

# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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## CRTA Newsletter

### CRTA General Meeting: Wednesday February 12, 2020



Gallery Room, Winslow Centre

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

10:00AM: Business meeting

#### Presentation: Frauds and Scams



Tired of all those scam calls and fraudulent activities? Our February 12th speaker will address Frauds and Scams and give us some tips on how to deal with pesky calls and worrisome dealings that infiltrate our lives today. Our speaker will also give information on emerging Frauds and Scams that we should be aware of, since new, deviant ones keep cropping up, catching us unaware. Guests are welcome to attend this meeting with you.

### Mark your calendar!

CRTA General Meeting - February 12, 2020

CRTA General Meeting - April 8, 2020

CRTA AGM and Lunch - June 3, 2020



### President's Report



Best wishes to everyone as we enter a new decade! During this leap year, we can look forward to an extra day to spend as we please. If you're looking for a resolution to take forward into 2020, a suggestion I received from BCRTA President Gerry Tiede is both timely and doable:

*"Following some discussion about environmental issues and our individual and collective responsibility to reduce pollution, the 2019 Annual General Meeting passed the following motion:*

***"That BCRTA strive to eliminate the use of single use plastics and Styrofoam in our BCRTA meetings provincially and in the BCRTA branches."***

*As teachers we have always taken a leadership position in educating and advocating for a safe, free and healthy life. I am writing to you on behalf of the 17,000 members of the BC Retired Teachers Association to encourage you to do your part and make every effort to reduce single use plastic products at our BCRTA events."*

**I resolve to bring my own reusable cup** to our CRTA meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> and I invite you and a guest to do the same. See you there!

*Caroline*

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### **CRTA Celebrates!**

CRTA celebrated the arrival of the 2019 Christmas season at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course. Lovely weather, a festive ambience and delicious food made for a very enjoyable occasion.



**One hundred** (100) attendees welcomed new acquaintances and renewed old ones while retired teacher Jim Burton performed a melodic selection of musical numbers. Several people won door prizes and life members were warmly acknowledged. Attendees applauded co-ordinator Maria Santone and the entire CRTA Executive Committee for providing a heartwarming start to the Christmas season. In the spirit of the holidays, attendees donated \$147.85 to SHARE.

### **Thank you, CRTA!**

*"Thank you for your gift of \$147.85 to SHARE Family & Community Services. We are grateful for your support which helps vulnerable individuals and families in the Tri-Cities community.*

*Your gift, designated towards SHARE's Food Bank, is important. The Food Bank helps almost 6,000 people each year, 37 per cent of whom are children. There is no public funding for our Food Bank, and so, we rely on donors like you to help us provide for those who need it most. Thank you for investing in this program.*

*In addition, SHARE is instrumental in providing services that help build community, uproot poverty, and give families the ability to live the life they choose. To learn more about our programs and services, please visit us at [www.sharesociety.ca](http://www.sharesociety.ca).*

*Thank you for making a difference and investing in our community."*

*Sincerely,*

*Claire MacLean  
Chief Executive Officer*

*Valerie Hutton  
Director of Development*

### **CRTA Bursaries Awarded!**

Congratulations to SD 43 students **Donella Thompson** and **Kelly Bogdan**, each the recipient of a five hundred dollar CRTA Bursary. The bursaries, awarded in 2019, will assist these exemplary and deserving students in their pursuit of teacher education at a post-secondary institution. We wish them every success!

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## Green Shield Claims Resolution Process

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

## Membership

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

Maureen Acton;  
Kathleen Jennings;  
Evelyn Wetmore;  
Treva Zilm



Have you moved, changed your email account or telephone number? Please let us know at [coquitlamrta@hotmail.com](mailto:coquitlamrta@hotmail.com) or 604-461-7355. Changes should also be reported to BCRTA at 604-871-2260 or 1-877-683-2243.

## Can You Help the CTA?

The CRTA received the following request from the CTA office:

*"We received some money from the estate of a retired teacher by the name of Barbara Vengshoel and are wondering if any CRTA members know anything about her. The monies will be used towards a scholarship and we are hoping to get more information to create a more meaningful scholarship – something like the Roy Krutow."*

If you have any information please contact Kelly Roberts at [kroberts@cta.org](mailto:kroberts@cta.org) or by telephone at 604-936-9971. Thanks for your help!

## Money Talk for Grandparents

In case you missed it, your Executive Committee recommends reading the excellent article about **RESP's** in the winter 2019 *PostScript* Magazine. Turn to page 9 in your copy or go to <https://bcrrta.ca/postscript-magazine/>

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## Members' Advantage Program <https://bcрта.ca/members-advantage-program/>



**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, car rental, hotel accommodations, parking, golf, ski vacations, lifestyle services, home products and other essentials.

**JOHNSON INSURANCE:** Prestige EHC with travel, MEDOC Travel Insurance, Trip Cancellation, Home Insurance, Life Insurance and more.

**BCRTA TRAVEL DISCOUNTS** – up to 50% discount on hotels and/or rental cars  
<http://travel.localhospitality.com/bcрта/travel-bcрта.html>

**COLLETTE TRAVEL** - Save up to \$500 PLUS Extra BCRTA Discount of \$100 On Every Offer

**MERIT TRAVEL** – Special rates <https://merittravel.com/>

**TRIP MERCHANT** – Personalized travel at discounted rates <https://bcрта.ca/trip-merchant/>

**BESTWAY TOURS & SAFARIS** <https://bestway.com/>

**PERKOPOLIS** (Discounts on Services) <https://www.perkopolis.com/>

**ENDLESS SAVINGS & MORE** <http://www.esmobileapp.com/files/WelcomeBCRTA.pdf>

**HEARING LIFE** <https://hearinglifeadvantage.ca/bcрта/>

**FRESH PREP** <https://www.freshprep.ca/fpbcrта>

**IRIS** <https://bcрта.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/BCRTA-Welcome-Letter-2019.pdf>

**PARK 'N FLY** – Airport Parking <https://bcрта.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2019/12/BCTRA-PARK-N-FLY-Dec-1-2019.pdf>

**CPEAC** (Canadian Public Employees Acquisition Club) <http://www.cpeac.org/>



## 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.

## Phoning Committee

If you don't use email would you like a personal phone call to tell you about CRTA Luncheons? If so please contact me at 604-939-9897 and I'll put you on our phoning list. It's always nice to talk to another member about luncheons and other events coming up. Give me, Lynda Parsons, a call!

## In Memoriam



The CRTA regrets the passing of an SD43 colleague.  
We extend heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.



Gary Conley: December 16, 2019