



Abbotsford District Retired
Teachers' Association
Newsletter
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Everyone,

Even with this cold blast of wintry weather, there is a feeling of optimism in the air. Restrictions are being lifted—did I hear you can now go out dancing in a night club now? Sports arenas can be filled to 100% capacity, pleasing their owners and many have told me that they will be travelling this year, barring no more virus variants that cause our health system to be overloaded. Finally, after two long years we can look forward to resuming our normal lives. (Understanding that we may still have some restrictions...)

We had to cancel our annual Crib tournament in early February. There just wasn't the enrollment needed to make it possible. We think it was because everyone was being cautious and that was very understandable. We will be discussing another date as we would hate to give it up entirely—it is too much fun!

The executive will be meeting today and an item on the agenda is to brainstorm ideas to plan and organize events and outings for the future. It feels good to get busy again.

Our vice-president, Janice and I will be implementing a mail delivery system that will deliver our information in a timely and dependable manner. We have been frustrated with the many emails that have been undeliverable due to problems with mass mailings.

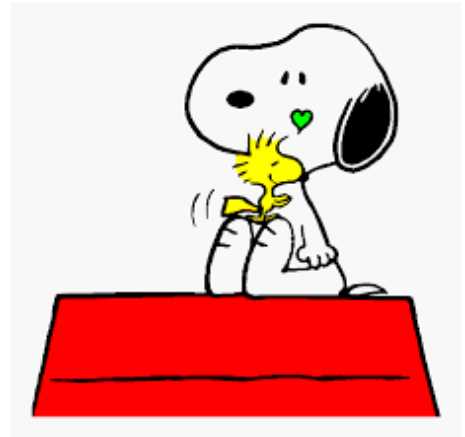
Other than that, please donate to our bursary fund. We have \$1200 collected, but would like to have \$1500 so that we can give two \$750 bursaries like we did in 2021. Any amount would be welcome! I will put the information below.

In closing, it will be good to meet again and visit. We will let you know what we have planned for the Spring.

Wishing you all the best,

Gloria

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ADRTA Bursary Fund

It's that time of year again!

Many thanks to the generous donations we have already received. Here's how to donate to our bursary fund:



Using Canada Post:

Donors send cheques directly to VanCity payable to "VanCity Community Foundation/ R.R. Smith" The address is: #409-312 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6A 2T2.

The memo line should read, "**Friends of Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association**". Your tax receipt will be issued and sent as soon as possible to your cheque address.

Right away, send an email to Erin (our treasurer) erinmquast@gmail.com and let her know the amount of your donation so that we can have an idea of how much money is being collected.

or



Using your computer, it's very easy, just follow these steps:

Go online to www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca

At the top of the page, press "Donate now".

In the search button, type R.R. Smith. Press Search.

Press: Give to this fund

Choose your donation amount.

Billing address-make this gift on behalf of an organization. Tick box.

Type in: **Friends of the Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association.**

Put in your information.

Do the credit card information
Donate now.
You will receive your tax receipt immediately.

Don't forget to forward your tax receipt to Erin or send her an email letting her know the amount of your donation so that we have a general idea of how much money we have for our 2022 Bursary. Last year we gave \$1500.00 to two worthy students at Abby Senior.

The Vancity Community Foundation and the R.R. Smith Foundation (part of the BCRTA) are providing us this service absolutely free, so that **100%** of our donation goes to the students.

Warning: If you do not put **Friends of the Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association** on the cheque or online, the money will go into a general revenue pot and we will not be able to use it for our bursary!



Andrew Harrand Peasgood (Andy)

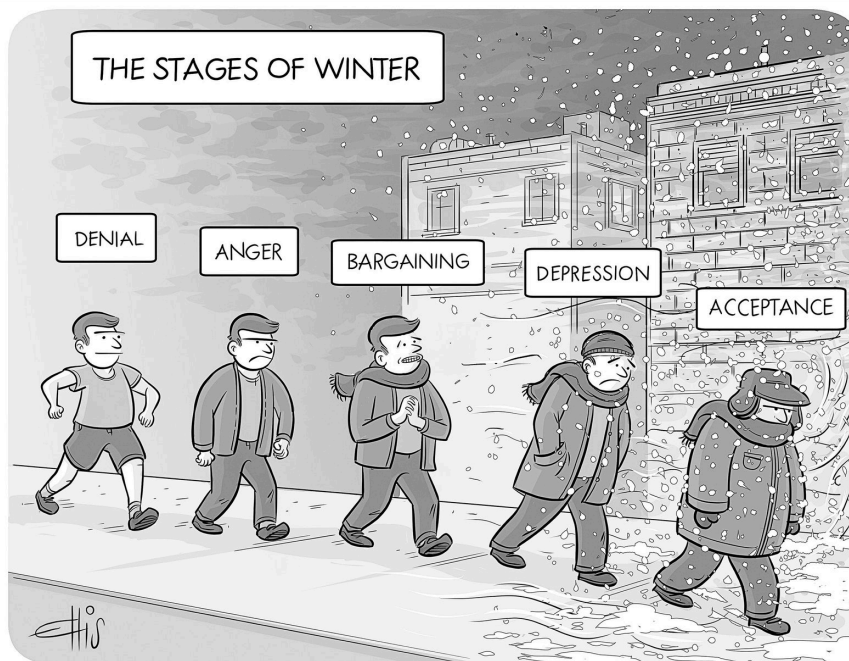
October 7, 1942-December 15, 2021

Andy died suddenly at his home in Abbotsford at the age of 79. A well-respected educator and administrator, Andy spent his working life in Prince George and McBride, BC. He was a

member of our association. Our condolences to Jenny and his large, tight-knit family. He will be missed.

Funeral Notice for Michael Hamilton (husband of Karen Hamilton)

Michael Hamilton passed away February 19, 2022. His funeral service will be at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 33333 Mayfair Avenue here in Abbotsford on March 11, 2022 at 2 p. m. Refreshments will be served. Masks are required. Mike will be missed by everyone.





Hello, Abbotsford Retired Educators!

We are students from Algonquin College's Human Centred Design program, and we are conducting a study on behalf of Ingenium Museums to look into **older adults' museum-going experiences** and how to effectively engage this population in **online museums exhibits** and content.

We are looking for input from older adults (55+) to learn more about what interests and motivates older adults and how they use their leisure time. The results of the study will inform the creation and delivery of online museum content that is attractive and engaging to older adults across Canada. We believe your insights will be highly beneficial to our research.

The questionnaire can be found by clicking the following link: bit.ly/AlgonquinHCD

If you would like to help us further with our research, we'd love to interview you via a Zoom meeting or phone call. The interview should last no more than 45-60 minutes.

Please contact me if you want to participate in an interview or have any questions. Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you!

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