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## CRTA Newsletter



### Annual General Meeting June 5, 2019

#### Gallery Room Winslow Centre

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

10:00 AM: Presentation:



To get our meeting off to a rousing start, Coquitlam's ***Dogwood Songsters*** will entertain us with "***Razzle Dazzle***", a show that is sure to get you in the mood for those carefree summer days. As well as lively songs sung by the songsters, we have been asked to make room for some dancing. Come and be entertained!

#### Meeting:

#### President's Report

#### Elections will be held for:

- President
- Vice- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Directors
- Delegates to the BCRTA Annual General Meeting: October 3, 4, 5, 2019

#### Draw for Door Prizes

#### Complimentary Lunch:

Lunch will be prepared by the Bridge Club assisted by the Executive Committee

#### Nominations for Executive positions:

Nominations are being accepted at this time for the CRTA Executive Committee. An active or life member of the CRTA wishing to stand for election must signify so ***in writing or by email*** to the chair of the nominating committee at least two weeks prior to the AGM, ***except for nominations made and accepted in person at the AGM***. All positions are for a one year term.

Please send written nominations for CRTA EC positions and Delegates to the BCRTA AGM to Howard Spence at [hwspace@gmail.com](mailto:hwspace@gmail.com) by May 22, 2019.

# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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2019

## June 1 is Intergenerational Day

<https://bcrrta.ca/coquitlam/>

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*Intergenerational Day - June 1* - is recognized annually in Canada and abroad as a day for us to focus on promoting intergenerational programs and learning opportunities, and to assist in developing rich and sustainable connections between generations. As individuals, we can all participate in *Intergenerational Day*. On June 1, [www.intergenerational.ca](http://www.intergenerational.ca) suggests that we connect with someone from a different generation:

- **IF you have a few seconds,**  
-make eye contact and smile
- **IF you have 5 minutes,**  
-call to say hello
- **IF you have 30 minutes,**  
-sit down and have a conversation
- **IF you have an hour or two,**  
-share a meal



## Scholarship Opportunity from Johnson Insurance

Since 1998, the Johnson scholarship program has awarded over \$1,000,000 in scholarships and academic grants to students across Canada. Applicants must fall into **one** of the following categories:

- have a parent/guardian or grandparent who has a home or auto policy through Johnson;
- have a parent/guardian or grandparent who is a member/employee of a Johnson recognized group\*, and has a home or auto policy or group benefit plan through Johnson;
- have a parent/guardian or grandparent who is a member/employee of a Johnson recognized group\*, but does not have a home or auto policy or group benefit plan through Johnson.

Please see the [online application form](#) to obtain full requirements and submission instructions. If you require further information, please call toll free 1-866-544-2673 or email [scholarshipfund@johnson.ca](mailto:scholarshipfund@johnson.ca)



Our annual Back to School Brunch, affectionately known as ***“To Hell with the Bell”***, is scheduled for **September 03, 2019** at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course with doors opening at 10:00. Please mark your calendars for this popular event. More information and a registration form will be included in our August newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

## President's Report



On behalf of your Executive Committee, I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement this year. When we gather for meetings and social events, we know that the company and conversations will be first class. I hope you will join us on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the AGM, free lunch included!

One of our endeavours this year is opposition to Bill C-27. During March and April, many CRTA members signed an **e-petition** that encouraged government to increase the security of retirement income, stop attempts to cause seniors to surrender rights to their earned pensions, and provide insurance for pensioners when their employers cannot or will not fulfill the promises they made. The gathering of signatures was very successful, topping the goal of 10,000 signatures. When the petition signing closed on April 9th, there were **13,740 confirmed signatures** from across Canada, including **4,107 from British Columbia!**

You will recall that in June 2018, MP Ron McKinnon (Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam) refused to present our **paper petition** calling for the withdrawal of Bill C-27. I am very pleased to say that on **May 1, 2019** MP Peter Julian rose in the House and presented the petition on our behalf. Mr. Julian acknowledged us all when he addressed the House:

*"Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to add more petitioners to the thousands of Canadians who are demanding that the government withdraw Bill C-27. I would like to pay tribute to JoAnne and Dale Lauber and all of the activists involved at the BC Retired Teachers' Association who have been approaching members of Parliament and collecting signatures. These teachers have given all their lives to the community and continue to give to better our country. All of these petitioners, the thousands who have signed thus far, are saying that given that the government actually promised that it would not gut defined benefit plans, Bill C-27 should be withdrawn because it would jeopardize the retirement income security of Canadians who have negotiated defined benefit plans as a form of deferred wages."*

Although the bill has not yet been withdrawn, MP Julian confirmed that our work has had a definite impact. BCRTA's opposition to Bill C-27, he said, has been noted by Government, and contributed to statements by Finance Minister Morneau's office that government is not moving forward with Bill C-27.

**Thank you, Peter Julian,  
and kudos to CRTA members who  
signed these important petitions!**



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# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

## Green Shield Claims Resolution Process

1. Contact GSC directly at 1-888-711-1119 to speak with a representative.
2. If not resolved, ask to speak with a supervisor.
3. If not resolved, you 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](mailto:TPBT@pensionsbc.ca)
4. If unresolved, contact [aurie@bcrt.ca](mailto:aurie@bcrt.ca). She will forward your message to a member of the BCRTA Pensions and Benefits committee.

## What do YOU Think?

BCRTA and CRTA are asking for your feedback! Please go to <https://bcrt.ca/bcrt-survey-2019/> to take a short survey about your needs, likes and dislikes: what can BCRTA and CRTA do for YOU? A paper copy of the survey, including a postage paid envelope, will be included in the summer edition of PostScript. The first answer is compulsory: Are you a member or not? All other questions are optional.

### Why a survey?

Because we want to know how best to provide what YOU want and need at the provincial and branch levels. All participants are eligible for a prize draw. Please participate- we're counting on YOU!



CRTA Sunshine Coordinator Dale Linton sends cards to those who are ill or to family members in the case of bereavement.

Please update her at (604) 937-5113.



## SAVE THE DATE

# COMING UP

Stay on the Road Workshop:	May 24, 2019
Intergenerational Day:	June 1, 2019
CRTA AGM:	June 5, 2019
Back to School Brunch:	September 3, 2019
Christmas Luncheon:	December 4, 2019