

Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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CRTA Newsletter

To Hell with the Bell Brunch

Tuesday September 5, 2017

Eagle Creek Restaurant at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course

7600 Halifax St. Burnaby, B.C.

Doors open at 10am

Tea & Coffee Available

If saving seats for others please ensure they arrive by 10:45am

Brunch served: **11am**

Price: \$25.00 (includes tax and gratuity)

Pre-pay by cheque for \$25.00 made out to CRTA. Mail to:

Mr. Howard Spence
2288 Portage Ave.
Coquitlam BC V3K 2Z3

**Deadline for receiving
responses is Tuesday August 29;
we are unable to offer
"at the door" payments.**



Cash bar:
Wine, Beer,
and Mimosas
\$6 plus tax



Directions

Eagle Creek Restaurant is located at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course at the eastern end of Halifax Street. From the Lougheed Highway, turn at Lake City Way, cross Broadway and continue on Arden Avenue, which follows around the golf course. At the four-way stop at Burnwood, turn left. Eagle Creek is on the left just before Halifax Street. From Hastings Street, turn at Kensington and continue to Halifax Street. Turn left on Halifax and continue to Burnwood Street.

CTA/CPVPA Fall Retirement Reception

The annual Fall reception celebrating Coquitlam's retiring teachers and administrators:

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Please note the venue:

Place: Poco Inn & Suites (Poco Room)
1545 Lougheed Highway, PoCo

**CRTA members are
welcome!**

2016-17 CTA Retirees- congratulations!

Andrew Albright
Kerry Armstrong
Janice Ashton
Sylvie Barabe-Chin
Kelly Bigioli
Wayne Biley
Cathryn Billy
Dierdre Biswell
Nora Boekhout
Muriel Branch
Jeffrey Brovold
Jim Burton
Kimberley Carmichael
Patricia Davis
Pauline Dingle
Kim Elliott
Robert Ennenberg
Diane Ferguson
Karen Ferguson
Brian Francescini
Barbara Frayne
Frank Gabiniewicz
Kathryn Ganzert
Teresa Grandinetti
Judy Grant
Valerie Green

Darlene Grieve
Shelly Hawley
Zofia Higo
Connie Jung
Bradley Kalyk
Sylvie Karsenti
Barbara Killy
Ann Kirby
Karen Kurnaedy
Greta Lajeunesse
Dorothy (Anne) Malo
Michael Milliard
Cheryl McCargar
Raffaella McKillop
Charmaine McWhinnie
Sharon Midgley
Hanna Miskiman
Barbara Moffatt
Maureen Morrison
Marlene O'Shaughnessy
Veena Panwar
Chantal Petiot
Pauline Pigeon
Patricia Palmer
Connie Peach
Ann Pesci

Anne Pham
Beth Quinn
Michael Ramsay
Gary Robinson
Greg Russell
Steven Salter
Lori Sartorello
Bonnie Siemans
Robyn Sinclair
James Siu
Nancy Smith
Nancy Snowden
Marilyn Stefanik
Melanie Stokes
Bernard Therasse
Henry Thiessen
Elfie Weber
Mary Wycherley
Linda Ziraldo

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Rob Foot
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Tricia Tipper

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President's Report - submitted by Caroline Malm



During the summer break, there is time to reflect on the past year's activities. As vice-president, it was a privilege to represent CRTA members' interests at the CRTA Executive Committee table, BCRTA AGM and BCTF AGM. It was a pleasure to celebrate with new retirees at the CTA

retirement reception and to reach out to future members at TPP retirement planning seminars. CRTA general meetings at Winslow and our brunch and lunch gatherings were stimulating events enjoyed in the company of friends and former colleagues. CRTA EC members were invariably willing to conduct branch business and activities with much good will and laughter, always grateful to the CTA for the meeting space and support. BCRTA provided high quality information and advocacy for our members. It was rewarding to work with BCRTA colleagues to produce the *Seniors' Issues for the BC Provincial Election* booklet and to adjudicate the *Golden Star Awards*.

At our AGM in June, with heartfelt thanks to Audrey and Jennifer for their long time service as President and Past-President respectively, members acclaimed the 2017-2018 Executive Committee: President: Caroline Malm; Vice-President: Teresa Grandinetti; Secretary: Lynne Sowerby; Treasurer: Howard Spence; Past-President: Audrey Anthony; Directors: Jennifer Blenkinsop, Dale Linton, Fran Mitchell, Lynda Parsons, John Pope, Maria Santone, Vicki Stacey, Henry Thiessen and Margrete Wylie. Based on past performance, the CRTA is in excellent hands!



Presentations Report- submitted by Fran Mitchell

In October, 2016 CRTA member Harold Gopaul presented a PowerPoint-based overview of climate change.

In February, a presenter from Translink, Mariee Devereux, informed us about Compass cards. A second presenter, Constable Jenny Chung with the Transit Police, talked about senior safety while using the transit system.

In April, Gerry Tiede, BCRTA 2nd VP and Chairperson of the BCRTA Pensions and Benefits Committee, informed us about Green Shield Canada, gave us pointers for tax returns and told us our TPP was in good shape. Lisa Hansen of Johnson Insurance, gave us an update on MEDOC and Prestige Insurance plans.

At the AGM on Wednesday June 7, Leon LeBrun, president of *Trails BC*, informed us on how to use the trails, mostly in the lower mainland and the Fraser Valley.

Door Prizes and Gifts Report- submitted by Margrete Wylie



At General Meetings, the CRTA provided more door prizes, usually five, because we no longer do the 50/50 draw. At the Christmas luncheon we had ten door prizes and we sent greeting cards to all life members. Door prizes and cards were very well received!

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Membership/Member Contact – submitted by Thomas John Pope:

The Numbers: Membership currently stands at 782 including 27 life members.

New members and recent retirees- Although member sign-up among 2016 retirees has been lower than in recent years, we are hopeful that the newly adopted 'first year free' provincial membership incentive plan will improve the numbers. If you are planning to join, please contact Laurie at the BCRTA office (604-871-2260 or laurie@bcrt.com)



Are you a recent retiree? We hope you enjoy reading this summer newsletter with its look back at the Association's past year's activities. Please contact us (coquitlamrta@hotmail.com) to receive newsletters via e-mail. Switching from paper to e-mail saves the Association the cost of printing & postage...and you receive the full-colour edition of the newsletter!

Keeping in touch - Contact between the Association and members via e-mail has reached a 73% participation rate. Most members have chosen the newsletters plus messages option. If you prefer the paper newsletter, but would like to receive e-mailed messages to keep in touch, just let us know (coquitlamrta@hotmail.com). Messages are kept to a minimum, but include information of particular use or interest to members, retirement news, volunteer opportunities, and special event announcements.

Have you moved or changed your e-mail address? Please update both the BCRTA and the CRTA. We are currently trying to re-establish contact with these members: Marie Popham and Armida McDougall. Any help would be appreciated.



Sunshine Coordinator Report - submitted by Dale Linton



Last year several get well and sympathy cards were sent to members who were ill and to families suffering a bereavement. Please keep me updated by contacting me by email at sewgrl1@gmail.com or alternatively by phone at 604-937-5113.

Greenshield Claims Resolution Process – Follow Up

1. Contact GSC directly at 1-888-711-1119 and request to speak with a supervisor.
2. You also have the option of contacting the Board of Trustees for the Teachers' Pension Plan. Their information is as follows:

Teachers' Pension Board Secretariat: PO Box 9460, Victoria, BC V8W 9V8

Email: TPBT@pensionsbc.ca

3. If not resolved after steps 1 and 2, contact laurie@bcrt.com She will forward your message to a member of the BCRTA Pensions and Benefits Committee.

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Phoning – Submitted by Lynda Parsons:

After consulting with members throughout the year, the phoning committee requires fewer volunteers because the number of members wanting to be phoned regarding luncheons and other information has diminished. At our last executive meeting it was noted that 73% of our members are contacted by email. We will continue to phone those members who have indicated that they want reminders. I will be forwarding the lists of these members to the volunteers on our committee. It is important to be in contact with everyone to pass on information regarding branch events such as the September brunch. For further information please contact me at lrparsons@telus.net or 604-939-9897.

Mark your calendar!

To Hell with the Bell Brunch – September 5, 2017

CTA/CPVPA Retirement Reception – September 14, 2017

CRTA General Meeting – October 18, 2017

Christmas Luncheon – December 6, 2017



In Memoriam



The CRTA regrets to announce the passing of the following District 43 colleagues.

We extend heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.



Doug Davis: May 11, 2017: Following 20 years of military service, Doug retired from the navy as a Chief Petty Officer and moved the family from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. He completed high school then graduated from UBC. Doug taught at Winslow and Charles Best Junior High Schools for twenty years before retiring in 1987. He is survived by family and friends.

Ward Eby: May 18, 2017: Ward qualified as a teacher at UBC. He was hired by Coquitlam School District where he was a member of the original staff of Centennial School serving in the English Department and helping to produce the award-winning student paper The Catalyst. He retired in 1991. He will be remembered for his love of language, his wit and wisdom. He is survived by his partner Anne Clemens, family and friends.

Ken Hammond: June 9, 2017: Ken began teaching in the district in 1981. He served as CTA president from 1989 to 1991 and later as CPVPA president. Ken was principal at both Pleasantside and Maryhill elementary schools until his retirement in December 2006. He is survived by his wife Judi, family and friends.