

*NBSRT Honorary Life Membership Citation*

*ROGER H. NESBITT*

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*The King's County Retired Teachers Association (KCRTA) nominates Roger Nesbitt - the current President of the NBSRT - for Honorary Life Membership in the New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers. Roger is definitely worthy of this honour.*

*Roger retired in 1998 after thirty-four years of serving the students of New Brunswick. Not long afterward, he became actively involved in the KCRTA and served as its president from 1999 to 2007. He continues to attend our meetings and dinners, bringing reports from the NBSRT which enables our branch to stay abreast of what is happening provincially. Roger attends the retirement seminars. While he was president of the KCRTA, Roger was involved with the preparation of the "Membership Enrolment" form and other valuable material to encourage new retirees to join the KCRTA. The KCRTA proudly displays the NBSRT Mission Statement brought to life on a banner procured by Roger. Another task undertaken was a review of the KCRTA Constitution with recommended changes, i.e. improvements and additions. Roger initiated a Spring Wine & Cheese Reception to honour the new retirees from School District #06 and to encourage them to join the NBSRT and the local KCRTA. The original data base for KCRTA members was also established by Roger.*

*Roger has served as Vice-President of the NBSRT and since 2008, he has been the President, a position that he very competently holds. Roger's meetings are organized. He keeps meetings running smoothly and is very punctual. Some highlights during his presidency to date that Roger has supported and pushed to achieve (to name a few) are:*

- Review and revision of the provincial constitution*
- On-going efforts to add a second member from the NBSRT to the Group Insurance Trustees*
- Representing the NBSRT and expressing the concerns of the NBSRT with pension issues*
- Continuing efforts to increase membership*
- Fact Sheet on the Benefits of Belonging to the NBSRT*
- Co-chaired the committee that organized the regional Conference for the Eastern Canadian Retired Teachers Organizations which was held in Moncton in October, 2012*

Roger's community involvement has included: Quispamsis Council (1977-1980 as councillor and from 1980-1983 as the Deputy Mayor), the Quispamsis Planning Advisory Committee, the Executive of the NBTA Principal's and Vice-Principal's Council, and the District #06 Education Council where he served as the Chair from 2008-2012. He is currently the Vice-Chair of the Anglophone South School District Education Council with 74 schools stretching from Sussex Corner to Grand Manan. While serving as Chair of the District #06 DEC, Roger was active in the orientation sessions for new Parent School Support Committee members and attended all schools within his region. Reports from other involved DEC members expressed that Roger was supportive, always available, and a source of good advice. Roger's well-rounded service to others is obvious and this extends to his church. He is Dean of the Bible School, on the Board of Directors, and supplies in the pulpit when needed.

Roger is a graduate of the New Brunswick Teachers College in Fredericton and he has earned degrees from the University of New Brunswick, the University of Maine (Orono) and a doctorate from Masters International School of Divinity in Evansville, Indiana. He and his wife Marion live in Quispamsis.

In closing, former teachers of Roger's school administration days speak highly of his diligence, his organization, fairness, dedication, professionalism, and work ethics. He is a man who has always paid attention to details and is quick to address and deal with an issue, task or problem. And perhaps, more importantly, he is supportive of his colleagues and their work and efforts. He kept us well informed; and consequently, he was affectionately known as "Mr. Memo". When speaking with Zoe Watson, the Superintendent of the former School District #06 and now of the Anglophone South School District concerning Roger, she remarked, "He is so deserving."