



# Delta Retired Teachers Association Newsletter

## THE TRUANT

Spring 2022

"The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person who is doing it." -- Chinese Proverb

### *From the Editor*

Welcome to Spring, both literally and metaphorically. The severity of wind and rain are disappearing much like the storm of COVID that has persisted for more than 2 full years and the sun and flowers are warming the body and spirits. I'm sure many of us are anticipating chances to be more social, talking and laughing with friends not seen for some time, and sharing a meal in places not recently visited.

As you are no doubt aware, the DRTA is in need of a President to lead the Branch. Annie Coblin sent me an e-mail suggesting that as the former President, a short write-up of what the job is could be included in the Truant. (The Policies and Practices for the Delta Branch do not specify responsibilities.) These exist over a 1-year period.

✓ The President shall:

- call for a meeting of the Executive Committee with time and place, create an agenda, conduct that meeting (usually held a month prior to a member meeting).
- preside over any member meetings (3 for each year - one of those to be an AGM). The Annual General Meeting of each Branch shall be held in each calendar year at a time and place determined by the executive committee of the Branch. Members of the Executive committee for the next year will be elected to office. (Delta's operating year is July 1 to June 30.)
- attend the Metro Fraser Zone Meeting(s) - with 1 Executive member
- be the major contact for the BCRTA and for information to be distributed to Branch members
- from the BCRTA Handbook - The Branch president or designate shall be one of the Delegates to the BCRTA AGM included in the Branch's number of Delegates. (Delta has 3 delegates based on current membership size.)
- assist the Branch Treasurer creating a draft budget for Executive recommendation and membership approval at the DRTA AGM.

## ***From the BCRTA***

The BCRTA Board of Directors met in-person for the first time in two years. The meetings were held over two days – April 12<sup>th</sup> was a full day Strategic Planning Meeting and April 13<sup>th</sup> was a full day Board Meeting. These were held at the Holiday Inn on Broadway in Vancouver. From time to time the board has held meetings at the Holiday Inn when the BCTF building cannot accommodate space for our meetings. We have been advised that for the remainder of the year the BCTF boardrooms are fully booked.

In the week preceding the Board meeting, most Association Committees met. Several motions from each were presented. From the Membership group came the reminder that the application form is available to be filled out and submitted online. Members can update information about their membership or contact information in the Member 'update' section. You can also obtain your membership number from this section as your identification will now never use your SIN. Dave Scott, the Membership Chair, gave information about the latest travel opportunities. Currently, the two trips to Egypt are full. Gerry and Jeanie Tiede, and Dale and Joann Lauber will lead each of these trips. The Vietnam trip led by Grace Wilson is also full. The Okanagan wine Tour was cancelled but the



Alaska Cruise is a go – Dave and Bonnie Scott will lead the cruise trip. The special BCRTA cruise to Tahiti and the Society Islands for late fall of 2023 was just announced for interested BCRTA members using Paul Gauguin Cruises.

All deadlines for grants from the Heritage and Excellence in Public Education Committees have now passed. The Member Well-Being Committee continues to research topics, write original life-style articles and report on all aspects of healthy living for Members which are published in the Association's magazine, PostScript. The February 14<sup>th</sup> webinar dealing with SLEEP contained valuable information for those who want a better night's sleep. (It can be viewed anytime on the BCRTA web-site.)

A special on-line meeting of Directors was held May 2<sup>nd</sup> to confirm a recommendation to appoint Scott Sweatman as legal counsel for the BCRTA. He has considerable expertise in aspects of law concerning not-for-profit organizations like ours. His appointment was by unanimous vote.

There is a Super Zone meeting scheduled for May 25, 2022 at 10 am. This will be a virtual meeting and will include all branches. The meeting will be open to the branch President and one other branch member.

The National Retired Teachers Association, **ACER-CART**, will hold an in-person AGM on June 3 and 4 in Ottawa. Gerry Tiede is the ACER-CART President and will attend in Ottawa with Steve Bailey, the BCRTA ACER-CART rep, and Tim Anderson, BCRTA Executive Director.

The BCRTA is recommending to ACER-CART that their priorities for 2022-2023 focus on:-

- 1) a continuation of Aging-in-Place – advocating for a health care system that prioritizes care in seniors' own homes for as long as possible; and
- 2) advocating for and monitoring a Universal Pharmacare plan.

Prior to the next BCRTA Board meeting, June 8<sup>th</sup>, all committees will meet on-line to draft next year's goals and associated budgets. Each committee has submitted a "What We Do as a BCRTA Committee" statement that will explain for potential committee candidates what to expect when applying to be on a committee. It will be available on the BCRTA website.

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## It Must Be Spring

by May Fenn

*Hush, can you hear it?  
The rustling in the grass,  
Bringing you the welcome news that  
Winter's day is past.  
Soft, can you feel it?  
The warm caressing breeze,  
Telling you the sticky buds  
Are bursting on the trees.  
Look, can you see them?  
The primrose in the lane.  
Now you must believe it -  
Spring is here again.*



Poem originally published in June 2014

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/it-must-be-spring>

## *Having Fun with a Younger Generation*

I'm always looking for activities I can teach and play with my grandkids. All 4 are under 10 years and, as a former music teacher, I try to find challenging, but do-able, things that have a rhythm. We began with Patty-cake, Patty-cake, and then moved onto Miss Mary Mack and here's the activity we're working on that will take a few (dozens of) tries before getting it fast enough to fit in with the song.

### **The Cup Game**



*When the Cup song (from the movie Pitch Perfect) came out a few years back, everyone wanted to learn the rhythm. Thus, the Cup Game was born.*

Simply get a group of kids together, or even just you and your child, and learn the cup song. Everyone has their own cup.

It is a very easy pattern to learn.

If there are multiple children, go in a circle and actually pass their cups to each other. If not, just keep passing the same 2 cups over and over again.

The goal is to go through the entire song without messing up! However, if you do, just start up again as soon as you can.

**The Pattern** -    *Clap, Clap, Tap-tap-tap, Clap, Up, Down,  
Clap, Sweep, Top, Table, Bottom, Hand, Down.*

How to do it - *Clap hands twice, tap cup bottom with 2 fingers, Clap once, pick up cup, put cup down, Clap once, backhand (Thumb down) to sweep up the cup, hit the top of can, then its bottom, hit table with hand, put the cup down or pass the cup to the right up-side down; re- start pattern. Practise and speed up. Do it to the music, even sing along.*

## **Health - 7 Body Parts You Didn't Know Had a Name**

The human body is amazingly complex, made up of 11 major organ systems, 206 bones, and more than 640 skeletal muscles. And that's before you get to the molecular level, where we have approximately 37.2 trillion cells. For some reason, though, we skipped over a few details in anatomy class when learning about the human body.

For instance, what's the space between our eyebrows called? What about the one between your upper lip and nose? And is there a name for the white coloring at the bottom of your nails?

The next time you're at the doctor's office, impress her by throwing out a few of these bodily names.

### **Acnestis**

There's an itch on your back that you just can't quite manage to scratch. It's right in the middle and always seems just a little out of reach — that spot is your "acnestis," quite possibly the reason back scratchers were invented.

### **Anatomical snuffbox**

Hold your hand up, palm facing away, and spread your fingers. Look in between your thumb and index finger, and you'll notice a triangular depression at the base of your thumb. This deepening is called the "anatomical snuffbox". Back in the day, people would place ground smokeless tobacco (snuff) in the groove and ingest it through the nose.

### **Dimples of Venus**

You might know them as "back dimples," or even "butt dimples." The "dimples of Venus" refer to where the sacroiliac joints lie in the tailbone area, connecting your sacrum to your ilium in your pelvis. Confused by those terms, too? The dimples of Venus are the little divots on your lower back, right above your buttocks. They're named after Venus — Roman goddess of beauty, known as Aphrodite in Greek mythology — as they're believed to be a mark of beauty.

### **Glabella**

The "glabella" is the flat area above your nose and between your eyebrows. It's Latin for "smooth," which isn't exactly accurate, as many people sport the occasional hair, or even a unibrow. Here's a helpful tip: If you gently pinch and lift your glabella and it remains tented, that's a sign of dehydration.

### **Lunula**

The white semicircle at the base of your fingernails is called the "lunula." It gets its name from luna, Latin for "moon," because of its crescent shape. It's most noticeable on the thumbs, but many people's lunulae are covered by the cuticle (eponychium), so don't worry if you can't spot it.



## Philtrum

The vertical groove extending from the bottom of your nose down to the top of your upper lip is called the "philtrum." The depth, length, and width of the philtrum can be used in facial readings to derive certain characteristics; supposedly, a wide philtrum indicates luck.

From Fiona Gray and *Word Genius*

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## Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy going for walks and would love the companionship of a dog but not have to deal with the total commitment?

This is an opportunity for you to become part of our team working with companion pets of seniors who are unable to take them for daily outings.



Seniors benefit from the companionship of a dog as many live alone and are in declining health with few friends and family close by to help. Their dogs can be any breed and are normally calm and sweet.

By becoming part of our team you are providing a

valuable service in helping a senior retain their companion animal. Please consider taking on the rewarding experience of all the cuddles and love a companion pet brings, while receiving the heart-warming feeling of helping out a senior and their best friend.



***If you are interested in enhancing the lives of seniors and their dog, please contact us at [elderdogvancouvercom@gmail.com](mailto:elderdogvancouvercom@gmail.com) or [elderdogcanada@gmail.com](mailto:elderdogcanada@gmail.com)***

All applicants are required to have a criminal record check.



***Disclaimer: All dogs in this flyer are not ElderDog clients.***

## Book Recommendations for Early Summer Reading

From Val Windsor



**Once Upon a Wardrobe**, by Patti Callahan (2021, Harper Muse)

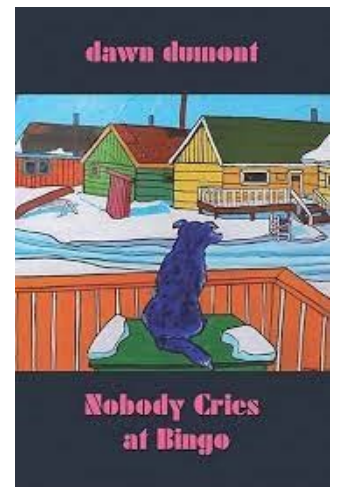
The story opens in 1950 Worcestershire, England, at the bedside of eight-year-old George Devonshire, who suffers from a congenital heart condition but that doesn't dampen his shining spirit. A voracious reader with an unstoppable imagination, George tasks his 17-year-old sister, Megs, a mathematics student on scholarship at Oxford University, with tracking down the university's English literature tutor, author C. S. Lewis, to ask where the land of Narnia came from in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

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From Margaret Jensen

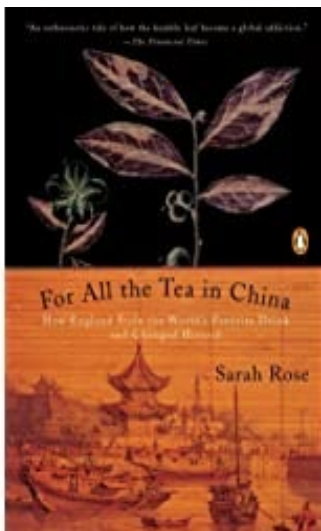
**Nobody Cries at Bingo**, by Dawn Dumont (2011, ThistleDown Press)

Dawn Dumont, who became a lawyer and then a stand-up comic, was raised in the Okanese First Nation near Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan. **Nobody Cries at Bingo** is a gently humorous, sensitive, and relatable chronicle of her life growing up with an alcoholic (and often absent) father, a mother who struggled to make ends meet, and siblings who sometimes fought and sometimes got along (like most siblings). Dumont tackles subjects like bullying, substance abuse, racism and love through the chronicling of episodes from her childhood, revealing to the reader a glimpse of her life on the reserve.



**For All the Tea in China: How England Stole the World's Favorite Drink and Changed History**,

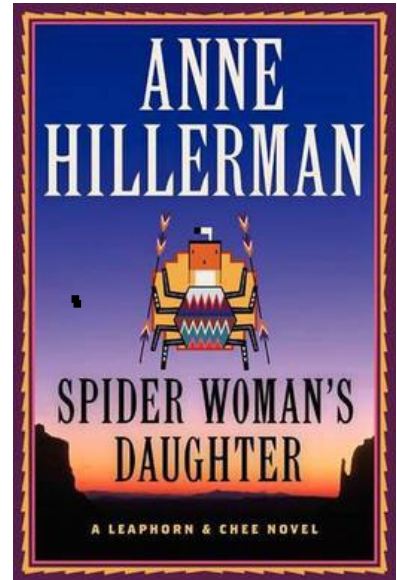
by Sara Rose (c. 2010, Penguin)



Centered on the story of Scottish Explorer Robert Fortune, this book is about the introduction and popularity of tea in England in the 1800s, and the theft of valuable tea bushes from China, which gave rise to the tea plantations in the Indian Himalayas. It's a fascinating read, combining history, botany, and corporate espionage.

**Anne Hillerman's novels:** (c.2013 - 2022, HarperCollins)

Anne Hillerman's father, Tony, was a prolific and much-loved writer of novels set in the western United State, (primarily Arizona and New Mexico). His main characters – Police Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn, Sergeant Jim Chee, and Officer Bernadette Manuelito—solved crimes in the U.S. Southwest. Anne has continued the series but with slightly more emphasis on the characters, particularly the women. These books are rich with images of desert landscapes and lore, and wonderfully evocative of both traditional and modern Diné culture.. They should be read in series order, starting with Spider Woman's Daughter. Hillerman's newest, The Sacred Bridge, is number 7 in the series.

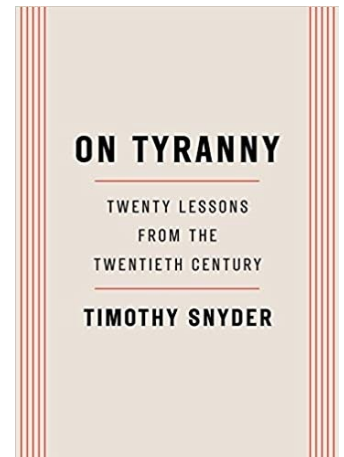


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From Pat Thiesen

**On Tyranny - Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century**, by Timothy Snyder (Tim Duggan Books, 2017)

This little book (117 pages) was brought to my attention by TV journalist, Rachel Maddow, when she interviewed the author following the events of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She suggested to him that, if one had been aware, the US was ripe for this insurrection; it was predictable. Each lesson is presented in a very succinct manner and based on events or trends from history, that he believed would be repeated, and could be prevented. He suggests several ways an individual should behave and act in society to prevent the tearing apart of civil society.



**Novels by Richard North Patterson** (Simon and Shuster)

Richard North Patterson is the author of over twenty bestselling and critically acclaimed novels. Formerly a trial lawyer, he was the SEC liaison to the Watergate special prosecutor and has served on the boards of several Washington advocacy groups. If you enjoy reading stories of intrigue in military or civilian law, his books are crowded with complex characters whose troubles draw you thoroughly into their stories. The 3 novels of candidate and eventual US President, Kerry Kilcannon, (No Safe Place, Protect and Defend and Balance of Power) are highly recommended.

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## Children say the cutest things

A friend with young children told me this story. She had taken her three boys to the orthodontist office to have the eldest, aged nine, fitted for a palate expander.

Using a model of a mouth, the dental hygienist explained all that will be happening with his upcoming appointments. At the end of her talk, still holding the mouth model, she asked if they had any questions. The boys were quiet, then the 5-year-old slowly and hesitantly put up his hand.

The hygienist asked, “Yes, what’s your question?” to which the little one asked in a very serious tone, “Did you have to kill someone to get that mouth?” - Fiona Gray

### **FUNDING OUR SCHOLARSHIPS**

A **GREAT BIG** thank all of you who donated to the Delta RTA Scholarship Fund. The Committee will be meeting soon and will be able to present the award to 2 winning Delta Graduates with \$1000 each towards their post-Secondary tuition. Check the Fall 2022 Truant edition for the names and schools for our successful candidates.



## Special Notice

Memorial Service for  
Arnie Backer (1936-2021)



**Saturday, May 28 at 2 p.m.**

Benediction Lutheran Church  
5575 6th Avenue, Tsawwassen

## Stories from Our Lives

*Do you ever find yourself transported back to your childhood, to a moment or event that was so special that it has stayed with you over the years?*

I'm not sure what made me think of the garden parties that I delighted in spying on as a child, but it might have been the Afternoon Tea we treated ourselves to in Victoria, celebrating the birth of our first grandchild. But whatever it was, it left me thinking about those afternoons so long ago.

These garden parties were not events that my parents hosted. That was not their style; for them, a party involved beer for the men, and shandies for the women. We kids would have our own party in the kitchen usually involving pots and pans, model trains and board games while the grownups stood and sat around the piano singing songs that were popular in those years just after World War II. Indoors, and at night. Daytime was the time for working on their farm or (in my father's case) going off to his teaching job.

No, these parties were held by our neighbour just down the hill. Our property was large – several acres sloping downwards, and his, even larger, was just below. We had a huge lawn – actually two lawns, bisected by the driveway and with a flat spot that was sometimes used for badminton nets. The other side was a bit too bumpy for that, and ended in a fairly steep grassy drop with a fence between the properties at the bottom. The fence joined up with another fence that marked one side of our property and had on the other side, a deep ravine with huge old-growth fir and cedar trees. But right at the corner was a vine maple. A perfect spot, made even better by the fact that it was considered to be “my tree” and my sister was not allowed to climb it. It was a leafy, quiet enclosure in the summer where I could easily scramble up to a large branch with my book, and sit for hours, barely within earshot of the house and my mother's calls. The neighbours were very well off – he was a millionaire which, in those days, meant a lot more than it does now. They had a full-time gardener and the grounds of his house, on the other side of the ravine, were stunning. I remember huge rhododendrons and his swimming pool that we, as neighbours, were occasionally invited to use. But just below my tree was a flat field that had also been turned into a garden where they hosted their garden parties. Those parties fascinated me. The guests couldn't see me (at least I assumed they couldn't) in my tree as the leaves hid me and I was quite a distance up the hill. I had a small pair of binoculars and loved to peruse the linen-draped tables dotted with delectable offerings, the women in their beautiful dresses and hats, the men in their dapper



sport jackets, fedoras and boaters, and the servants in white circulating among the crowd. It was a glimpse of another land that I could only imagine inhabiting, and it transported me to a world of wealth and magic. I don't know how often the parties were held; probably once or twice each summer. My parents were always invited and appreciated the invitations, but they never attended, as they knew they were not part of that social set. I would sit for hours totally enraptured, analyzing which dresses were the most beautiful and which men the most handsome and who might just be a spy, and wondered about the people who were hidden in the shade in their wicker chairs. In my childish wisdom I knew they were probably very old and couldn't walk much – of course, I'm guessing that they were likely younger than I am now...

I have not returned to my childhood home for many years; after my father died and we sold the place, I knew the new owners would make changes and I wanted to remember it the way it was. But sometimes, like on that afternoon over tea, I find myself wondering whatever happened to all those people, whether there is still a garden there, and if my tree still stands....

Margaret Jensen

### **Who'd have known that after retiring I'd enter another phase of life that would be equally rewarding?**

After retiring I volunteered with the speech and language group for people affected by stroke for a couple of years. That was so rewarding I extended my volunteering into the gym component and made many strong connections, while helping stroke recovery participants recover movement and strengthen muscle. Working with adults was indeed a different experience, with much to validate my existence.

However, now I'm back learning and laughing with children - three under three, to be exact. All connected to me genetically, but not much resembling me because they are all of mixed race. I love my family pictures because we represent love for people - background and race being totally unimportant.

So these little gems show me the innocence of living, the creativity of connecting learning and the absolute joy in discovery.

How liberating is it to just push something off your tray if you don't feel like eating it? To put Cheerios in chocolate chip cookie mix because you just love them? To fall on your back laughing when someone hides and then pops out?

Imagine the thrill of figuring out how to walk down a step and not fall; the exhilaration of flying down the longest slide you've ever seen, or discovering how to change the tune on your crib mobile.

We don't remember these moments in our own lives and with our children we were too busy second-guessing our parenting and balancing our workload and responsibility to totally absorb ourselves in their world. As a grandparent, though we can experience it through our wee ones' emotions. An afternoon spent with any of my grandchildren is to me, like an episode of America's Funniest Videos - it's such a good feeling.

Fiona Gray



### **Change of Address or Circumstance**

*Email or other change of address? Here's what to do...*

1. Online at [BCRTA.ca](http://BCRTA.ca).

2. BCRTA Email: [laurie@bcrt.ca](mailto:laurie@bcrt.ca) Phone: 604.871.2260

3. DRTA Email: [deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com](mailto:deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com)



## **Lovely Memories**

Take some time to write about ...

1. ***your favourite book.*** *Were you introduced to the book as an adult or as a child/teen? In your opinion, what make this favourite such a good read?*
2. ***your favourite body of water*** - *whether it's a river you fished in, a lake you visited when you were younger, or an ocean on whose beach you relaxed while on a vacation. Consider what the water and surrounding area looked like. What did you do at the water's edge or in/under the water?*
3. ***your favourite craft project.*** - *whether it was putting together a scrapbook, a Hallowe'en display, or a holiday card. Try to recall interesting details including inspiration, the shapes and materials used in construction.*
4. ***your favourite teaching-related activity*** - *whether it happened before, during or afterschool. Remember the enthusiasm while preparing for it or completing, the voices and sounds of the students and/or parents. Did you plan to try something like it next year?*
5. ***your first crush*** – *whether it was in elementary, middle or high school when that first special person caught your eye, giving you such a fond memory many years later. Do you remember their name? Did they return your affection? Do you know where this is person now?*
6. ***your most beloved pet*** - *whether s/he was a dog, cat or something more exotic. What was their most endearing trait? Did you travel/go camping with her/him?*
7. ***your goals for the future*** - *whether they involve friends, family or people yet you haven't yet met. Why are they important to you now and how you plan to achieve them? How are others involved and in what ways?*
8. ***your best decision*** - *whether you would be able to make it today, what it was, who was involved, how it changed your life's direction or someone else's.*
9. ***the 5 things you are good at,*** *that others don't really know*
10. ***or what you would like to learn about or experience.***



*DRTA Member Gayle Hubbard and rowing partner on Deas Slough 7:30 am in January 2022*



# Using Your Brain - the Puzzle Pages

## A. Trivia - General Knowledge

1. In 1985 South Africa ends its ban on what?
2. What is the national sport of the United Kingdom?
3. Which bone are babies born without?
4. Who was the messenger of the Greek gods?
5. Who invented the LBD (little black dress)?
6. How many eyes does a bee have?
7. What movie could be summarized as "She brought a small town to its feet and a huge corporation to its knees."?
8. What scientific unit is used to measure mass?
9. True or False - Peanuts are not nuts!
10. What is the name of the classification of crime which is less serious than a felony?

## B. Connect the Compound Word Chains

Complete the chain of words using the first letter clues.

[e.g. Living R\_\_\_\_\_ K\_\_\_\_\_ Lime ..... Room, Key]

1. Happy D\_\_\_\_\_ I\_\_\_\_\_ Keeper
2. Hill B\_\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_\_ Milk
3. Take A\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_ Bell
4. Plain E\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_ Ceremony
5. Easy B\_\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_\_ Duty
6. Hiding P\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ Catalogue
7. Chest P\_\_\_\_\_ K\_\_\_\_\_ Bees
8. Picket F\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_ Office
9. Snow B\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ Saddle
10. Jelly B\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_ Stairs

### C. A Good One for the Number Crunchers

$12 \times 12 = 9$ , and  $23 \times 23 = 16$ ,  $34 \times 34 = ?$

What number should replace the ?

### D. Cross-out To Quotation - Easy

#### CLUES

1. Cross out words that rhyme with "glad".
2. Eliminate all fruits.
3. Cross out all of the words that end with "CH".
4. Eliminate all of the months.
5. Cross out all words beginning with "Q".
6. Eliminate all bakery goods.

#### WORD GRID

QUEEN	WHO	CLAD	GRAPES	GOOD
WAIT	APRIL	MUFFIN	SPEECH	FAD
SCAD	CATCH	BANANA	QUILT	TO
MAY	COOKIE	THINGS	JULY	BREAD
COME	PEACH	HITCH	QUICK	THOSE

Take your remaining words and re-arrange them to make a well-known saying.

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**E. Cross-out to Quotation (Harder)** - Use the clues to cross off words in the diagram. Once finished, a message remains when read in order, left to right, line by line.

1. Cross off each 5-letter word whose letters appear in reverse alphabetical order.
2. Cross off all words that contain 3 or more A's.
3. Cross off all words of five or more letters that appear twice in the grid.
4. In Columns A and C, cross off each word that names a fabric.
5. Cross off all 7-letter words whose first and third letters are the same.
6. Cross off each 5-letter word with more vowels than consonants.
7. In columns B and D, cross off each anagram of SPEAR.
8. Cross off each 9-letter word consisting of three 3-letter words.
9. Cross off all 4-letter words consisting of 2 syllables.
10. Cross off each word whose first letter comes immediately after its second letter of the alphabet.

A	→B	C	D
UPON	LEARNING	CAPER	EDIFY
PUDDLE	CONJUGATE	SUEDE	IS
DENIM	BAD	NOT	PEARS
ATTAINED	SPARE	FELT	CYCLIST
ZONED	BY	ANACONDA	CHANCE
WORSHIP	VIVIDLY	NEWSPAPER	WORSHIP
REPAIRMAN	INTO	IT	TONIC
MUST	QUAIL	COCOA	BE
JIGSAW	SOUGHT	PUDDLE	ALPACA
OUTGO	CAPER	FOR	RATIO
WITH	SKIED	ZYDECO	ARDOR
COTTON	AND	OMEN	PARSONAGE
PAPRIKA	APERS	ATTENDED	PARSE
TO	FANTASIA	WOOL	MEMO
CATAMARAN	WITH	DEDUCED	DILIGENCE

Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## F. Can You Follow the Directions?

Print the words **MOSQUITO ABATEMENT CREW**, omitting the spaces.



1. Delete the fifth letter from the right.
2. Delete the fifth letter from the left.
3. Switch the first E with the first T.
4. Delete the consonant that comes earliest in the alphabet.
5. Switch the second A with the second E.
6. Repeat step 2.
7. Repeat step 3.
8. Move the second consonant to the right end of the row.
9. Repeat step 5.
10. Delete the fourth letter from the right.
11. Repeat step 3.
12. Repeat step 2.
13. Delete the fourth letter from the left.
14. Delete the second E.
15. Delete the first vowel.
16. Delete the second consonant.
17. Reverse the order of all the letters.

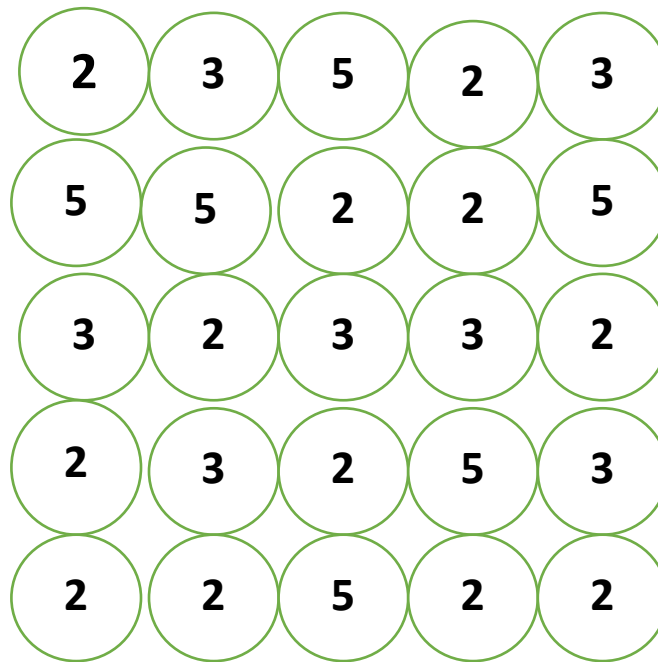
Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

In meeting people, it's rare that what I'm impressed by is their intelligence. There's much more likelihood that what I'm impressed by is their compassion, their optimism, their sense of humor - things of that sort I find much more compelling.

– Carl Sagan from interview in *“Psychology Today,”* 1996

**G. Gather the Rings** - Move from ring to touching ring, starting from the bottom left corner and finishing in the upper right corner. Collect nine (9) numbers and total them. Which is the highest possible total?

- i. 40    ii. 20    iii. 15    iv. 18    v. 30    vi. 25



*Your editor thinks this is a Ring-necked Duck photographed by Shelley Tonks in Delta for Canadian Wildlife Federation, posted April 24, 2022*



## Puzzle Pages - The Answers

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### A. Trivia

- |                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Inter-racial marriage | 6. Five            |
| 2. Cricket               | 7. Erin Brockovich |
| 3. Patella (knee-cap)    | 8. Kilogram        |
| 4. Hermes                | 9. True            |
| 5. Coco Chanel           | 10. Misdemeanor    |

### B. Connect the Compound Word Chains

1. Days Inn 2. Billie Goat 3. After Dinner 4. English Rose 5. Bake Off  
6. Place Card 7. Pain Killer 8. Fence Post 9. Snow Blind 10. Belly Button Down

### C. A Good One for the Number Crunchers

*After performing the multiplication, we reach the result by adding the individual numbers that make up the result.*

*If  $12 \times 12 = 144$ , then  $1 + 4 + 4 = 9$*

*If  $23 \times 23 = 529$ , then  $5 + 2 + 9 = 16$*

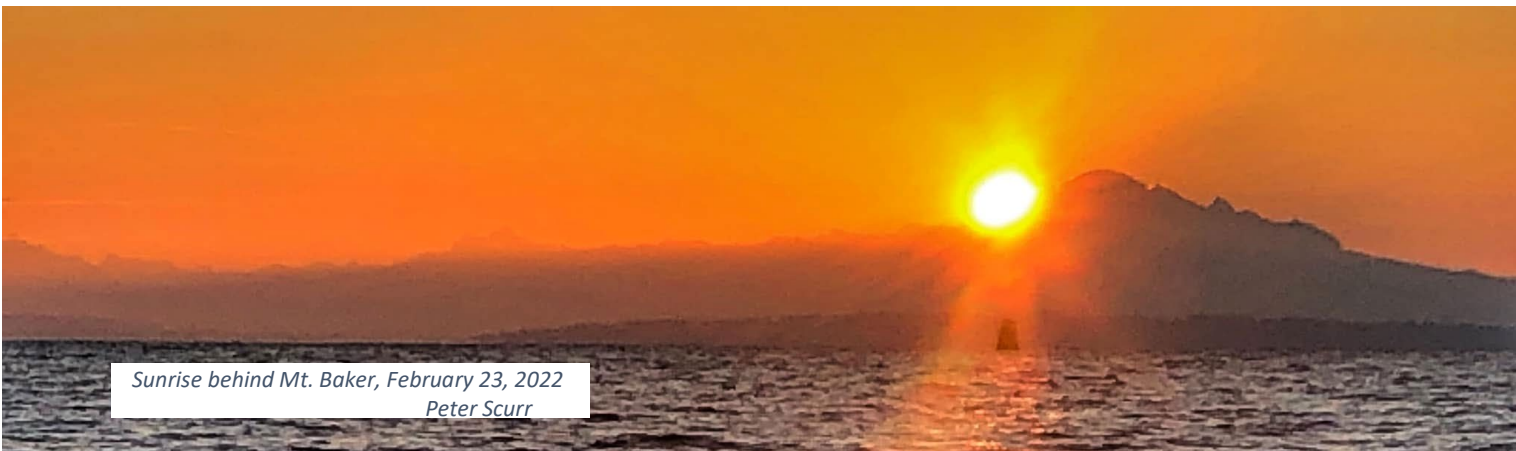
*If  $34 \times 34 = 1156$ , then  $1 + 1 + 5 + 6 = 13$*

**D. Cross-out To Quotation (Easy)**- Good things come to those who wait.

**E. Cross-out to Quotation (Harder)** - Learning is not attained by chance. It must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.

**F. Can You Follow the Directions?** - Mosquito Abatement Team: SWAT Team

**G. Gather the Rings** - 30



*Sunrise behind Mt. Baker, February 23, 2022  
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