



Abbotsford District Retired  
Teachers' Association  
January 2021 Newsletter

## Notes from the Prez

Everyone,

Happy 2021!

As hard as the last nine months have been for all of us, there is a light shining at the end of the tunnel—if the immunization plans go as planned, we should all be vaccinated against Covid-19 by the end of September and we can hopefully resume our lives. Just think how great it will be to start meeting friends for coffee and lunch, taking trips, hugging everyone, especially the grandkids and so much more!

I will be glad to pack away my many masks and maybe only bring them out when I have a cold to protect others around me.

When it is safe to do so, we will work hard to get our activities started. We will be continuing our favourite events. Our Christmas banquet with lots of Christmas cheer and prizes; rescheduling the all day driving workshop; our crib tournament with trophies and more prizes; our “Spring Fever” luncheon at Brambles in the Tanglebank Nursery and field trips—the first one to the UBC Botanical Gardens. Our executive can hardly wait!

Please feel free to offer suggestions to our team—we love to hear new ideas!

Wishing you all the best and looking forward to seeing you all again in the later portion of the year!

Ciao,

Gloria Adam

President

ADRTA





If you are in touch with Vicki Robinson, please pass this message onto her!

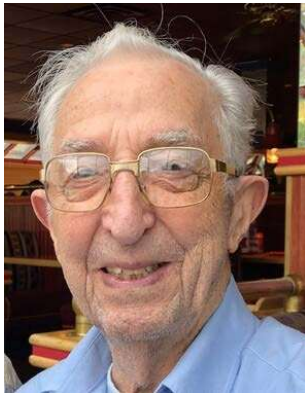
I am looking for my Grade 7 teacher, Vicki Robinson, who always encouraged me to keep writing.

One day she wrote to me in my journal, "Please send me your first book". Until that moment I had never imagined being an author, and that one sentence changed my life.

I want to send Vicki Robinson a copy of my first book *Rabbit, Rabbit, Rabbit*. She taught at Chief Dan George Middle School when I was in Grade 7, 1986-1987. She is an example of how a supportive teacher can shape the beliefs of a child and encourage a dream. My maiden name is Wicentowich.

Valerie Dunsmore [valerie.dunsmore@shaw.ca](mailto:valerie.dunsmore@shaw.ca)

*In Memoriam*



**Roderick William MacLachlan** passed away on December 5, 2020 at the age of 89. Rod was born in Rosetown, Saskatchewan on October 24, 1931.

Rod was a brilliant teacher, counsellor and educational psychologist who showed compassion to all he knew. He will be missed.

## ADRTA Bursary Fund

Many thanks to the generous donations we have already received. We are still in need of funds to boost the amount we would like to give to the students this spring. The directions for donating are below. Thank you so much!



**Here's how to donate to our bursary fund:**

### **Using Canada Post:**

Donors send cheques directly to VanCity payable to "VanCity Community Foundation/ R.R. Smith" The address is: #409-312 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6A 2T2.



The memo line should read, **"Friends of Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association"**. Your tax receipt will be issued and sent as soon as possible to your cheque address.

Right away, send an email to Erin (our treasurer) [erinmquast@gmail.com](mailto:erinmquast@gmail.com) and let her know the amount of your donation so that we can have an idea of how much money is being collected.

or

**Using your computer, it's very easy, just follow these steps:**

Go online to [www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca](http://www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca)



At the top of the page, press "FUNDS".

In the search button, type R.R. Smith. Press Search.

At the top of the page: "Together, more becomes possible—

Donate now." Press button.

Choose your donation amount.

Billing address-make this gift on behalf of an organization. Tick box.

Type in: **Friends of the Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association.**

Put in your information.

Do the credit card information

Donate now.

You will receive your tax receipt immediately.

**Forward your tax receipt to Erin or send her an email letting her know the amount of your donation so that we have a general idea of how much money we have for our 2021 Bursary.**

The Vancity Community Foundation and the R.R. Smith Foundation (part of the BCRTA) are providing us this service absolutely free, so that **100%** of our donation goes to the students.

**Warning:** If you do not put **Friends of the Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association** on the cheque or online, the money will go into a general revenue pot and we will not be able to use it for our bursary!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [gloriaadam@shaw.ca](mailto:gloriaadam@shaw.ca) or 604-854-6194. This is our first year with this new system, so we will definitely have to work out any problems.



