



An Association of Retired Educators

Message from the President

Dear Friends,

Greetings! On my behalf and the ACRA Board of Directors , it is a pleasure to be in touch with the membership once again. I pray that this note finds you and your loved ones well and safe.

Sadly in the past month two of our members, as well as family members of ACRA members, have passed away. A sympathy card and enrollment in the Masses and Prayers of the Canadian Jesuits has been sent to all the families of the deceased. Thank you to Joe Jaroslowski for taking care of all this on behalf of the board.

- Sybil Ryan (Des Ryan's spouse) May 1, 2020
- Magdalena Kosciukiewicz (Stella Turchyn's mother)May 10, 2020
- Dora Fiorito (John Fiorito's sister) May14, 2020
- Elia Toffi May 17, 2020
- Jane Givis (Helen Jaroslowski's sister) May 22, 2020
- Thomas Lipscomb (Bill Lipscomb's brother) May 23, 2020
- Carroll-Ann Carmody May 27, 2020

I have also contacted the family members of the deceased to offer our condolences and prayers. Al Fitzgerald is adding the names of all this year's deceased members to the Memorial Roster of Deceased members. The Memorial mass is usually held every year in November. We will be following up to see what will happen this year and keep you informed.

Our dear member Waguih Tabet was hospitalized a few weeks ago. Waguih is back home now. He will continue his recovery from home. ACRA sent Waguih a get well card and enrollment in the Masses and Prayers of the Canadian Jesuits. Waguih thanks everyone for all their prayers on his behalf.

The ACRA Board of Directors met virtually, thank goodness for Zoom, on May 14, 2020. Here are the major items discussed:

- The President sent out an email to the membership on April 4, 2020 announcing the cancellation/postponement of the ACRA Golf Tournament and the Annual Dinner.
- The President reported that messages of approval and appreciation for the charitable donations made by ACRA were received from St Gabriel's and Holy Cross parishes.
- The board discussed the AGM which is normally held each year at the end of September. It is not clear that we will be able to hold the AGM as usual. After much discussion it was agreed that the board would continue to prepare all the necessary paperwork for our AGM whenever that becomes feasible.
- No future events are being planned for 2020 until health authorities give us more information and directives.
- The ACRA Board's Nominating Committee, chaired by Maria DiPerna, has started preparations for replacing three board positions which will become vacant at this year's AGM. We will keep you informed on the process and seek your input into offering your candidacy or nominating members to fill the positions which will become vacant .
- The next board meeting (virtual) is scheduled for June 18, 2020.

GOLF

On a very positive note the ACRA Board was so pleased that the "Commish", Bob Forget, has started up this year's golf activity for the members. The ACRA Golf started May 20 and the Monday Golf started May 25. Thank you so very much, Bob!

In conclusion, we will continue to keep the membership informed as best we can. In the meantime , I encourage you not to hesitate to reach out or contact me or a board member if you are in any kind of need and/or have any suggestions for our members and the board.

Warmest regards,

Norma Passaretti
President

