

RIVERSIDE

REFLECTIONS

Newsletter of the New Westminster
Retired Teachers
January 2021



NW School Teachers - 1908
Photo from Historical Data Base NW Library

The Executive's Comments

We survived 2020 and are looking, with bated breath, to 2021. The Covid vaccine is coming, visiting friends and ...

This is your President's/Executive/ message to all Branch members.

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Bill Watterson

If you have any questions about the layout or production of this newsletter, please contact me, Kerry Babiuk, Communications Officer, NWRTA at kgbabiuk@gmail.com

February 5

Show Me that Bottle of Wine

This event will be another Zoom meeting. This can only happen by sending me an RSVP stating your interest in participating.

March (TBA)

Book Review by Local Author - Zoom

Where:

Lunch:

Focus: Discussion of her book and how it relates to her paintings.

April (TBA)

Chef Sydney - Zoom

Where:

Lunch:

Focus: How to make samosas easily

May, (TBA)

Penitentiary Cemetery

Where: Old Pen Grounds

Lunch: 12:00pm Castle

Focus: Guided Historical Walk

June, (TBA)

Dragon Boating, Lunch, and AGM

Where: Rocky Point, Coquitlam

Focus: Team building and learning a new sport

Teaching in New Westminster

(Opening photo)

Schools were in existence in New Westminster prior to the 1900's. The Royal City High School was listed in the B.C. directory in 1892. This school was on the corner of Royal and 6th and a teacher's salary was around \$50.00 per month at that time. Archie Miller, a New Westminster historian, has kindly located a number of photos of these older schools. Please open the attached document or check the New Westminster Branch site at the BCRTA web page for some photos of these old schools.

2020 - 2021 NWRTA Meetings

December 8,

NWRTA Christmas Party - Zoom

Where: at home on your computer

What: favourite bottle of wine

Focus: sharing taste, price, etc. about the wine

As always the Executive is looking for suggestions, from our members, on what would you like to see featured at our meetings. Please email me with any recommendations that you might have. A suggestion from you does not mean that you have to organize or run the meeting, we just need your ideas, we'll take it from there.

Memories of a New Westminster Teacher

by Dxxx Qxxxxx

I've been gone from New Westminster for 30 years but still fondly remember my years there, especially ...

If you are able to get one of your members to write a short story of what they are doing, where they are going, or what makes their garden special, this is the place.



Mosaic of Dr. Bonny Henry by Dxxx Qxxxxx

NWSS Farewell

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The NWSS Farewell Committee is planning a celebration of the history of the school and would like contributions from those people who gave life to the building. Please open the link for all the information. Thanks.

Include link here. Check the link to make sure that it is up to date and accessible. Also if the URL address is too long, use TinyUrl to make it smaller.

<https://tinyurl.com/app>

<https://sumo.com/stories/how-to-write-a-newsletter>

DINING WITH PATRICIA

by Pxxxxx Txxxxx

Happy New Year Everyone!

If you are craving dine-in meals, I have felt very safe eating at

The restaurant takes your name and number for contact tracing.

Before Covid 19 our food editor would write a review of a local restaurant and some of the different foods that one might like to try. Since Covid -19 she has been including various recipes to try.

If you like eggplant here is a simple recipe with an Asian flavour.

Eggplant with Soya Sauce and Sesame

1/4 lb. eggplant (Asian eggplant is easier to slice)

Slice the eggplant to your preferred thickness. Soak in cold water for 10 minutes. Cook until tender in boiling salted water. Drain and cool.

Dressing

5 tbsp. toasted sesame seeds

3 tbsp. soya sauce

2 tbsp. sugar

Grind the sesame seeds in a blender or mortar and pestle. Add the soya sauce and sugar. Blend well and mix into the eggplant. Restaurants make this dish spicier with some chile and they also add more oil.

Enjoy!

TRIVIA - New Year's Eve/Day

1. When was the first New Year's Ball Drop in Time Square?
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Travel Editor

I am still looking for a travel editor or a number of different people with stories of some of the amazing adventures that they have had over the years. Maybe it was a trip to the colorful neighborhood of Cape Town's Bo Kaap, or the Paro Valley in Bhutan, or Virunga National Park in the Congo, or the markets in Marrakesh in Morocco, or the ruins of Petra or Machu Picchu. What made your trip special? Was it the people, the food, the mystique, or simply the beauty and tranquility of the moment? Tell us why we should add your adventure to our bucket list of places to go, when we are able. This is your chance to free the writer that is hidden in your soul. Please email me your story, our members would love to hear it.



Bali, Indonesia

FAVOURITE BOOK

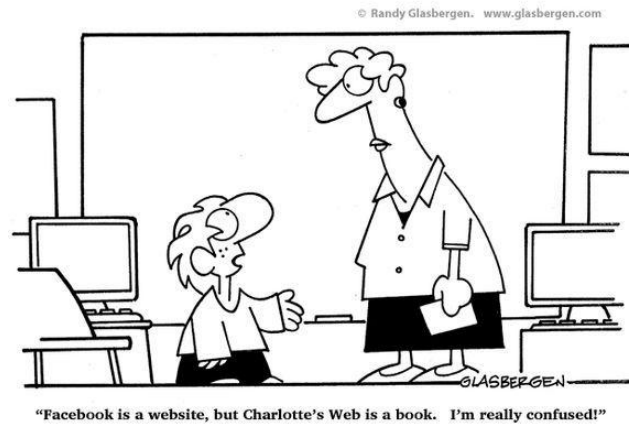
by Lxxxx Kxxx

We are fortunate in having a retired librarian who is passionate about books and writes book reviews for each issue of the Riverside.

I waved goodbye to 2020 with champagne and cheers. What a horrible, dreadful year! People I know used their time, while sheltering in place, decluttering, reorganizing, and renovating their homes. I read.

Escaping into the pages of a book took me away from the realities of the world, away from the pandemic

the Old Clock” by Carolyn Keene and “The Tower Treasure” by Franklin W. Dixon.



THINGS TO DO IN NEW WESTMINSTER

There a number of outdoor activities, you can choose, that easily allow for appropriate physical distancing. There is the

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I am looking forward to a better 2021. There will be lots of thought provoking, mind expanding books to read and share with others. Check with me again this time next year, perhaps I will have discovered that one book with special meaning. If that is not possible, I still have copies of the books that started my love of mysteries: “The Secret of

And You Thought You Knew Music

...Edition#2

Contributed by: Seedy

This is an opportunity for another member to be a contributor to the newsletter. In this case we have a musician who is also a budding author and takes great delight in being our music editor.

The purpose of these articles is two-fold: to show you that other types of music (other than what you normally listen to) may be worth a second chance; and that the composer is only the *start* of the production

– the arranger has a lot to do with the final experience.

Please consider the following:

1. Boogie Blends With Beethoven. Most of you will know this one, so it struck me as a great introduction: [a fifth of beethoven walter murphy - Bing](#)

KERRY'S TOONIES WORTH

or

One Step Away from Relevance

As the editor of the newsletter, I feel that I should have some "writer's privilege" and include whatever ramblings come to mind and is mainly for comedic relief.

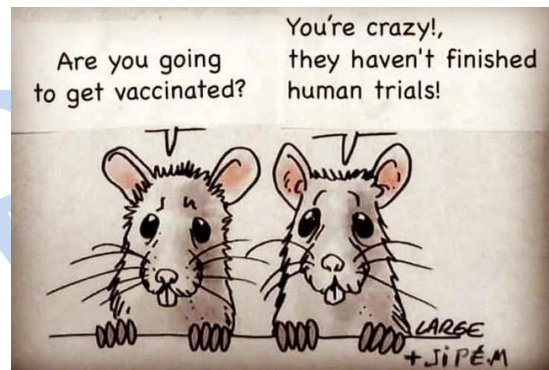
Laughing at Covid's Expense

1. Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow remains to be seen.
2. If I keep stress-eating at this level, the buttons on my shirt will start socially distancing from each other.

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Again, and to re-iterate: with music, the *only limitation is your imagination.*

Next article: *Our Parent's Music Had NO Innuendos or Silly Lyrics.* (Am I being sarcastic? Be sure to read the next column and find out).



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Show respect even to people who don't deserve it; not as a reflection of their character, but as a reflection of yours."

Dave Willis

Rudeness is the weak person's imitation of strength.

Eric Hoffer

8 This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog - we laughed a lot.

Getting older

1. When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

2.

3.

4.

5. Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

Actually I'm not complaining because I am a Senager. (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. And I don't have acne. Life is great.

I DON'T DO DRUGS...



I GET THE SAME EFFECT BY STANDING UP FAST!

Fun with the English Language

1. Venison for dinner again? Oh deer.

2. I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

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10. I got a part-time job at the bakery because I kneaded the dough.

A Lady after my own Heart

A 105 year old woman's explanations for her health, "For better digestion, I

Ray and Bob

Ray and Bob, two government maintenance guys, were

....." I've never been that sick."

...."Well, ain't that just like a 'Miss-know-it-all' woman."



Wheel Chairs

Hospital regulations require

.... changing out of her hospital gown."

Christmas Dinner 2020



R.S.V.P. Wine Tasting Event

Just a reminder, if you are interested you need to email at:

xyxabilskdd@gmail.com

Words of Encouragement

In closing, I would like to remind all of you who are working on a resolution to lose weight, give up drinking, or exercise more that CHOCOLATE is God's way of saying he likes us a little bit chubby.

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New Year's Eve/Day Trivia Answers

1. 1907
2. Robert Burns
3. 46 B.C.
4. Donuts
5. Guy Lombardo
6. Cigarette ads
7. Ricky Nelson
8. The Beatles
9. 38, one for each time zone
10. Baker Island