



A Newsletter from the
Delta Retired Teachers
Association

THE TRUANT

Spring, 2021

When life gets you down, do you wanna know what to do? Just keep swimming.

Dory from Finding Nemo

President's Message

It's been more than 15 months since we last had the chance to get together in reality. I'm sure some of you have had an especially hard time having to keep "socially distanced", "masking up", and going for those extra walks with the dogs for exercise. For me, this time has meant little to no live connection with my grandkids and their families, grocery shopping on the run just once a week, collecting interesting and fun non-surgical face masks, writing articles for PostScript and attending endless Zoom meetings. Anticipating the time when we can again get together for a sit-down meal is looking more positive. Hopefully, the scheduling of vaccine injections for us all is moving quickly enough that we might be able to consider having a December luncheon. Of course, all is theoretical right now, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed to be with you together seated at the luncheon tables again.

This edition of the Truant is planned to be light-hearted, fun-filled as well as informative. Let Fiona know whether you like receiving and reading our efforts. It can only get better with your help.

Please, stay cautious, wear your masks, keep your distance, and be strong, happy and content with who you are.

Pat





Final Spring Luncheon at the Town and Country

What do you call a person who is happy on Monday?



Retired!

Checking in With Members

How We Are Getting Through the Pandemic



From Kim Hill - I have been playing "skinny singles" (responsibly social distancing) pickleball at least 4 times a week, outside, on the beautiful new courts behind Chalmers Elementary in Delta since August. I met a group of 22 new friends/players, many of us playing in all types of weather. Pickleball (fastest growing sport in the world) is the perfect activity for seniors and I recommend to all my fellow-retirees to get on the bandwagon! Healthy exercise and a great stress reducer swatting at that ball! Besides my Pickleball addiction to keep me mentally and physically active during this Damndemic, I am also teaching (LST) one day a week on contract, at an elementary school near my favourite golf courses. I still love teaching the little people and I am not quite ready to give it up, especially when there is such a shortage of teachers.

Then to round out the week, I squeeze in a day of daycare for my two autistic grandsons, as well as providing respite on Sundays for my tired teacher daughter!

What lockdown?! LOL



From Sheila Gair - *The last fifteen months have proven a trying time to the majority of us. Whoever thought we would be stuck in our homes 24/7 and wearing masks when we stepped outside. It has become a way of life hasn't it, and not likely to change much over the next couple of years? Maybe that is the wrong way to look at it, and getting through has become a daily challenge.*

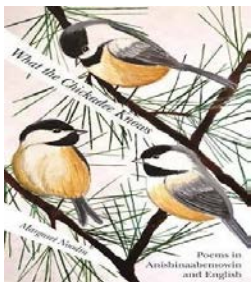
Everything I knew and did has gone. Who would ever have thought a ride to the library with my grandson at the wheel, would be something to celebrate – but it was wonderful. We followed the arrows and waited in line for the hand sanitizer and for the librarian to wave us forward. My only other trip out was to get the flu shot! Such excitement. But there is more to life than that and you have to look in the mirror to see who is responsible for your lifestyle – it's you.

I get up later, and go to bed earlier than I ever did. The newspaper fills my two hours over breakfast and I learned how to make instant oatmeal! I look forward to the mail, but it is scant of late. The TV is on all day long, but usually mute. CNN has an easy-to-read banner at the bottom of the screen and I know that it will be constantly repeated all day and our own nightly news will tell the story.

Much of television is utter garbage but Escape to the Country is a favourite and so is the vet series. I like to have Highway from Hell on a Saturday and watch the other Rangers shows from the states. Yes, I watch Jeopardy and have never ever missed and feel that Ken Jennings is doing a great job but other game shows are simply awful.

I have always had jigsaw puzzles but this 'stay at home life' has brought literally hundreds to my dining room table. When finished they go back to the thrift shops. I work on one every single day as I eat lunch and watch the local news. I find them challenging and soothing at the same time.

Luckily for me (and I know how lucky I am) I have a 130-degree view from my home. I look out at the valley from the US mountains, to the western sunsets. Nothing in my way but trees, farms, fields and the scenery. I have a bird table on the end of my deck, and watch the antics of literally hundreds of birds (and squirrels) every day of the week. My favourites are my five blue jays, but the finches and chickadees flock around.



I survive because I make contact with people every day. A friend called me in December 2019 and said she had terminal cancer. I said I would write to her each day if she would write back. We are still writing daily and another friend here feeling low, has started to do the same. My daughter and grandson live with me and are Godsend as I feel so much safer. They do the yard work and the shopping –

and speaking of yard work I can see all the planted bulbs showing – and an extra raised vegetable bed is already built.

“Count your blessings” was the heading of a newspaper article the other day, and believe me I do. Not shopping has left money in my account- who could have guessed! Loving puzzles, crosswords, and reading has been my salvation, but if I was asked what the best thing was – it’s the daily communication with friends! Try it.



From Joanne Thauli - Like you, I never imagined I would be living through a pandemic. Late last February while contemplating my retirement at the end of the school year, I was anticipating travel, freedom and time to explore and plan at leisure. I was almost giddy with visions of walks, coffee or lunch with friends and family feasible during what had been my work months, week, days and hours. The lifting of restrictions was in sight!

Well, that didn’t happen. Now, I’m waiting for the “lifting of a different set of restrictions.” What irony! Good thing I’ve had 35 years as a teacher with experience on how to “wing it” such as, when it became apparent that the excruciatingly well-planned lesson, beautifully practiced song for the Christmas concert, or even that much needed recess wasn’t going to workout as I expected! Luckily, I was in good company then, as I am, now. Fortunately, I’ve learned that I can choose my company.

Company: family (natural or chosen), friends, colleagues, acquaintances, people help remind me that “the unexpected” can have a good outcome, provide an opportunity or even be made palatable or put to rest by those around us. Some bemoaning helps too! That makes a difference for me. Knowing that, even if limited or different, there are choices available and connections that matter. It also helps that as a newly retired teacher, I see having time as a luxury.

“Wing it”, “On the fly”, “Wing a flight”, “Improvise”, “Think on the spot”. These all imply freedom, necessity or spontaneous possibility and can become completely exhausting for some of us! Just like prolonged waiting can be exhausting.

So, a while back, I decided to stop waiting. Don’t worry. I still wear a mask in public, maintain a hockey stick distance from others and have kept to my “household bubble” of two. But, if I want to start a new book, I don’t wait. I pick it

up, make a cup of tea and find a good reading spot. I don't need "to wing" reading a book. Same with calling a friend, playing the piano, going for a walk, playing with a device, taking a photo from my window, planning a trip, taking a nap or corresponding with family who live away. I let the impulse take me. In fact, I try to encourage that type of impulsivity.

Personally, I need a routine. I need the sketch of a day with opportunities for choice. For me a routine helps make "wanting to do something" easier, as does exercise, good food, good sleep. So, I try to embed those elements in my day along with a household chore. Then I have energy to plan, get ready, anticipate and enjoy an activity that just takes more effort these days; like a virtual coffee date with a friend, or trying a new recipe as a treat for my husband. Sometimes it takes effort or energy for me to focus on the pleasure of what is possible now and not dwell on bemoaning what was. Sometimes I wake up anticipating how the day will evolve and am thankful that I have the freedom to let it. I really enjoy those days.

Spring Cleaning - *How to Declutter Your Home*

Compiled by Katherine Hurst of Law of Attraction.



Decluttering your home is an excellent way to streamline your environment! Here are nine questions to help you!

1. "Have I used this item in the last 12 months?"
2. "Am I keeping this because I'm worried about wasting money?"
3. "Am I keeping this because it has sentimental value?"
4. "Does this sentimental item hold me back?"
5. "If I was seeing this item for the first time, would I buy it now?"
6. "Do I have other items that serve the same purpose?"
7. "Do I have a plan to use this thing in the near future?"
8. "Is this broken thing really going to be fixed?"
9. "What can I do with these items?"

Some “Humour” for March 14th – Pi Day

The roundest knight at King Arthur’s table was Sir Cumference. He ate too much pi.

The worst thing about getting hit in the face with pi is that it never ends.

The mathematician says, “Pi r squared.” The baker replies, “No, pies are round. Cakes are square.”

My math teacher watched Life of Pi for the first time. She gave it 3.14 stars.

Why isn’t pi on Twitter? Because even 280 characters isn’t enough to express itself.

I don't understand why people are celebrating pi day. It's irrational.

Why should you never tell rumours to Pi? Because they will go on and on and on.

Welcome to the Pi shop, open 22/7.

National Survey Reports Pi day as Canada's Third-Most Underrated Holiday. To me it's a little bit more than that.

Pi had its driver's license revoked because it didn't know when to stop.

Scholarship Update

Congratulations and thanks to all who donated this year to our Scholarship Fund. With the generosity of 28 DRTA members and spouses, the Delta School Board’s Finance Department reported that our goal of \$2000 was met. This will allow the committee to award 2 scholarships from among the applicants. If you would like to become a part of that committee, please let Myrna Webster know of your interest. Her e-mail address is myrnaweb@telus.net The committee meets mid-May so the graduates will be informed prior to schools closing for the summer.



BCRTA
BC Retired Teachers' Association

NEWS

The recent Directors meeting, February 3, was held online via Zoom. This follows all other scheduled committee and Zonal meetings since the AGM in October. It was acknowledged that this is not the optimum method for us all, but continues to be necessitated by the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was decided that the BCRTA AGM 2021 will also be conducted online in early October. Planning for the conference to have more personal interviews, visuals and interesting speakers is underway.

Following up from the Strategic Planning meetings the Directors held in December, 2 major goals will be the focus of our work for 2021:

- To monitor and defend our defined benefits pension plan and explore control of our insurance plan, and
- To increase and maintain membership through online workshops, presentations and meetings.

The Communications committee has been working to improve the ways BCRTA information is available to its members – you.



*Delta is one of about 1/3 of RTA Branches that publishes a **newsletter**, our very own Truant.* To help improve member information and involvement, an Ad-hoc committee was struck to examine what's happening and how to help Branches create a simple form of local communication. The recommendations will be presented at the next Directors' meeting.

Interesting material can be found on www.facebook.com/BCRTA as well as in PostScript, the quarterly magazine, in the Connections newsletter and on the website (www.bcrt.ca)

Due to no pension issues or resolutions coming to the BCTF Spring Break AGM (Pensions being the reason for BCRTA attendance at the AGM), the next scheduled Directors' meeting has been cancelled. Directors will again meet on April 14th, 2021.

As the BCRTA is in its **75th Anniversary year**, celebration activities are slated for

the Fall Conference and AGM. [If you have any pictures of **historical Delta** – old school buildings, events, teachers and their classes along with dates and names, please send them electronically to Peter Scurr (petergrantscurr@gmail.com) so we can contribute to this highly anticipated presentation.]

In 1914 there were 27 students attending Annieville School. It became the last one room school in Delta before it closed in 1956. The building was demolished in 1963.



This is a photo of Annieville School from the North Delta Heritage Book.

Burnaby has finished their Heritage Book also. Check it out at:
<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumlibrary7551>

A Few Math Riddles

1. How many days are there in 4 years?
2. Connor is 54 years old, and his mother, Nessa, is 80. How many years ago was Anna three times the age of her son Harry?
3. Aidan, Quinn and Rowan are three brothers. Interestingly, their current age is prime. What's more interesting is that difference between their ages is also prime. How old are they?
4. Divide 20 by half and add 30, what do you get?
5. Seamus has 8 bricks. Seven of them weigh the same amount and one is slightly heavier. Using a balance scale, how can Nathan find the heavier brick in two weighings?
6. Two travelers spend from 12 o'clock to 6 o'clock walking along a level road, up a hill, and back again. Their pace is 4 mph on the level, 3 mph uphill, and 6 mph downhill. How far do they walk and at what time do they reach the top of the hill?
7. An apple is 40 cents, a banana is 60 cents. and a grapefruit is 80 cents. How much is a pear?

We're Keeping in Touch



"Would you like some help in making these phone calls?" I asked Pat, our DRTA President, trying not to sound too eager.

At our last DRTA Executive virtual meeting, Pat brought forward an idea.

Besides sending the usual Christmas card to each of our 80+ years old members, perhaps we can reach out with a friendly phone call. I jumped at the chance because I love to TALK. To anyone. About anything. (Those of you who know me would agree.)

Serendipity occurred when I was given my phone list. It contained a name I recognized, not just any former colleague, but Robin, a principal who had a huge impact on me when I was a young, brand new teacher. Whom better to make my first call to than one of my first principals? From this first phone chat to the last one made over several days, I learned a great deal from these special retirees: how teaching has changed or not changed over the decades; how teachers are dedicated and committed in their different ways to their profession under many different circumstances; how they are lifelong learners, many taking on new interests and hobbies after retirement ; how adaptable they are, even during this pandemic; and how they are as resilient as their former young students. I am proud to be among them.

I made contact with most, but not all, of the members on my list, because some phone numbers were no longer in service. (Please update your contact info with DRTA!) However, there was one member I should have connected with but didn't because his wife, Jill, a former colleague who was not on my list, answered the phone and recognized my voice. We instantly began to catch up on each others' lives and chatted for over an hour. (I'm not the only teacher who loves to talk.) By that time, I was all talked out and never got to speak to her husband, my intended "callee". (A mental note for next time: to at least say hello to him first before I speak to her.) This brings me to another observation I made: many teachers have spouses/partners who are also teachers. I can only assume that this is an extension of their commitment to teaching.

These phone chats provided opportunities to reminisce, to connect and to share a few laughs (at least for me). Although everyone I spoke to thanked me for reaching out to them, I was rewarded with the many stories that they shared with me. I look forward to having another round of chats in the near future, and hope some of you may want to join in by "answering the call" to become a volunteer phoner yourself. You never know, you may end up chatting up a storm with someone unexpected.

Annie Coblin

As we continue with the current Covid lock down environment, we all feel the affect it is having on us, both physically and mentally. The DRTA executive commit tee decided to reach out to some of our most senior members to do a wellness check-in through phone calls. As I took part in the call out, I was initially quite apprehensive as to how the phone calls would be received. For one, this is my second year in retirement, so as a newbie, I would not personally know many or even any of our more senior members. I was concerned that the conversation may be short at best and awkward at worst. However, as I called the numbers on the list and started the phone conversations, I was pleasantly surprised by the friendliness and the genuine appreciation of the members. The average phone call lasted at least twenty minutes and I remember one in particular lasted almost 45 minutes. I have to say that I truly have enjoyed the experience and I am hoping one day soon to meet the members I called in person. In the meantime, my wish is for everyone to stay healthy, both physically and mentally, and I look forward to the day when we can all meet face to face.



Peter Yang

Fill-in the Blanks

Create a list to use for the story found later in this edition.

Noun – 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ **Plural Noun -** _____

Place – 1. _____ 2. _____

Number – 1. _____ 2. _____

Verb – 1. _____ add “ing” 2. _____ add “ed” 3. _____ add “ed”

Adjective – 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Adverb - _____ **Article of Clothing -** _____



Quick Guide to Your COVID-19 Vaccinations

All information presented here was copied from the BC Government News website and is current as of March 1, 2021.

As the world continues into a 2nd year with the COVID-19 Coronavirus and realizing that we are in the demographic which is greatly at risk if contracting the disease, learning about the vaccines available to us in BC and when it is available for us, the following information is provided for your use.

- **B.C.'s COVID-19 Immunization Plan happens in four phases.** Eligibility for all phases is based on the age you are turning in 2021.

- **Recent History**

The focus of Phase 1 and early Phase 2 is protecting those most vulnerable to severe illness first. It's important to understand the timeline for each phase may change due to vaccine availability.

All people in B.C. recommended to receive the vaccine will have the opportunity to get it in 2021.

Phase 2 Timeline: March to April 2021

Those in Phase 2 receiving their first vaccine dose in March and early April include:

- seniors and high-risk people residing in independent living and seniors' supportive housing (including staff);
- home-care support clients and staff;
- Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) peoples born in or before 1956 (65 years and older); and
- seniors born in or before 1941 (80 years and older).

Beginning March 8, 2021, seniors aged 80+ and Indigenous peoples aged 65+ who are not living in independent living or seniors' supportive housing can make one call to book their appointment through their local health authority call centre according to a staggered schedule. This is to avoid long waits and system overload. Immunization clinic locations will be confirmed at time of booking, with vaccinations starting as early as March 15, 2021:

- **March 8, 2021:** Seniors born in or before 1931 (90 years+) and Indigenous people born in or before 1956 (65 years+) may call to book their vaccine appointment;
- **March 15, 2021:** Seniors born in or before 1936 (85 years+) may call to book their vaccine appointment; and
- **March 22, 2021:** Seniors born in or before 1941 (80 years+) may call to book their vaccine appointment.

Booking your COVID-19 vaccine appointment

Fraser Health COVID-19 Immunization Booking phone line:

1-855-755-2455

- If you live in Fraser Health, you may also book online at [Fraserhealth.ca/vaccinebooking](https://fraserhealth.ca/vaccinebooking)

Fraser Health region communities include:

Abbotsford, Anmore, Burnaby, Belcarra, Chilliwack, Coquitlam, Delta, Fraser Valley Regional District, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, Kent, Langley, Maple Ridge, Mission, New Westminster, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Surrey and White Rock.

Vancouver Coastal COVID-19 Immunization Booking phone line:

1-877-587-5767

- There doesn't appear to be appointment date setting online at this time

Vancouver Coastal region communities include: Vancouver, Richmond, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Bowen Island, Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton, Sechelt, Gibsons, Madeira Park, and Powell River

Before calling the phone line, please have:

- Pen and paper
- Your personal health number
- Full name
- Date of birth
- Postal code
- A phone number that you can receive text messages on or an email address that you or your family check often, in case we need to send you important information.

Our call centre agents will **never ask you for financial information**, including credit card information.

What you need to do to prepare for your appointment:

- **Read the COVID-19 Vaccine Health File (HealthLinkBC COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines)**
- Bring your BC Services Card/Personal Health Number and photo ID, if you have them.
- Wear a mask. If you don't have a mask, we can give you one.

Your appointment will take about 20 to 25 minutes. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell, experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, headache), or if you have been asked to self-isolate.



Getting the second dose: People who get their first vaccine dose will be notified by email, text or phone call when they are eligible to book an appointment for their second dose.

Proof of immunization: You will have the option to receive a paper and digital copy of your immunization record card. We recommend registering for Health Gateway, where your digital immunization record card will be available only after you receive the vaccine. Note: Health Gateway is not a source of vaccine or immunization information. Your immunization record will be also be stored in the online provincial database,

Plans will be released soon for the Phase 3 and 4

Phase 3: April to June 2021

Phase 4: July to September 2021

You will not miss your chance to get the vaccine when a new phase starts. Once you become eligible, you are always eligible.



What Have You and I Been Doing? – for the past year!

In the early days of the pandemic, many of us adjusted fairly quickly to doing some new, different things to spend our time in isolation or “in our bubble”. Kim took up Pickleball with a vengeance, Sheila increased the numbers of jig-saw puzzles, books, and crossword puzzles she completed, and with Joanne new to retirement, created ways to “Wing It” and simply decide to enjoy life. I think we all came up with unique ways to cope. Given the unbelievable number of people out walking the dogs or carrying on iPhone conversations we can all get involved with or a couple of friends with their Nordic Walking Sticks passing by the house, it is obvious that the outdoors beckoned many.

I have spent innumerable hours using the computer for meetings using newer technology I didn't know existed until the Pandemic. It accomplishes many things both useful and tiresome and sometimes allowing for lots of fun. Have you played “Party Games” on line? Some really fun activities with your friends might have been *This or That?*, *2 Truths and a Lie* or *Who Am I?* How about *Boggle*, *5 second Rule* or *Scattergories?*



I am curious to find out how you members have dealt with the changes. Have you taken up knitting or crochet? Woodworking or sewing? Learning a new language or how to play the guitar?

It would be an interesting list for us to reminisce about in a couple of years with what we did over the last 12 months. Has it continued on or completely disappeared? Was it worthwhile or just a time filler?

Fiona and I leave it to you to help us compile such a list. Contact either of us at dancingfeathers@icloud.com or deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com with your activities.

St. Patrick's Day Trivia

1. What food is traditionally eaten on St. Patrick's Day? – give 2 answers
2. Where is the biggest St. Patrick's Day celebration held?
3. What does "Erin go bragh" mean?
4. What is the traditional occupation of a Leprechaun? – give 2 answers
5. St. Patrick was born where?
6. What brand of beer is preferred on St. Patrick's Day?
7. In what location do leprechauns prefer to bury their pot of gold?
8. Which Caribbean island celebrates St. Patrick's Day as a National Holiday?
9. T or F – Leprechauns are unwanted children of the fairy community.
10. What is the name of the short, stout oak club seen carried in Ireland?
11. According to legend, if you catch a leprechaun, he will do what for you?
12. According to legend, what should you never do if you catch a leprechaun?

Are You Moving? Thinking about a Move? Or Already There?

We don't live forever in one place. If you have made a change of address, to phone number or e-mail address, please inform me of your new numbers. (deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com). Have you been told by another DRTA member of any of these changes? Please let me know as well. Keeping in touch is one of the goals of the DRTA Executive. We tried to contact our members over the age of 80 with a Christmas card and a phone call. Unfortunately, some of our contact numbers were out-of-date. Sometimes when our seniors are moved into some form of "Care", families are not always aware of a connection to the BCRTA or DRTA. If you know anyone whether as a new or and long-time member in this type of circumstance, please let me know. Your help, especially in the pandemic, is requested and gratefully welcomed.

Thanks for your help.

Pat

Fill in the Blanks Story

From the list of words you created earlier, complete this story. Hope it turns out hilariously.

Yesterday, when I was out _____ at the _____,
(verb-ing) (place)
I was thrilled to discover a _____ leaf _____. I know
(number) (noun)
they can bring _____ luck, so I _____ it and
(adjective) (verb-ed)
_____ it in my _____.
(adverb) (verb-ed) (article of clothing)
For the rest of the day, I had _____ luck. I found a
(adjective)
_____ on the sidewalk, I found out I had won a
(noun)
_____, and my partner gave me a
(adjective) (noun)
_____ for remembering to “mask-up” when outside.
(noun)
Next time you visit the _____, be sure to look for
(place)
_____ leaf _____.
(number) (plural noun)



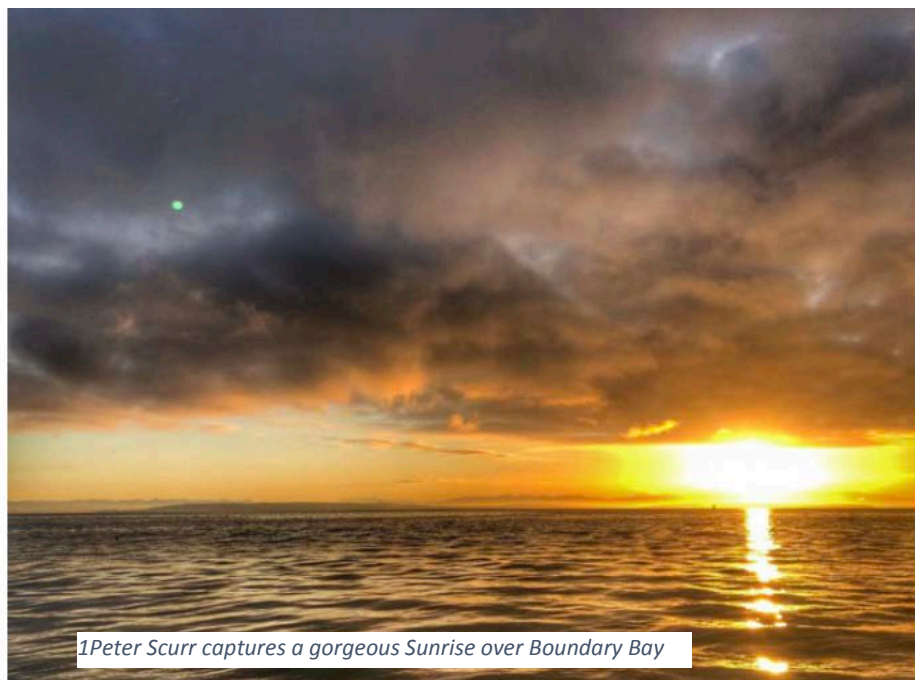
CBC Books Winter 2021 Reading List

I'm sure you are all aware of the Annual CBC Book Awards show where a selected number of Canadian-authored books are presented by "celebrities" who champion a book to encourage the CBC TV and Radio audience to read and then select the best received book. This year's list of 30 books has been pared down to 5 from the list. The champions and their chosen books are:

- Olympian and broadcaster Rosey Edeh champions *The Midnight Bargain* by C.L. Polk
- Singer-songwriter Scott Helman champions *Two Trees Make a Forest* by Jessica J. Lee
- Actor and filmmaker Devery Jacobs champions *Jonny Appleseed* by Joshua Whitehead
- Actor Paul Sun-Hyung Lee champions *Hench* by Natalie Zina Walschots
- Chef, recording artist and TV host Roger Mooking champions *Butter Honey Pig Bread* by Francesca Ekwuyasi

The televised debates will take place on CBC TV nightly March 8-11, 2021.

You can check out the entire list if you simultaneously hit your control button and click at this address. <https://www.cbc.ca/books/cbc-books-winter-2021-reading-list-30-canadian-books-to-check-out-this-season-1.5912514?>



1Peter Scurr captures a gorgeous Sunrise over Boundary Bay

Connections

Change the first word in steps to create the second word.

For instance, to go from COAT to SHOE (4 steps): COAT, COOT, SOOT, SHOT, SHOE.

JUNK to BOND (4)

WELL to READ(4)

FOOT to RACE(5)

DEEP to DOWN(5)

GOLD to FISH(5)

DOWN to EAST(6)

SOFT to ROCK(4)

MEAN to WELL(4)

MANY to FOLD(5)

KING to FISH(5)

GAME to BOYS(5)

CANE to TOAD(6)

SNOW to BELT(6)

SHOW to BILL(7)

ARMY to BRAT(8)

TWIN to BEDS(6)

GETS to OVER(7)

PASS to OVER(8)

Missing Letters

Rearrange and place the 5 letters within the words on

the left to make a 10-letter word. (e.g. ALOUD becomes ULTRASOUND)

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|-----|-------|--------------------------|
| 1. | UPPER | __ O __ C __ __ I N __ S |
| 2. | AGENT | __ I __ H __ M __ R __ S |
| 3. | PIETY | __ X __ O S __ __ O R __ |
| 4. | NICER | __ O __ C __ N T __ __ C |
| 5. | TRYST | __ __ E __ E O __ __ P E |
| 6. | OCTET | __ __ O __ H A __ H __ S |
| 7. | CAPED | __ U N __ T U __ T __ __ |
| 8. | ENTER | __ H I __ __ S __ O N __ |
| 9. | PESTO | __ __ L E __ C __ __ E S |
| 10. | UNCLE | __ A __ T A __ O __ P __ |

A Few Math Riddles - Answers

1. 1461, because $(365 \times 4) + 1$. Every 4 years, one will be a leap year;
2. 41 years ago
3. Quinn is 2, Aidan is 5 and Rowan is 7. Age diff $7 - 2 = 5$ is prime; $7 - 5 = 2$ is prime; $5 - 2 = 3$ is prime.
4. 70 because 20 divided by $\frac{1}{2}$ is 40, add $30 = 70$
5. First, he splits them into 3 piles, 3 and 3 and 2. Then he weighs the 2 piles of 3's with each other. If they balance, he knows the brick is one of the 2 non-weighed bricks and he can weigh them to find the heavier one. If the stacks of 3 bricks do not balance, he will weigh 2 of the 3 bricks. If they do balance, he will know the brick left not weighed is heavier, or if they do not balance, he will find the heavier one.
6. They walk 4 miles and reach the top of the hill at half past three.
7. Forty cents, because the price of each fruit is calculated by multiplying the number of vowels by 20 cents.

St. Patrick's Day Trivia Answers

1. Irish Soda Bread, Shepherd's Pie, Corned Beef and Cabbage
2. New York City
3. Ireland Forever
4. Shoemaker/Cobbler; Banker to the Fairy World
5. Wales
6. Guinness
7. At the end of a rainbow
8. Montserrat
9. True
10. Shillelagh
11. Grant you 3 wishes or tell you where he buried his pot of gold
12. Take your eyes off of him or he's escaped/gone

Missing Letters – ANSWERS

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. PORCUPINES | 6. TOOTHACHES |
| 2. NIGHTMARES | 7. PUNCTUATED |
| 3. EXPOSITORY | 8. RHINESTONE |
| 4. CONCENTRIC | 9. TELESCOPE |
| 5. STEREOTYPE | 10. CANTALOUPE |

Wrapping it Up

This Truant Newsletter has been a wonderful experience having so many “Member written” articles. I would like to thank the volunteer group who phoned our most senior members prior to Christmas. They are Annie Coblin, Joanne Thauli, Deanne Turner, and Peter Yang. They have each written to me that they would like to continue phoning those on their list. If you would like to join the group or if you would like a personal phone call from me or the group, let me know (604) 943-1817.

I have always finished each of Brunch/Luncheons with an Irish Blessing. As we are still not able to gather, these are my wishes for you all. Pat

***May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks.
May your heart be as light as a song.
May each day bring you bright happy hours,
That stay with you all year long.
For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way
Good health, good luck, and happiness
For today and every day.***

