



Summer 2022



Summer Greetings from Sue Mackenzie (LRTA outgoing President)

Although the warm summer weather has been rather slow in arriving, we can be thankful that the snowmelt was less threatening in most areas so we avoided floods and the nasty heat dome of 2021!

We were so pleased to have our “in-person” AGM luncheon at *Adrian’s-At-The-Airport* and celebrated our distinguished members, those turning 85 before the end of 2022. With tremendous appreciation, we recognized the contributions and work of our distinguished member, *Maureen Pepin*, who decided to call this her last year on the executive after decades of work. Thank you Maureen, from all of us once again.

Now that the vaccines are readily available and we are more confident that we know what the precautions are for our indoor group events, we hope we will be able to continue in the fall with in-person activities. Our first event will be the **“No Bell” picnic at Derby Reach on September 6, 2022** starting at 11:00 AM. It is a BYOL (Bring your own lunch), chair and sunscreen picnic to celebrate our life in retirement. The pre-registration information will be sent out later in the summer, so be sure to mark it on your calendars. We rent the covered area and there are wheelchair accessible outdoor washrooms close by that are fully accessible. If there are no fire bans we will have campfire as well. This will be our 3rd annual picnic at Derby Reach!

On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how much I have enjoyed being your President for the past four years. The last couple years have been particularly interesting with the pandemic challenges, and we have learned some new skills (Zoom presentations) while trying to find ways to connect with members. It is hard for me to believe that 4 years have gone by!!! With so much appreciation, I would like to recognize our executive members: Perhaps our busiest executive member, *Maureen Wilson* (Past President, Newsletter, in addition to Membership Liaison with the BCRTA), *Gail Chaddock*, (Vice President), *Yole Prosperi-Porta* (Secretary), *John Salmon* (Treasurer), *Jacquie Hollybow* (Sunshine/Showers), *George Main* (Webmaster), and our four Members-at-Large: *Judy deVries*, *Annette O’Connor*, *Heather Anderlini* and *Maureen Pepin*, for all of their support and hard work. As you can imagine, without a supportive and dedicated executive, the branch cannot operate and support its members. You have all been great to work with, and I look forward to continuing on the executive as Past President.

Congratulations to *Gail Chaddock-Costello* your new President and her 2022/2023 Executive. Many of the current executive members will remain in their positions with a few changes. *Heather Anderlini* will take over as our Events Coordinator and we are hoping for at least **ONE more Member-At-Large and a Webmaster**. We would also like to welcome and thank *Sharon von Hollen* for stepping up and taking the position of Secretary.

Speaking of scholarships, “Well done!” to *Maureen Pepin* and the Retired Educators’ Scholarships for awarding eight scholarships of \$750 each through the School District Foundation. Congratulations to the successful Langley recipients. Without all of the in-person gatherings, it has been a challenge for Maureen to collect the donations through the Direct Ask campaign. Perhaps the Foundation might host a “Silent Auction” again.

There is usually a notice in our newsletter regarding donations to the Retired Educators' Fund and they can be made through Maureen with tax receipts issued for donations over \$25.

Keep your eyes open for some trip events through Let's Go group. *Judy de Vries*, our 'Let's Go' contact, continues to be in touch with Troy from *Enjoy Tours* for some additional adventures hopefully in the near future. They will keep you posted.

Last but not least, I would like to wish you a wonderful, healthy summer full of relaxation and fun with friends and family.

Happy Canada Day! Hope to see you at the picnic in September.



Signing off as your President one last time...

Sue Mackenzie

Our 2022-2023 Executive is, as follows:

President	Gail Chaddock-Costello	Members-At-Large:
Vice President	Yole Prosperi-Porta	• George Main
Treasurer	John Salmon	• Judy de Vries
Secretary	Sharon von Hollen	• Annette O'Connor
Program	Heather Anderlini	
Sunshine	Jacquie Hollybow	
Webmaster	Vacant	
Newsletter/Membership	Maureen Wilson	
Past President	Sue Mackenzie	



Back Row: George Main - Maureen Wilson - Jacquie Hollybow - Sharon von Hollen - Heather Anderlini
Judy deVries - Yole Prosperi-Porta - John Salmon

Front Row: Sue Mackenzie - Annette O'Connor - Gail Chaddock-Costello - Maureen Pepin

BCRTA AGM Delegates - 2022-2023

This year, the BCRTA AGM will be presented as a hybrid model with presenters and delegates having the option to either attend in person, or join online via Zoom. **Gail Chaddock-Costello, Yole Prosperi-Porta and Sharon von Hollen** will participate on behalf of our branch. **Annette O'Connor** will be our alternate, in the event that one of our elected delegates is unable to participate.

SUNSHINE REPORT

~Submitted by Jacquie Hollybow~



The LRTA sends cards to members who are experiencing a significant illness and to the family of members who die. Our '85 years plus' members also receive a Christmas card.

Please contact Jacquie Hollybow (604 888-7020; e-mail: jhollybow@hotmail.com) if you are aware of a member who fits either of these criteria



FINANCIAL REPORT

~Submitted by John Salmon~



Receipts and Payments Statement -- July 1, 2021-April 30, 2022

Bank Balance: July 1, 2021	\$13300.91
Cash On Hand	200.00
Receipts: (BCRTA memberships)	4720.00
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	\$18220.90
EXPENSES	
Administration	\$661.51
COSCO	200.00
Programmes	526.04
Contingencies (Tech)	1279.00
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	\$2666.55
Bank Balance: April 30, 2022	\$13302.61
Cash On Hand	200.00
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Total:	<u>\$15554.35</u> Retired Educators'

Let's Go Report

~Submitted by Judy deVries~



Things are indeed looking up.
And as we "normalize" in stages, the "Let's Go" activities will be able to resume.

We will keep you posted on upcoming events this fall.

Scholarship Team Report



Well done to Maureen Pepin and the Retired Educators' Scholarship Team for awarding 8 scholarships of \$750 each through the school district foundation. Congratulations to the successful Langley recipients.

Anisha Singh	Aldergrove Secondary	Aira McIntyre	Langley Secondary
Lauren Border	Brookwood Secondary	Siriu Chen	RE Mountain (In honour of <i>R.D. Buck</i>)
Josie Holland	Langley Fine Arts	Grace Smith	DW Poppy (In honour of <i>Marg Hunter</i>)
Courtney Carmichael	Langley Fundamental	Teagan Gammel	Walnut Grove (In honour of <i>Dorothy Peacock</i>)

It has been a difficult year to try and raise funds without any fund-raisers. We depend upon the kindness and generosity of those educators who have retired and would like to contribute to the scholarships that are awarded to Langley students who wish to have a career in education. If you would like to contribute directly, donations may be mailed to:

Langley School District Foundation
c/o Maureen Pepin
25323 12th Ave,
Aldergrove, BC
V4W 3N2

Please make cheques payable to 'Langley School District Foundation', include your email address for tax receipts as they are only via email.

September Celebration To Be Held Outdoors



Covered Picnic Area at Derby Reach

Our "No Bell" Picnic was such a success for the past two years we have decided to do it again, this year. We will be welcoming our new retirees into the land of retirement. If you know of anyone who has recently retired, please mention our special event in their honour, as we do not always get contact information for them.

Our 2022 "No Bell" picnic at Derby Reach on the outskirts of Fort Langley on September 6, 2022 from 11:00 - 2:00 PM. It will be a BYOL (Bring your own lunch) event. Please bring your own folding chairs, and picnic items. We have reserved the covered area for the day and we will keep our fingers crossed for decent weather. Derby Reach is part of Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, located on the

banks of the Fraser River, at 21801 Allard Crescent, Langley BC (Edgewater). There are picnic tables and outdoor washroom facilities available. We hope you might like to join us for a social afternoon.

Please note: This area (including the washrooms) is wheelchair accessible.
We will send out a reminder and more information in August.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

~Submitted by Maureen Wilson~



Because we have not been meeting 'in person' over the past year, all of our invitations to our Zoom events have been done electronically. We have been successful in having our interested members pre-register for these events via e-mail, and everything has gone very smoothly. As the pandemic world slowly abates and things are back to 'normal' again, it is the hope, of course, that soon we will be able to hold larger gatherings because it is so nice to actually meet people 'face-to-face'!

IT'S RETIREMENT TIME AGAIN!

The Langley School District went all out with their retirement dinners this year, holding TWO -- June 1 for those who retired in 2020 and 2021; and one on June 15 for those who are retiring this year (2022). The following is a list of retiring teachers and administrators as of press time. I apologize, in advance, if I have left anyone off the list. We look forward to many of them joining our group. If you are in contact with any of our new retirees, please ask them to e-mail me at lrita.35@gmail.com with a personal e-mail address or phone number. It is quite possible that their school district e-mail address will have expired by now.

2020 Retirees

<i>Roberta Anderson</i>	<i>Lea Francis</i>	<i>Dena McGratten</i>	<i>Esther Schmidt</i>
<i>Doreen Babiuk</i>	<i>Larry Goldsack</i>	<i>Sally Milligan</i>	<i>Margo Stewart-Lee</i>
<i>Annie Charron</i>	<i>John Greenshields</i>	<i>Riki O'Byrne</i>	<i>Vera Sutton</i>
<i>Erin Dawson</i>	<i>Elizabeth Hadley</i>	<i>Joanie Proske</i>	<i>Arden Thomas</i>
<i>Cornelius De Geus</i>	<i>Brenda Hobbs</i>	<i>Warren Purdy</i>	<i>Esther Warriner</i>
<i>Carmen DeMarzo</i>	<i>James Joly</i>	<i>Harvey Reynolds</i>	<i>Peggy Wickenden</i>
<i>Maria Denis</i>	<i>Karen LaBrash</i>	<i>Louise Robb</i>	<i>Annette Wolfe</i>
<i>Catherine Dyck</i>	<i>Mary Ann Lochbaum</i>	<i>Donna Robins</i>	<i>Bruce Young</i>
<i>Kristine Elliott</i>	<i>Carol Manary</i>	<i>Warren Schmidt</i>	

2021 Retirees

<i>Greg Anslow</i>	<i>Harry Frank</i>	<i>Janice McLeod</i>	<i>Richard Sinilaid</i>
<i>Mark Ashcroft</i>	<i>Sandra Gordon</i>	<i>Victoria Meyer</i>	<i>Astrid Thom</i>
<i>Maria (Toni) Belton</i>	<i>Laurence Greeff</i>	<i>Pat Muench</i>	<i>Steven Thompson</i>
<i>Meriza Bennington</i>	<i>John Harris</i>	<i>Vicky Mufford</i>	<i>Donna Usher</i>
<i>David Brummitt</i>	<i>John Kuo</i>	<i>Raj Powar</i>	<i>Donna Watkins</i>
<i>Paula Buch</i>	<i>Stefano Marazzi</i>	<i>Sarban Sangha</i>	<i>Cristina Watson</i>
<i>Nola Cilliers</i>	<i>Linda McArthur</i>	<i>Yale Shap</i>	<i>Angela Weber</i>
<i>Aubrey Fahrenheitz</i>	<i>Maureen McBride</i>	<i>Sherri Silcox-Burk</i>	<i>Bonnie Wiebe</i>
<i>Kathy Fahrenheitz</i>			

2022 Retirees

<i>Don Bloomfield</i>	<i>Carol Gander</i>	<i>Penny Luke</i>	<i>Giselle Richardson</i>
<i>Yvonne Brenneman</i>	<i>Dale Harrison</i>	<i>Sharon Martin</i>	<i>Karen Rudyk</i>
<i>Diane Bricco</i>	<i>Glenn Knodel</i>	<i>Doug McGinn</i>	<i>Sukhi Sahota</i>
<i>Judith Brocklebank</i>	<i>Diane Langille</i>	<i>Denise Moedt</i>	<i>Nicole Saumier</i>
<i>Cheryl Brown</i>	<i>Patricia Larose</i>	<i>Marvin Moedt</i>	<i>Raymond Sawatsky</i>
<i>Mohamed Chelali</i>	<i>Trudy Larouche</i>	<i>Lora Ngai</i>	<i>Laurie Sukert</i>
<i>Donna Cieszcecki</i>	<i>Martine Lavoie</i>	<i>Cindy Pedersen</i>	<i>Lee Thompson</i>
<i>Eva Erdos</i>	<i>David Lewis</i>	<i>Lindi Rae</i>	<i>Tammy Turner</i>
<i>Conrad Frisse</i>	<i>Deanna Lightbody</i>		



HERE'S YOUR CHANCE -- ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP!

Join the BCRTA, and receive your first year FREE!!

Here is a direct link <https://bcrt.ca/join/> (you can copy and paste the URL into your browser window).

This offer is for anyone who has never joined the BCRTA, not only for new retirees.

So, if you know a teacher who has retired in previous years, but has not yet joined the BCRTA, please let them know of this unique opportunity.

MEMBERSHIP/BCRTA WEBSITE LIAISON REPORT

~ Submitted by Maureen Wilson ~



The Langley Branch of the BCRTA is one of the largest and most actively supported branches in the province. This year, we had several new members, and now have a total of 503 members. We are pleased to welcome those who have joined us this past year.

Until a few years ago, the BCRTA gave special recognition to members who reached the age of 85 and beyond by designating them as **LIFETIME MEMBERS** and no longer required the payment of yearly BCRTA or local RTA branch fees. Now, one has to reach the age of 90 for such recognition.

The LRTA executive felt that our members who were aged 85 to 89 also deserved some special recognition, so we have given them the honour of being our **DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS**.

LIFETIME MEMBERS - aged 90 plus (as of December 2022)

Erica Blackstock	Mabel Gardin	Eleanor Leblanc	Lucia Soares
Audree Foster	Jean Hope	Faye Morelli	Jake Sukkau

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS - aged 85-89 (as of December 2022)

Ynolde Adams	Lois Comerford	Maureen Pepin	Donald Urquhart
Rosemary Allen	Ruth Harris	Robert Power	Luz Verzosa
Olive Burns	Peter Holuboff	Jean Ritchie	Kathleen Wagner
Ralph Carter	Joan McLoughlin	Lily Suzuki	Patricia Whitworth
Isabelle Clark	Jean Mark	Christine Toth	

I apologize, in advance, if I have missed someone who qualifies for one of these prestigious honours. If you know of a member who should be on the list, please contact me (Maureen Wilson) at 604-916-0653, or email me at lrta.35@gmail.com.

We were so pleased to have six of our distinguished and longtime members join us for our May luncheon at Adrian's at the Airport this past month.



Isabelle Clark



Lois Comerford



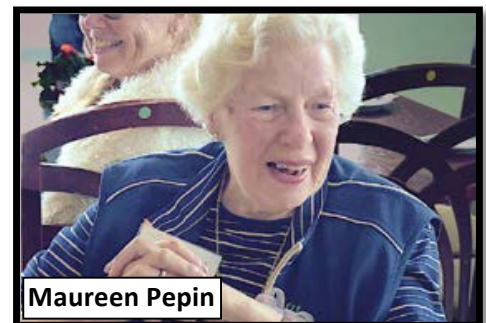
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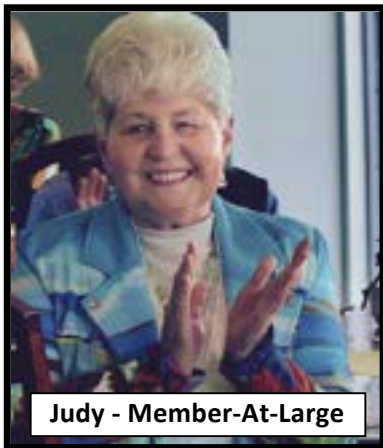
Photos from the LRTA luncheon/AGM



Parting gift for our outgoing president, Sue



Heather - Programs



Judy - Member-At-Large



Jacque - Sunshine



Yole - Vice-President



George - Member-At-Large



John - Treasurer



Our website has a new look!!! Check out the format of our brand new website: <http://lrta.figure8software.com/> All of the information you need regarding our branch can be found on our new site. All of the executive members' names and contact information are listed on both sites. As Membership chair, I encourage both members and non-members to contact me with any membership questions or concerns at Lrta.35@gmail.com.



- Are you nearing 80?
 - Wondering about driver assessment?
- You should attend our virtual workshop.***

This practical guide for senior drivers will help you learn more about driver assessment. It will be of particular interest to drivers who are nearing the age of 80. However, drivers of any age are welcome to attend virtually and the workshop will be useful to everyone. Participants will learn about the ICBC and Road Safety B.C. assessment which determines whether they can continue to drive.

The workshop is a joint presentation of the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of B.C. and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.

This free workshop will be held via Zoom on:
Tuesday, June 28 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

To register, click the link below.

<https://forms.gle/j2fd2gzTYWz9xDHWA>



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Thanks,

Maureen Wilson ~ editor of 'Open Road', the LRTA newsletter