

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 13, 2026

I have enjoyed being the President of MARTA and feel very fortunate to work with a dedicated, hardworking Executive Committee and the volunteers who make our Branch an exceptionally smooth operation. Their time and effort are much appreciated by the members of MARTA.

We enjoyed hosting the NBSRT's 50th anniversary in the spring of 2025. This event was very successful. Our planning committee did a wonderful job. This May we look forward to MARTA's 50th anniversary. Once again, the planning committee is busy getting ready for a fun day full of activities hosted at the Rodd Inn. As the MARTA Branch celebrates its Golden Anniversary, it is a commemorative occasion to be acknowledged with immense pride in recognition of the branch's continuity, evolution, and growth, since its inception in 1976. MARTA recognizes the value of belonging to a collegial group joined with others to form NBSRT, a strong provincial organization.

Currently in our Branch, we have 295 members. Our members are invited to take part in many activities organized by our Wellness Committee. Some events included our annual Back to School breakfast and Winter Wellness breakfast. This year we enjoyed Halloween and Saint Patrick's Day bowling at the Golden Hawk. New this year, we had a guest speaker series: "Energy Through Color" presented by Lynn Pritchard and "Heart Health" presented by Sandy Jardine. We held a Christmas potluck with a gift swap game. We will have our annual spring potluck with an auction to raise funds for our scholarship fund in April. To finish the year a trip to PEI to see "Come from Away" is planned.

Our Branch will continue its work on increasing its membership while trying to involve members in a variety of planned activities to suit the needs of many. We have an informative web page and strong communications team to promote MARTA. This year we purchased a banner to display at our events. We are a proud and sometimes loud group who enjoy retirement!

It has been a privilege for me to serve the members of MARTA in my role, given the pride and support our branch has for each other. I look forward to the coming year.

Submitted by,
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MARTA President