

## Southwest Assiniboine Chapter of the Retired Teacher's Association of Manitoba 2024 AGM REPORT

At our September 2023 meeting we elected our 2023-24 Executive:

President - Laura Ellen Elliott	Phoning - Peggy McGrath
Secretary - Kathy Welsh	Friendship - Pat Wolfe
Treasurer - Jerome Brockman	Travel - Beth Allison
Immediate Past President - Kelvon Smith	

Before the September meeting the previous executive held a meeting to agree to present a recommendation and make a motion to stay as a RTAM Chapter. This carried.

We met three times at the Virden Royal Canadian Legion Club Room in September, November, and April.

Southwest Assiniboine Chapter held a lunch meeting April 16, 2024 at the Virden Royal Canadian Legion Club Room. Twenty-four members plus one guest had a wonderful meal of rice, sweat and sour meatballs, vegetables and dessert. Our Legion Auxillary Ladies provide us with a great service with these lunches. We thank them very much!

After our lunch our guest speaker Alison Radford from Advanced Hearing Clinic of Virden spoke on hearing issues and the services that they provide to our local communities. She explained how hearing aids work and what they offer. She had tips for care of ears and the hearing aids. Alison is a local girl who helps our seniors by providing this service closer to home so we do not have to drive all the way to Brandon. We thanked her for her time with a pen and gift card.

We had a few items for door prize draws that provided a little fun and everyone enjoyed visiting and catching up after the winter. The table which held the donations for the Virden and Area Food Cupboard had lots of good items to help the community. We then moved to our meeting and discussed correspondence, finance, and our trip planed for June 10th. We received thanks from The Westman Youth Choir and two youth from Deloraine Border Festival and Virden Music and Arts Festival for donations for their awards. Members who have moved away, are dealing with health issues, or ones who are celebrating something are recognized through cards. Pat Wolfe told us about her contacts and asked for any others who she needs to contact. Beth Allison presented the plan for our Day Trip we try to take every year. We have only missed the years during covid. Anyone interested in going to Winnipeg with a group having fun together at the Leaf and Royal Western Canadian Aviation Museum please watch for the information in the RTAM e-newsletter and their website.

After looking at our financial statements we thought we are spending a very large amount on advertising. It was decided we would not put the ads in the papers next time. We would continue with the phoning committee and advertise on the free local services. We would make sure we use the RTAM e-newsletter and website.

At the end of our meeting we thanked Beth Allison for all her work planing the Day trip. She figures out every detail! We also thanked Kelvon Smith for his service as a RTAM director this past year. We presented him with a pen.

Our next meeting will be September 3, 2024 at the Virden Royal Canadian Club Room. Start time is 11:45 and cost is \$15.00 for lunch. Bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation for the Virden and Area Food Cupboard.