

Vancouver Tabloid

Vancouver Retired Teachers' Association MAY 2021 Newsletter

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



PLEASE JOIN US for our AGM on Tuesday June 8 ONLINE via ZOOM Invitation. To join send email to vrta.president@gmail.com; if you cannot use the Internet, then you are invited to register by phone to 604 872-1859.

Guest speaker **Dr. Keiko Honda**, SFU academic and artist, is active at Kerrisdale Community Centre and wants to share her knowledge on revitalizing communities through arts, culture and co-creation. Then comes the business of the Annual General Meeting. There will be a Door Prize!



Keiko Honda, PhD in Public Health and Social Artistry will speak June 8 .

So on the morning of Tuesday June 8 at 10 am, make yourself a fresh pot of tea or coffee, stay safe at home and JOIN us online, using the ZOOM INVITE details sent out early that morning. The waiting room opens at 9:45 am to provide time for you to connect successfully.

Excellent videos on how to JOIN a ZOOM meeting are available on Youtube or at website zoom.us **Pre-registration with the President is required. Email vrta.president@gmail.com; a limited number of invitations available for this meeting.**

AGM & CELEBRATION TUESDAY JUNE 8

At 10:00 AM via your Desktop, laptop, iPad or Cell phone

Waiting room opens at 9:45 am

This is a Virtual Meeting

TO REGISTER with the Online Host

Use email by **SUNDAY June 6** and send to:

Anastasia Mirras, HOST of VRTA ZOOM

VRTA.president@gmail.com

To PHONE IN Only—Register at 604 872-1859 Winola

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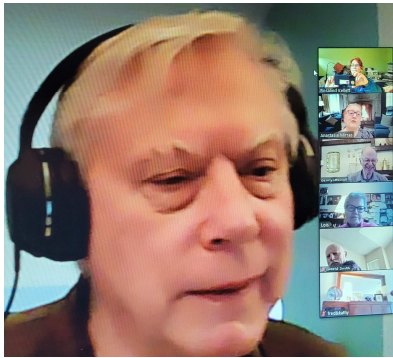
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President's Greetings

Anastasia invites ALL members to join our Tuesday June 8 event on ZOOM. You can hear the reports of all the hardworking executive, listen to a creative, dynamic speaker and see each other as well. Please turn to page 8 to read the President's full report. —**Editor**

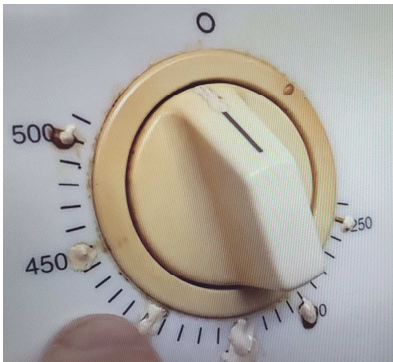
SPRING WORKSHOPS ATTRACT DOZENS



Two workshops, arranged by Denis Ottewell, helped dozens of participants learn more about Technology (February) and Vision Loss (April) as they aged. COSCO presenter, **Royce Shook**, (top left), used slides and the latest research to show how seniors aged 75 years plus felt that life was no better as a result of technology; younger seniors see benefit. This led to lively discussion, the examining old and new technologies and much laughter.



Marilyn Rushton, 1st VP, with support from her husband Ken Rushton (middle left), led viewers through her home to show us blind-assistive technologies they have setup. Marilyn was born blind and lives a full life as a mother of adult children and social activist. For cooking, laundry and in the bathroom Marilyn uses "smart talking" devices, tools on which she has put braille symbols, and even gold painted blobs to mark temperatures on her oven dial (bottom left). This workshop was inspiring to many of us as we experience less vision.



LEADERS for Activities

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB: Diane Smith frandia@shaw.ca—3rd Wed at 2 pm

—*Contact vrta.president@gmail.com to start Second Book Club

NEWSFLASH: UNDER PANDEMIC RULES

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED TO SAME 10

Until May 25* then Check www.bccdc.ca

STROLLERS: Norma Westrom normawestrom@hotmail.com—Wed 10:45 am

WALKERS: Margaret Yoshida margyoshi@gmail.com—Wed 10:00 am

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Volunteers

Lil Cumberbirch, Ora Fraser

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Calendar

**Please feel free to join us - *Notify
vrta.president@gmail.com*

NOTE: All events VIRTUAL; start 10 AM

May 25 Tue. Exec.

June 8 Tue. —AGM

July 6 Tue. Exec. (TBC)

July 30 Fri. TABLOID deadline

Sept. 7 Tue. Welcome Back Lunch (TBC)

Oct. Workshop (TBC)

2021 Valentine's Social



Zoom group shot of some of the participants who came to dance and sing at VRTA's Virtual Valentine's Event. Party organizers, Ali Pollard, top right, and daughter Riva (hidden) led the event so many gained a smile on their face, including secretary Denis Ottewell (second down on right). We all felt the Love of Valentine's from this event during this strange time of pandemic.

Ali Pollard and the team of party planners- Diane Smith, Edie Wood and Ros Kellett- spent time preparing for the first Virtual VRTA VALENTINE'S party and came up with a list of Love Songs. Ali's daughter, Riva, used her digital skills to set up the dance videos, playlist and decorations to get the Party "rocking and rolling" on Tuesday February 9.

The morning started with Lisa Hansen, Senior consultant of Johnson

Insurance, giving an update on the popular MEDOC travel insurance program that now provides coverage for travellers who would be unlucky and catch COVID-19 while travelling. Yet any travel at all is currently restricted so check here for the latest info <https://bcrrta.ca/insurance-alternatives/>

Encouraging us all to get up and dance, the hosts played a video of three youngsters dancing to rousing music. Then we got up to "twist

and shout"! Jokes and stories interspersed the event. Chris Evans won the Valentine Word Game, with the highest number of words in the shortest time. Then many of us crooned to an array of classic Love songs, energetically accompanied by Marilyn on the piano. The best dressed Valentine outfit was worn by Ali herself, a large red heart shown on her sweater and a tiara on her head. We ended by singing "Yes! I think to myself, What a wonderful world!"

-Editor

A good time to get involved

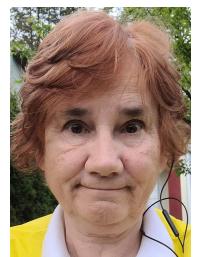
Editorial

This year has been tough for the executive and club leaders. Under the leadership of media-savvy Anastasia Miras, the number of executive meetings doubled as our roles changed. Rather than putting on new social gatherings we all learned to use ZOOM video conferencing tools and took time at meetings held over summer 2020 to practice. In October we held a brain-storming

strategy session but found this type of heartfelt activity too onerous on ZOOM. I struggle to fit all the news, articles and opinions submitted by members into our limited space. We seek new ways to communicate but that comes with a cost. Knowledgeable and skilled members are needed to help us or guide us to take the plunge and hire the expertise already out there. You who care about this organization are invited to get in-

involved. Check out the Vacant positions at our upcoming AGM and consider volunteering to join this lively group of team players. Or help make this newsletter more interactive – send your feedback to editortabloid@gmail.com

Rosalind Kellett,
Editor, Vancouver
TABLOID



Agenda -VRTA 2021

Tuesday June 8, 2021 (10:15 am)

1. President's welcome

2. Approval of the proposed Agenda

3. Acceptance of the Minutes from the Virtual AGM of September 8, 2020

4. Reports:

a) President's Annual report:

Anastasia Mirras

b) Treasurer's Financial Report & Proposed Budget: Dave Ellis

Motion: That the membership fee for VRTA remain at \$12:00.

c) TABLOID Editor: Ros Kellett

d) Committee Reports: In MAY TABLOID—to be received by AGM.

5. **Election of the Executive for 2021-2022—**
Nominations Report: Winola Chu

Thanks to retiring Executive members and volunteers: Elaine Anderson & Ali Pollard

6. **VRTA Delegates to Other organizations—**
Names to be announced at meeting

a) Five Delegates to the AGM of the BCRTA
October 2 - 3, 2021

b) Four Delegates to the COSCO monthly meetings

7. New Business; Announcements; Door Prize

MINUTES of the 2020

VIRTUAL Annual General Meeting
of the Vancouver Branch, BCRTA on Tuesday
September 8, 2020

1. **The meeting was called to Order** by President and ZOOM host, Anastasia Mirras, at 10:10 am. There were 26 attendees. One minute of silence was observed in honour of **Art Remplel**, former co-founder and President of VRTA, who died Aug. 27, 2020, aged 103 years. Guest speaker and BCRTA Director, **Arnie Lambert**, presented slides on Pensions, BCRTA matters and events and answered questions from 10:18 am to 10:55 am.

2. MS/C Approval of the amended Agenda.

3. MS/C Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM of June 4, 2019.

4. **Reports:** All AGM reports, included in Vancouver Tabloid, Aug. 2020, were adopted.

a) President's Annual Report. Anastasia Mirras.

MS/C That a quorum at the VRTA AGMs should be at least 20 members.

b) Treasurer's Finances and Proposed Budget. Dave Ellis

The VRTA will no longer have to pay PST (7%) on having the TABLOID printed.

MS/C That the membership fee remain at \$12.00.

c) TABLOID. Ros Kellett, editor Suggested theme for November 2020: see Aug. TABLOID
Committee Reports: Website, Membership, Social—on luncheons, poinsettias, Workshops,

Clubs and Volunteer Activities – all received.

5. **Elections of the Executive and Delegates:**
Winola Chu, as Past President conducted the elections. See Results below.

The VRTA thanked the following for their service and contributions on the Executive these past years: the former Art Rempel, Tom Bruner, Patricia Wright, Carol Perdue, Bea Raymond.

6. **Other Business & Announcements:**

The donated prize was won by Ruth Deshaies; it was a quilted table runner, made by Barb Mikulec .. "Scrubbies" made and donated by Anastasia were won by several others.

7 **Adjournment:** at 11:47 am. Recording secretary, Denis W. Ottewell

Election Results Westrom/Chu moved these nominations. All elected for 2020/21

Table officers: President: Anastasia Mirras;
First VP: open; Second VP: Edie Wood; Treasurer: Dave Ellis; Secretary: Denis Ottewell
Membership: open; Website Admin.: Ros Kellett;
Editor: Ros Kellett; Past President: Winola Chu
Members-at Large: Elaine Anderson, Barb Mikulec, Sheila Pither, Ali Pollard, Les Rowe, Marilyn Rushton, David Smith, Diane Smith, Norma Westrom.

Delegates to the Virtual AGM of the BCRTA (5)
Oct. 2,3, 2020: Dave Ellis, Barb Mikulec, Anastasia Mirras, Sheila Pither, Norma Westrom.
Alternates: Ros Kellett, Les Rowe

Delegates to the ten COSCO monthly meetings (4): Anastasia Mirras, Sheila Pither, Les Rowe, Diane Smith. Alternate: Denis Ottewell
Volunteers: Lil Cumberbirch, Ora Fraser



President's Report

able to offer social activities as well as informative webinars on several subjects. I sincerely hope that you've enjoyed and taken advantage of these opportunities

In addition to my own experience, I have been able to listen and review feedback from many of our members regarding how the VRTA communicates. I realize that there lies not only a great difference in our member's ages (range is from mid-fifties – to over one hundred), but a difference in technical ability and moreover varying interests in general. We need to address these differences and make sure that our communications as well as offerings meet your needs. For example, although convenient for us, not everyone wishes to receive our communications electronically. We need to conduct further research, but you

can assist us by giving us your thoughts and feedback as to what works...and what hasn't.

I wish that I could see you all through to the end of this pandemic, but at this point, I need to focus on my own mental and physical well-being. I hope that as the warmer weather approaches (and as more of us become vaccinated), you will all be able to get outdoors and enjoy this beautiful province. In the end, nothing beats physical contact. Grab a buddy, keep safe and physically distant, and get out there! I wish you all health and happiness and that we are able to return to normal and meet again in person soon.

I plan to remain on the executive, and as always, in your service. Have a great summer. Take care,

-Anastasia Mirras

Report on Workshops

Two workshops were presented virtually, using ZOOM.

February 18, 2021 over 36 people attended on "Technology and Ageing"; some couples appeared together on ZOOM. Presenter: Royce Shook from COSCO distributed Notes ahead of time.

April 13, 2021 over 28 people attended on "Vision and Ageing". Presenters: Marilyn and Ken Rushton in live presentation of their family home.

—Denis Ottewell

Social Committee Report

COVID certainly changed things for all of us socially but, thanks to ZOOM, we were able to continue to get-together and even party, which we did for Christmas Dec 8 and Valentine's Feb 9.

Our poinsettia delivery project went ahead as usual at Christmas, which was a wonderful accomplishment. Considering the limitations COVID put on everyone we managed amazingly well. And now happily it looks like we'll soon be able to start having "old-fashioned" social events once again. Hurrah!!

— Ali Pollard

Membership Report

Currently our membership is 1313 paid up members, including over 140 Life members. Sometimes it is hard to keep track of our Life members as they no longer pay dues to the Teachers' Pension Plan (TPP) so the BCRTA loses track of them. We suggest our Life members leave instructions with their survivor(s) to notify the VRTA when they die so we can acknowledge this, inform BCRTA and keep accurate membership lists.

Our strength comes from our active membership numbers and, as membership numbers decline over

time, it is now more imperative than before to strengthen our membership. The Membership Committee and other Executive Members are asking retired members to reach out to any future retiring member, whom they may know, to consider joining the VRTA. Those of you who are already VRTA members please do consider becoming more active and joining the executive or one of our Clubs. Only in this way will the VRTA remain viable for future generations of our members by moving forward with fresh ideas and creating some of the projects that will enhance this organization. — **David Smith and Elaine Anderson**

TABLOID Editor's Report

The four issues produced this fiscal year were organized along these themes:

(Aug. 2020) ***Ways of coping with the Pandemic;***

(Nov. 2020) ***What ONE item would I want rescued from my Burning House?***

(Jan. 2021) ***Which mask is your favourite to wear?***

(May 2021) ***How am I coping with my changing vision? [NOTE: No space for this in this issue.]***

The August 2020 issue extended to 12 pages as six pages were devoted to the Virtual AGM agenda, minutes, elections and reports, including the financial report. This year presented difficulties as there were less group photographs of us at events and more single, head-shots of members on pages of a ZOOM meeting. "Print Screen" techniques needed to be learned, amongst other online skills. In the past 5 months I have upgraded and bought a new cell phone and a new desktop computer. Internet emails now arrive faster but my "bandwidth" from the home Internet service can still be "unstable" at times.

At this time I am looking for an Assistant Editor to share some of the work. The Assistant's job would be to help the Editor to: write-up some of the events, develop the story-theme and help with some of the editorial decisions regarding content and scope. A small honorarium would be involved. If you care about learning more about some of the doings

of this organization, have some writing skills and would like to be involved in this way, please contact me at: editortabloid@gmail.com

The cost of mailing out the TABLOID newsletter restricts our issues to 8 pages and I find it sad, sometimes, that I have to edit some great articles of 400 words to fit a 135 or 240 word space. However, this allows for more contributors and makes a robust newsletter full of variety in the end. We welcome your written articles and contributions and hope to develop our website more to handle more of them. It is my pleasure to continue with this job as your TABLOID Editor for the start of my 7 th year.

I want to thank my Editorial committee: Barb Mikulec, Denis Ottewell, Diane Smith, Winola Chu, Norma Westrom, Anastasia Mirras and Dave Ellis. Their advice and proof reading skills continue to help produce a first class newsletter. Gratitude is also expressed to Ora Fraser, our regular contributor to Theatre Offerings in the Vancouver area. Thanks also to Norma Westrom, Elaine Anderson and Barb Mikulec who handle the distribution of the newsletter, both the online and printed versions. Finally, thanks to you, the readers, for taking the time to read the articles, phone in your comments or write letters and provide feedback when you can.

— **Rosalind Kellett**

Website Committee Report

www.vrta.ca

Since Feb 24 of 2020, there was no Technical support manager for our website. During July we advertised informally and formally, using LinkedIn, to find a new technical support manager. We interviewed four Vancouver-based applicants and, having budgeted a low hourly wage of \$30, we chose a young man interested in helping folks with their website infrastructure and a willingness to learn our Drupal-based website. Jeffrey Nguyen was a keen helper and especially useful at our Virtual general meetings, patiently assisting those needing to get fully connected on ZOOM. For the next 4 months we struggled to update the vrta.ca website and stop the repeated Security Updates Needed alerts we were getting. In October the website crashed as a security update failed and it required an urgent call to our website host, Canadian company HORDE, to restore it with a backup that they happened to do 24 hours earlier. We now pay for a monthly backup plan so we can update the website with peace of mind.

In January, we found there were still major security updates to do and we agreed to hire an IT Drupal specialist to secure our website. Vanessa Cleary, whom we had previously interviewed, was chosen and she got to work right away, gradually updating the site from the 2017 Drupal version to the 2021 ver-

sion, requiring 7 major upgrades and the development of an alternate test site to sort out the complexities.

It is very humbling coordinating our Volunteer website committee with our two IT specialists and the wonders of a Drupal website. Vanessa has enabled us to continue as “green” volunteers to update the Notices and Images of upcoming events by ourselves while making the site more sophisticated, robust and secure. We hope to add further features and developments to the site

If you have a website design background or enjoy learning about and tinkering with this type of communication tool, feel free to JOIN the VRTA Website committee and contribute your ideas. The committee meets about 5 times a year to update the Event news on the website and help do write-ups on the other sections of the website.

I want to thank the VRTA website committee for 2020-2021 and it's core members: Barbara Mikulec, Norma Westrom, Winola Chu, and Elaine Anderson with occasional participation from Anastasia Mirras and Ali Pollard. Each participant provided valuable help by writing an article or finding a suitable image and then uploading these onto the correct spot on the website over the course of the year.

Ros Kellett, Website coordinator

Report from the Nominations Chairperson

Nominated for Table Officers 2021/22:

President: Edie Wood

First VP:: Marilyn Rushton

Second VP: OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

Secretary: Denis Ottewell

Treasurer Dave Ellis

Editor: Ros Kellett

Membership: David Smith Website: Ros Kellett

Members at Large: Winola Chu

Barb Mikulec Sheila Pither

Les Rowe Diane Smith

Norma Westrom

Past President: Anastasia Mirras

Volunteers:: Lil Cumberbirch, Ora Fraser, Ali Pollard

Treasurer's Report and Budget for 2021-2022

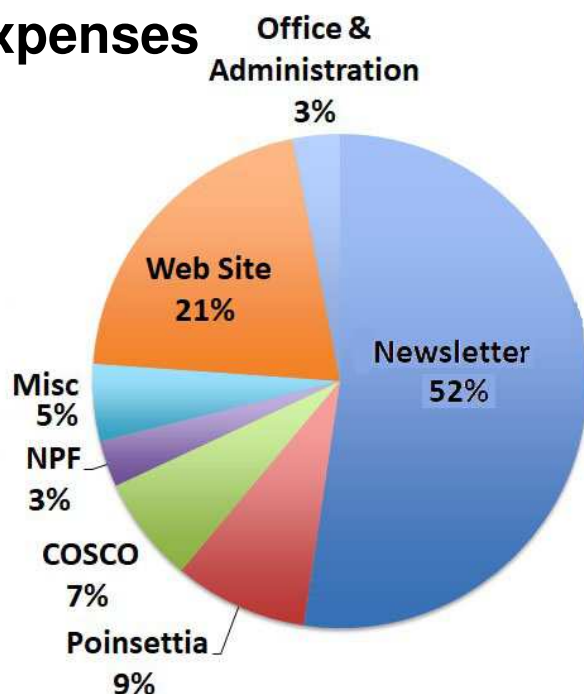
This financial summary represents the state of the VRTA Branch as of June 30, 2021. Regarding our revenue, the overall income from our lunches and seminars was nil since the Covid-19 pandemic closed down all gatherings. A GST refund was received from the Provincial government for money charged over the past 4 years for the printing and mailing of the TABLOID. Nothing was spent directly on lunches and workshops. Looking at the Budget for the year ahead, there remains uncertainty about

when lunches and workshops will be resumed. We anticipate more costs related to the website and to the recent hiring of a part-time professional technical administrator along with a ZOOM support manager. The proposed budget should leave the VRTA with a healthy balance of approximately \$26 000 by the end of next June, 2022.

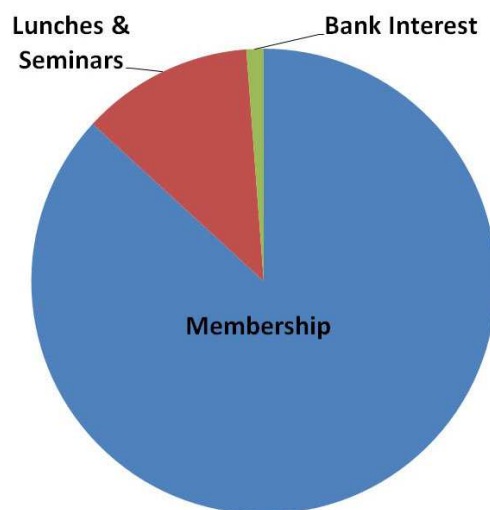
Respectfully submitted - **Dave Ellis**

Financial Charts

Current Expenses



Budgeted Income



Current Assets

Chequing & Savings Accounts	\$1,430.50
Term Deposits	\$17,000.00
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	\$18,430.50

The 2021-2022 Budget in Detail

Revenue	Budget 2020-21	Actual 2020-21	*Budget 2021-2022
Membership	\$14,500	\$14,325.00	\$14,500
Lunches/Seminars	\$3,500	\$0.00	\$2000.00
Bank Interest	\$250	\$290.50	\$200.00
**Refund for PST Printing costs		**\$939.79	
Total Revenue	\$18,250	\$15,555.29	\$18,250

NOTES: *Pending exec. approval

Expenses

Luncheons	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Workshops/Seminars	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Newsletter (4 issues)	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00
-Honourarium		\$1,600.00	
-Printing		\$1,078.39	
-Mailing		\$3,069.26	
-GST		\$218.30	
-PST		\$0.00	
-Paper and ink		\$69.77	
Poinsettia	\$1,000.00	\$1,009.39	\$1,100.00
COSCO- membership	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
-conference			
-wellness inst - speakers	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
NPF- membership	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
-convention expenses			
Miscellaneous	\$600.00		\$600.00
-Zoom subscription		\$220.00	
-Envelopes & stamps		\$150.00	
-Gifts (2)		\$210.96	
-Executive lunch		\$0.00	
-Parking		\$0.00	
Scholarship/speaker			
Speakers	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Web Site	\$3,000.00		\$3,500.00
-Technical Support hours		\$2,270.00	
-Hosting (to 2023) & Domain License (1 yr)		\$124.06	
Office and Administration	\$550.00	\$358.09	\$550.00
Total Expenses	\$21,300.00	\$11,528.22	\$19,600.00
Gain (Loss) for Year	(\$3,050.00)	\$4,027.07	(\$2,900.00)



Friends of the VRTA Scholarship & Bursary Fund

Note: The Friends of the Vancouver Retired Teachers' Association is the charity "arm" of the VRTA. The Canadian Revenue Agency insists that the Friends be a separate organization and that VRTA expenditures go to the benefits of members, and not to charitable causes. Hence we have a separate Annual Meeting for the Friends of the VRTA, and when you give to the scholarship funds you must give to the Friends and not to the Association. Members of the VRTA are members of the Friends.

Agenda

Friends of the Vancouver Retired Teachers' Association

The meeting will start immediately at 10 am, prior to the start of the VRTA AGM

FOVRTA Minutes of 2020 AGM

FOVRTA Reports: President; Treasurer ,
Election of Directors of Friends of VRTA
Fund- Positions for Election—6 Directors (1 year terms): President; Treasurer; Secretary; Members-at-Large (3)

Minutes of 2020 AGM

President Ros Kellett called the meeting to order September 8 at 12:02 pm. The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting (June 4, 2019) were adopted by consensus. Treasurer Dave Ellis presented the Financial report as printed in August 2020 TABLOID; this was received by consensus. The fund, founded in June 2018, has increased from \$4,794 (June 2, 2019) to \$8,570.02 (June 30, 2020), mostly due to the fees from the Sept. 2019 Lunch. Ros stated that a Christmas fundraising event would be planned for later this year. The following individuals were acclaimed as Directors of FOVRTA for 2020/21 fiscal year: Rosalind Kellett, David Ellis, Norma Westrom, Sheila Pither, Elaine Anderson and Winola Chu. The meeting then adjourned at 12:12 pm.

President's Report

I would like to thank our treasurer, Dave Ellis, for all the hours he puts into checking the Friends of Vancouver RTA funds within RR Smith Foundation in VanCity's community funds. I also want to thank the Board Directors for their attendance at our ZOOM meetings and their enthusiastic support of this Fund. We are working on re-activating two \$1000 scholarships to UBC in the departments of Education and Nursing for the Fall of 2021. We understand that this money is wanted by July, 2021. I have enjoyed being President for 3 years and now wish to step down but remain on the Board.

– **Rosalind Kellett**

For Election of Director of FOVRTA : 6 – 1
Year positions 2021/22
Elaine Anderson; Winola Chu; Dave Ellis; Rosalind Kellett; Sheila Pither; Norma Westrom

Friends of the VRTA Treasurer's Report- June 2021

EVENT	DATE	AMOUNT	CUMULATIVE
Balance forward	Dec 31 2020		\$11,240.02
Interest + Later gifts	As of Dec. 30, 2020	\$449.60 + \$925	\$1,374.60
Current Balance	May 12 2021		*\$12,614.62

**Donate to the
scholarship
fund today!
(see last page)**

*Subject to change as banking charges & donations are processed. -**Rosalind Kellett and Dave Ellis**

Live Stage Offerings

May to August 2021



Due to COVID-19 Restrictions all live theatre shows are closed; some virtual shows may be available. To support your favourite local theatre, go to their website and DONATE. Our theatre critic has chosen to re-view the latest Podcast from the Arts Club Theatre—see below - **Editor**

Theatre-goers look forward to the return of live stage performances soon but in the meantime, this new podcast titled *This Is Something Else: Consciously Eclectic Histories of the Arts Club* has been launched, giving some interesting facts:

♦ **The Arts Club** of Vancouver was founded by Yvonne Firkin in 1958 as a private club for local artists and entertainers.

♦ In 1964 the company opened its first stage at a former gospel hall at the corner of Seymour and Davie. It was called **The Arts Club Theatre**; it continued there for twenty-seven years when it was closed for demolition in 1991.

♦ Michael J. Fox, Ruth Nicol, Janet Wright, Ann Mortifee, Brent Carver, Nicola Cavendish, Morris Panych and Anosh Irani are among the many people whose careers were launched at **The Arts Club**.

♦ In 1979 the company grew to include **The Granville Island Stage** and in 1983 **The Revue Stage**.

♦ **The Stanley Theatre** was opened in 1998 with the big-band production of *Swing* which featured Michael Buble in one of his earliest onstage performances.

♦ In 2015 The Revue Stage moved to **The Goldcorp Stage** at the BMO theatre Centre in Olympic Village; in 2020 this was renamed **The Newmont Stage**.

♦ Bill Millerd was Artistic director from 1972 to 2018. He is the longest-serving director of a Canadian theatre company and was awarded the Order of Canada in 1994 for his many contributions to Canadian theatre. Ashlie Corcoran is the present Artistic director. We, the audience, look forward to many more productions and will be thrilled when live theatre returns again!

-Ora Fraser

2021 VACCINE RIDDLES

-from Internet

Prepared by Winola Chu

Test your knowledge of Shakespeare Plays with this smart-aleck patient

1.Nurse: Which arm?

2.Nurse: Was that painful?

3.Nurse: What is the Job of this Vaccine?

4.Nurse: Come back for your second jab.

5.Nurse: How has the government handled the Pandemic?

ANSWERS

1.Patient: As you like it!

2.Patient: No! Much ado about Nothing!

3.Patient: That's the Taming of the Flue (COVID)!

4.Patient: That's Measure for Measure.

5.Patient: It's a Comedy of Errors!

THEME & DEADLINE for the NEXT ISSUE - Friday July 30, 2021

What is the STRANGEST NEW COVID word you've learned?

Or your Top 3 words! Keep this to about 30 words.



Ultimate MASKING—All four worn by Denis Ottewell keeps him safe!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Add name, email address & phone number. Keep under 150 words; they may be edited for length and clarity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you the skills to join VRTA's Dynamic Executive?

The VRTA's executive is looking for volunteers to join our subcommittees or the executive board itself.

There's a second Book Club wanting a Leader to activate it. The Editor of our quarterly newsletter is looking for an Assistant.

There are over 1000 members in the VRTA, some of whom would join a new Club or Activity that you could lead. Our communications team want a person familiar with website possibilities to help develop our website, along with other digital communication tools to support the executive and our organization.



The on-going Pandemic is forcing us to consider these alternate ways of communi-

cating. And a good thing too! While we long for face to face meetings and our delectable social lunches, we know that some of those meetings will be hybrid so we can save travel time and costs for members.

PLEASE consider volunteering and joining in. It really is fun.

CONTACT vrtapresident@gmail.com or editortabloid.com to inquire and express your interest.



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