



CORTA Annual General Meeting
Monday, June 4th, 2018
Luncheon @ Coast Capri Hotel
11:30-1:20 pm

There were 28 members present at our AGM luncheon meeting. The meeting was called to order @ 11:55 am. A moment of silence was observed prior to lunch service. Rolli reminded luncheon goers that this was our Annual General Meeting and that first year membership in CORTA & BCRTA is free. A package will be sent out on behalf of CORTA to new retirees prior to the end of June. We paused to eat lunch.

Following lunch, the meeting proceeded. Tickets were sold for a 50/50 draw to support the CORTA bursary Fund. The bursary received \$100.00 and the winner's share was \$50.00. The winner was Steve Rees. Other door prizes, donated by Sandhill Wines and Interior Savings Credit Union, were distributed to CORTA members in attendance. Member donations can also be made directly to COBSS contributing to the Central Okanagan Retired Teachers' Bursary Fund (tax receipts available for donations over \$25).

Rolli Cacchioni chaired this meeting. He reviewed the current CORTA Spring Newsletter (also available on the CORTA website @ <http://www.corta.ca>) and circulated a Bill C-27 petition to CORTA members in attendance inviting those interested to sign the petition. It will be submitted to our MP.

Two presenters spoke at today's meeting.

- Paul Zuurbier, Executive Director, Project Literacy Kelowna (<http://projectliteracykelowna.org>)
 - this non-profit organization provides a variety of free literacy support services (pamphlet provided)
 - Project Literacy Kelowna began in 1986 and was the first organization of its kind in BC
 - one-to-one support is available to those interested in all types of literacy development (speaking, writing, digital literacy). Support is available for all ages including students in elementary school, English Language Learners and seniors. Project Literacy Kelowna currently have 100 active matches.
 - volunteers are always needed, contact them for more info (use info on website link above)

CORTA Elections- Rolli chaired the election portion as the outgoing president.

President- Charlene Hodgson

Past-President- Rolli Cacchioni

Vice-President- Anita Prescott

Secretary- Cathie Mutter

Treasurer- Val Larson

Communications/Membership- Willie Findlater

Financial Concerns- position vacant at this time

Fundraising- Linda Keil

Historian- Bob Hayes

Social Concerns- Elmer Kabush

Sunshine Committee- Lois Clarke

Webmaster- Doug Gray

Member-at-Large- Jeanette Mergens, John Pendray, Alice Rees

Motion: The unfilled position to be appointed by the CORTA executive.

Moved/Seconded: Val Larson/Harold Magel CARRIED

Delegates to the BCRTA AGM (September 20th-22nd) in Richmond, BC

-Rolli Cacchioni -Charlene Hodgson

Moved/Seconded: Linda Kiel/Clive Gilbert CARRIED

-Anita Prescott

Moved/Seconded: John Pendray/Dave Gunderson CARRIED

Treasurer's Report- Val Larson (as reported in the CORTA Spring Newsletter- June 2018)

Cash Balance- \$2623.11

Contingency Fund- \$1090.13

Total Available- \$3713.24

CORTA June Newsletter- was emailed/mailed to CORTA members earlier in June.

The "Hell with the Bell" Breakfast is arranged for 8 pm on Tuesday, September 4th at the Kelowna Golf & Country Club. RSVP to Willie Findlater if attending (do this between August 1st-31st).

Heritage Classroom- Sig Ottenbriett informed those in attendance that the Heritage Classroom @ Central School Programs on Richter Street will be open for tours this week on Thursday, June 7th at 1 pm.

Prior to the adjournment of our meeting, a second brief presentation was made.

- Chandel Schmidt, JoeAnna's House (<https://www.kghfoundation.com/joeannas-house/>)
 - spoke about the services KGH offers to the Interior region (1 out of 4 patients is from outside the Kelowna area)
 - housing can be a challenge for families when patients remain in hospital for long periods of time
 - JoeAnna's House (named for major contributors, Joe and Anna Huber of Prestige Hotels) will help address this concern with 20 bedrooms to be constructed in the facility (along with mainfloor shared spaces- livingroom, kitchen, exercise room, day use area and laundry facilities). Unlike Ronald McDonald Houses, JoeAnna's House will accommodate families of patients of all ages, not just children. A nominal fee will likely be charged to those accessing JoeAnna's House (however, this fee can be waived if needed)
 - JoeAnna's House will be built at the corner of Abbott & Richter (land is a long term lease from KGH)
 - donations invited (\$5.3M already raised, construction starts in September 2018 with completion expected September 2019)
 - a pamphlet was provided

Those in attendance sincerely thanked outgoing CORTA executive committee members- Rolli, Theresa and Sandy- for their dedication and service to our organization. Today's meeting was adjourned at 1:28 pm

Luncheon money/cheques collected at the door and deposited to CORTA General Account:

TOTAL: \$700.00