

Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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CRTA Newsletter

CRTA General Meeting: Wednesday February 6, 2019

Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

9:30 AM: Social, coffee, tea, cookies

10:00AM: Business meeting

Presentation: Dig This!



At our February General Meeting, we will be taken on an archaeological dig and will explore the findings through our guest speaker, Dr. Stanley Copp. Dr. Copp teaches Anthropology, Archaeology and Forensic Anthropology at Langara College. Unearthing evidence, such as petroglyphs and historical artifacts from our past, enriches the historical knowledge we have of our province. Come and enjoy this entertaining presentation!

Mark your calendar!

CRTA General Meeting - February 6, 2019

CRTA General Meeting - April 3, 2019

CRTA AGM and Lunch - June 5, 2019



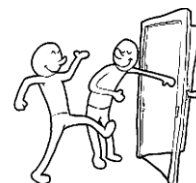
President's Report



Happy New Year! As we begin 2019, your CRTA Executive Committee wishes you all the best for memorable experiences and good health. The year ahead boasts 365 days, each one an opportunity. This issue of the newsletter offers some exciting options for your consideration as you move ahead. Music, travel, theatre- you are invited to participate!

2019 is Federal election year in Canada. As in the past, BCRTA committees will be working in a non-partisan way to keep members informed on the issues as the election nears. Medicare, National Pharmacare, pension security and other matters that affect retirees will be in the news as we approach voting day, scheduled for October 21, 2019.

2019 is a fresh opportunity to take advantage of the considerable cost savings and other benefits you can derive from your BCRTA/ CRTA membership. Go to www.bcrta.ca for details. *PostScript* Magazine and *BCRTA Connections* e-Newsletter will keep you entertained and informed. This Branch Newsletter will ensure that you know about CRTA events and issues. Welcome to 2019 - let the opportunities begin!



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CRTA CELEBRATES!

A traditional highlight in December is the CRTA Christmas Luncheon. 2018's celebration was held at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course.



Lovely weather, seasonal ambience and delicious food made for a very enjoyable occasion. **Ninety-eight** attendees welcomed new acquaintances and renewed old ones while retired teacher Jim Burton performed a festive selection of musical numbers. Several people won door prizes and life members were warmly acknowledged. Attendees applauded co-ordinator Maria Santone, her assistant Audrey Anthony and the entire CRTA Executive Committee for providing an outstanding kick off to the Christmas season. In the spirit of the holidays, attendees donated \$113.00 to SHARE.

Membership

Due to privacy laws, CRTA no longer receives contact information for new retirees. We would like to encourage more retirees to access the many benefits provided by BCRTA and CRTA. Please help us to reach retirees by forwarding this newsletter to your newly retired acquaintances.

A healthy percentage of recent retirees have opted for a one-year trial membership. We currently have 809 members!

If you are retired, not yet a member but planning to join, please contact Laurie at the BCRTA office (604-871-2260 or laurie@bcrta.ca) All Coquitlam retired teachers who are not yet members are welcome to join BCRTA and CRTA with free membership until September, 2019.



CRTA thanks the Coquitlam Teachers' Association for assisting us in reaching future members by including CRTA/ BCRTA information in their 2018 newsletters. We are grateful for the CTA's longstanding support of our association!

Have you recently moved? Changed your e-mail address? Please let us know by email to coquitlamrta@hotmail.com or by telephone 604-461-7355.

Can you help us locate the following members? We no longer have current contact information for:

Audrey Beckett

Ray Comeau

Email coquitlamrta@hotmail.com or phone 604-461-7355. Thank you!

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Green Shield Claims Resolution Process

1. Contact GSC directly at 1-888-711-1119 to speak with a representative.
2. If unresolved, speak with a supervisor.
3. 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
4. If not resolved after steps 1, 2 and 3, contact laurie@bcrt.ca. She will forward your message to a member of the BCRTA Pensions and Benefits Committee.

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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS



Choral Workshop:

Would you like to work with churches in New Westminster to learn two musical pieces, one for **Lent** and one for **Easter**? Then come together for a community choral workshop.

Saturday, Feb 9th, 2019

9:00 AM - Noon
Cost - \$20
Olivet Baptist Church
613 Queens Ave.
New Westminster

We are delighted to have Lorraine Reinhardt facilitating this workshop, helping us to engage in good singing technique and to prepare these anthems so we can use them in our churches. Lorraine brings experience and skill having performed extensively, is a sought after teacher, vocal coach, and takes great delight in enabling others to sing and create music.

Pre-register by February 1st by emailing Doug McSavaney -
dmcsavaney@gmail.com *Payment to be handed in the day of the event.*
(If payment is an issue, please contact your Pastor)

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Travel:

Meet Troy Opper of *Enjoy Tours* and John Goranson of *Collette Travel*.
To register contact Judy de Vries at devriesj@telus.ca or 604-530-7103.
Space is limited.

Cost is \$5.00 per person which goes to the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation in support of Educational Projects in BC and abroad.

Program includes previews of:

- Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland
- Quest for the Antarctic Circle
- Haida Gwaii + Northwest BC
- Exploring the Yukon
- Rail Across Canada
- BC Coastal Adventure
- Starlight Train + Pacific Coastal Cruise
- Day and Overnight trips for 2019

Wednesday Jan 23, 2019

10:00 am
Langley School Board Office,
4875 222 St, Langley
Rm 355.

Q and A to follow. Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

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Performing Arts: www.thevaudevillians.com



The Vaudevillians are in search of some talented retirees to assist them in their non-profit mandate to raise funds in support of youth in the performing arts. Positions available are:

- **Artistic Director** to plan and direct a show for November.
- **Musical Director** to act as Accompanist and work with the Artistic Director and Choreographer.
- **Choreographer** to develop and teach dance numbers working directly with the Artistic Director and Musical Director.
- **Sound Technician** to attend smaller shows approximately twice a month.
- **Producer** to work with a Production committee and oversee all areas of our November Surrey Arts Centre event.

Honorariums of varying amounts can be provided for the above positions

We would also welcome volunteers to support our mandate by attending events and assisting backstage, plus loading and unloading for set up at performances. No experience required. For further information please contact: Barbara Hall, President/Stage Manager at 778 918 0178 or barbaravaudevillians@shaw.ca Or Pat Trimble, Vice President at trimbles@shaw.ca

Sunshine Committee

Sunshine coordinator Dale Linton sends get well and sympathy cards to members who are ill and to families suffering a bereavement. Please keep her updated by calling 604-937-5113.

Phoning Committee

The Phoning Committee is still running "full force". We phone CRTA members who do not have email and want to receive information about the September Brunch and the Christmas Luncheon. If you would like a friendly phone call from a fellow Coquitlam retired teacher about these very fun events please let me know and I'll put you on our list. Call me, Lynda Parsons, at 604-939-9897.

In Memoriam



The CRTA regrets the passing of the following Members.
We extend heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.



Thomas Broughton

Ivan Eriksson

Eric Gledden