


# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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## CRTA Newsletter

### President's Report

After careful consideration, the CRTA Executive Committee has decided once again to hold our AGM via Zoom and, as per the Rolling Stones,  ***'This could be the last time, maybe the last time, I don't know'***. Our usual meeting place at Winslow Centre currently permits 25 attendees and thus would not accommodate our members. Please join us on line for elections and a short business meeting followed by a live presentation by the Better Business Bureau: ***Tips on scams targeting seniors***. There will be door prizes and you will see friendly faces on a screen near you! The agenda, zoom link and draw entry information appear below- it will be so good to see you! *Caroline*

### NOMINATIONS, AGM and ELECTIONS

#### Nominations:

If you are a member in good standing and would like to nominate yourself or another member in good standing for an executive position, please submit the nominee's information in writing or by email to **Audrey Anthony** at [louaud@telus.net](mailto:louaud@telus.net) **by Thursday May 19, 2022**. The nominee must agree in writing or by email to accept the nomination. Due to the virtual format, nominations from the floor will not be accepted. Positions to be filled are:

**President; Vice- President; Secretary; Treasurer; Directors; Delegates to the BCRTA Conference and AGM: September 29, 30 and October 1, 2022.**



**Agenda: CRTA AGM**  
**Wednesday June 1, 2022**  
**Chair: Teresa Grandinetti**



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| 1. Member sign in: 9:30am                | 6. Financial Report                             |
| 2. Call to order: 10:00am                | 7. Elections                                    |
| 3. Welcome and acknowledgement           | 8. Presentation: <i>Scams Targeting Seniors</i> |
| 4. Adoption of Agenda                    | 9. President's Remarks                          |
| 5. Acceptance of Minutes of the 2021 AGM | 10. Door prize draw                             |
|  | 11. Adjournment                                 |

### Zoom link to CRTA AGM 2022:

You will receive your personal zoom link to the AGM by email a few days before the AGM. All members who sign in to the AGM will be eligible to vote. Given the virtual format, there will be no questions, motions or nominations from the floor. Minutes, Financial Statements and Candidates' names will be sent by email before the AGM.



**Link to entry for gift card draw prizes: Good luck!**



Please submit your name for the draw by 4:00PM on Monday May 30, 2022. Send an email to:

[presidentcrt@gmail.com](mailto:presidentcrt@gmail.com)

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## Howard's Wacky Word Games

In our previous newsletter we played *Daffynition Jeopardy*, leaving you with some answers to which you could attempt to determine the questions. Below, in bold, are the questions you have all been waiting for!



1. A: You are forced to listen to long speeches until you are dead.  
Q: What is **elocution**?
  2. A: It is slightly larger than head size. Q: What is **capsize**?
  3. A: You have given up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.  
Q: What is **abdication**?
  4. A: You absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie.  
Q: What is **negligence**?
  5. A: An unscheduled passage performed by an orchestral string section.  
Q: What is a **violation**?
  6. A: Fathers of French twins. Q: What are **pas de deux**?
  7. A: Schwarzenegger, Retired. Q: What is an **exterminator**?
  8. A: It's a crazy reason for doing something. Q: What is a **locomotive**?
  9. A: Read a favourite e-book again. Q: What is **rekindle**?
- Yes, maybe it's obvious once you see the questions, but I admit it's asking a lot for you to come up with them. It's much easier to start with a question and devise an answer.

1 Get it Get it Get it Get it	2 Jack	3 Somewhere	4 ROOD
5 READ	6 Blood Water	7 Beeeee	8 CANCELED
9 once	10 Egg Egg HAM	11 Try Stand 2	12 TOWN
13 Nl bumpGHT	14 Aid ← Aid Aid	15 Mill1on	16 Apple 3.14
17 ice <sup>3</sup>	18 R O N G I K	19 Think	20 GROUND feet feet feet feet feet feet

Now that your brain has been stretched out of shape, here's a fun puzzle, thanks to **Jennifer Blenkinsop**, that you might have an easier time with. What familiar phrase is suggested by each picture in the set?



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## Pension Protection Update

You may recall the very successful work we all did a few years ago regarding Bill C-27, and the petition to stop **Targeted Pension plans**.

BCRTA is now joining with other members of the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (ACER/CART) and the National Pensioners Federation (NPF), to promote the following e-petition supporting **pension protection**. While our public sector pensions are protected, many in private sector plans (like the Sears retirees) need similar protection.

The BCRTA Board passed a motion of support for the e-petition and has asked Branches to distribute the link to all BCRTA Members. To go directly to the petition click on:

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3893>

This petition is a House of Commons e-petition, secure and safe. It challenges the federal government to develop a solution to ensure pensioners receive 100% of the pension their employer committed to.

Thank you for your support of this important issue!

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.



Our annual **Back to School Brunch**, affectionately known as **"To Hell with the Bell"**, is scheduled for

**Tuesday September 6, 2022**. Please pencil in the date and stay tuned. The Executive Committee will make a hosting decision based on the health and safety of CRTA members.



## Mark Your Calendar!

June 1, 2022: CRTA AGM

June 1, 2022: Intergenerational Day

July 1, 2022: **Canada Day**

August 3, 2022: CRTA Newsletter

September 6, 2022: To Hell with the Bell tba



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## Phoning Committee: Happy Spring everyone!



We have continued to phone members who do not receive information via email. In April we called them to have a chat, wish them a "Happy Spring", and to discuss with them the information that will be coming out in this newsletter regarding the AGM and Executive nominations. If you wish to be a phoner or want to receive a phone call from one of our volunteers, just give me, **Lynda Parsons**, a call at 604-939-9897 or email me at [lrparsons@telus.net](mailto:lrparsons@telus.net)

CRTA has lost contact with **Rosemary Buss** and **Laura Ramsay**.



Please let us know if you can help us to update contact information:

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Thank you!

**John Pope**  
Membership Director

## 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.



**Barb Morrow:** July 10, 2021: Barb taught in Coquitlam, including positions at Porter, Hazel Trembath, R.C. MacDonald and Riverview Park elementary schools. She is survived by her mother Kathleen, husband John, son Tyler (Jacquelyn), grandchildren, family and friends.

**Sandra Swann:** December 18, 2021: Sandra's career included positions at Vanier, Mary Hill, Nestor, Winslow Centre and Citadel Middle School. She is survived by her niece Alexandra, family and friends.

**E. Joyce Lucas:** March 8, 2022: Joyce taught in Coquitlam, including at Riverside Secondary School. She is survived by her husband Ben, children Tony (Kim) and Marcia (Landin), grandchildren, family and friends.

**Pat Einarson:** April 25, 2022: Pat taught for many years in Coquitlam and Port Moody. He is survived by his wife Tracy, son Leif (Christina); daughter Jordan (Shane); son Stefan (Hester), grandchildren, family and friends.

**Maureen Scott:** May 1, 2022: Maureen taught at Glenayre, Alderson and Glen elementary schools and at Scott Creek middle school. She was active in the rescue dog community. Maureen is survived by her husband Jim, son Jeffrey, family and friends.

**Maria Schweighofer:** March 21, 2022.

**Kim Switch:** March 4, 2022.



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.