



THE TRUANT

President's Message

I'm sure that most of you are as pleased as I am that we can again get together and re-establish our lives resembling the normal way of things. To kick-start those routine processes, the DRTA is hosting its (formerly) annual *We're Not Going Back to School* **NO BELLS Brunch** at the Delta Golf Course on September 7th. This is an opportunity to get re-acquainted and to re-establish the leadership of the Delta Retired Teachers Association with its first in-person Annual General Meeting since May 2019.



As a very special treat following the meal, two guests from the soon-to-be-reopened Delta Museum, Kevin Hicks and Michelle Taylor, will speak to us about how the process is progressing and what collections of artifacts are being contemplated.

This meeting will be an Annual General Meeting at which we pass the Treasurer's Report and conduct elections for your Executive Board. I have been so privileged to have served as your President for more than 9 years, but it is time for me to step back and let others take over the reins.

The following is part of the BCRTA Handbook to help understand the duties of the President and others.

Essential Officers of a BCRTA Branch

1. **President** The BCRTA needs to have a formalized primary contact person with whom regular communication is maintained. The president of a branch is its spokesperson. The president maintains regular communication with the members of the branch and with the BCRTA. Some branches operate with co-chairs who share these duties. Whatever works for the branch and gets the job done is acceptable.
2. **Social Organizer** Someone should be the main point-person for organizing the get-togethers and activities sponsored by the branch. This can be a task of a vice president working with executive leadership.
3. A BCRTA branch must have processes for conducting business. It can do so informally and organize its activities however it pleases in terms of sharing meals, giving out information, arranging for committee work, and so on. To conduct business and make decisions which commit the branch to act in a certain way, or to spend money, the branch must conduct a formal meeting. Such formal meetings should include advance notification of its time, date and location and the general nature of any special business. **The AGM**, which must be a formal meeting, is the meeting where delegates and executive members are elected.

The following members have agreed to continue working for you until the next DRTA AGM in May 2022.

Vice-President - **Peter Scurr**

Treasurer - **Lois Wilkinson**

Secretary - **Margaret Jensen**

Member(s)-at-Large - **Annie Coblin; Peter Yang**

Truant Editors - **Pat Thiesen and Fiona Gray**

Committee Chairpersons

- Membership - **Pat Thiesen**

- Heritage - **Peter Scurr**

- Scholarship - **Myrna Webster**

IT and Communications - **Peter Scurr**

Those attending the September 7th meeting must decide how the membership wishes the Delta Retired Teachers Association to proceed beyond the next 10 months. Please consider how **you** can support your Executive Board.



***Sending Congratulations to BCRTA for 75th Anniversary on Boundary Bay Beach,
April 2021***

Peter Scurr, Pat Thiesen, Fiona Gray, Annie Coblin, Tamara Jobke, Barb Shoemaker

Members Write

This is a personal thank you to Kim Hill, Sheila Gair, Joanne Thauli, Peter Yang, and Annie Coblin who, in the past, have shared some of their life experiences. Below is a short article from Leone Wright about one of her very early childhood school experiences. She plans to continue writing and sending her work to the Truant.

School Days in a Pioneer Town...circa 1945

by Leone Wright

I lived beside the school and so every school day I would sit on the porch step and watch the kids go by and complain that I wanted to go to school too. I guess my mother got tired of hearing me so she decided maybe I should go to school. The next September I was taken to school to be registered. I don't think my mother was prepared for the formality of presenting my birth certificate because she didn't bring the paper with her. This verification was a problem because unfortunately, I had only turned five, not six. However, I was eventually accepted because the school needed eleven kids to keep the school open and I was lucky number eleven.

In those days, children started Grade One with no previous experience in the rudiments of learning as to how to hold a pencil or any acquaintance with the letters of the alphabet or what reading and arithmetic were all about. One of our exercises was to print letters at the blackboard and being only five, I didn't have good co-ordination and I remember being slightly frustrated because I couldn't stay on the lines. That exercise and learning the stuffy alphabet letters didn't make school very interesting but I guess I eventually learned what it was all about because I am an avid reader today. One of my prized possessions was the McLean's printing manual. I remember turning the pages and running my fingers over the brand-new paper which felt velvety smooth and I loved their fresh clean smell. I loved printing in this book and sometimes received a star from the teacher for my work. One day as the teacher was reading from Lewis Carol about Reddy Fox, Sammy Jay with Old Mother West Wind and the Merry Little Breezes, my attention must have wandered from the story because I took out my prized printing book and started to look through the pages. I took the stars off the pages the teacher had put on and moved them to the pages I thought should have a star. In the midst of my fascination with stars and printing I was tattled on by one of the boys and the teacher, Miss Moon, had me stand in the corner with my face to the wall. How mortifying! However, I lived through it and lesson learned. I didn't do that again. But there was another time...watch for part two of more misadventures of little Leonie. (Beale Wright)

Members Write, continued

All editors of the Truant, past and current, have encouraged members to contribute to the publication. I have compiled a short list of “deep” questions which may inspire some of you to write, sharing your thoughts and/or deeds, your inspirations and aspirations. Please feel free to inspire others to contribute, following your example. We want this to be **your** newsletter. Here are some **possible article topics** that might inspire you.

- *What's your greatest achievement so far?*
- *What's your idea of a perfect day?*
- *What's the most beautiful word in the world?*
- *Describe one of your colossal failures.*
- *An astounding place you have visited.*
- *What's something you love to make?*
- *What's an image you'll never forget?*
- *What family tradition do you continue?*
- *Where's your best vacation spot?*

In Memoriam - Reidun Seim



Reidun Seim was born in 1931 in Vancouver B.C. to Sjur and Martine Seim. Sjur and Martine emigrated to Canada from Norway in 1930, arriving in Vancouver. The family moved to an acre of land and a new home at the base of Burnaby Mountain in 1932. Sjur attended UBC to learn about poultry farming and began his own chicken and egg business in 1935. The farm animals and large garden also contributed to the family's livelihood and self-sufficiency. The Curtis Street

neighbourhood was a lively place and extended well up Curtis Street on the west slope of Burnaby Mountain, where Reidun would babysit for families. Reidun attended Sperling Avenue Elementary School (Gr.1-8), Burnaby North High School, and Vancouver Normal School for teacher training in 1950-1951. She began teaching primary grades in Port Coquitlam at James Park School. Most of her career was spent in North Delta, teaching at Kennedy and Annieville schools from 1954-1958, appointed Primary Consultant (1958-1960) and Delta District's Primary Supervisor (1960-1985), before retiring in 1986. Reidun lived at home with her parents on Curtis Street, commuting to Delta, and continued to live in the original farmhouse until her death in late June 2021. Reidun was a highly respected individual, colleague and mentor. She was instrumental in developing the Delta Retired Teachers Association soon after retiring and was a life member of this Branch. There are no details about a Celebration of Life at this time.

DRTA President's Report



Much of the activity of the BCRTA over the last 4 months has focused on the work of its Committees and keeping the Branch Presidents up-dated through Zonal Meetings on Zoom. For the Metro Fraser zone, BCRTA's 2nd Vice President Caroline Malm and Past President, Gerry Tiede, informed us about the considerable health of the Teachers' Pension Plan and the likely increase to our pension in 2022 with an anticipated positive COLA.

The 2021 BCRTA Conference is being conducted virtually again this year, hopefully a method not needed in the future. **Everyone** is invited to attend the 2 Conference sessions held on the mornings of September 30th and October 1st. Featured are 3 speakers; Linda Fawcus of GLUU, Dr. James McCormack of UBC's Faculty of Pharmacy and Master



Gardener, Brian Minter. Additionally, the BCRTA 75th Anniversary Celebrations

are eagerly anticipated scattered throughout the Conference. (Check out the DRTA Exec and others on Boundary Beach singing out our congratulations.) If you would like to attend the conference, use the BCRTA website (bcрта.ca) for the needed access codes. The AGM itself will be held for delegates on Saturday morning, October 2nd. The 3 delegates will be elected at our Brunch AGM. As I am currently a Director of the BCRTA, I will be there anyway. **FYI** I am running for a 2nd term as Director from the Lower Mainland which will be decided on Saturday at the AGM. As a delegate, you can help vote me into another 2 years in that capacity.

Whenever a Federal election is called, ACER/CART, the Canadian national retired teachers association, publishes a booklet identifying areas of concern with background information with potential questions to be asked of candidates. The booklet for this next election will include selected topics seen as critical to continuing and improving services to Canadian seniors.



The booklet will focus on several ACER/CART priorities, including

- 1) securing the long-awaited National Pharmacare Plan,
- 2) developing a National Seniors Strategy to address issues confronted by the growing numbers of senior Canadians (25% of Canada's population by 2056),
- 3) addressing the serious concerns surrounding Long-Term Care Homes underscored by the tragedies suffered by residents during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, and
- 4) creating a secure retirement income for all.

The booklet will be published by the BCRTA prior to the election on September 20th, 2021.

The following is Delta RTA's Annual Report to the BCRTA for Activities in 2021.

Much like all other Branches of the BCRTA, Delta was not able to enjoy its usual luncheons and activities over the year. All meetings, Executive Board, General and Zonal, were conducted via Zoom. 2 members of the DRTA Executive were invited to attend their first virtual Zone meeting in November and enthusiastically reported back about the information they received. The Delta RTA conducted their 2020 AGM on December 8th with no changes made to the Executive positions. The Truant newsletter was published at the end of November with a 2nd one in late March. In April, several Executive members and friends met (socially-distanced from one another) at the Beach in Boundary Bay to create a video for BCRTA's 75th Anniversary Celebrations. A brief update newsletter was issued mid-June asking whether members wanted to meet for a "No Bells" Brunch on September 7th. Based on the response from members, that event will go ahead barring set-backs caused by COVID. The 2020-21 DRTA AGM will be conducted following the Brunch with elections for a new President and Members-at-Large. The DRTA Scholarship Committee selected 2 remarkably capable and involved students from this year's group of Delta School District #37 graduates. Each winner received \$1000 to help off-set their expenses while attending a university in Canada. Many thanks to all scholarship donors for their generosity and to the school counsellors for their time with all the applicants.

Submitted by: Pat Thiesen

July 15, 2021



Our last in-person AGM May 2019

Membership Report

The Delta RTA currently has 535 members. That number includes our 11 Life Members. It also includes our 9 newest members.

Jacquelyn Berger	Lynn Crema
Nicole Grazier	Judy Harms
Karen Hughes	Judith Marshall
Douglas McLean	Patrick Whitely
Mark Woloshen	



Welcome to the DRTA



COMING SOON:

Our own FACEBOOK Group page: Delta RTA

Your DRTA has recently begun to set up a Private Facebook group page. The purpose of the page is to allow members the opportunity to share and post to fellow DRTA members. Joining is strictly voluntary. The group page only opens to DRTA members and is set up as a Private Group. This means only DRTA members can see who's in the group and what they post.

This will expand our ability to communicate with our DRTA members through social media to strengthen lines of communication and social interaction within the DRTA community. It is important to note that the function of this expansion to social media is to supplement and not to replace, or to rely on, as the sole method of communication to members.

As this is a large undertaking, we are asking for help from among members who are familiar with Facebook settings and interested in helping in a consultation capacity to contact Peter Yang at py2010@telus.net.

To all members who are anxious to sign up, please be patient as we get this social media tool working effectively. More ways to keep in touch.

Change of Address or Circumstance - Email or any other change of address?

Go to the BCRTA website www.bcrta.ca and click on the link Change Your Member Information The DRTA will be notified of the changes by the BCRTA. You could also let the DRTA know of your change(s) at deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com.

Phoning Committee - Recruiting Help

Prior to Christmas 2020, a small group of Executive members and friends phoned some of our more isolated and/or senior members as COVID was rampant and no Vaccine yet approved. Both ends of those calls felt rewarded with the connection. We would like to expand that group so we



can contact members more frequently. If you would like to join that committee, please let Annie Coblin (acoblin@hotmail.com) or me (deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com) know your interest.



Scholarship Committee Found Worthy Recipients

Thank you to all members and their families who donated to our scholarship fund for this past year. Our successful campaign raised the needed funds to support 2 of Delta's graduates. As a result, the Scholarship Committee met several times in April and May. Forty-nine (49) applications were read by all committee members and each chose which candidate they felt best exemplified the qualities the DRTA sought. After considerable discussion, the committee chose **Anushka Talwar** from Sands and **Tanisha Misra** of North Delta. Included below are thank you letters from each of them letting us know their plans for the future. We wish both of them successful careers.



Letters From Our Scholarship Recipients

June 17, 2021

Dear DRTA President and P. A Thiesen,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this letter to thank you for choosing me, Anushka Talwar, as the recipient of the Delta Retired Teachers Education Award. It is inspiring to hear about this scholarship's administrator staff's lifelong interest in education and the community and bestowing me with this scholarship leads me to believe that you have faith in what I can accomplish.

My post-secondary plans include attending Simon Fraser University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Science. With the help of this scholarship, I will be able to focus more on school as I am from a single income household and so will need to work and take student loans to put myself through school. With this scholarship, there will not be an ongoing battle with balancing school and work. Therefore I cannot thank you enough for your contribution in my learning.

A community is derived from hundreds of unique people coexisting but those people sometimes never find their sense of community. They are never able to call the community theirs. While pursuing my degree I will be continuing to be an active member in the community so that I advance on the path where one day, I will be able to call the community my community.

In the long term, I will be using my Science degree from Simon Fraser University to apply to medical school. I want to be a Pediatric Surgeon to support the youth, the future of our country. Nevertheless this would not be possible without your support so from the bottom of my heart thank you for choosing me to receive the Delta Retired Teachers Educational Award.

Regards, Anushka Talwar



August 8th, 2021

Dear P. A. Thiesen,



I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Delta Retired Teachers Association for offering this generous scholarship award. The effort and time devoted by the Delta Retired Teachers Association to organizing this award is truly admirable and appreciated. As a young leader in the community, I am very grateful to be recognized by such a prestigious organization.

Receiving this award encourages me, and also propels me further towards fulfilling my dream of serving the community as a healthcare professional. It is my aim to pursue a career in medicine, so that I can take care of the health and well-being of our community members, and this award will help me on my journey. This September, I am looking forward to starting my post-secondary education. I have received and accepted an offer of early admission from the University of British Columbia, and am excited to be joining their Faculty of Science. I have gained an incredible amount of inspiration from this opportunity, and am filled with the desire to apply this to create a positive impact in the community.

I hope I have conveyed the utmost appreciation I hold for this association, and the immense significance that receiving this award holds to me. This opportunity will continue to motivate me to work hard, and I would like to thank you once again for the effort put by the DRTA to create this splendid opportunity for encouraging and helping young scholars like myself.

Sincerely, Tanisha Misra

Extending your Learning

Is it time to think about courses you might like to take this Fall. Kwantlen Polytechnical University is again offering their T A L K series. To investigate what's in the offing check out their web-site www.kpu.ca/talk/courses or call (604) 599-3077.

ElderCollegeDelta has not yet released their schedule for the fall season at press time, but keep their web-site address at the ready <https://eldercollegedelta@wildapriclt.org> to check on courses, times and locations. Their contact phone number is (604) 943-0262.

Each organization has a minimal membership fee and all the courses are well worth your time.

Summary of DRTA Executive Meeting August 10, 2021



Your Executive met (via Zoom) on August 10. In attendance were Pat Thiesen (President), Peter Scurr (Vice-President), Lois Wilkinson (Treasurer), Fiona Gray (Assistant Editor, The Truant), Peter Yang (Member-at-Large), Annie Coblin (Member-at-Large), Margaret Jensen (Secretary).

In summary we discussed:

- AGM/Brunch on September 7 at the Golf Club. Because of COVID restrictions, only 50 attendees will be allowed. More information included elsewhere in The Truant. Speakers will be Kevin Hicks and Michelle Taylor from Delta's Museum.
- Election of Executive, at the Brunch. We need someone to take on the role of President, as Pat is handing over the responsibilities for the operation of the DRTA. Please consider taking on a role, possibly as part of the Sunshine/Phoning Committee (to connect with people living on their own) or as a Member-at-Large!
- BCRTA's Conference and AGM will be conducted virtually. The Conference, in the mornings of September 30 and October 1, is open to everyone. Featured will be Linda Fawcus from GLUU Technologies speaking about seniors and technology, Dr. James McCormick from UBC's Pharmacy Department, and Brian Minter, Master Gardener. The schedule can be found on the BCRTA website (www.bcrta.ca)
- Thanks to your donations, we were able to award Scholarships to two students this year. Their letters of appreciation are published in this issue.
- Peter, our Vice-President, is continuing to work on what will be a fascinating history of schools in Delta. More information to come!
- We will have a Facebook Page, and a Facebook Group that is for members only. If you are on Facebook, consider joining the Group; it will be a good way to keep on top of what's happening with the DRTA!

E-mail or call for your spot at the special \$20 Brunch (604) 943-1817 or deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com

Staying Informed

Add these dates to your Calendar

- **September 7 - Delta RTA AGM and Brunch**
- **September 27 & 28 - COSCO Virtual Conference** - Open to all
- Registration \$25 at www.coscobc.org
- **September 30 & October 1 - BCRTA Virtual Conference** - Open to all
- **October 2 - BCRTA Virtual Annual General Meeting** - Open to all to attend, but only elected delegates may vote (selected at DRTA AGM)

Here are 4 resources you might find informative.

1. Watch (again) the **ACER/CART Retiree Health Event** from 06/03/2021. Use <https://acer-cart.org/june3event/> to access this informative talk by Dr. Samir Sinha and Dr. Steve Morgan.
2. **CanAge** - Aging your Way: Creating an Age-Inclusive Canada, Together. -The partnership between Toronto Public Library and CanAge has an informative Educational Speaker Series with monthly talks listed below. Register at CanAge.ca/AgingYourWay

September 21, 1 - 2pm ET: Using Technology to Fight Dementia
October 26, 1 - 2pm ET: Caregiver Survival Guide
November 23, 1 - 2pm ET: Fake News: Identify and Ignore
December 14, 1 - 2pm ET: Cannabis and Older Adults

- If you missed past talks you may watch the recording, plus access the free resources provided at www.CanAge.ca/AgingYourWay
3. **Office of BC's Seniors Advocate** - Use <https://www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca/> to keep up to date with the research and reports concerning and for all BC's Seniors.
4. **McMaster University's Optimal Aging Portal** - Use site address <https://www.mcmasteroptimalaging.org/age-well> to select from many topics on Healthy Aging related research.

Could You Be the Target of a Scam?

Scams can be anything from identity theft to pressuring you to buy a useless and high-priced service to impersonating a grandchild in an emergency to get you to send the scammer money. They can happen to anyone. As of the end of June 2021, successful scams have cost Canadians more than \$105 million.

Recently Reported Scams to Watch Out For:

- **SIN Number** - Phone calls tell you that your Social Insurance Number (SIN) is linked to a fraudulent account or criminal activity and then demand that you either a) Verify or provide your personal information, or b) Withdraw money and deposit it into a 'safe account' or to a representative.
- **Investment Schemes** - The scammers persuade the victim to invest money in a false or questionable investment. In June 2021, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre alerted Canadians that insurance companies and other financial institutions reporting about growing numbers of scam spoofing (impersonating a legitimate company) their companies' names.

4 Signs of the potential investment is a fraud

- ! Promised high returns with little or no risk
- ! You're given a "hot tip" or insider information
- ! You feel pressured to buy.
- ! They're not registered to sell investments.

Always check the registration and background of the person offering you the investment. Visit [CheckBeforeYouInvest.ca](https://www.checkbeforeyouinvest.ca) to make sure that person or firm is registered.

Protect Yourself from Scams, in general

- Just say no and hang up if contacted by phone.
- Do your research before giving out any information. It never hurts to verify.
- Don't pay upfront fees for any reason.
- Protect your on-line accounts.
- Don't give out any personal information.

Report a Scam to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

By Phone - 1-888-495-8501 Mon - Fri, 7:00 am to 1:45 pm PST

On-line - <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>

Recommended Reading for Those Rainy Days Ahead

- From Lois Wilkinson

"What Happened to You?" Conversations on trauma, resilience, and healing by Bruce D. Perry, MD PHD and Oprah Winfrey. - It focuses mainly on youth but many of the issues apply to adults too. "This was a very meaningful and thought-provoking book." (*GoodReads*)

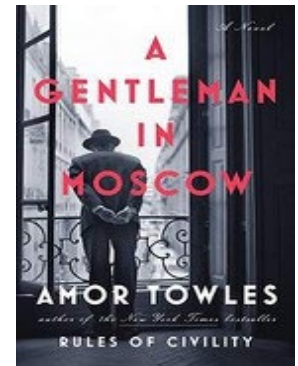
- From Elaine in Smithers - BCRTA Director and friend

The Inspector Rebus Stories by Ian Rankin - The series began with *Knots and Crosses* in 1987 with Rankin's latest offering *A Song for the Dark Times* in 2020. Scottish police Inspector Rebus solves mysteries in and around Edinburgh. Elaine suggests that the series is best if read in chronological sequence.

The DCI Banks Series by Peter Robinson - another great series of British police detective novels. Over 2 dozen books so far.

- From Annie Coblin

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles - Annie said that the present time of the pandemic is perfect for reading *A Gentleman in Moscow*. After being sentenced to house arrest and confined to the Metropol (a hotel across from the Kremlin) by the Bolshevik tribunal, Rostov, a man who has never worked a day in his life, watches as history unfolds on the streets below his attic room.



- From Peter Yang

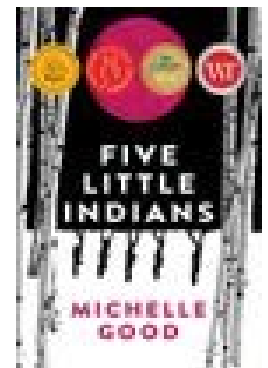
Life 3.0: Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence by Max Tegmark - What sort of future do *you* want? In *Life 3.0*, Tegmark explores various AI-related concepts, controversies and questions that humanity must confront *now* if we wish to create a positive future.

- From Margaret Jensen

Britt-Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman. - Recently separated from her husband, Britt-Marie finds love and belonging in the tiny town of Borg.

Five Little Indians by Michelle Good. - Stories of several young adults who have aged out of a residential school in B.C.

A Killer in King's Cove - The first book in Iona Whishaw's cozy mystery series. Set in the Kootenays, the books should definitely be read in order.



- From Val Windsor

House of Niccolo (8 book series) by Dorothy Dunnnett is set in the mid-fifteenth-century European Renaissance whose lead who rises to the heights of European merchant banking and international political intrigue.

The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins - The story is a psychological thriller presented in a first-person narrative told from the point of view of three women.

The Valley of Amazement by Amy Tan - Follows a mother-daughter relationship in historical China.

- **From Pat Thiesen**

The Joanne Kilbourn Series by Gail Bowen - A 19-book mystery series by Canadian author Gail Bowen follows fictional Regina-based journalist/TV personality through intrigues while dealing with her growing family. Try to read sequentially.

The Ramage Series by Dudley Pope - In a series of 18 novels, follow Ramage as an officer in the British Royal Navy during the Napoleonic Wars. Although his last novel was published in 1987, for those who appreciate historical fiction, they don't go out of date!

More of Our Canada, a bimonthly magazine published by Reader's Digest Magazines Canada. Full of great articles and photos from people all over the country. Photo contests, recipes and history are regular features.

Have a friend who hasn't joined the BCRTA yet?

- Active Teachers considering Retirement and other Retired Teachers
- School Support Staff
- Post-Secondary Educators

BCRTA Membership - The First Year Free

Joining Means a Better Retirement

- More Insurance Options available beyond those of the Teachers' Pension Plan with the BCRTA Prestige EHC & Travel Insurance
- Advantage Partner Discounts as soon as you join
- Pension News and Advocacy
- Learning and Social Opportunities - Webinars and In-person gatherings
- Supporting the Cause of Public Education
- automatically receive the quarterly PostScript Magazine

Share the Link: bcрта.ca/join*

*** remember to click on the Delta Branch when joining**

My Grandkids' Bad Jokes



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| 1. What do you get every birthday? | One year older |
| 2. What's the opposite of a flamingo? | Flamin-stop |
| 3. How do you cheer up a sad plant? | Tell it, "We're rootin' for you!" |
| 4. What do chatty caterpillars become? | Social butterflies |
| 5. How do you know the ocean is friendly? | Because it waves |
| 6. What beans never grow in your garden? | Jellybeans |
| 7. Have you heard the one about the skunk? | Never mind, it really stinks. |
| 8. Why was the broom late? | It over-swept. |
| 9. What do bees wear at the beach? | A bee-kini |
| 10. Why is a doctor always calm? | She has lots of patients. |

A Different Word Search - Hidden Animals

Each sentence has a different animal hidden in it. Can you find them all?

1. Always be a gleeful person to those around you.
2. Rob puts almonds on his tacos.
3. He did trap ugly creatures in the net.
4. Joe ate the ham as Tiffany dished up dinner.
5. She polished her ring before the wedding.
6. The bursar dined on steak and potatoes.
7. I told Carolyn Xenon, Argon and Neon were examples of noble gases.
8. Mary asked her husband to grab bits of bacon and diced onions to toss into the stew.
9. The father watched as his daughter slept and thought she epitomized a sleeping angel.
10. She tried to whip petticoats up in time for the performance.
11. Take your time, my fob is on the top shelf.
12. An unknown thief stole the boy's terrific new toys from their rooms.
13. Last night I was eating corn on the cob rabidly, and then my teeth fell out.
14. If you drop a pill on the floor, it is best to just throw it away.
15. It was a good breakfast choice including eggs, bacon, toast, oatmeal porridge, tea and coffee.

ESCALATOR WORDS

Like an escalator, words move up and down the “floors” in this puzzle. Beginning with the first answer, the second word from each answer carries down to become the first word of the next answer. Use the clues to complete the entire Escalator.

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| 1. CAR | _____ | It may travel in a special lane |
| 2. _____ | _____ | Some summertime fun |
| 3. _____ | _____ | Pols often follow it |
| 4. _____ | DANCE | The Electric Slide, e.g. |
| 5. _____ | _____ | Ballroom feature |
| 6. _____ | _____ | Something to step on |
| 7. _____ | GAME | Monopoly, e.g. |

Official Trees of Canada and the Provinces/Territories – Trivia

Match the province with its officially designated tree.

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| 1. British Columbia | a) Red Oak |
| 2. Alberta | b) Tamarack |
| 3. Saskatchewan | c) White Spruce |
| 4. Manitoba | d) Western Red Cedar |
| 5. Ontario | e) None, few trees |
| 6. Quebec | f) 10 native Maples |
| 7. New Brunswick | g) Subalpine Fir |
| 8. Nova Scotia | h) Yellow Birch |
| 9. Prince Edward Island | i) Red Spruce |
| 10. Newfoundland and Labrador | j) Eastern White Pine |
| 11. Yukon | k) Balsam Fir |
| 12. Northwest Territories | l) White Birch |
| 13. Nunavut | m) Lodgepole Pine |
| 14. Canada | n) Black Spruce |

Finish the Proverb

Given just the last two words of a well-known proverb or saying, can you fill in the rest?

1. _____ friend indeed.
2. _____ a rug.
3. _____ must fall.
4. _____ the dawn.
5. _____ soon parted.
6. _____ all boats.
7. _____ he keeps.
8. _____ never done.
9. _____ the rule.
10. _____ single step.

To Cecilia and Victoria

Walking with Grandma

I like to walk with Grandma.

Her steps are just like mine.

She doesn't say, "now hurry up" she
always takes her time.

Most people have to hurry, they do
not stop and see.

I'm glad that life made
Grandma unrushed and

young like me. - Anonymous and in the Public Domain



THE ANSWERS PAGE

Hidden Animals

1. Beagle - Always **BE A GLE**eful person to those around you.
2. Salmon - Rob put**S ALMONDs** on his tacos.
3. Pug - He did tra**P UG**ly creatures in the net.
4. Mastiff - Joe ate the ha**M AS TIFF**any dished up dinner.
5. Herring – She polished **HER RING** before the wedding.
6. Sardine – The bur**SAR DINED** on steak and potatoes.
7. Lynx - I told Caro**LYN X**enon, Argon and Neon were examples of noble gases.
8. Rabbit - Mary asked her husband to g**RAB BITs** of bacon and diced onions to toss into the stew.
9. Sheep - The father watched as his daughter slept and thought **SHE EP**itomized a sleeping angel.
10. Whippet - She tried to **WHIP PET**ticoats up in time for the performance.
11. Bison - Take your time, my fo**B IS ON** the top shelf.
12. Oyster - An unknown thief stole the b**OY'S TER**rific new toys from their rooms.
13. Cobra - Last night I was eating corn on the **COB RAB**idly, and then my teeth fell out.
14. Papillon - if you dro**P A PILL ON** the floor, it is best to just throw it away.
15. Stoat - It was a good breakfast choice including eggs, bacon, toa**ST, OAT**, oatmeal porridge, tea and coffee.
(Weasel-like creature)

Escalator Words

CAR pool, party, line, dance, floor, board GAME

Provincial Trees

- 1) d 2) m 3) l 4) c 5) j 6) h 7) k 8) l 9) a
10) n 11) g 12) b 13) e 14) f

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Finish the Proverb

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| 1. A friend in need is a ____ | 2. As snug as a bug in ____ |
| 3. Into each life a little rain ____ | 4. it's always darkest before ____ |
| 5. A fool and his money are ____ | 6. A rising tide lifts ____ |
| 7. A person is known by the company ____ | 8. Woman's work is ____ |
| 9. The exception which proves ____ | 10. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a ____ |

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