

Wine Country RTA's BCRTA Thompson–Okanagan Zone Branch Report, June 8 , 2020

BRANCH:	Wine Country RTA	Number of Members: 42
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MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES (2019-2020 year)

Most General Mtgs./Workshops/Presentations are held at the South Okanagan Similkameen Teachers' Union office in Oliver. No charge. Great joint-efforts between South Okanagan Similkameen Teachers' Union & our WCRTA Retired Teachers' Branch.

- June 5th, 2019 The Wine Country AGM re-elected secretary: Sherry Philpott-Adhikary, Treasurer Cheryl Halsted, President Stefan Cieslik.
Doug Short and Cathie Baskett were elected as delegate & President/alternate rep. @2019 BCRTA AGM in Vancouver.
AGM Solar Power Workshop Presentation from Russell Work. A very worthwhile, interesting, informative and thought-producing Workshop/Seminar. See attachments <https://bcрта.ca/wine-country/>
Lunch at Pappa's Firehall Restaurant 22 people attended See photos at <https://bcрта.ca/wine-country/>
- June 14th SOSTU Teachers' Union Retirement Party and Presentations @ Meyer Vineyard in OK Falls
Congrats to: Erica Safek, Margie Nazaroff and Marita Fyall.
- Sept 3rd Annual "To Heck with the Bell" Breakfast/Brunch at MacKia's Restaurant in Osoyoos; 27 people attended. (35 attended last year) event organized by Cathie Baskett. See attached photographs.
- October 2 – 5th BCRTA Annual Conf/AGM in Richmond: Cathie Baskett & Stefan Cieslik were our delegates, Doug Short was unable to be there due to other commitments.
- Oct. 22, 2019 Cosco/ICBC/Wine Country RTA Drivers' Workshop, Presenters Sheila Pither and Larry Dea. 60 people attended the event which was held at the Elks Hall in Oliver. A very worthwhile, interesting, informative and thought-producing Workshop/Seminar.
- December 10th we had 32 people turn out for our annual Christmas Luncheon at Ye Olde Welcome Inn, Gallagher Lake just north of Oliver.
Bob Park and Huia Martin led us/accompanied us with a tuneful mix of Seasonal and Christmas Carols.
See attachment <https://bcрта.ca/wine-country/wine-country-rta-christmas-luncheon>
- ~~APRIL 7, 2020 Meeting Seminar with Lisa Hansen, Johnsons Insurance cancelled because of Covid-19 Pandemic.~~
- ~~May, 2020 Meeting/Networking with BCRTA Thompson/Okanagan Presidents in Penticton + region (from Kamloops south to OK Falls/Oliver/Osoyoos/Keremeos cancelled because of Covid-19 Pandemic.~~
- Wed., June 3, 2020 On-line Virtual AGM.
Election of 2020/2021 Executive by acclamation : President, Stefan Cieslik Secretary, Sherry Philpott-Adhikary Treasurer, Cheryl Halsted

Election of Provincial delegates for BCRTA 2020 AGM (if it is to be held given **Covid-19 Pandemic**)
Stefan Cieslik and Sherry Philpott-Adhikary
Congratulations to this year's June, 2020 retirees: Lisa Crowe-Smith, Ian Johnson and Joan Rathjen

Recruitment Methods:

FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR (new members) 2018/2019/2020/21 years. Yeah!

- Attend TPP Workshops, Attend "More To It Than Money" Workshops (if offered
 - Attend Teacher Union Local End of Year Retirement functions (if offered
 - e-mails, Newsletters, Social Functions, Need to develop Phone-Tree, Distribute Contact newsletters, PostScript+End of Life Brochures, etc.2 show non-members why membership is worthwhile
- To recruit Executive: ABC = Appeal, Beg, Cajole!

Accomplishments: Regular turnout to meetings and gatherings of those who want to be involved. Workshops. Newsletters.

Wishes: •How to get more members involved in the Wine Country RTA

•Find out what Members Need & Want / Provide it for them, e.g. Tax Return Help, Travel/Insurance, Topics of Interest

Still to do •Testalinda School Project. Persuading the School Board to have a Heritage Preservation Policy.

Respectfully submitted,
Stefan Cieslik,
President, Wine Country RTA