

# INTOUCH

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ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2018

## PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS



The summer has been great so far and I am sure you are all enjoying summer activities. My husband and I love to attend the music festivals and local concerts. We also have acquired a one year old German Shepherd/Lab cross puppy which will keep us both hopping. She has a sweet nature and is good company but requires a lot of training which we have a lot of time to do.

The executive has decided that we no longer require a newsletter as you all get Postscript and Connections. If you don't, let the BCRTA office know so that you can keep abreast of provincial projects.

To update you since my e-blast, I have contacted Ed Fast's office to find out if he will read our petition in front of the House but I guess the answer is "no". I have contacted the office a couple of times but have not heard back. That is okay, as Peter Julienne will read our petition to the House.

As you know, we are hoping you will sign the petition to withdraw Bill C-27 which is an Act to amend the Pension Benefit Standards Act, of 1985. I have also encouraged those who are

not attending the September breakfast to drop into the ADTA office on Cyril St., where it is available during September. You will find it on the Bulletin Board. You could pass the word to your retired teacher friends who are not members so they have access to it. We are also considering placing an ad in the paper and perhaps having the petition at the the Clearbrook Library during September for a day or two.

Our Branch AGM will be held after the breakfast and we hope you will stay to participate. Members will have to sign in and receive a voting card, so come a bit early. We need to pass the motion to increase our Branch membership fees to \$10. I hope to include the notice of motion, the auditor's report and the agenda for the AGM in this newsletter which will provide the required 30 days notice of meeting. We will also have elections. Most of the committee chairs are willing to stand. Gloria Adam has agreed to work as President with Janice Brost, our Vice President. We are saying good bye to Carol Anthony, Historian/Photographer and need a Member at Large to round out our executive. I will be Past President. Margo Payne is also retiring from the phoning committee. It has been a pleasure serving on the executive as both Secretary and President since I retired from teaching in 1987.

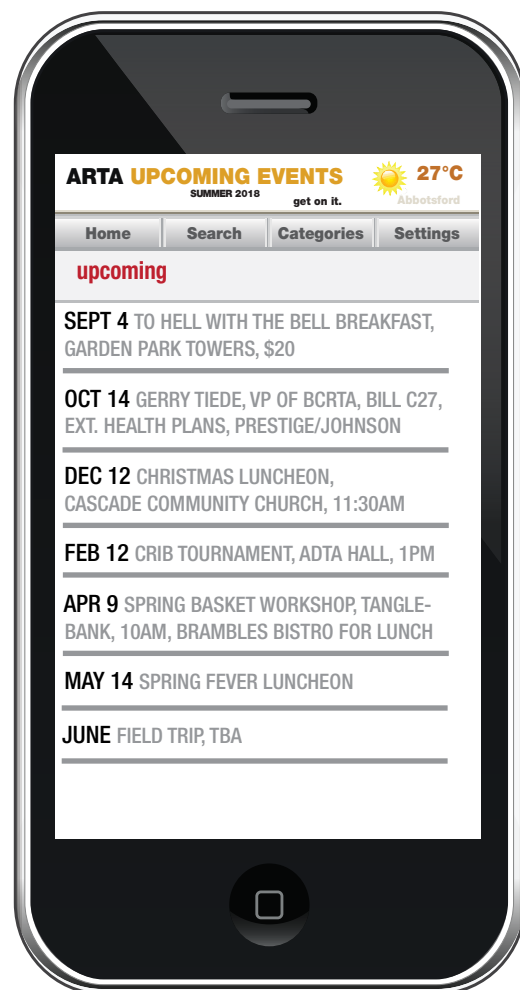
Our Social Committee has done a marvellous job, as usual, and you will find the list of events planned for the coming year in this newsletter.

Remember to check out the BCRTA website. Eventually, you will be able

to access your own file and keep it updated with address and email address changes, etc. which will be extremely helpful for our membership chairman and vice-president. If you move, and don't tell us your new location or email, we cannot keep you in the loop.

Sincerely,

*Lois Wilson*





### Elections/Nominations

Roy Daly will serve as elections chairman. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.  
 The following members have agreed to stand for office:

**Table officers:**

- President: Gloria Adam
- Vice-President: Jance Brost
- Secretary: Sue McKenzie
- Treasurer: Erin Quast

**Committee Chairs:**

- Social Committee: Gloria Adam / Doreen Petersen / Leona Oren
- Phone Committee: Mike Phelps
- Sunshine Committee: Shannon Reidlinger
- Membership Committee: Madeleine Gravel
- Heritage History: open
- Members at Large: Adelin Beaujot



**Carol Anthony and Mado Gravel**

### A Change to our Constitution is Necessary

Notice of Motion for the Abbotsford Branch of the RTA - Sept 4.

**Moved by Erin Quast, Seconded by Gloria Adam that the ADRTA raise the membership fee to \$10.00.**

Rational: Expenses have gone up considerably. We have subsidized the luncheons which are getting more expensive, we have had to find a new venue which charges for room rental, gas prices for the field trip bus have increased. The numbers of our 80 year plus members who are guests at our Christmas Luncheon has increased. We could not afford to host our volunteers at a restaurant luncheon this year.



**Gloria Adam and Doreen Petersen**



## **AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABBOTSFORD BRANCH OF THE BCRTA**

**SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2018  
GARDEN PARK TOWERS  
2825 CLEARBROOK ROAD**

**Call To Order:** (after the breakfast) Number of members present (quorum is 30).

**Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:** See August newsletter.

**Auditor's Report:** See August newsletter.

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**Elections:** Chaired by Roy Daly. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

**Any other business:**

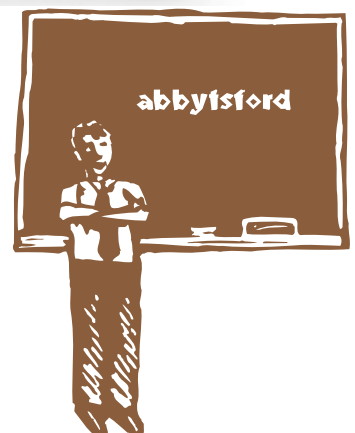
**Adjournment.**



**Heather Hicks and Linda Baynes**



**Janice Brost and Erin Quast**



## Year-end Report of the Finances of the ARTA, 2017-2018

The ARTA finances for the year 2017-2018 are in good order and follow accepted practices.

There is a surplus of \$544.82 to be carried over to the 2018-2019

fiscal year.

**Recommendations:** It would be helpful to have reports from individual committees. These reports would help the individual committees stay within

their guidelines with the option of review at each meeting.

*Wayne Anthony*

BC Retired Teachers' Association Branch Financial Reporting	
Reporting Branch: Fiscal Period: 2017-2018	
Receipt for the year:	Amount
Membership Fees received Oct. and April	1435 + 80
Grants <i>Heritage</i>	5
Donations	200
Other (specify):	
Revenue from luncheons	1956
<i>Field Trips</i>	420
Total receipt for the year:	4076 + 659 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Acct. balance 4735.71
Disbursements for the year:	
Entertainment (speakers, choirs etc)	2971.60
Luncheon Costs	
Advertising	
Other (specify):	
<i>Gift Card - E. Goss</i>	75.00
<i>Sunshine</i>	418.52
<i>Heritage</i>	638.48
<i>Newsletter</i>	4335
<i>Field Trips</i>	384.30
Total disbursement for the year:	4211.22
Statement of financial position as at end of fiscal period:	
Cash on hand	544.50
Investment	
Other (specify):	
Submitted by:	
Branch Treasurer:	<i>E. Goss</i>



## Social Committee 2017-18

We had a very busy year with lots of activities and social gatherings. In September, we had our To Hell with the Bell brunch at the Phoenix Lounge. We invited our new ADTA president, Jenn Brooks as our special guest and she gave us an update on what was happening at the district level with the ADTA.

In October, we visited Campbell's Gold Honey Farm and Meadery on LeFeuvre Road. This is an agri-tourism business with a country store selling honey wines and many varieties of local and B. C. honeys. We learned a lot about the life cycle and the sexual habits of honey bees from Mike and Judy Campbell and then we were able

to buy honey products to take home. We then had lunch at the Milsean Coffee Shop in Aldergrove.

At our November meeting, Debra from Maritime Travel came with lots of travel information and we enjoyed hearing about the various trips over coffee, tea and goodies.

Our Christmas luncheon in December was well attended with 70 guests, 9 were our guests as they were our "over 80 year olds". Patricia Clough, the BCRTA President came and spoke to us about issues they were dealing with at the provincial level. We had door prizes, games, and gifts and we all had lots of fun!

In February, we had our 1st Annual Crib Tournament with trophies

and prizes. We had so much fun that we decided we are definitely doing it again next year. Thanks so much to Stan Petersen for organizing the tournament for us!

In April, we had our Spring Fever luncheon at the Spaghetti Factory with trivia games, door prizes and raffle tickets sold in support of our bursary fund. Thanks so much to Vicki Coutu for organizing the raffle!

In June, Leona organized a successful field trip to Boundary Bay and out to lunch at a local pub. A good time was had by all!

We are looking forward to another fun and exciting year!

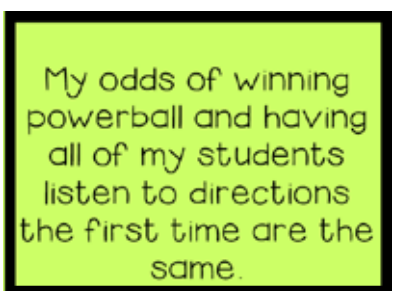
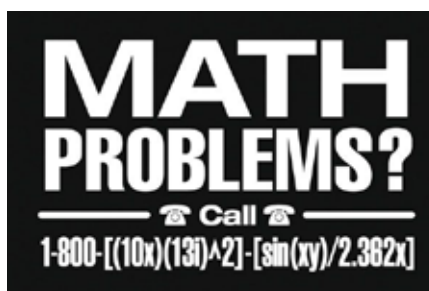
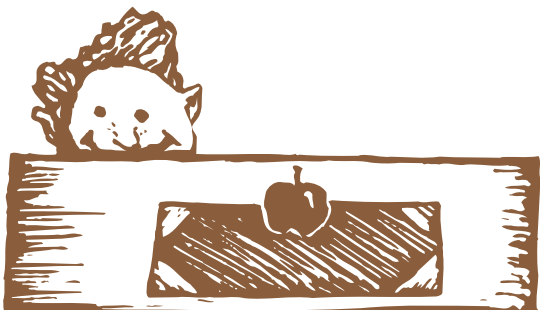
*Gloria Adam*



**Rose Esposito and Joanne Dumont**



**Sue McKenzie and Carol Anthony**





**Lois and Dave Wilson**



**Executive, plus one guest, minus Carol Anthony**



**Mike Phelps and Leona Oren**



### **Teacher Fact #18**

Your most challenging student will NEVER be absent!

## **Sunshine Committee**



The past year saw the loss of several members: Bob Obradovich, Claire Clemo, Justina Watt, and Ruth Dick. Get well cards were sent to Barry Stewart, Aroon Whitelaw, Mike Phelps, Lois Wilson and Charlotte George. Thanks went to Marg Forester for being a phoner for many years and to Mae Hanna and Chris Foulds (at the Reach) for help with the Heritage Committee, and to Vicki Coutu for donating a large raffle basket. Twenty-five Christmas invitations were sent to lifetime members. Hope you are having a healthy summer.

*Shannon Riedlinger*

## **Heritage Committee, Year-end Report, 2017-2018**

RTA records from its beginnings in 1973 to the present. Any new materials will also be archived yearly at The Reach. The BCRTA was generous in their support of this project by granting us monies to fulfil this work.

The Heritage Committee consisted of Vicki Coutu, Madeleine Gravel, Shannon Riedlinger, and co-ordinator, Carol Anthony. Many thanks to this fantastic group of ladies.

*Vicki Coutu*

*Madeleine Gravel*

*Shannon Riedlinger*

*Carol Anthony*

## **THANK YOU, PHIL**

We have all appreciated the magic Phil Lewis, our editorial Wizard, creates when he produces the final copy of the newsletter. Phil has spent a lot of his time behind the scenes, getting each newsletter edited and ready for production. A heart felt thank you from all of us, Phil.

*Lois Wilson*

## Bursary Presentations

Congratulations to our membership for raising enough funds to present two \$1000.00 bursaries to Abbotsford students Brandi Pihowich, graduating from Mouat, and Melissa Stach, who graduated from Bakerview Centre for Learning. Due to some error, I was given the incorrect date for the Mouat

grad and regretfully, I didn't make it. The ceremony for the Bakerview Centre for Learning is always a moving experience. These graduates have worked very hard to change their lives and it was an honour to hear their stories. I had asked their counselors to help me get in touch with them

so they could tell us a bit about their future plans but the school year ended too quickly and, of course, no one was available to give me information until September. I hope you will all continue to sponsor the bursary program with your donations.

*Lois Wilson*



**Brandi Pihowich**



**Melissa Stach**



**Karen Hamilton and Leona Oren**



**Premier Horgan and Karen Hamilton**

### ADRTA Executive:



**President**  
Lois Wilson

**Vice-President**  
Janice Brost

**Treasurer**  
Erin Quast

**Secretary**  
Sue McKenzie

**Social Committee**  
Leona Oren

**Social Committee**  
Doreen Petersen

**Membership**  
Madeleine Gravel

**Phoning Committee Chair**  
Mike Phelps

**Social Committee**  
Gloria Adam

**Sunshine Committee**  
Shannon Reidlinger

**Historian**  
Carol Anthony

**Publicity**  
Lisa Woo