

## Langley Branch Report 2016

I would like to thank all of our members who have supported us over the past year by donating to our scholarship fund, and who have attended our luncheons. My first 2 year term, as president, has been made a lot easier by the support of our executive. I have enjoyed working with them over the past two years. *Heather Anderlini*, our vice president, who is stepping down, as she has fulfilled her two 2 year term duties in that position, has been a great 'right hand man' when I've been away. I would especially like to thank *Annette O'Connor* and *George Main* who, as my mentors, have helped me learn the ropes. George has done a great job keeping us informed via our website, and *Wayne Wiebe*, our secretary, has kept us all informed of what we say and do at our executive meetings. For some of us, it's difficult to recall what we did last week, let alone two months ago. I would also like to thank *Mary-Jo Hall*, our treasurer, who volunteers for the job year after year. *Susan Preast* has done a great job as our liaison with the BCRTA, working as our membership chair, as well as informing the BCRTA of any changes that need to be made to our branch's webpage on the BCRTA website. And without *Christine Toth's* diligence in booking events, we would be hard-pressed to offer our members any sort of program or entertainment at our luncheons. *Maureen Pepin* does an excellent job with our scholarship fund, and, again, she volunteers year after year. I would also like to thank *Cindy Silen* for her excellent job with the communications committee, and *Jacquie Hollybow* for her diligence in sending out cards of condolence and encouragement, as well as Christmas cards to our members who are 85 years plus. I appreciate all of the knowledge that *Judy de Vries*, brings to our group as our member support liaison. She also heads our 'Let's Go' group, and has done an excellent job with rounding up interesting trips and activities for members. I would also like to thank our members at large, *Sue Mackenzie*, *John Salmon* and *Annette O'Connor* who are so willing to help out whenever they are needed. And, although not officially on the executive committee, I would like to thank *Beverley Anderson* who is our resident photographer. She takes great photos of all of the activities at our luncheons, as well as at the BCRTA AGM. Again, without such a support team, my job as president would not have been as successful.

We held five food-related events, the first being our 'No Bell Brunch', held on the first day of the new school year in *September*. We toasted our new retirees and welcomed them to the next phase of their life. We held our annual 'Silent Auction' at our *November* luncheon. The baked goods, as always, garnered high bids. At the *January* luncheon, we had a presentation by Collette Travel. Representatives from Johnson Insurance and Marlin Travel, a local travel representative, were also on hand to take any questions about travel insurance and travel bookings. Our members were entertained by the 'declutter ladies' at our *March* luncheon. They not only entertained us, but gave us some useful tips on how to manage all of that clutter that we seem to collect over the years. And, for the final luncheon in *May*, the Brookwood Secondary senior jazz band, under the direction of Mr. Derrick Turi, entertained us. It's always a delight to hear these young people perform. We had some special guests at our luncheon, as well. Four of our 85+ members -- *Jean Hope*,

*Fay Morelli, Lucia Soares, and Joan Tout* -- were honoured with a beautiful orchid corsage. We also opened up our luncheon invitation to include retired CUPE members who members wished to bring along.

We also gave a donation to the RR Smith foundation. And we continue to be a member of COSCO. I, along with at least one other LRTA member, attended the BCRTA zone meetings, which were conveniently held at the LTA office. This gave everyone a chance to find out what other branches were doing. Our members are kept informed of what is happening, through the newsletters, as well as our LRTA website.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Wilson, President