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CRTA Newsletter

Christmas Luncheon – December 5, 2018

Burnaby Mountain Golf Course

7600 Halifax St. Burnaby, B.C.

11:00 am Social, bar open, tea and coffee



The CRTA is unable to reserve tables.

Please arrive in time to secure group seating.

If saving seats for others please ensure they arrive by 11:45 am

12:00 noon Luncheon

Price: \$27.00* (includes tax and gratuity)

Pre-pay by cheque for \$27.00 made out to CRTA. Mail to:



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



Payment must be received by November 28 to meet catering deadlines. This date is firm. We are unable to accept payment at the door.

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Cash bar:
Wine and beer
\$8 including tax



Mark your calendar!

Christmas Luncheon - December 5, 2018

CRTA General Meeting - February 6, 2019:

Presenter: Sharon Tokar, Forensic Anthropologist

CRTA General Meeting - April 3, 2019

CRTA AGM and Lunch - June 5, 2019



Directions

Burnaby Mountain Golf Course is located 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. Entrance to parking 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.

Roast turkey with Riesling gravy
Apple, cranberry and sage stuffing
Dinner rolls with butter
Tuscan greens salad
Traditional Caesar salad
Tomato and bocconcini salad
Chickpea salad
Roasted garlic mashed Yukon gold potato
Brown rice pilaf with squash, raisin and cranberry
Vegetarian lasagna
Market and root vegetables
Oven roasted haddock with lemon dill cream sauce
Caramelized orange glazed ham with mandarins
Assorted cakes, pies and fruit salad
Starbucks coffee and assorted teas

New Menu

* The price this year reflects the increased costs of food and wages. The \$33.00 price of the buffet is the same as for all the restaurant's customers. The CRTA Executive Committee approved a \$27.00 ticket price, a \$2.00 increase from last year. A \$6.00 subsidy will be applied per person.

Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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President's Report



Delegates Henry Thiessen, Howard Spence, John Pope, Audrey Anthony and I represented the CRTA at the BCRTA Annual Conference and AGM in September. The agenda included sessions on a variety of issues: BCRTA's Strategic Plan; Budget 2018-19; Pensions and Benefits; Bill C-27; Golden Star Awards; Indigenous Education; R.R. Smith Memorial Fund; Travel.

A session ominously entitled “**Keeping Local Presidents Out of Jail**” dealt with legal issues around fundraising. On a lighter note, CRTA member Kathleen Thomson led the AGM in a most enjoyable fitness session. Your CRTA delegates were privileged to represent you and to confer with BCRTA members from across the province.

At our general meeting on **October 24**, retired educator Gale Pirie presented, “What’s Hot and What’s Not”. While appraising items brought by attendees, Gale shared a wealth of knowledge about antiques and collectibles. There were some exciting surprises!

On **December 5th** you are invited to join with friends and former colleagues as we welcome the Christmas season at our popular Christmas luncheon buffet. If you know new and not so new retirees, encourage them to attend - it's the perfect time to catch up with former colleagues!

The back to school brunch on **September 4** was a great start to the 2018-19 year! Ninety-one members and new retirees enjoyed a delicious brunch and much good conversation.

Welcome new retirees!



Member Contact Updates

Please let John Pope know if you have a new email address, home address or telephone number. We want to stay in touch!

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A Brief Financial Update



Your association ended its financial year on June 30 with a healthy balance sheet. Our year-end balance was \$4,365, a net deficit of \$114. Using member fees for the benefit of members is a top priority, so we devote our financial resources mainly to meetings, lunches and our regular newsletters. For the coming year, we have budgeted for a deficit of about \$300, in an effort to balance out surpluses over several previous years. Once that has been achieved, we will strive for balanced budgets.



Bill C-27 continues to pose potentially serious threats to the sustainability of pension plans. **Bill C-27** will allow plan sponsors to **reduce future pensions, even for pensioners already retired**. As you will recall, CRTA members signed two petitions asking the federal government to withdraw **Bill C-27**. MP *Fin Donnelly* (Port Moody- Coquitlam) presented the first petition in the House of Commons but MP *Ron McKinnon* (Coquitlam- Port Coquitlam) refused to present the second. However, as we go to press, MP *Peter Julian* (New Westminster-Burnaby) has agreed to present the second petition in the House on behalf of the CRTA members who signed it.

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**Wondering about the Proportional Representation referendum?
Questions about saving money with BCRTA affinity partners?
Curious about our new travel and EHC insurance plans?
Wanting pension news?
All this and much more- check it out at www.bcrta.ca!**

Green Shield Claims Resolution Process

1. Contact GSC directly at 1-888-711-1119. If not resolved, ask 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@bcrta.ca She will forward your message to a member of the BCRTA Pensions and Benefits Committee.

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Congratulations to the following CRTA members who will serve on BCRTA committees this year:

Caroline Malm: Board of Directors

Howard Spence: Pensions and Benefits

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.

Editor's note: To reduce the chance of CRTA email addresses being auto-extracted from the newsletter, all email hyperlinks have been removed and asterisks placed before and after the CRTA email addresses.



CRTA Phoning Committee

In November we will be busy calling members who wish to be phoned about the **Christmas Luncheon**. We will remind members about the luncheon and provide the information needed to get a cheque to Howard Spence in time. The luncheon is on Wednesday, December 5 at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course. It is a very fun event and a great way to visit with former colleagues. For further information regarding the Phoning Committee contact Lynda Parsons at 604-939-9897 or *lrparsons@telus.net*

Coquitlam Gogos

Coquitlam **Gogos** are a dynamic group of grandmothers and grandmothers who raise funds and create awareness of the great needs of African grandmothers raising millions of children orphaned by AIDS. Join us Monday, November 19, for "Pub Night" at *Micky's Public House* in Coquitlam. For details about this event contact *coquitlamgogos@gmail.com* or phone CRTA member Phyllis at 604 469-4888.

In Memoriam



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

We extend heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.



Ray Thompson, CRTA Life Member: July 13, 2018

Ray taught in schools in Castlegar, Burnaby, Vancouver and Coquitlam. He retired in 1985 after 10 years as Fine Arts Coordinator for School District No. 43. Ray discovered wood carving and created delightful mementos as door prizes for CRTA members. He is survived by his children Bruce (Mary), Joan, Brian (Debbie), Patricia, Sheila (Tom), Ross (Cathy), nine grandchildren, and many other family members and friends.

Sharon Cashore: September 28, 2018

Sharon held an MEd in Counselling Psychology from UBC and was a dedicated and innovative teacher and counsellor in School District 43. She created inspiring classroom environments, and delighted in sewing costumes. She is survived by her husband John, her children Cecelia (Dave), Harvey (Isabella), Benjamin (Donna), Judith (Michael), eleven grandchildren and many other family members and friends.