

Dauphin Area Retired Teachers' Association (DARTA)

Respectfully submitted by Joyce McGinnis, President

Members: 50

### Meetings

Our DARTA group has 50 paid memberships for this 2023-2024 year. We had our re-organization meeting in September at the Watson Art Centre's, Firehall.

We continue to apply for Chapter Initiative and Wellness Initiative Grants.

Currently, most members have e-mail access for maintaining regular contact. Those without e-mail are contacted by phone. Thinking of You, Get Well, and Sympathy cards are sent to present and past members throughout the year.

The events and activities of the DARTA Chapter for this year include:

September: Re-organization meeting with 20 present. A donation was made to the Senior Fund at Dauphin and District Community Foundation in memory of those killed in the Carberry bus accident. Members manned the Terry Fox donation table at the Co-op Grocery store.

October: Monthly meeting

November: Sponsored and laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service on November 11.

Decorated Watson Art Centre for Christmas

Tour of the new Obsolete Brewery followed by a pizza lunch.

Volunteered at AG Night for the Dauphin Kings' Hockey game

December: Held annual Cheer and Chat afternoon in the Firehall of the WAC. A Tin for the Bin was brought and donated to the Food Bank along with a monetary donation.

January, February, March: Supervised exit doors at Dauphin Kings' Games

February: Valentine's Party

March: Monthly meeting

April: The AGM of DARTA will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> where the officers for the 2024-25 year will be elected at that time.

A visit to the Fire Hall is to be planned for the spring using our Wellness Initiative Grant. It will include a demonstration of the use of a fire extinguisher and home fire safety.