

Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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President's Report

Welcome to 2022! May this year mark a return to social gatherings and other much-missed activities. Until we can gather, we will continue to make the most of the options we have to connect safely with one another.

Your Executive Committee extends a big thank you to CRTA Members who attended our virtual 2021 AGM in November. We successfully conducted the Association's business on line without a hitch! Congratulations to draw prize winners Marsha Arnold, Patti Duggan, Patti Komar and Gwenda Raycroft who received gift cards. If we are unable to meet in person in June, we will host another virtual AGM with hopes of seeing you there.

Ever hopeful, your Executive Committee discussed holding a '*To Hell with the Bell and COVID*' event on the first Tuesday after Spring Break this year but will hold that thought until times permit us to gather. Our day will come!

Thank you for your messages at Christmas and throughout the year. Your CRTA Executive Committee appreciates your support and encouragement!

Take care and stay safe until we meet again.

Caroline



Teachers' Pension Increase for 2022

COLA FOR 2022 IS 4.4% - FULL CPI FOR BC RETIREES!

HOT OFF THE PRESS! The BC Teachers' Pension Plan has formally confirmed that the 2022 Cost of Living Adjustment is 4.4%. BCRTA First Vice – President Arnie Lambert explains why BC retirees are in such a strong position compared to other retirees across Canada.

READ MORE at <https://bcrt.ca/bcrt-connections/>

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Treasurer's Report – submitted by Howard Spence

Financial Report January 2022

Our financial affairs continue to be very quiet throughout this pandemic. So far this year, our expenses have totaled \$662, mainly postage for newsletters and Christmas cards, gift certificates for our life members, and door prizes for our Zoom AGM. We received \$2750 in member fees, and our bank account now stands at \$11,263. We will maintain a watchful eye on our expenses, in anticipation of a better year to come, when we can once again gather as a group.

Centennial Secondary School Class of 1971 Reunion

Where: Executive Plaza Hotel, Coquitlam (site of the old Cariboo Pub/Hotel)

Date: Saturday, May 14th, 2022 **Time:** 6pm – 1am



Style of event: Reception style, Memory Lane, Reminiscing, Cash Bar (COVID protocols will be strictly in place)

Cost: \$90/person

Hotel Rooms available at "Reunion Preferred Rate" – based on availability. Booking code required.

Contact: centennial71reunion@gmail.com

Get your tickets early to ensure the event moves ahead. IF COVID requires us to cancel in May, refunds will be sent to all ticket holders.



BCRTA Golden Star Awards 2022

Each year, the BCRTA *Excellence in Public Education Committee* recognizes outstanding intergenerational programs in BC's public schools. In 2021, Harriette Chang and her students, including those at Mundy Road Elementary School in Coquitlam, received a *Golden Star Award*.

If you know of a public school program involving seniors and students, please encourage the teacher to visit:

<https://bcrta.ca/bcrta-golden-star-awards/>

Deadline for submissions is April 15th each year.

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Daffynitions!



Thanks to all who responded to my goofy challenge. Following are the results of heavy thinking by our contributors.

Unfortunately, there was not enough newsletter space for all the definitions, so I have had to edit some out. Contributors, please forgive me if I have omitted any favourites.

Howard Spence

Seonaid Andrews:

flourish - a French term for a floral theme that doesn't quite work

discourse - slang for 'this course' as in "Discourse sucks the big Hoover. I'm telling my mommy and she won't make me come here anymore."

beatitude - not quite an 'A' attitude, but a pass.

capacious - a huge hat

barometer - a measuring standard in a nudist colony.

grateful - a term of criticism for a drink with far too much lemon zest

infatuate - a method of forced feeding leading to adiposity

forthcoming - In a race there is the blue ribbon, the red ribbon, the white ribbon, then the forthcoming ribbon.

scuttlebutt - a term for inability to rise from a squatting position

Audrey Anthony:

Beatitude - Altered to Be attitude – Live proudly

Grateful – Container of ashes

Spinster – Whirling dervish

Howard Malm:

Discourse – Ultimate Frisbee layout

Barometer – The measurement device for consumption at the Bar None nightclub
<http://barnoneclub.com/>

Forthcoming – Approaching one's 4th birthday

Grateful – There is no more room on the BBQ – please wait

Elo(n)cution – The amazing execution of growth of Tesla & Space-X
by Elon Musk

Infatuate – as in Poutine – In the fat you ate there were potatoes

Beatitude – Be at it dude! "You better come to the party or else"

John Pope:

Catalyst - Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein, etc.

Scabbard - A non-union, picket crossing poet

Disappointment - Better way to have axed G.G. Julie Payette

John Schembri:

Squabble - Scrabble-like game designed for young pigeons.

Spinster - A man who can really tell a fascinating and believable long story. His wife happens to be a good spinstress, as well.

Gra(y)teful - Feeling felt at the end of the last (hopefully) 'Fifty Shades' films.

Flourish - It looked flour-ish when I dusted the pie-dish but now the pie is welded to the dish.



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Editor's note: Wanted – Editor for CRTA Newsletter. Volunteer will work with the President and co-editors to produce five scheduled four-page issues per twelve month period. Excellent ability to use Word and text box format is essential. Please contact Caroline Malm for more information. ***We need you!***

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
4. If unresolved, contact laurie@bcrt.ca. She will forward your message to a member of the BCRTA Pensions and Benefits committee.

Sunshine Committee

Sunshine coordinator **Dale Linton** sends get well and sympathy cards to members who are ill and to families suffering a bereavement. Please keep her updated by calling 604-937-5113.

Member Contact Updates

Please let **John Pope** know if you have a new email address, home address or telephone number. We want to stay in touch!

Mark Your Calendar!

Monday February 14: Valentine's Day
Wednesday March 9: CRTA Newsletter Issue 4
Wednesday May 11: CRTA Newsletter Issue 5
Wednesday June 1: CRTA AGM: Format TBA

In Memoriam



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



Walter Dunn: November 23, 2021: Walter was a CRTA Life Member. He retired from teaching in Coquitlam in 1988. He is survived by his children, grandchildren, great grandson, family and friends.

Helen Dvorak: November 23, 2021: Helen was a CRTA Life Member. She is survived by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, daughter-in-law, family and friends.

Harold Gopaul: December 15, 2021: Harold taught at Port Moody Secondary School. He is survived by his wife Shireen, family and friends.

Wendy Schiller: December 23, 2021: Wendy taught kindergarten for many years. She is survived by her children Sunny (Mike) and Julie (Jason), grandchildren, family and friends.

Mike Hickey: October 27, 2021

Jacque Laker: October 19, 2021