

Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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Christmas Luncheon – December 4, 2019

Burnaby Mountain Golf Course

7600 Halifax St. Burnaby, B.C.

11:00 am Social, 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: \$28.00* (includes tax and gratuity)

Pre-pay by cheque for \$28.00 made out to CRTA. Mail to:

Mr. Howard Spence
2288 Portage Ave.
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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.

Payment must be received by November 27 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
\$7.50 plus tax



Roast turkey with Riesling gravy
Chorizo and mushroom stuffing
Dinner rolls with butter
Tuscan green kale salad
Traditional Caesar salad
Quinoa and cranberry slaw
Garlic mashed Yukon gold potato
Basmati rice pilaf
Vegetarian lasagna
Roasted market and root vegetables
Ponzu glazed haddock (Japanese citrus sauce)
Caramelized orange glazed ham with peaches
Assorted cakes, pies and fruit salad
Starbucks coffee and assorted teas

New Menu

Mark your calendar!

Christmas Luncheon - December 4, 2019:



Entertainment by Jim Burton

CRTA General Meeting - February 12, 2020

CRTA General Meeting - April 8, 2020

CRTA AGM and Lunch - June 3, 2020



* The \$33.00 price of the buffet is the same as last year. The CRTA Executive Committee approved a subsidy of \$5.00 per person, thus reducing the ticket price to \$28.00.

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President's Report



Congratulations, **Coquitlam Branch**! At the BCRTA Conference and AGM in October, we won a **Membership Award** for most new Branch members in 2018-2019, placing second in our category! The luxury box of chocolates we received will be a draw prize at our Christmas Luncheon on December 4th.

Delegates Howard Spence, John Pope, Jennifer Blenkinsop, Audrey Anthony and I were in attendance. The **Living Well** themed conference and the **AGM** provided a variety of excellent presentations including:

Dr. Art Hister; Decluttering; Exercise Sessions; BCRTA's Member Survey (www.bcrta.ca/surveyresults); BCRTA Elections; Budget 2019-20; Pensions and Benefits; Bill C-27; Golden Star Awards; R.R. Smith Memorial Fund; Federal Election 2019. It was a privilege to be there with BCRTA members from across the province. Visit www.bcrta.ca for photos and reports from the AGM. You will see Coquitlam members hard at work!

We look forward to greeting 100 guests at our very popular Christmas luncheon on December 4th. Get your tickets **now** before they sell out!

Cheers,
Caroline

CRTA Bursary Donations

Thank you to **CRTA members** who continue to donate to the **Bursary Fund**! It is so easy to do and makes a real difference in the lives of the two students who receive the \$500.00 bursaries each year. Simply send a cheque to the School Board office with 'CRTA Bursary' written on the memo line. Address:
SD 43, 550 Poirier St, Coquitlam, BC V3J 6A7

For any donation of **\$25.00 or more**, you will receive a receipt for income tax purposes. You will recall that Service Canada rules do not permit the CRTA to donate monies received from members' fees. In addition, fundraising by the CRTA is no longer permitted. Your personal donations to the fund are greatly appreciated!

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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Financial Update in a Nutshell

Your executive had fun with your money this past year. We sponsored the Back to School Brunch, the Christmas luncheon, and the AGM lunch. We hosted several general meetings with excellent presentations, and provided lots of door prizes and great refreshments at all our meetings.



Last year's budget planned for a deficit of \$300, mainly to keep our bank balance in the range of \$4000, a healthy amount to cover any unusual and unexpected expenses (maybe the School District would start charging rent for the Gallery Room, as an example). We were also required to provide a \$525 deposit for this year's Christmas luncheon, and we anticipate the same will be required for next year's brunch and luncheon. These deposits will be required before we receive next year's member fees. This meant we could subsidize meals to the tune of about \$1300.

At the end of June, our deficit was about \$385, very close to our budgeted amount, just slightly over as a result of higher meal subsidies (more Christmas luncheon attendees, yay!). And our year-end bank balance was \$3994, with \$19 in petty cash. Thanks to all our executive for keeping a close eye on your money!

This year, we have planned a balanced budget, with slightly less for lunch subsidies, primarily by planning to charge a toonie for the AGM lunch. Of course, there was heated discussion over whether our members could afford that, but as one wise director pointed out, there is no such thing as a free lunch. But come to our AGM in June and take advantage of the best cheap lunch in town!

Submitted by *Howard Spence*

Did you know?

BCRTA members get significant discounts and other special offers from our many **Members' Advantage Program** partners.

Advantage offers are available to all BCRTA members, brought to you by dozens of vendors offering cash discounts on products and services. Save on tours, guided travel, cruises, hotel accommodations, car rental, parking, golf, ski vacations, lifestyle services, home products and other essentials. Learn more 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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Thank you to the following CRTA members who have volunteered their time to serve on BCRTA committees this year:

Caroline Malm: Board of Directors; Excellence in Public Education; Well-Being

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



The phoning committee is getting ready to contact members who do not receive messages by email.

We will be phoning to tell members about the Christmas Luncheon, which will be held on Wednesday, December 4. If you would like to receive a personal call from one of our committee volunteers please contact me and I will add you to our list. Hope to see you at the event! *Lynda Parsons*: 604-939-9897 or lrparsons@telus.net

Volunteers Needed!

The **Tricity Crossroads Hospice** Thrift Store is looking for Volunteers.

Volunteers are asked to either contact (604) 949-0459 or visit the store at 2780 Barnet Highway. Shifts are four hours long with choice of days from Tuesday to Saturday.

In Memoriam



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



We extend heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.

Shirley Krutow: June 5, 2019: Shirley, a talented potter, taught for several years at College Park Elementary School. She was predeceased by her husband Roy and is missed by her children Bruce and Janice, and by many family members and friends.

Brian Ungless: August 13, 2019: Brian specialized in Special Education at Minnekhada, Banting and Terry Fox schools. He is missed by his siblings Ron, Dave, Rob and Mary-Ann, and by many family members and friends.

Bryan Evans: August 29, 2019: Bryan served as teacher and administrator for thirty years, including at Centennial, Citadel, Mountain View, Parkland and Porter Street schools. He is missed by his wife Marnie, children Kelly and Michael, and by many family members and friends.

Margie (Moorby) Bencze: October 28, 2019.