

President's report – Fall 2017

Good day to all NBHEA/ANBEF members

Hope you enjoyed our summer and that you are looking forward to interesting projects this fall.

The NBHEA board of directors decided at our last meeting not to publish of a fall Newsletter. Instead, we choose to concentrate all our energies towards the preparation of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of our Association during the 2018 Conference. We hope you will all attend and, if possible, will get involved in its organization. The 2018 Conference will be held in Dieppe, at the Wingate Motel, on June 2nd and 3rd. The registration form will eventually be available on our NBHEA/ANBEF Web site, on our Face book page and printed in the Spring 2018 Newsletter.

Before reporting the Board's activities, I would like to inform you that L'École des sciences des aliments, de nutrition et d'études familiales (School of Home Economics at UM) is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year (1967-2017). The celebration activities will take place on the 20th and 21st of October. All graduates of the school are invited to participate in the festivities. If you are a graduate of the school and have not received an invitation, it is because Alumni office no longer has your coordinates. Send them to the person responsible on the invitation included with this message.

Various activities during the past months:

The board held 3 meetings since our AGA in May 2017: June 6th, July 10th and September 26th. Our next meeting is scheduled on October 22nd, at 9 AM at 164JB, U de M.

A few of the activities conducted since May:

1. E-mails sent to the French School District to request a meeting with high school principals.
2. Second request refused for this year.
3. Visited the Tracadie High School with Jeanne who met with Home Ec. teachers and students in Formation personnel et social (Personal & Social Training) classes.
4. Meeting in Moncton with Aline, Jeanne and Murielle to talk about the possible follow-up re: the decision of U de M Governors to 'redefine or abolish' the family studies majors due to the lack of enrolment.

5. A joint letter of NBHEA-ANBEF and the Medical Society was sent to the Department of Education and Child Development demanding requesting a compulsory Food and nutrition in course taught by trained teachers in our High Schools.
6. The reply from the Department of Education and Child Development included explanations or what is presently being taught thus, refusing our request.
7. Persons contacted as guest speakers for our conference in June: H  l  ne Laurandeau, Sylvain Charlebois. Very interesting choices but judged too expensive for our means. Two our guest speakers have confirmed their participation: Dr. Dalp  , family doctor in Caraquet area and Dr. Singh, president elect of the Medical Society.
8. Invited guests: Premier, Brian Gallant and Health Canada Minister, Hon. Petitpas-Taylor
9. Five hundred pamphlets were printed to illustrate Home Economics as a career (with pictures and a message from young employed Home Economists).
10. An article written by NBHEA to l'Acadie Nouvelle published September 6th in reaction to the news broadcast at Ce soir Radio Canada, August 30th 2017, on problems of violence within teen age relationships.

Ongoing projects:

1. Continue the preparations for the 2018 Conference (form various committees: program, hospitality, meals, registration, publicity, historic, decorations, reception, etc.). If you have not already done so, please let us know if you would like to work on any of these committees.
2. Meet with high school principals to inform them of the existing degrees with Home Ec. majors offered at UM and how this teacher training is beneficial for the students.
3. Prepare a second letter for the Minister of education and child development to ask for food and nutrition classes in high schools.

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