



Re **TIRE** *d*

Shuswap District Retired Teachers

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From The Prez:

I am writing this fresh from your Association's Annual General Meeting at the Downtown Activity Center.

The meeting was a little sentimental for some of us as we realized this was probably the last time we would be together in our old **Salmon Arm Elementary school. Earlier, Paul and I had shared recollections about being **Grade 1** students of Mrs. Meek in the room down the hall, and a few of us had actually taught in the building. The roof shingles looked pretty healthy to me, and I have begun to wonder about the claim that \$100,000 will be needed soon to re-roof the structure...**

We have voted to add a new position to the executive; there will henceforth be a First and a Second Vice-President. Paul Bennett was acclaimed as 2nd VP, and the position of 1st VP remains empty...to be filled at a later meeting. Jim Johnston was acclaimed as our Treasurer...congratulations to both Paul and Jim...many thanks for being willing to continue your service. The new position is to be regarded as a training slot for some brave soul to occupy before moving on to become President.

Patricia Clough spoke about several issues, the most pressing being that pesky **Bill C-27 (an Act to potentially destroy our defined benefit pension system) which remains an active threat to all pensioners in Canada. It had been expected by some to die a quiet death, but the Liberals and Conservatives have agreed to keep it alive, Patricia tells us. This is now a focus of action for the BCRTA and ourselves. We will crank up action in the fall when Parliament is ready to resume.**

Finally, delegates were chosen for the annual **BCRTA Convention at Vancouver Sept. 21-23. I will be attending as President; Paul and Leslie will also attend. As two delegates have their expenses paid by the Provincial organization, the meeting voted to have our branch pay for a third delegate.**

We adjourned into the bright Spring sunshine at noon. On behalf of the executive, I wish you an incredible summer free of smoke and full of great family time! I hope to see everyone at our **September 4 To Hell With The Bell brunch!**

Larry Calvert, President

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Your hard-working executive: (from left) Leslie, Jim, Paul and Larry

Volunteer Guides needed by Salmon Society

The AGM heard a presentation by **Ted Danyluk of the Adams River Salmon Society**. This is the year for a “dominant” Sockeye run, and Ted is recruiting **teacher volunteers** to act as tour guides.

A retired teacher himself, Ted says we make the best guides and he wants us out there telling the Sockeye story each Wednesday this summer. During the 24-day peak salmon run (beginning September 28) he is looking for help each day. This is a very worthwhile cause and I urge you to get involved!

You can phone him at **250-955-6384** or email him at teddanyluk@gmail.com.

2018-19 to feature Information Meetings

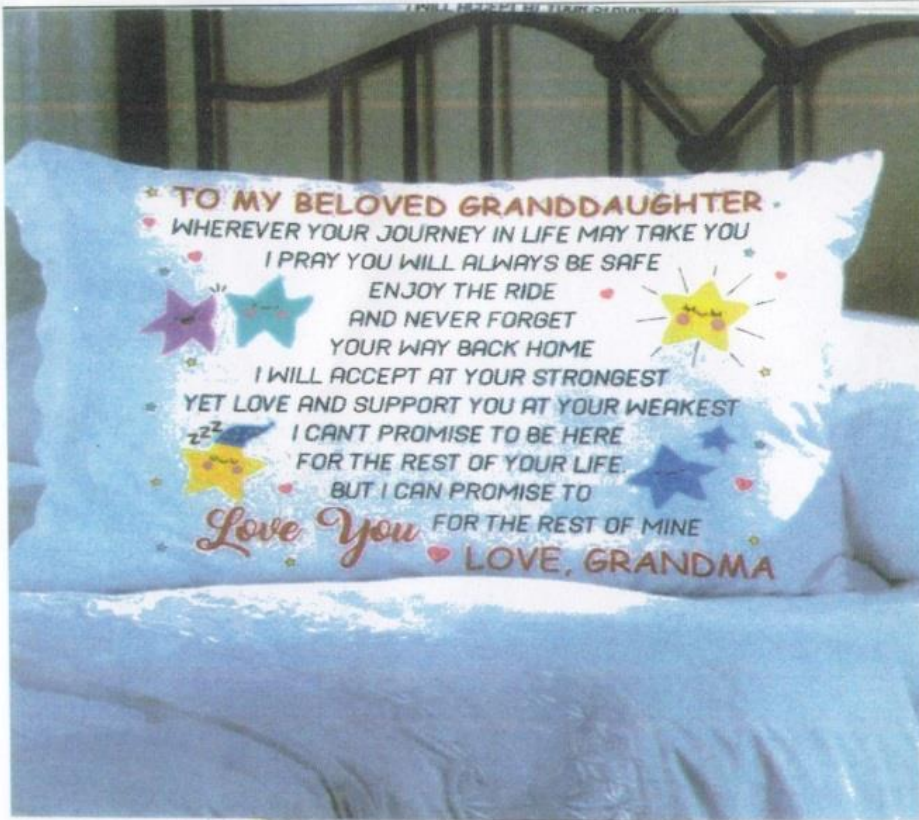
The AGM has also endorsed a move to offer informational meetings on issues facing retirees during the coming year. Rather than being attached to a brunch, the meetings will offer simple refreshments and be offered at no cost to members. Topics under consideration include handling the requirements imposed on elderly drivers, issues relating to hospital stays, and others. More information will be available in our September issue of ReTIREd.

REMEMBER:

TO HELL WITH THE BELL – September 4 Freedom Brunch at Table 24 (Podollan Inn)

Doors open 9:30, brunch at 10. \$15 at the door

Also...give Ted Danyluk a call...he needs our help 😊



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Patricia for
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