

CRTA Newsletter

President's Report



This will be my last president's report for the Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association. With very mixed emotions I will be stepping aside as president as of the June meeting. I have thoroughly enjoyed the position but feel that change is necessary to go forward in a positive way for the organization. I will remain on the executive and work in other capacities where needed.

I want to express my thanks to and respect for the members of the executive for their work and support for our branch. Everyone does their work with a conscientious and team oriented effort. I am pleased to call them my friends and have enjoyed all the fun times we have spent together.

I want also to thank the membership who support our meetings and special events during the year. We value the validation you give us and our presenters at these events.

Thanks are due also to the staff of the CTA office for their ongoing support and friendliness and to the BCRTA for keeping us informed on provincial matters.

Thank you, Audrey!



Please mark your calendar:

- June 1- Intergenerational Day
- June 7- Annual General Meeting
- September 5- Back To School Brunch



Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

CRTA 2016 –
2017

Annual General Meeting June 7, 2017

<http://www.bcrta.ca/branches/coquitlambranch.php>

Gallery Room Winslow Centre 10:00 AM

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Elections will be held for:

- President
- Vice- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Directors
- Delegates to the BCRTA Annual General Meeting

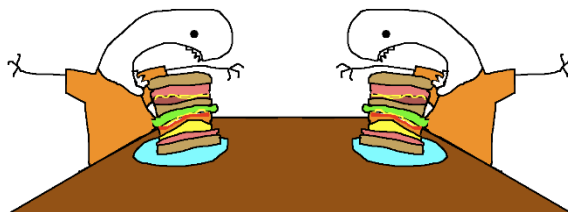


Please contact Jennifer Blenkinsop at 604- 461-4088 or jennfb@shaw.ca if you wish to let your name stand for election. Candidates can also be nominated from the floor at the meeting.

Who Says There Is No Free Lunch?

The lunch prepared annually by the Bridge Club of the CRTA following the Annual General Meeting is being provided at no charge by the CRTA Executive this year. Come and enjoy good food and good company following the meeting.

To ensure that we have enough food on hand to feed everyone attending, please contact Howard Spence, Treasurer, by email at hwspace@gmail.com or by phone at (604) 936-8320 by **FRIDAY JUNE 2ND 2017**



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Trailblazing at the CRTA AGM

2017 is the 150th anniversary of Confederation and the 25th anniversary of the Trans Canada Trail. All Canadians have reason to celebrate, and what better way than to enjoy our local trails during a refreshing walk or an exhilarating ride on your bike.



At the AGM on Wednesday June 7, Leon LeBrun, president of *Trails BC*, will inform us on how to use the trails, mostly in the lower mainland and the Fraser Valley. If you are an enthusiast and want to learn how to connect greenways using a Smartphone, Leon will help you through it. What a great way to explore your community and Canada!

June 1 is Intergenerational Day

Each spring, the BCRTA's *Golden Star Awards* reward excellence in intergenerational programming in BC's public schools. *Intergenerational Day- June 1-* is recognized annually in Canada and abroad as a day for citizens to focus on promoting intergenerational programs and learning opportunities, and to assist in developing rich and sustainable connections between generations. As individuals, we can all participate in *Intergenerational Day*. On June 1, www.intergenerational.ca suggests that we connect with someone from a different generation:

- **IF you have a few seconds,**
 - make eye contact and smile
 - hold the door for the person to pass through
 - say 'Have a good day!'
- **IF you have 5 minutes,**
 - call to say hello
 - put the number in your cell contact list so you can call again
 - give a single flower
- **IF you have 30 minutes,**
 - sit down and have a conversation
 - go for a short walk
 - write a short note in a card and post it
- **IF you have an hour or two,**
 - share a meal
 - go to a movie together
 - play a game together

AND DON'T FORGET THE ICE CREAM!!



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Phoning Committee Update

The lists for the Phoning Committee have been reorganized. They are much shorter now due to member requests to be contacted by email. The people who volunteered to be phoners will be contacted in August and asked to call members to remind them about the September brunch.

If you have not told us that you want to continue being phoned please contact Lynda Parsons at 604-939-9897 or lrparsons@telus.net. We really want to keep in contact with all CRTA members either by email or a phone call to encourage them to come to branch events— it's a great way to keep in contact with your colleagues. We'll see you at the AGM on Wednesday, June 7 and then at the September brunch on Tuesday, September 5!

The Good Old Days?

Here are some rules and guidelines many teachers were required to follow:

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys [lamp globes], and trim wicks.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and scuttle of coal for the day's session.
3. Teachers will make their pens carefully. They may whittle nibs to individual tastes.
4. Male teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After 10 hours in school teachers should spend their remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in uncomely conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his/her earnings for his/her benefit during his/her declining years so that he/she won't become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barbershop will give good reason to suspect his/her worth, intentions, integrity, and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his/her labors faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of 25 cents per week in his/her pay providing the Board of Education approves.



CRTA Sunshine Coordinator, Dale Linton, sends cards to those who are ill or to family members in the case of bereavement.

Please update her at (604) 937-5113.

