you can! From easiest to most time-involved, here are some ideas of how you can support ERTA:

- Maintain your membership!
 - Invite your friends and colleagues to join ERTA! We will soon be offering an Affiliate Membership (see the Membership article in this newsletter), but in addition to teachers from Alberta and from other provinces and territories, the following are eligible to be members:
 - Retired instructors of Alberta educational institutions; and
 - Retired employees (support staff) of school boards, universities, colleges, technical institutions, ARTA and the ATA who have contributed to an Alberta government pension plan.
- Click [here](#) to learn more.
- Attend ERTA's wonderful events! Check out the [website](#) and this newsletter for information about upcoming events.
 - Provide feedback to the Board of Directors about a possible direction or an activity by emailing info@myerta.org.
 - Propose to organize an ERTA-sponsored activity! If you have an idea of an activity that you would like to organize with a Board member partner, contact us at info@myerta.org.
 - Submit an expression of interest to join the Board of Directors. Board members are elected at the Annual General Meeting held at our summer luncheon in June of each year. Please contact the Past President at ppresidenterta@gmail.com for further information!

Volunteers, members and supporters are the foundation of our organization. All of our members are invited to get involved to keep ERTA strong, active and serving you!

Membership Report

We are pleased to welcome 41 (and counting) new members to ERTA over the past few months! Our current membership is 442.

Colleagues with memberships that expired on June 30th still have time to renew by:

- completing an application form and submitting it online, or via mail. Please see the membership enrollment tab on [MYERTA.org](#); or
- contacting Cam Colville, Membership Director at membershiperta@gmail.com.

At the June 2026 AGM, new bylaw changes were approved by our members and are now pending approval from the Alberta Corporate Registry. The bylaw changes include additional options for

memberships up to 10 years and the provision for welcoming non-teaching ARTA individuals as affiliate (non-voting) members. **Affiliate members** include:

- A spouse or partner of deceased full members
- Education, Public and Private Sector ARTA members
- Member candidates in the “Full Members” category who have not yet retired

Our website will be updated to include a membership application for affiliate members once we are approved by the Alberta Corporate Registry. We encourage you to share this information with friends, colleagues or others you know in this category and encourage them to enroll in ERTA!

Board Meeting Summary

Highlights from the ERTA Annual General Meeting held on June 10, 2026 at the Summer Luncheon are as follows:

- Changes to the ERTA Board:
 - Lyndi Karbonik moved to the Past President position
 - Janice Aubry was elected President; Ann Parker was elected as Vice President; Sue Stephensen was elected as Communications Director
 - Sheila MacKay was newly elected to serve on the ERTA Board of Directors.
- The ERTA Bylaws were amended.
- ERTA financial records were deemed by the auditor to be in good order.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept 8	- ERTA Coffee Time
Sept 17	- ERTA Fun Bowl
Sept 23	- Fall Luncheon Featuring Author Laurel Deedrick-Mayne
Sept 28	- Painting Workshop 2026
Oct 7	- Wine Tasting - Wines of British Columbia
Oct 15	- ERTA Pickleball Session (Westend)
Oct 19	- ERTA Pickleball Session (Southside)
Oct 28	- Tour of Blind Enthusiasm Brewery
Nov 9	- ERTA Coffee Time
Nov 18	- Wine Tasting - Wines of Australia
Nov 20	- Stanley Milner Library Tour
Dec 9	- ERTA Winter Luncheon

ERTA Coffee Time!

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



Dates:	September 8	November 9
Time:	10:00 am -12:00 pm	
Location:	Square One Coffee - Windsor Park - mezzanine area - 11728 87 Ave NW	
Cost:	There is no cost to ERTA members and non-members; please pay for your own drinks and snacks upon arrival.	
Parking:	There are 10 spaces behind the building, 6 spaces along the road in front of the building, and some 2-hour parking across the street.	

Registration: To register, please click the links in the dates above or go to the website at myerta.org.

For further information, contact Shelley at director3erta@gmail.com.

ERTA Fun Bowl

Join us 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!



Date: September 17, 2026

Time: 1:40 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bowling will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please come early (1:40 p.m.) to get your bowling shoes, and to receive your team and lane assignment. Participants will be assigned to teams to aim for a mixture of ability levels.

Location: **Plaza Bowling Co.**, 10418-118 ave. NW Edmonton

Cost: ERTA members \$20; Non-members \$25 (includes bowling, shoes, and light snacks). Note: if rental shoes are not needed, the cost remains the same.

Non-alcoholic beverages, wine, craft beer and light snacks are available on-site for purchase from Plaza Bowling Co., with a slight discount for some drinks during this event.

Payment: By e-transfer or by cheque.

Registration: To register, please [click here](#) or go to the website at myerta.org.

For further information, contact Janice at presidenterta@gmail.com.

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" with award winning artist, designer and illustrator, **Lorraine Shulba**! Lorraine will provide instruction and guide us 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 and filling up fast, so sign up soon to save your spot!



Date: September 28, 2026

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: **the gallery by lorraine shulba**, 15508 87 Ave., Edmonton, AB

Cost: ERTA members \$55.00; Non-members \$65.00.

**Please note that ERTA is subsidizing \$10 for each ERTA member.

Payment: By e-transfer or by cheque.

Registration: To register please [click here](#) or go to the website at myerta.org.

For further information, contact Shelley at director3erta@gmail.com

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: October 28, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: **Blind Enthusiasm Brewing Company - The Monolith**, 9919 78 Ave NW, Edmonton

Cost: ERTA members \$10; Non-members \$15

Payment: By e-transfer

Registration: To register, please [click here](#) or go to the website at myerta.org.

For further information, contact Janice at presidenterta@gmail.com.

Wine 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 six wine samples plus a small charcuterie and cheese plate, as well as a wealth of knowledge. Registration is open now, space is limited so register early!

Dates:

- Oct 7 - Wines of BC
- Nov 18 - Wines of Australia
- Jan 12 - Wines of Chile
- Mar 10 - Wines of Spain
- May 11 - Wines of Italy

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

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

Cost: ERTA members \$35+GST, non-members—\$40+ GST.

Please note: Registrations must be paid in advance.

Food allergies or preferences cannot be accommodated at these events.

Payment: By e-transfer

Registration: To register you may use [this link](#), go to the website at myerta.org.

For further information, contact Marlene at secretary2erta@gmail.com or (780) 699-2148.

ERTA Pickleball Event



Are you interested in developing your skills at pickleball? This workshop is a 2 hour session which includes one hour of instruction from a certified coach and another hour of round robin play. The coach will focus on rules of the game, scorekeeping and how to establish a flow for your game. Included is the coaching, your rental of the paddle and balls and round robin sheets. There will be a maximum of 16 participants for this session. Come have fun with your friends and colleagues!

Dates: [October 15, 2026](#) [October 19, 2026](#)
Time: 1:00 pm to 3 pm 10 am to 12 pm
Location: **11420 - 170 Street NW, Edmonton** **9455 - 45 Avenue NW, Edmonton**
Cost: ERTA members \$19.50; Non-members \$24.50.
**Please note that ERTA is subsidizing \$5 for each ERTA member.
Payment: By e-transfer or by cheque.
Registration: To register please click on the dates above or go to the website at myerta.org.

For further information, contact Shelley at director3erta@gmail.com

Stanley Milner Library Tours

Join us for a FREE guided tour of the [Stanley Milner Library](#), organized by the Edmonton Retired Teachers' Association! This amazing tour will cover all three public floors of the library, as well as the Children's Library and Makerspace. Each tour is approximately **45 minutes to 1 hour** in length. The Milner Library is fully accessible and equipped with elevators, ramps, and escalators to accommodate attendees with mobility needs. Watch [this virtual tour](#), then come see it in person with a library tour guide!

Dates: Friday, [November 20, 2026](#) at 10:30 a.m. (please meet at 10:15 a.m.)
Thursday, [February 4, 2027](#) at 2:30 p.m. (please meet at 2:15 p.m.)
Location: [Stanley Milner Library, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square Centennial Plaza, Edmonton](#)
Cost: FREE
Registration: To register, please click on the dates above or go to the website at myerta.org.

For further information, contact Janice at presidenterta@gmail.com.

ERTA Winter Luncheon Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for our annual Winter Luncheon on Wednesday, December 9, 2026! There will be a delicious Roast Turkey Buffet with all the trimmings and entertainment for everyone to enjoy! Registration opens at myerta.org on Wednesday, September 23, 2026. Register as soon as you can as this luncheon is always popular!

Volunteer Opportunity

Become a Reading Buddy

Do you have a free hour during the week?
Are you looking for a way to connect with students again?
Would you like to use your skills to help others?

Come join us at Ellerslie Campus as a Reading Buddy. Volunteers dedicate a consistent block of time each week to sit beside a student and listen, cue, encourage and mentor a young reader. If you are interested in volunteering or wish to learn more about the program, contact Edna Colville at edna.colville@gmail.com.

ARTA News

Living Well

If you are interested in learning about ways to promote living well in your retirement, check out the Living Well section under MEMBER ADVANTAGES on the [ARTA website](#). You will find a variety of topics including Health, Financial Wellness, Community, Travel and many more. Click [here](#) to go directly to the Living Well section.

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