



Chatter



Newsletter of the Surrey branch of the **BC Retired Teachers' Association**
2018 Valentine's Edition

Valentine's Luncheon

\$25.00/person (Cheque or Exact Change Please)

Thursday, February 8th.

Doors open at 11:00 / Buffet lunch at noon

Hazelmere Golf and Country Club

18150 8th Ave, Surrey

On the menu this year a full roast baron of beef dinner and a vegetarian dish.

And don't forget the amazing desserts.

Reserve your space now. We must have accurate numbers for Hazelmere.

Contact Karen Bentzen: kbentzen@telus.net Phone: (604) 572-5783

Please reserve before Sunday, February 4th

Make sure to give the names of those for whom you are making reservations.

Cancellations

If you have booked, but at a later date find you are not be able to attend please be sure to call Karen B. (even the morning of the luncheon) to cancel your reservation.

If we don't make the number change with Hazelmere, there could be a charge.



President's Report

Happy New Year! I hope this issue of the *Chatter* finds you well and enjoying your retirement years to the fullest.

Since my last message:

- I had the privilege of working with the Board and staff of the British Columbia Retired Teachers' Association (BCRTA) on BCRTA's strategic plan on Monday, November 27; and
- I spent part of Friday, December 15 in Central Surrey, meeting with representatives from the Delta Retired Teachers' Association (DRTA) and the Langley Retired Teachers' Association (LRTA).

While the impact of BCRTA's strategic planning process will be felt by members in the years to follow, the second meeting should yield more immediate results. We talked about ways that we could work together to better serve our respective members. For example, we talked about open invitations to selected activities and events. Simply, if SRTA organized an activity or event, DRTA and LRTA members would be welcome to attend (and vice versa). Another idea we discussed was pooling resources to bring in speakers with higher speaking fees. Toward the end of the meeting, we decided that the appropriate start point would be to receive feedback from our respective members. To that end, a survey was drafted **and will be distributed shortly**. Please take a few minutes to respond to this survey.

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." Oprah Winfrey

Regards,

Al Balanuik



Sunshine Report

Get Well Cards were sent to:

- Patricia Gaspar, Lorraine Larsen and Molly Headly

Our condolences to:

- Eve Derpak on the passing her husband Bill Derpak,
- The Family of Nancy Enns
- Gerry Tiede on the passing of his mother-in-law.
- Of note, Ruth Kirk passed away in November. Ruth was a lifetime member of the SRTA

If you know of any SRTA members who could use some sunshine in their lives due to illness or loss in their family, please let our Sunshine Chair, Ann Bayfield know.

Please contact Ann Bayfield:
abayfield@shaw.ca or 604-353-1834.

Change of Address or Circumstance

Email or other change of address? Here's what to do... Call/email BCRTA and SRTA.

BCRTA Email: laurie@bcrt.com Phone: 604.871.2260

SRTA Email: srta@shaw.ca

BCRTA Member Advantage Program

Don't forget that as BCRTA members you are able to take advantage of fine offers from our Member Advantage Program. Learn all about it at the BCRTA website or click on the image links below.

www.BCRTA.ca

Do You Know Any Colleagues That Are Not Members?

Have them check out the web link above to take advantage of the complementary free membership offer.



Heritage Report: Historic Cloverdale

The Cloverdale school site is the longest continuously used school site in Surrey. The first public school in the municipality was erected here in 1884, and since that time there has been a series of additions, replacement schools and new schools that reflect ongoing community growth and development. Population growth was steady, and the school system struggled to keep pace. A new four-room elementary school, Cloverdale Public School, was completed in 1912, but high school students still had to travel to schools in New Westminster, Blaine or Langley. By 1919, Cloverdale School became the first dedicated high school in Surrey.

Visit [Surrey School Web Site](#)

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Do You Have A Computer And Use Email?

We need your help!

We spend a large amount of **your** money and our time putting out the print version of the Chatter.

The email version of the Chatter is bigger and brighter and full of pictures, and more importantly links to web pages and other online resources. The email version of the Chatter is sent as a pdf document that you can read on your computer or print if you desire.

We also send out many emails during the year, about upcoming events and emergent events that happen between issues of the Chatter. When we don't have your email, you miss out on all of those important announcements.

Please help us out and send your email to:

srta@shaw.ca