

Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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CRTA Newsletter

To Hell with the Bell Brunch

Tuesday September 4, 2018

**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

Cash bar:
Wine and Beer
\$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.

**Deadline for receiving responses is
Friday August 24; we are unable to
accept payment at the door.**

CTA/CPVPA Fall Wine and Cheese Reception

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

Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

**CRTA members are
welcome!**

RSVP by September 7
CTA Office (604-936-9971)

2017-18 CTA Retirees- congratulations!

Douglas Adlem
Kathryn Arduini
Terry Bates
Christopher Bell
Gregory Booth
Jane Brancati
Nancy Carl
Michael Cook
Rosita Di Fruscia
Olga Dodic
Marie-Lauraine Dube
Karen Elkan
Jane Evans
Brenda Graham
Debbie Grist
Pamela Hagen
Deborah Holt
Alnoor Jiwa
Deborah Jumaga
Tanis Kennedy
Sheila Kopf
Naomi Lane
Cari Leach
Lori Leonard



Louise Malfesi
Judy McConnell
Chryso Methot
Cameron Morrison
Stephanie Olsen
Jane Ono
Michael Pledge
Shannon Pringle
Alexandre Rathgeber
Susana Ruzic
Anne Shaw
Robin Shaw
Dale Shea
Carla Smith
Darcey Sudeyko
Greg Tjosvold
Silvia Venderliek
Wendy Wallace
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Marsha Arnold
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Petra Kintzinger
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President's Report - submitted by Caroline Malm

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As rookie president this year, I was privileged to represent CRTA members' interests locally and at provincial events. Kudos to the CRTA Executive Committee for working together effectively to conduct branch business and activities. Many thanks to the CTA and the District for the meeting spaces and support given to us.

It was an honour to address new retirees at the CTA's September retirement reception and to reach out to future members at TPP's retirement planning seminar in the spring. CRTA general meetings at Winslow and our popular brunch and lunch gatherings were most enjoyable and brought former colleagues and friends together for good conversation and stimulating presentations. In fact, in September we welcomed almost one hundred attendees to our back to school brunch celebration, proving once again that great food and great company are a perfect match. Throughout the year, BCRTA provided high quality information and advocacy for Coquitlam members. It was rewarding to work with CRTA members and BCRTA colleagues to petition the federal government to withdraw pension-related Bill C-27. One of our MP's, Fin Donnelly, presented our branch's petition in the House of Commons on April 18 while our other MP, Ron McKinnon, has refused to do so. We continue this important work during the summer and will present a report to CRTA members at our General Meeting on October 24th.

At our AGM in June, members acclaimed the 2018-2019 Executive Committee: President: Caroline Malm; Vice-President: Teresa Grandinetti; Secretary: Lynne Sowerby; Treasurer: Howard Spence; Directors: Audrey Anthony, Jennifer Blenkinsop, Dale Linton, Fran Mitchell, Lynda Parsons, John Pope, Maria Santone, Vicki Stacey, Henry Thiessen and Margrete Wylie. I look forward to the work, fun and accomplishments that we will achieve together.

Thank you, CRTA members, for supporting our efforts- we'll see you in the coming year, starting with "To Hell with the Bell" on September 4th!

Congratulations!

CRTA Life Member Marie Coulter celebrated her 100th birthday

on

July 19th, 2018!

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Membership/Member Contact – submitted by Thomas John Pope:

By the numbers

Membership for the current year stands at 791 including 21 life members.

New members and recent retirees

Although the number of new retirees opting for Association membership had been declining in recent years, the complimentary one-year membership offer introduced in 2017 was taken up by many District 43 retirees. New members have had a year to enjoy the provincial magazine and our local newsletter, and to check out various membership benefits, such as the group insurance policies (home, extended care and travel-medical) and the Members' Advantage Program discounts.

Keeping in touch

Contact between the Association and members via e-mail has reached over 78%, with 75% choosing the e-mail newsletter. If you like the paper newsletter, but would like to receive e-mailed messages to keep in touch, just let us know at (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.

Moved or changed your e-mail address? Please update both the BCRTA *and* CRTA.



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Presentations Report - submitted by Fran Mitchell:



The presentations this past year have been entertaining and informative! Last October **Kathleen Thomson**, a certified Personal Trainer, titled her presentation "**Forever Young: Fitness for Folks over Fifty**". She put us through a few of the exercises we would experience at Lift Fitness.

In February, **Anne Martin** from Coquitlam's Emergency Social Services did a presentation entitled "**Be a Hero: Be Prepared**". She informed us how to prepare ourselves for any type of emergency, be it fire, flood or earthquake. We went away with lots of handouts and simple ideas that would help in an emergency. In April, **Gerry Tiede** from the **BCRTA** and **Lisa Hansen** from **Johnson Insurance** came to update our members on our Pensions and the changes that will take place with Johnson Insurance this coming September. Our AGM in June was entertained by the **Cutie Circle: Coquitlam Ukulele Tiny Instrument Enthusiasts**. Our members came dressed in tropical attire and sang along to some old familiar songs while the Cuties played their ukes. We finished the afternoon with a free luncheon prepared by members of the Bridge Club with assistance from the Executive Committee.

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Phoning – Submitted by Lynda Parsons:

This past year the phoning committee has been busy calling members who do not want to receive messages by email. Although our phone lists have shortened significantly, we have some members who like to receive personal contact.

I appreciate the volunteers who do the phoning. I will be contacting some of them soon to ask them to get busy on the phone as our very popular September brunch date is coming up on Tuesday, September 4. Doors will open at 10am and brunch will be served at 11am. If you wish to be contacted by phone and you haven't told us, please contact me, Lynda Parsons, 604-939-9897 or lrparsons@telus.net. In the meantime, mark that date on the calendar and enjoy the rest of this beautiful summer!

Mark your calendar!

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CTA/CPVPA Retirement Reception – September 13, 2018

CRTA General Meeting – October 24, 2018

Christmas Luncheon – December 5, 2018



Treasurer's Report – submitted by Howard Spence:



Your executive managed your finances very well, keeping all items close to our budget. We had decided to run a small deficit, our first ever, in keeping with BCRTA's requirement that income be spent on member benefits, and that all branches combined, along with the BCRTA finances, would not show a significant profit, in order to retain our not-for-profit status. So we subsidized all 3 lunches and increased door prize values, anticipating a deficit of about \$500. All told, with lunch subsidies totaling about \$1300, and door prize values about \$600, and with other expenses close to last year's, we ended the year with a deficit of \$140.

We will set our budget for the coming year at our next executive meeting, likely with roughly the same expenses and revenues. More details will follow as the year progresses.

In Memoriam



The CRTA regrets to announce the passing of the following member.
We extend heartfelt condolences to family and friends.



Lou Huberman: May 12, 2018: Lou taught in Surrey, but lived in Coquitlam and was a CRTA member and former member of the bridge club. He is survived by his partner Jayne Wood and children Deborah & David.