



## **Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association**

Dear Members,

Life goes on even in a pandemic. The BCRTA requirement is that we must have a 2020 AGM but with the virus, it became very problematic. We decided to go ahead anyway with a Covid-19 style AGM that we did through email last week and now we are able to share the minutes with our members. If anyone would like the minutes of the 2019 AGM, just let me know and I will send them to you.

We haven't received notification of our bursary winners for 2020, but when we do, we will put that news in a newsletter. Watch for more information on our how to contribute to the 2021 Bursary in a future newsletter. The R. R. Smith Foundation (the charitable arm of the BCRTA) will be collecting our funds in the future.



We made up a retirement package for our new retirees and the ATU has graciously offered to send the package to the retirees' home address. If anyone knows the 2020 Retirees personally, please ask them if we can get their home email address to keep in contact with them. We would like to publish their career history to celebrate their retirement as well as invite them personally to join our organization.

The 2020 Retirees are:  
Ken Ambrose, Maryse Bonneau, Judy Chappell, Gilbert Constant, James Domke, Rodney Faulkner, Michael Finnigan, Annemare Hautakoski, Karen Hiebert, Heather Himmel, Sandra Hunter, Janet Kaszonyi, James (Sandy) Lane, Lynn Lang, Maria Matty, Jesse Maxwell, Harminder (Mindy) Sidhu, Frank Sipocz, David Tod, Marilyn Wight and Kimberley Wolff.



Wishing you all a lovely summer and stay safe,  
Gloria



## **Annual General Meeting Covid-19 Style** **June 28, 2020**

### **Executive members:**

President- Gloria Adam  
Vice-President-Janice Brost  
Secretary-Sue McKenzie  
Treasurer-Erin Quast,  
Social Committee and Field Trips -Leona Oren,  
Gloria Adam, Doreen Petersen  
Sunshine Committee-Shannon Riedlinger  
Membership- Madeleine Gravel  
Phoning Committee-Mike Phelps  
Heritage/Historian-Linda Baynes.  
Member at Large-Adelin Beaujot

### **2. Review of the minutes from the 2019 AGM.**

Any errors or omissions? Accept the minutes as read.

Moved Janice

Seconded Shannon

All in favour. **Carried.**

### **3. President's report: Gloria**

My thanks to the ADRTA executive who have worked tirelessly together to make our gatherings so much fun for our members. Everyone pitches in and it is very much appreciated!

We were informed last November that the Abbotsford Community Foundation (who collects money from our members for two annual scholarships) will be taking 15% of our donation for administrative costs from now on. It worked out that if we raise \$2000, they will take \$270.00 and the money will no longer will be going to a student.

We expressed our extreme dismay and disappointment with the foundation's decision by letter and we had an informative meeting with the executive director and a ACF board member at the end of January.

While we understand the reasoning behind their decision, we just felt we couldn't support the ACF anymore, so we have found another way to give our bursary to Abbotsford students without any surcharge whatsoever!

We will be going through the R. R. Smith Foundation, which is the charitable arm of the BCRTA. All the money we collect will be held by the R. R. Smith and when it comes time to distribute the money, we will contact them and they will write the cheque to the student. Thank goodness that option was available to us and thanks to Sheila Pither and David Carter for their help in this matter.

#### **4. Committee Reports:**

##### **a. Treasurer's Report-Erin Quast**

Financial report June 2020

C.U. balance fwd:	\$1182.66
Membership fees received:	\$3070.00
Revenue from luncheons:	\$2115.00
Interest:	.09
Total receipt for year:	\$6367.75
Costs:	
Luncheons:	\$2315.96
Prizes/etc :	\$524.47
CU paper charge	\$6.00
Total costs:	\$2846.24
CU balance:	<b><u>\$3521.52</u></b>

##### **b. Social Committee:**

**Doreen Petersen, Gloria Adam, Leona Oren**

Our year started off well. We had a large turnout for our "To Hell with the Bell Brunch" held on the first day of school. We invited Jennifer Brooks, the President of the Abbotsford Teachers' Union to say a few words. We had games, prizes and a lot of fun.

Our Christmas Luncheon was a great success. We had George Garrett from Volunteer Cancer Drivers come and speak to us about volunteering. He gave us a brief summary of his career (CKNW radio and BCTV) and then let us know the history of how the Cancer Drivers came about. We played games, gave out lots of prizes and door prizes and had a wonderful time that put us all in the Christmas spirit!

In February, we held our annual Crib Tournament. We had players and the winner took home the coveted crib trophy! We provided drinks, snacks and door prizes. A good time was had by all and we will do this again in 2021!

We had an entertaining spring planned—in April, we were going to host the Cosco workshop, “Stay on the Road”. We had invited Chilliwack members to join us and everything was arranged, the location, catering, speakers but we had to cancel. Hopefully we will be able to do the workshop in the fall or next spring.

In May, we had planned our “Spring Fever” luncheon at a local bistro located in Tanglebank Nursery. We had planned to have more games and prizes with a guest speaker, but it had to be cancelled.

In June, our field trip coordinator, Leona Oren had organized a field trip to the UBC Botanical Garden with lunch at the Koerner Pub at UBC. We would have rented a bus to take us all in for an afternoon in the gardens. Hopefully, we will be able to do this field trip next June!

All in all, a very weird and strange time...looking forward to the future when we can resume all our activities! Stay safe...

**c. Heritage/History Committee-Linda Baynes, Mado Gravel, Shannon Riedlinger, Vicki Coutu.**

No report

**d. Membership: Madeleine Gravel**

As of September 2019, we had 305 members. Unfortunately, some members passed away during the year. Also due to Covid-19, we were not able to present our association to the new retirees but some information was sent to them.

Janice and I have been working on keeping the list updated. If you change your email address, please let us know.

**e. Sunshine-Shannon Reidlinger**

This year we lost some members: Roger Waddell, Heather Grant, Liz Louwerscheimer and Dave Wilson. A thank you card was sent to Vicki Coutu for giving her time to get donations for our Christmas basket. The winners always enjoy that. Have a safe and happy summer.

**f. Phoning committee-Mike Phelps.**

All the members of the phoning committee are still willing to carry on with their duties in the fall or whenever we open up again for activities. Stay calm, stay safe and stay happy.

5. No elections were held. All positions will continue to be held by current executive members.

6. **Adjournment:** Moved by Adelin. Seconded by Leona.  
All in favour. Carried

