



Summer 2023

### Summer Greetings

It's starting off to be a glorious summer as far as sunshine and clear skies are concerned. Let's hope we are moving out of the devastating fire season and on to relaxing days with family and friends.

The LRTA had a well-attended Annual General Meeting on May 29th at *Adrian's at the Airport*. We were delighted to honour our Distinguished and Lifetime Members with corsages and boutonnieres as well as lunch provided by the LRTA.

Troy Oppen of Enjoy Tours presented on the trips his company provides and featured his 'Rail Trip Across Canada'. Despite some technical difficulties — solved in most part by Maureen Wilson's computer expertise — the presentation was inspiring with magnificent views of Canada.

As this was not an election year and all executive members agreed to stand again, we are pleased to welcome back familiar faces as our 2023-24 LRTA Executive.

We also elected three delegates to the BCRTA Annual General Meeting: President Gail Chaddock-Costello, Vice President Yole Prosperi-Porta and Secretary Sharon von Hollen. We did not elect an alternate and will place that on an upcoming agenda.

Upcoming events include what has become our 'annual' No Bell picnic on the first day of school, as well as a workshop on The Indispensable Binder in the fall, which was such a hit a few years ago.

The executive held our last meeting before summer break on June 29th. Let's all enjoy the summer until we meet at the No Bell Picnic in September.

*Gail Chaddock-Costello, LRTA President*

### Annual 'No Bell' Picnic -- September 5, 2023



Come and join us for our annual "No Bell" Picnic. 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 2023 "No Bell" picnic at Derby Reach on the outskirts of Fort Langley on September 5, 2023, 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. We are hoping to have hotdogs and marshmallows to roast over a bonfire. This is dependent on whether there is a fire ban at that time, of course.

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. In the meantime, mark it on your calendar.***

## 2023-23 LRTA Executive Members



Unfortunately, Heather Anderlini, Jacquie Hollybow, Annette O'Connor, and Yole Prosperi-Porta were unable to join us that day.

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
Programs/Events	Heather Anderlini	
Sunshine	Jacquie Hollybow	
Webmaster	Maureen Wilson	
Newsletter/Membership	Maureen Wilson	
Past President	Sue Mackenzie	

### ***IT'S RETIREMENT TIME AGAIN!***

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 [lrrta.35@gmail.com](mailto:lrrta.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.

#### 2023 Retirees

<i>Rory Allan</i>	<i>Amber Illes</i>	<i>Gail Markin</i>	<i>Jody Primeau</i>
<i>Lorena Braun</i>	<i>Guyanne Inouye</i>	<i>Hedy Miller</i>	<i>Jack Reise</i>
<i>Kelly Cleeve</i>	<i>Lisa Johnston</i>	<i>Audrey Milne</i>	<i>Ronda Salli</i>
<i>Rosalind Cloutier</i>	<i>Deanna Jones</i>	<i>Leonarda Minutillo</i>	<i>Elaine Scovell</i>
<i>Melane Culham</i>	<i>Laurie Lang</i>	<i>Carol Osborne</i>	<i>Donelda Seymour</i>
<i>Susanna Egolf</i>	<i>Lucia Lindsay</i>	<i>Barbara Peck</i>	<i>Peter Shaver</i>
<i>Margot Gesy</i>	<i>Gary Lutes</i>	<i>Margie Penner</i>	<i>Mike Waldron</i>
<i>Magdy Ghobrial (A)</i>	<i>Brad Lycan</i>	<i>Rebecca Preuss</i>	<i>Theresa Walker</i>



INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT  
~Submitted by John Salmon~



Receipts and Payments Statement -- July 1, 2022-April 30, 2023

Bank Balance: July1, 2022	\$14235.90
Cash On Hand	<u>200.00</u>
	\$14435.90

INCOME

Receipts: (BCRTA memberships)	<u>4790.00</u>
	\$19225.90

EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$477.09
COSCO Membership	200.00
Programmes	530.18
Miscellaneous	173.15
Advocacy	250.00
Contingencies (Tech)	<u>1260.00</u>
	<u>\$2890.42</u>

Bank Balance: April 30, 2023	<b>\$16135.48</b>
Cash On Hand	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$16335.48</u></b>

SUNSHINE REPORT



*Jacquie Hollybow*, our ray of sunshine, 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](mailto:jhollybow@hotmail.com)) if you are aware of a member who fits either of these criteria

*Since our last newsletter, we have lost the following colleagues. Our condolences go out to their families.*

Derek Bisset - February 2023

Christine Toth - May 2023

Colleen Kennedy - May 2023

## Retired Educators' Scholarship Team Report

~Submitted by Sue Mackenzie~



The following Langley graduates have received scholarships this year. We wish them success in their pursuits in the field of education.

Tommy Phuc	Aldergrove Secondary	Samantha Purdy	Langley Secondary
Ellie Barth	Brookswood Secondary	Hailey Eliason	RE Mountain (In honour of <i>Rick Buck</i> )
Georgia Ghioda	Langley Fine Arts (in honour of <i>Bill McCubbin</i> )	Ivan Zhuang	RE Mountain (In honour of <i>Denny Ross</i> )
Caryse McCartney	Langley Fundamental (in honour of <i>Helen Woolley</i> )	Alexandra Street	DW Poppy (In honour of <i>Marg Hunter</i> )
Jacob Tamashiro	Walnut Grove (In honour of <i>Dorothy Peacock</i> )		

Maureen Pepin kept meticulous handwritten records of every donation she received. We owe Maureen an incredible amount of gratitude for everything she did on our behalf. We had no idea that we were to lose her so suddenly in December last year.

To continue with this legacy, we ask that any members who would like to donate to the scholarship fund, please send directly to the following address:

Langley School District Foundation Scholarships  
% 4875 222 Street  
Langley BC  
V3A 3Z7

**So that all donations are properly directed, it is important for you to specify that the donation is for the:**  
**"LANGLEY RETIRED EDUCATORS' SCHOLARSHIPS"**

**Please remember to include your email address or mailing address for tax receipt purposes.**

We will be awarding 8 scholarships @ \$750 for the 2023 year and are hoping we will be able to increase it for next year! The amount depends on the interest earned on the investment and the amount of donations we receive from our retired teachers. As you know the interest rates earned in 2022 were not very good.

Thank you for your past support and hope you will continue to donate to this worthy cause. I have agreed to be a liaison person for the Foundation and REST. The Team members are: *Sue Mackenzie, Heather Anderlini, Maureen Wilson, John Salmon, Yole Proserpi-Porta and Jacquie Hollybow*. If you would like to join us, please let me know and we will add your name to our team.

For more information, please feel free to contact me:  
Sue Mackenzie, on behalf of the Retired Educators' Scholarship Team -- REST

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604-831-7234

## 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 506 members. We are pleased to welcome those who have joined us this past year. *And we are looking forward to welcoming our new retirees as members.*

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 2023)

Erica Blackstock	Jean Hope	Eleanor Leblanc	Fay Morelli
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### **DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS** - aged 85-89 (as of December 2023)

Ynolde Adams	Lois Comerford	Wayne Orser	Lily Suzuki
Margaret Bland	Peter Holuboff	Robert Power	Don Urquhart
Olive Burns	Joan MacLoughlin	Jean Ritchie	Luz Verzosa
Ralph Carter	Trixie Martyn	John Salmon	Kay Wagner
Isabelle Clark	Jean Mark		

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](mailto:Lrta.35@gmail.com).

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





Photos from the LRTA luncheon/AGM

Old teachers  
never die; they just  
grade away!

Unknown

Retirement is  
wonderful. It's doing  
nothing without  
worrying about getting  
caught at it.



The trouble with  
retirement is that you  
never get a day off.

Abe Lemons



What do you call a  
person who is happy on  
Monday? Retired!



Let's Go Report  
~ submitted by Judy de Vries ~



It's **summer** with sunny days, warm breezes and wide open trails.

B.C. is so beautiful. I just returned from a trip to Wells Gray Park with *Enjoy the Journey*. I was awed by the unspoiled wilderness and most spectacular falls such as the Helmcken Falls.



At the LRTA AGM at the end of May, the guest speaker was Troy Oppen from Enjoy the Journey. He focused on the "Rail Across Canada" trip in October, but there are a few other opportunities. Many trips in the catalogue are waitlisted by now.

You can also sign up for the Enjoy the Journey Newsletter.

To find out more, Google [enjoythejourney.ca/booktour](http://enjoythejourney.ca/booktour)

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Let's Go Places and Do Things right in Langley!



This year I have much enjoyed seasons tickets to "*Theatre in the Country*". There are two plays left in this season. I am booked for the dinner on **Saturday, October 14** for the production of "*The Shawshank Redemption*" and Friday, **December 1st** for "*A Christmas Carol, The Musical*". The productions are on other dates as well. Join in the fun.

Find out more at p: (604) 259-9737 | e: [theatreinthecountry@gmail.com](mailto:theatreinthecountry@gmail.com)  
website [theatreinthecountry.com](http://theatreinthecountry.com)



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

~Submitted by Maureen Wilson~

It has been so nice to be able to meet in person again. I do hope that this trend continues and we never have to go back into the type of isolation we all experienced during COVID! Technology allows the executive to continue to meet via Zoom when it is more convenient (time-wise), but we definitely enjoy meeting for lunch after one of our meetings at the School Board Office. Please make sure that I have your updated email address so that I can continue to keep you informed as to events or notices that are time-sensitive.

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

Join the BCRTA and receive your first year FREE!!



Here is a direct link <https://bcрта.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.

## Coming this fall -- The Indispensable Binder Workshop!!

Diana Cruchley is a well-known workshop presenter and author with multiple awards including the Governor General's Flight to Freedom Literacy Award. She is also a long-time educator, with many years as both a teacher and School District Administrator.

Diana shows you how to create this handy reference to quickly find your will, power of attorney, property titles or mortgage, medications, bank accounts, computer information, and contact information for your friends. In addition, there is room for investments, passport and Nexus, insurance, computer information and much, much more. Leave the workshop inspired to "get it all together" at last, with handy tips to make it easier.



### Our website has a new look!!!



Check out our new website: <https://bcрта.ca/langley/> 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 [lta.35@gmail.com](mailto:lta.35@gmail.com).



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Thanks,

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