



Shuswap District Retired Teachers

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From The Prez:

A busy spring is being charted by our executive, and we hope members will be pleased. As this is written we are negotiating for a time to meet with MP Mel Arnold, to present the petition which our members have been busily signing. Thanks to our email campaign, the number of signatures has swollen to over 90, and more keep trickling in! We will ask Mel to **read our petition in the House of Commons**, as other MPs have done.

The first social event will mix business and pleasure, with the presentation on Representation Agreements, Wills and Estates by local lawyer Kathryn Vennard. We are combining her presentation with a regular Table 24 brunch, and pricing the bundle at **\$10!** We hope this will encourage members to venture forth and enjoy our early spring! The date will be **Tuesday, Feb. 26 ... 9:30 am...Table 24 Restaurant**

We are working hard also to secure two COSCO workshop dates for the **"Stay On The Road"** workshop. This workshop is focused on what elderly drivers face as ICBC tries to take away their licences, and includes many tips for dealing with the situation. Last year, our provincial group gave COSCO a large grant to put on the workshop around BC, but we were unable to secure one even though the team was driving right through town! If they receive more BCRTA money we expect to be first in line! If we are successful, workshops are planned for Salmon Arm and Armstrong.

Lastly, we have decided to remedy our outdated member contact lists. The executive has approved a **\$300 contract** offer to our members. We need a brave soul to undertake the task of telephoning all members and updating their email and mailing addresses! Coming off the Christmas season, we are sure someone will be grateful for the extra revenue. If you are that person, please contact me for more information.

--Larry

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NOSTA Update

The flood damage is being restored at the NOSTA office on Ross Street. Debra is manning the door...the **side door** closest to the railway. Front door remains blocked, and a contractor is expected to begin renovation work very soon. Once the contractor is finished, your executive will be able to resume meetings there.

Christmas Lunch a Pleasure for All!

Those who gathered at Table 24 for our Christmas Lunch were treated to the wonderful music of Jim and Barb, the great food, and a surprise guest...Tom Brighthouse. Our sing-along kept alive the promise of Christmas despite the lack of Christmas snow outside. The bottles of wine (door prizes) gave extra pleasure for the lucky ones! Below are a few candid photos of our guests!









Here and There...

- **Patricia** reports she is working with the National Pensioner Assn on a national pharmacare program (representing BCRTA)
- **Participants** in last fall's public forum for school trustee candidates tell us it was very much appreciated.
- **MEDOC fees** are 75% tax deductible, but you have to request receipt.
- **Leslie and Paul** have agreed to become our head-hunters, looking for a candidate to become 1st Vice President, and to fill other forthcoming vacancies on the executive. Please contact them if interested.
Paul: 250-832-4721.....Leslie: 250-832-5001

Remember:

Representation Agreements, Wills, Estates brunch workshop

Tuesday, Feb. 26

9:30 for 10:00

Table 24 – Hilltop Inn (usual spot)

\$10.00 at door.