



Chatter



Newsletter of the Surrey branch of the **BC Retired Teachers' Association**
2019 Valentine's Edition

February Luncheon

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

\$30.00/guest

Thursday, February 21st.

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 17th

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 CHATTER finds you well and enjoying life as a retiree.

My apologies for the brief message. The past few months have been especially busy. I remember retirees returning to the district from time to time to say hello and to catch up with friends and former colleagues. A familiar comment was, "I'm busier now than I've ever been. It's remarkable that I ever found time for work in the past." With four years of retirement behind me, I can relate to the sentiment.

Some might say that the SRTA is part of the problem (the good part, of course). Your very dedicated and very busy Executive organized and offered several activities and events in the Fall and early Winter and - as captured on the pages of this issue of our newsletter - have planned or are planning several more for the months to follow. We sincerely hope that you will find time in your busy schedules to join us.

"When you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!' Then get busy and find out how to do it." - Theodore Roosevelt

All the best,

Al Balanuik

President, SRTA



Sunshine Report

Our condolences were sent to the families of:

- Joyce Nadeau on the death of her husband Ray
- Terry Shaw

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@bcrtac.com Phone: 604.871.2260

SRTA Email: srta@shaw.ca

Workshops

Pickle Ball – The Game For Seniors

South Surrey Rec Centre

Gym downstairs from 12:30 to 2:00 pm

Tuesday February 26th

Contact Tom Hastie to register:

hastie71@hotmail.com

Participants:

- check in at the front desk and the drop in charge is \$5.25
- need to wear indoor court shoes
- will learn the basic skills, including forehand and backhand shots , serving and volleying.
- will spend time on the basic rules of the game and the scoring system. Participants will have opportunities to play doubles games to put the skills into operation.

We will probably have to limit the participants to 20-24 as we only have 1 gym with 4 courts



Technology Workshop

Multipart workshop that will include sessions on:

Essential Apps for iPad and iPhone

This session will include popular apps and their function on the iPhone and iPad.

Computer and Online Security

March 11

1:00 – 3:00 pm

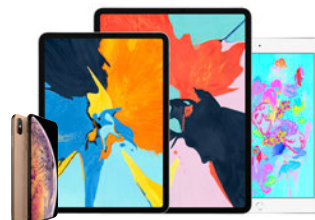
Newton Library

Contact Brenda Jones to register:

brendajones@shaw.ca

Including desktop computers, smartphones and tablets. This session will include:

- Email Spam and Phishing schemes
- Password Protection
- Online Privacy
- Online Shopping
- Social Media Security Google, Facebook and Big Data
- OS security issues, Mac, Windows, iOS and Android



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.



An Invitation to Join the Heritage Committee

If you have an interest in local history you are invited to join our committee of dedicated retirees who are delving into the history of the Surrey School District – many funny stories, personalities and events. For more information contact one of our committee members:

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