

RRTA NEWSLETTER



August, 2019
(Reports Edition)

January Speaker Series -- Gluu
Technology Society

A Letter from the Editor

I must begin by apologising to the membership for the small number of newsletters this year. In the past, I've aimed to do one every other month -- six per year. I'm afraid this year, I've only managed three.

Once again this year, I found myself back on the TTOC list and working more days than I would really like. After all, I am retired. In addition, travel continues to take up time, with Debbie and me away for the entire month of May.

One consequence is that this newsletter, being long overdue, must cover quite a few months of RRTA activities. I guess it's appropriate, though, that the Summer Reports Edition should review many of the activities undertaken this year.

So, no, it is not an error that the January Speaker Series and Valentine Potluck are included here.

Please sit back and enjoy this edition of the newsletter as we get ready to present you with another year of RRTA activities.

Gordon Smith





MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Richmond Retired Teachers' Association (RRTA) is a branch of the British Columbia Retired Teachers' Association (BCRTA). Since July of last year, several retirees have joined their fellow colleagues in the RRTA. At present our membership stands at 490 members. Over the course of the past year, the RRTA has hosted several social activities and our members have had the opportunity to attend functions ranging from lunches to a variety of workshops. We welcome all of our new members and encourage them to take part in the variety of events offered throughout the coming year.

If you have newly retired teacher friends who have not yet joined the BCRTA and the RRTA branch, please encourage them to do so. It is a wonderful way to keep in touch with colleagues. Remind them that the first year of membership is free.

We do our best to keep our membership list up to date. Thank you for helping by remembering to let Loraine Martin know of changes to your e-mail, phone number, or address. Contact Loraine at info@richmondrrta.ca. As we are a branch of the BCRTA, at the same time that you contact Loraine, please also let the BCRTA office know of any changes by contacting Laurie at laurie@bcrrta.com.

PHONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you to the members of our phoning committee: Marilyn Jones, Holly Ramcharita, Stella deGiorgio, and Roz Johns. These volunteers give their time to contact those members who do not have access to email and keep them informed of our various functions.

Submitted by
Denise Gobbo

RRTA Directors 2018-19

www.richmondrrta.ca

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DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Bob Jackson

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Mary Hardy

NON DIRECTOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

SOCIAL -- Looking for volunteers to chair the Social Committee! This would involve liaising with Mayfair Lakes regarding the Luncheons .

The RRTA was very fortunate to host an interesting and broad range of presenters this past year. Following our October potluck lunch, Roy Sakata, a retired Richmond administrator spoke about The Balance Between Security and Civil Liberties. In November, Linda Fawcus, the founder and CEO of GLUU Technology Society presented 35 Data Protection Tips on how to keep passwords, financial and personal information safe. She concluded her two part workshop in January. Lisa Hansen, a consultant with Johnson Inc. spoke about Travel, Medical and Trip Cancellation Insurance, following our February potluck. In March, Isobel MacKenzie, the BC Seniors Advocate focussed on current issues and challenges facing seniors. Our members expressed a desire for more technology workshops. As a result, Linda Fawcus was invited to return and present a four part hands on series for iPad and iPhone users this spring.

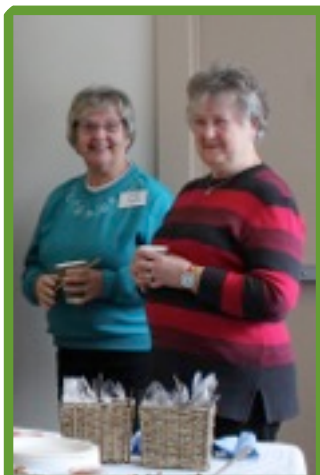
In addition, a social outing to the Gateway Theatre to view It's a Wonderful Life and enjoy the Tea Matinee was attended by some of our members.

Submitted by
Munjeet Booton



Lisa Hansen from Johnson Insurance, our guest speaker

Valentine Potluck



Proposed 2019-20 Budget

| Richmond Retired Teachers' Association | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Budget for 2019-2020 | | | | | | | |
| (as of Jul 1 2019) | | | | | | | |
| | Budget | | | To date | 2018-2019 | Budget | Budget |
| Expenses | 2019-20 | Comments | | Jul 1 2019 | Remaining | 2018-19 | 2017-18 |
| Contingency | \$150 | | | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | Contingency | \$150 |
| Heritage | \$400 | \$150 incr.for display lighting | | \$246.74 | \$3.26 | Heritage | \$250 |
| Newsletter | \$1,500 | reduced by \$300 | | \$1,177.37 | \$622.63 | Newsletter | \$1,800 |
| Operating | \$1,000 | increased by \$100 | | \$936.10 | -\$36.10 | Operating | \$900 |
| President | \$100 | recognitions(reduced by \$150) | | \$34.11 | \$215.89 | President | \$250 |
| Programs/Speakers | \$600 | reduced by \$100 | | \$145.76 | \$554.24 | Programs/Speakers | \$700 |
| Programs/Tea Matinee | \$600 | reduced by \$200 | | \$580.00 | \$220.00 | Tea Matinee | \$800 |
| Special Events/Social | \$6,500 | reduced by \$500 | | \$5,466.25 | \$1,533.75 | Special Events/Social | \$7,000 |
| Sunshine/ChristmasProject | \$300 | increased by \$50 | | \$266.86 | -\$16.86 | Sunshine/ChristmasProject | \$250 |
| Website | \$500 | new item | | \$462.48 | \$37.52 | Website (new and amended) | \$500 |
| Expense Totals | \$11,650 | | | \$9,315.67 | \$3,284.33 | \$12,600 | \$10,950 |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| Membership | \$4,300 | | | \$4,490.00 | -\$190.00 | Membership | \$4,300 |
| Tea Matinee | \$600 | reduced by \$200 | | \$581.00 | \$219.00 | Tea Matinee | \$800 |
| Special Events/Social | \$5,000 | | | \$4,340.00 | \$660.00 | Special Events/Social | \$5,000 |
| Bank Interest | \$1 | | | \$1.22 | -\$0.22 | Bank Interest | \$1 |
| Income Totals | \$9,901 | | | \$9,412.22 | \$688.78 | \$10,101 | \$8,501 |
| Projected gain (loss) | -\$1,749 | | | \$96.55 | \$2,595.55 | -\$2,499 | -\$2,449 |
| Notes: Newsletter, President, Programs/Speakers, Programs/Tea Matinee, Special Events/Social expenses have been <u>reduced</u> (\$1250 total) and reflect current spending levels. Sunshine/Christmas Project and Operating have <u>increased</u> to reflect expenditures. Tea Matinee is not included in \$1250 reduced totals as the budgeted revenue matches the budgeted expense. An <u>increase</u> has been added to the budget for Heritage Committee, which plans to purchase display lighting. (Total increases and new item below = \$800) | | | | | | | |
| New item | Website, both in the current 2018-2019 year, which is partly the cost to migrate from expired and no-cost SD38, and for 2019-2020, estimated \$15 annual subscription, plus costs to fine-tune the migration. | | | | | | |

| Richmond Retired Teachers' Association | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Budget 2019 - 2020 | | p2 of 2 | (as of July 1, 2019) | |
| | | Background Information | | | | |
| Bank Balance as of | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | |
| fiscal year end: | \$6,203 | \$6,106 | \$7,568 | \$6,751 | \$6,860 | |
| | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | | |
| | \$13,949 | \$12,924 | \$15,162 | \$12,663 | | |
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| Expense breakdown for Special Events/Social | | | | | | |
| | Income | MayFair | Total | Price to | Indiv. | |
| | Sp Events | Lakes | Subsidy | Members | # Guests | Subsidy |
| Sep | \$2,150.00 | \$2,378.88 | \$228.88 | \$25.00 | 76 | \$3.01 |
| Dec | \$2,190.00 | \$2,442.07 | \$252.07 | \$30.00 | 73 | \$3.45 |
| | \$4,340.00 | \$4,820.95 | \$480.95 | | | \$3.23 average |
| Choir Honourarium | \$100.00 | | Pot Luck & Events | Pot Luck Room Rental | | Recap |
| Choir Bus | \$106.25 | | \$5.25 | Gilmore Gardens | Mayfair Lakes | \$4,820.95 |
| Choir treats | \$24.19 | | \$21.20 | \$320.00 | Door Prizes | \$26.85 |
| | \$230.44 | | \$21.60 | | Flowers 4 New Retirees | \$53.67 |
| | | | \$11.55 | | Pointsettias | \$160.96 |
| | | | \$16.87 | | Choir | \$230.44 |
| | | | \$76.47 | | Pot Luck Rental | \$320.00 |
| | | | | | Pot Luck & Events' Supplies | \$76.47 |
| Non Sp Event Items In Social/Sunshine | | | | | | \$5,689.34 |
| Dir Mtg Cream | \$2.99 | | | Recap | \$5,689.34 | Social/Special Events Income |
| Pres Lvg Gift | \$15.40 | | | Non inclusions | \$43.77 | Net Cost |
| Cards/Stamps | \$14.18 | Total SocialSpecialSunshineChristmas | | | \$5,733.11 | |
| Cards | \$11.20 | | | | | |
| | \$43.77 | (For reconciliation only. | | | | |
| | | Not included in recap.) | | | | |

A Message From Our Treasurer

I have been the Treasurer for the RRTA for 5 years. During that time, I think the most valuable aspect for me is the support and friendship I continually receive from the Board of Directors. I don't know if it is the size of a small volunteer group, or the actual members, but it has been the upbeat part of this experience for me.

Yet I must set up my exit plan. I have moved out of Richmond. I am 5 years older. Other interests are calling. I want to be able to exit slowly, supporting my replacement when necessary rather than just running out of time.

I urge any one of you to join the Board of Directors for the RRTA, most hopefully as Treasurer. I can walk you through the simple bookkeeping and budgeting, for as long as you need it. You will write cheques as needed, but in a natural sequence. Most cheque writing is done at meetings and luncheons. Easy-peasy. Every one of us is a money manager and payer of bills, correct?

So please consider joining the Board of Directors for the RRTA. And especially consider becoming the next Treasurer.

Cathy Wozny
(RRTA Treasurer)

Sunshine Report

Over the 2018-19 year a variety of cards have been sent out to members and their families. Words of condolence were sent to the families of Vivienne Johnson, Madeleine Therrien, Edie McDonald, Bernie Reid, Colleen Reid, Dave Mason and Ron Bain. Many "Thinking of you" and "Get Well Soon" cards were sent to encourage members who were undergoing treatment or recovering from illness. Pat Walach relies on our members to notify her of people who need our support. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a note please contact her at p.walach@hotmail.com so that she can send out cards of caring, encouragement or sympathy.

Submitted by
Pat Walach

RRTA Displays at Education Week in Aberdeen Mall



Heritage Committee Report June 2019

The Heritage Committee has had another busy year. The Friday work bee focus has continued to be the Database Project. This process has been speeded up by the access to the RRTA computer. To date we have processed 822 items .

This year we also decided to refurbish the displays in the General Currie Heritage Building. Many of the photos on display have been remounted. We are also in the process of installing LED strip lighting in the three enclosed display cases. Thank you to those members who have shown an interest in the Heritage Collection.

In February, along with the RRTA Directors and the Scholarship Trust, we presented a combined display at the District Convention. This was an opportunity to share our collection with District staff.

In March the Heritage Committee, and the RRTA Scholarship Trust provided an exhibit for Education Week at Aberdeen Centre.

Our last activity for the year was to host an Open House at the General Currie Heritage School providing an opportunity for members to visit and see the displays.

If you have an interest in Richmond's educational history and wish to help out contact rtaheritage@gmail.com

New members are always welcome.

Loraine Martin

Communication Report June 2019

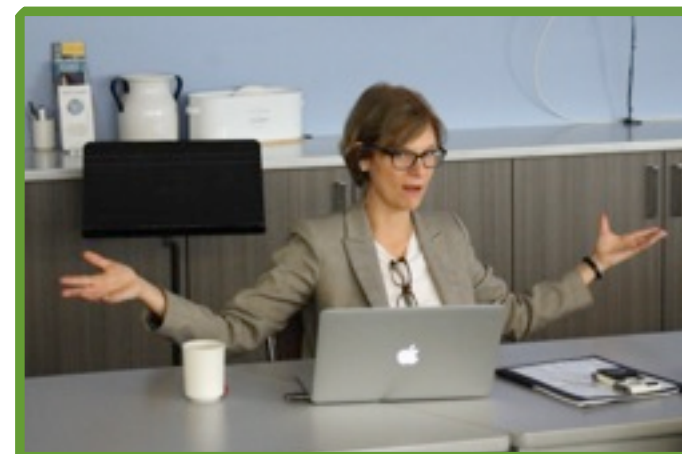
The RRTA Loop continues to be working smoothly.

Website Update. Our contract with Richmond School District to host the RRTA website expired in April. Consequently, we arranged with the BCRTA to migrate to the BCRTA site and that has been completed. We have retained the www.richmondrrta.ca domain name but the RRTA website can also be accessed at www.bcrta.ca/richmond.

The website is a work in progress and some tweaking will still be required so that it works smoothly on all platforms. We look forward to sharing the changes with you in the Fall.

Loraine Martin and Gordon Smith

March Speaker Series with Isobel MacKenzie (Thanks to the RTA for allowing us to use their facility)



British Columbia Seniors' Advocate,
Isobel MacKenzie

Notice of the Richmond Retired Teachers' Association 2019 AGM

Following the September Back to School Without Us Luncheon, the RRTA will be holding its Annual General Meeting. The meeting will commence shortly after the conclusion of the luncheon at approximately 1:15 pm.

At this meeting, the proposed budget for 2019-20 will be presented for your approval along with a report on the financials of the organization.

In addition, we will be electing the 2019-20 Board of Directors for the RRTA.

The following is the slate of candidates who have put their names up for election:

President -- David Bell

Vice President -- *vacant*

Secretary -- Amanda Hufton

Treasurer -- *vacant*

Members at Large -- Munjeet Booton, Lynne Farquharson, Michael Gilles, Denise Gobbo, Mary Hardy, Karen Holden, Bob Jackson, Glenn Kishi, Loraine Martin, and Pat Walach.

There is room to add more!

Past President -- Gordon Smith

Many of our directors have been running the RRTA for a number of years now. We welcome new voices to lead the organization. At present we have vacancies in the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and we would like to have several more members at large. The time commitment is not large, we meet 4 times per year in addition to the AGM. We all understand the demands of Grandparent Daycare, TTOC'ing, and travel.

If you value this organization and what it does for you, we urge you to put your name forward and help us out.

Please email us at richmondrrta@gmail.com, or put your name forward at the AGM.

Gordon Smith, Past President
Nomination Committee Chair

Notice of the Richmond Retired Teachers' Association 2019 AGM, and the RRTA Trust Fund Foundation AGM

Wednesday September 4th, 1:15 pm

MAYFAIR LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

5460 NUMBER 7 ROAD

(Half a mile north of Westminster Hwy.)

RRTA financials, the 2019-20 budget and the election of the 2019-20 Board of Directors will be on the agenda. RRTA TFF AGM to follow.



Bernie Reid -- January

Colleen Reid -- February

Dave Mason -- April

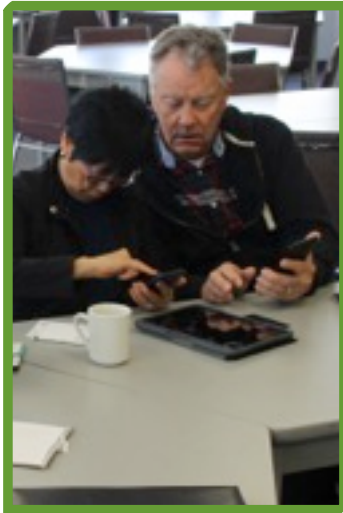
Ron Bain -- May

Dan Carswell -- June

If you know of any RRTA members who could use some sunshine in their lives due to illness or a loss in their family, please let our Sunshine Chair, Pat Walach know.

Gluu Technology Society Workshops in the RTA Office

This workshop series was presented by Linda Fawcus



Mark Your Calendar

“Back to School Without Us Luncheon” Wednesday September 4th, 2019. To be followed by the RRTA AGM and the RRTA Trust Fund Foundation AGM

Speaker Series Tuesday October 22nd. Graham Best will speak on “Retaining the Power of Memory for Aging”.

November Speaker series. Date and speaker to be confirmed.

“Christmas Luncheon” Wednesday December 4th, 2019.

Please join us at our

***“BACK TO SCHOOL WITHOUT US”
Luncheon***

(For members, spouses, and new retirees.)

**Wednesday, September 4th, 2019
11:30 AM**

***MAYFAIR LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
5460 NUMBER 7 ROAD***

(Half a mile north of Westminster Hwy.)

MENU -- ITALIAN LUNCH BUFFET

Garlic Bread
Caesar Salad -- croutons and fresh parmesan cheese
Homemade Baked Lasagna
Chicken Parmesan
Assorted Cakes
Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea

Cost: \$25.00 (includes tax, gratuities and room rental)

Please let Lily Lee know if you are planning to attend, at 604 277-9065, or
kwleefamily@shaw.ca.

Make cheques payable to RRTA, and send to Lily by Wednesday August 21st.

***Lily Lee
8411 Ash Street
Richmond, BC V6Y 2S4***

*** For special dietary requirements, please contact:
Melissa Grout, 604 232-2654 ***

The RRTA Annual General Meeting will follow the luncheon at approximately 1:15 pm. The AGM will be followed by the RRTA Trust Fund Foundation AGM.