



AGM Edition

Chatter



Spring Newsletter of the Surrey Branch of the BCRTA

President's Report

We have had another year of difficult times. While our fingers are on the 'Pause Button', we are ready to move it over to the "Activate Button". We are hoping that the 2022/23 year will allow us to meet for luncheons and in person for our workshops.

At present our AGM on May 12th. will proceed with an in-person brunch. To register for the brunch please check the details here in the newsletter.

Speaking of the AGM. Please consider running for a position on the board. Details of the positions up for election are included in the newsletter.

Thanks to the Cosco reps on our board, we have offered a few workshops over the past few months. These have

included Personal Planning, Scams and Representation workshops amongst others which are available through our membership with Cosco. We also put on a workshop on Home Insurance, focusing on flood and earthquake insurance. All workshops have been well received and we will continue to offer relevant topics in the future.

Thank you all for your patience in these trying times.

Tom Hastie





SPRING LUNCHEON

Annual General Meeting

Reserve Your Space Now

Thursday, May 12th.

Surrey Golf Club

7700 168th. St., Surrey

Doors open at 9:30 - Brunch Buffet at 10:30

\$15. for SRTA members / \$20. for Guests

Pay at the door by cheque (to "SRTA") or cash, exact change, please.



On the menu:

- Blueberry Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon and Sausages
- Eggs Benedict
- Hash Browns
- Muffins and Fresh Fruit
- Coffee/Tea/Juice.

Phone Karen Bentzen: 604-572-5783

Reserve before Thursday, May 5th. We must have accurate numbers for the Surrey Golf Club.

Make sure to give the names of those for whom you are making reservations.

Cancellations

If you have booked, but find you are not able to attend, please be sure to call Karen to cancel your reservation. If we don't make the number change with the Surrey Golf Course, there could be a charge.

The SRTA's AGM will follow the Brunch.





The Elections

Please consider running for a position on our Board of Directors. We would appreciate your help to run our association.

Serving on the Board of Directors is not an onerous task. We usually meet up to 6 times a year with each meeting lasting about 2 hours. In the past 2 years we have held the meetings virtually, but we are confident that we can resort back to in-person meetings for the 2022-2023 year.

The following positions are up for election

President	Newsletter Editor	COSCO Rep #3
Vice President	Workshop Coordinator	Sunshine Coordinator
Secretary	Canada Post Mail Out	Director At Large
Membership Coordinator	COSCO Rep #1	

If you wish to nominate someone (with their permission) or wish to put your own name forward, please contact Helen McFadden:

Phone: 604-538-9594

Please note that to be a Board Member you must belong to BCRTA and the SRTA.



surrey teachers' association

Renaming The STA Building

The Surrey Teachers' Association is pleased to announce that we will be hosting an event to mark the renaming of the STA building from Park Place Building to Lloyd Edwards Building on Saturday, April 30, 2022. You're invited to join us from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm at Queen Elizabeth Secondary School, 9457 King George Blvd.

Lloyd Edwards was the first Black President of Surrey Teachers' Association who, on February 15, 1974, led the STA's protest against the Surrey School Board's increase of class sizes. You can learn more about him and the historic protest in the [STA Advocate: Black History Month edition](#).

The Surrey Teachers' Association was founded 81 years ago, in 1941, and has a proud history of public education advocacy.

Please register your attendance by phoning Stamata Massaoutis:

604-594-5353

STA History Project

As part of our celebration of the building renaming event on April 30, we'd also like to celebrate our 81 years of existence. I'm hoping you can help me to create a list of up to 3 events for each decade as outlined in the attached document. There are decades with scant information and others with a ton.

Please note that the overall idea is to say, for example, *We, the Surrey Teachers' Association, did this _____ in 1993*. There's an emphasis on 'we'. This is our version of the "I am the BCTF" idea.

Regarding about 3 events per decade, we have a few ideas of how to use the information. One idea is to have the events on a postcard for each decade. Another is to have the same information on a poster for each decade. We are also updating our website's *History* section and plan to include a timeline of our entire history there. This is where we can add more details and images.



I've already received lots of help with my 'gathering our history' project and deeply appreciate all the help I can get.

Thank you very much!

~~Lizanne

Lizanne Foster

Communications & Campaigns Coordinator

To Contribute, call Lizanne at:

(604) 594-5353 Loc 217





A Friendly Reminder from the BCRTA

Fraud based on phone calls, emails and texts keep getting better and more difficult to detect. You can protect yourself with careful diligence with common modes of communication.

What to do:

Phone Calls

- Make sure you have caller ID. All cell phones do and it is always an option on land lines.
- If contacted by phone from a number that you don't recognize you should send it to or let it go to voice mail.
- Scammers and fraudsters rarely leave voice mail. If it is someone you really need to contact they will leave a voicemail that you can call back if needed.
- If you answer do not say anything except hello. If you don't recognize the caller – HANG UP!
- We always try to be polite, but in this case someone is trying to rob you, you don't have to be polite.
- If you answer and the caller says they represent an organization – Hang Up!! Wait 10mins, then look up the organizations phone number and call the organization yourself.

e-Mail

- Be very wary of emails from strangers or emails from people you know, but were not expecting an email from them.
- NEVER EVER click on anything in a suspicious email. Never click on an email attachment (link, file, photo or video).
- Just clicking on a link that contains malware may infect your system with software that will seek out valuable information about you. This so called phishing software can rob you blind before you even know you are being held up.
- Delete 'suspicious' Email.
- If the email is from a "friend", but appears suspicious, do not reply to the email, but create a new email to that friend to ask if they actually sent you something. Very often they will have no knowledge that their email has been "hacked" and is being used for nefarious purposes.

Text Messages

- Same rules as for emails. Best route here is to delete suspicious texts.

Essential Reading. Do a web search for:

Government of Canada: Frauds and Scams

RCMP Top Frauds Affecting Seniors

Heritage Report

Surrey Schools of the 1950s

Since its inception, The Surrey School District has been noted for its rapid growth. The the post-war 1950s saw a major building boom with over a dozen schools opened within a four year period. The SRTA Heritage Committee is seeking to find out more about the history of these schools. If you had any association with the schools listed below as an educator, student, parent or ? we would like to hear from you.

A.H.P. Matthew. 1957

Green Timbers. 1955

H. T. Thrift 1958

J. T. Brown 1955

K. B. Woodward 1956

Lena Shaw 1959

Mary Jane Shannon 1958

Prince Charles 1955

Dr. F. D. Sinclair 1955

T. E. Scott. 1957

William Watson 1958

West Whalley Jr. Sec. 1957

Please share your memories by dropping us a line at:



Green Timbers Elementary (photo Courtesy Surrey Archives)



West Whalley Junior Secondary (photo Courtesy Surrey Archives)

Sunshine Report

Condolences were sent to:

Dee Sasseville and family on the passing of her mother Peggy Hanson

Maureen Onotera and family on the passing of her daughter Naomi

Eileen Vogt on the passing of her husband Edward

Karen Beaman on the passing of her husband Tom

Anton Schwieghofer on the passing on his mother Maria.

In Memorium:

Ralph Bergman

Gary Schmidt

Get Well cards were sent to:

Lorraine Elliott

Diana Devler

Gwen Murray

Alice Tiles

Matt Westphal (STA President)

Thinking of you:

Chris Regehr

If
you know of any
SRTA members who
could use some sunshine
in their lives due to illness
or loss in their family,
please let our Sunshine
Chair, Ann Bayfield
know.

Please contact Ann Bayfield:
abayfield@shaw.ca

