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## CRTA Newsletter

### Rescheduled CRTA Annual General Meeting



Thursday October 28, 2021

On-line via Zoom

9:30 AM - check in opens

10:00 AM – meeting begins



You will receive by email the agenda, documents and your personal link to the Zoom meeting one week before the AGM. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Financial: Submitted by Howard Spence

Our August newsletter contained a summary of our finances for the 2020/2021 financial year, ending June 30, 2021. To satisfy the BCRTA's requirement that a formal report be presented to the membership, we will do so at our **online AGM** on Thursday October 28, 2021. Below you will find a copy of the report we submitted to the BCRTA. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Howard, who will address them during the AGM.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT of the COQUITLAM BRANCH of the BCRTA for the period July 1 2020 to Jun 30 2021

##### Receipts for the year:

Membership Fees	3,750.00	
BCRTA Grant	120.00	
<b>Total Receipt</b>	<b>====&gt;</b>	<b>3,870.00</b>

##### Disbursements for the year:

Bank Service Charges	54.45	
Christmas Cheer	377.12	
Gifts	70.00	
Newsletters	897.15	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>====&gt;</b>	<b>1,398.72</b>

##### Statement of financial position as at end of fiscal period:

Chequing Account	8,025.60	
Petty Cash	92.91	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>====&gt;</b>	<b>8,118.51</b>

Submitted by

Howard Spence, Treasurer  
Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Ass'n

# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

CRTA 2020–  
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## President's Report

The past few weeks have been busy ones! Provincially, Branch members Teresa Grandinetti, Audrey Anthony, Fran Mitchell, Jeannine Silvestrone and I attended all three mornings of **BCRTA's Conference and AGM**, via Zoom.



Watch the BCRTA web site for links to video segments of the Conference:

[www.bcrta.ca](http://www.bcrta.ca)

On the Branch scene, we have concentrated on reaching out to members and are excited to announce our rescheduled **on line AGM**! We had hoped for an in person event but circumstances still do not permit us to gather as before. Tim Anderson, BCRTA Executive Director, has offered to manage our **on line AGM** at no cost to us- we simply cannot miss this opportunity! Although we can't provide the traditional free lunch at the AGM, we will have the traditional **draw** for gift cards. If you would like to enter the draw, limited to CRTA members only, please send a message to [presidentcrta@gmail.com](mailto:presidentcrta@gmail.com). We will announce **four winners** at the end of the meeting on **October 28th**. Good luck, everyone!

Our Christmas Banquet is still on hold due to COVID considerations. We wish for the time when we can safely gather for food, fun and friendship. Until then, stay safe and well. We need all hands on deck when next we meet! *Caroline*

## Member Contact Updates: submitted by John Pope

Please let us know if you have a new email or postal address or telephone number. We want to stay in touch!

CRTA has lost contact with the following members:

Sharon Blackwell, George Buckley, Judi Francis, Donna Geggie, Anne-Marie Steele

If you can help us with up-to-date contact information, please let us know at 604-461-7355 or email to [CoquitlamRTA@hotmail.com](mailto:CoquitlamRTA@hotmail.com)

## Green Shield Claims Resolution Process

1. Contact GSC directly at 1-888-711-1119 to speak with a representative.
2. If not resolved, ask to speak with a supervisor.
3. If not resolved, you have the option of contacting the Board of Trustees for the Teachers' Pension Plan. Their information is as follows:  
Teachers' Pension Board Secretariat: PO Box 9460, Victoria, BC V8W 9V8  
Email: [TPBT@pensionsbc.ca](mailto:TPBT@pensionsbc.ca)
4. If unresolved, contact [laurie@bcрта.ca](mailto:laurie@bcрта.ca). She will forward your message to a member of the BCRTA Pensions and Benefits committee.

# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

## Phoning Committee Report: submitted by Lynda Parsons



The Phoning Committee has continued to keep in contact with members who do not receive information about the upcoming Coquitlam Retired Teacher's events via email. It is one way to keep in contact and have a chat with other members. We have many volunteers who have been on the committee for several years.

If you are one of these much appreciated volunteers and you are not able to be on the committee any longer please contact me. Also, if you would like to help the committee by chatting with other members periodically throughout the year to let them know what's happening with the association, then please phone or email me, Lynda Parsons 604-939-9897 or [lrparsons@telus.net](mailto:lrparsons@telus.net). It is a nice way to be in contact with other members and to help the association keep up with everyone. It has been a difficult year and a half with COVID but a phone call has been an excellent way to keep in touch!

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## Daffynitions by Howard



Last newsletter, I gave some examples of humorous alternative definitions of some words, and asked members to submit their own definitions. I received a grand total of ZERO submissions! So, I'm going to give it another try. Here are several words worthy of playing with, I believe. Can you come up with definitions for any of these?

**Flourish Squabble Discourse Beatitude Capacious Barometer Grateful**

**Infatuate Forthcoming Spinster Elocution Scuttlebutt**

If it helps, feel free to alter any words by adding, subtracting, or otherwise changing a couple of letters. Also, you are still invited to submit daffynitions to any other words you can come up with.

If you submitted a definition and I somehow missed it, please re-submit it.

Email all submissions to: [hwspace@gmail.com](mailto:hwspace@gmail.com)



CRTA Sunshine Coordinator **Dale Linton**  
sends cards to those who are ill or to family  
members in the case of bereavement.

Please update her at (604) 937-5113.



# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

## In Memoriam



The CRTA regrets to announce the passing of the following District 43 colleagues. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.



**Joseph-Étienne Champagne:** March 1, 2021. Joseph-Étienne taught at Irvine, Glenayre and Montgomery Elementary schools and Maple Creek Middle school. He is survived by his partner/husband Michael Grice, his Mother Alice Jacques, family members and friends.

**Margaret Alice Dunn (Peggy):** December 15, 2020. Peggy taught elementary school in Port Coquitlam. She is survived by her husband Walter, children Greg, Stephen and Chris, family members and friends.

**David Ginnever:** July 25, 2021. Dave was a retired Coquitlam School District intermediate teacher. He also taught music, coached sports and was a CTA rep. Dave is survived by his partner, Leila, his daughter, family members and friends.

**Peter James (Jim) Rekunyk:** March 14, 2021. Jim was a primary teacher for 35 years and advocated for the rights of teachers and students through his work with the BCTF. He is survived by his children Kristen and Jake, granddaughter Summer, family members and friends.

**Sylvia Baker: April 24, 2021**

**Stewart Callaghan: December 10, 2020**

**Gayle Chin: December 28, 2020**

**Tom Grant: June 22, 2021**

We know that some of our members have suffered the loss of loved ones and friends during the pandemic. We hope it helps to know that we are thinking of you.

