

# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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## CRTA Newsletter

### To Hell with the Bell Brunch

**Tuesday September 3, 2019**

**Eagle Creek Restaurant at  
Burnaby Mountain Golf Course**

7600 Halifax St. Burnaby, B.C.

Doors open at **10am**

Tea & Coffee Available

If saving seats for others please ensure they arrive by **10:45am**

Brunch served: **11am**



#### Menu

Assorted muffins and  
scones  
Individual yogurts  
Scrambled eggs  
Bacon and sausage  
Hashbrowns  
Assorted juices  
Coffee and tea  
Fruit

Bar opens: **11am**

Cash bar:  
Wine and Beer  
\$6 plus tax

**Deadline for receiving responses is Friday August 23;  
we are unable to accept payment at the door.**

#### Directions

Eagle Creek Restaurant is located at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course 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. Eagle Creek 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.

**Price: \$28.00 (includes tax and gratuity)**

**Pre-pay by cheque made out to CRTA.**

**Mail to:**

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### Mark your calendar!

**To Hell with the Bell Brunch – September 3, 2019**

**CTA/CPVPA Retirement Reception – September 12, 2019**

**CRTA General Meeting – October 16, 2019**

At our October General Meeting, members from the **Canadian Preplanning Council** will do a presentation on how to prepare for your Executor. Knowledge of Probate, Power of Attorney, Representation Agreements and Joint Ownership is vital to estate planning. Being prepared will give you peace of mind.

**Christmas Luncheon – December 4, 2019**



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## **President's Report - submitted by Caroline Malm**



During the past year, it was a privilege to represent CRTA members at both Branch and provincial activities. Many thanks to the **CTA** and **District 43** for the meeting spaces and generous support given to us. Congratulations to the **Executive Committee** for another year of rigorous team work and accomplishments. Kudos to **CRTA members** for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

It was an honour to address new retirees at the CTA retirement reception in September. During the year, we attended TPP seminars where we made contact with future retirees. Due to privacy laws, we can no longer access the names of teachers who retire in our District; many thanks to the CTA for helping us to reach new retirees by publishing CRTA information in several issues of the CTA newsletter.

General meetings at Winslow and our well attended brunch and lunch gatherings brought friends and former colleagues together for excellent presentations and lively conversation.

**BCRTA** provided excellent information and advocacy for CRTA members throughout the year. It was rewarding to work with CRTA members and BCRTA colleagues to petition the federal government regarding two important issues: withdrawal of pension-related Bill C-27 and a call for a national single payer Pharmacare Program.

At our AGM in June, members chose the 2019-2020 Executive Committee:

President: Caroline Malm; Vice-President: Teresa Grandinetti; Secretary: Lynne Sowerby; Treasurer: Howard Spence; Directors: Audrey Anthony, Jennifer Blenkinsop, Dale Linton, Fran Mitchell, Lynda Parsons, John Pope, Maria Santone, Jeannine Silvestrone, Vicki Stacey, Henry Thiessen and Margrete Wylie. CRTA members Audrey Anthony, Jennifer Blenkinsop, John Pope and Howard Spence were elected as delegates to the BCRTA AGM which I will attend as a member of the BCRTA Board of Directors.

All in all, the 2018-19 CRTA year was good to us: thanks for the memories!

## **CRTA Procedures and Policies- submitted by Jennifer Blenkinsop**

THE CRTA Procedures and Policies are the guidelines by which our organization functions. This year, I took on the task of updating and reorganizing the existing procedures. Some sections were no longer relevant and others needed to be added to conform with both changes and additions as mandated by the BCRTA.

This was a time consuming but extremely interesting task. I completed a draft to present to the Executive for revision in November 2018.

The CRTA Executive voted to accept the revised Policies and Procedures in December 2018.

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## Membership/Member Contact – submitted by Thomas John Pope:

### Membership by the Numbers:

Our current membership stands at 812, including 20 Life Members. We continue to see a healthy percentage of new retirees opting for membership.

Contacts by percentage of all members:

Newsletter via email: 76%    Newsletter via Canada Post: 22%

News updates via email: 81%



### Maintaining Contact:

Have you recently moved? Changed your email address or phone number? Please let us know either by email to [coquitlamrta@hotmail.com](mailto:coquitlamrta@hotmail.com) or by telephone 604-461-7355.

Changes should also be reported to the BCRTA office (604-871-2260 or 1-877-683-2243)

Ask to speak to Laurie.

Can you help us to find these CRTA members? The contact information in our files (street and email addresses, telephone numbers) is no longer current:

Maureen Acton; Gordon House; Bill Melville; Susan Wagner; Barb Welch

If you have retired teacher acquaintances who are not members, please encourage them to take advantage of the one-year free introductory membership, which will give them an opportunity to participate in our activities and take advantage of the various member benefits, such as the group insurance plans and merchant discounts.

## Presentations Report - submitted by Fran Mitchell:



The presentations this past year have been educational and entertaining. Last October **Gail Pirie**, an independent, accredited member of the Canadian Personal Property Appraisers Group presented **What's Hot and What's Not**. Our members were invited to bring one small item for appraisal. Gail educated us on the value of our family treasures.

In February, we were taken on an archaeological dig by our guest speaker, **Dr. Stanley Copp**. Dr. Copp teaches Anthropology, Archaeology and Forensic Anthropology at Langara College. His long time experience in archaeology and in working with Indigenous people of BC has unraveled some of our historical mysteries. In April, **Grace Wilson**, 1st Vice-President of the BCRTA, came to update our members on Pensions and Benefits. **Lisa Hanson and Mark Costales** also came to inform us about changes to Johnson Insurance plans. Our AGM in June was entertained by the **Dogwood Songsters**. Their program titled **"Razzle Dazzle"** put us in the summertime mood with lively songs and dance. We capped the AGM with a free luncheon prepared by members of the Bridge Club with assistance from the Executive Committee.

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## Phoning – submitted by Lynda Parsons:

This past year the Phoning Committee has continued calling those members who do not get information regarding the luncheons by email. We have eleven members who have been on the committee for many years. They include Janet Andrews, Sharon Blackwell, Doreen Blanchard, Eva Collins, Margaret Ellwood, LaVerne Miller, Eileen Miyanaga, Judy Mukuda, Gwen Raycroft, Sandy Sainiuk, and Ethel Sears.

Thank you to these ladies. Many members appreciate the personal contact and in one case, the phoner was able to connect a member with a ride to the luncheon. Our numbers requiring a phone call have diminished but the committee is still an important part of our association. I will be contacting some of the phoners to be on duty in August for the September luncheon. For information on our committee contact me, Lynda Parsons, at [lrparsons@telus.net](mailto:lrparsons@telus.net).

## Treasurer's Report – submitted by Howard Spence:

### Brief Financial Update

Your association ended its financial year on June 30 with a healthy balance sheet. Our year-end balance was \$4,013, a net deficit of \$381, close to our budgeted deficit of \$315. One contributor to the deficit was the AGM lunch, costing \$277, and provided free of charge to attending members.

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. During the coming year, we will possibly plan again for a small budget deficit, to bring our overall funds down a bit, so we will look closely at providing lunches at an attractive price.

Full details of the year's financial details will be provided at our October 16 General Meeting.



## Door Prizes and Gifts - submitted by Margrete Wylie



It gives me great pleasure to buy door prizes for our general meetings. These prizes include gift cards, chocolates and plants. At Christmas we write cards to honorary members and we include poinsettias with the other door prizes.

## This is not like your high school square dance experience...

**Maple Ridge Square and Round Dance Club** invites CRTA members to join them for "modern" square dance lessons! Beginning in September 2019, we will offer **three free lessons** at Pitt Meadows Community Church Society Hall, 12109 Harris Road. Dress is casual and the goal is to have fun while learning basic dance moves, improving cardio-vascular fitness and exercising the brain. Singles or couples are equally welcome. Refreshments will be provided. If you decide to continue beginner lessons, they continue for 10 weeks and are 2 hours in duration.

For more information, contact Allan and Maureen at **604-466-3337**

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