
RIDGE MEADOWS RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President: Julie Zoney

It is great that we are able to do a little more and start up some activities. See more info below. Congratulations to all those retiring MRTA!! We have 30 this year! Enjoy the summer months and hope to see you at our September Breakfast.

RMRTA AGM & Luncheon/ May 2022

We tried out a new caterer. Everyone enjoyed the food. Thanks to Linda Raskewicz for her delicious squares! Door prize winner was Ross Dunning.

The BCRTA is putting a motion forward to the BCRTA AGM that the next year's member fee be \$45.00 as costs and inflation are up.

The BCRTA is sponsoring a free Writer's Workshop on June 22 at 10:00. Those wishing to attend must be a member of BCRTA and pre-register. <https://bcrt.ca/writers-workshop-june-2022/>

Travelling on your mind??

See ***Enjoy the Journey***- owned and operated by Troy Opper. See the 2022 catalogue. The catalogue is available on line. Go to Enjoy the Journey and click on the 2022 catalogue.

Direct link: <http://www.enjoythejourney.ca/2022-catalog.html>

If you book any trip let their office know that you are a B.C.R.T.A. member. Enjoy the Journey supports the B.C.R.T.A. educational charity -- R.R. Smith -- and donates funds to support educational projects in B.C. and all over the world when they know a B.C.R.T.A. member books a trip.

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HERE'S YOUR CHANCE -- *ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP!*

Join the BCRTA, and receive your first year FREE!!

Here is a direct link <https://bcrt.ca/join/> (you can copy and paste the URL into your browser window). This offer is for anyone who has never joined the BCRTA, not only for new retirees. So, if you know a teacher who has retired in previous years, but has not yet joined the BCRTA, please let them know of this unique opportunity. Belonging to the BCRTA provides us all with benefits and privileges that would otherwise not be possible.

Yearly dues are necessary to support the effort of those that advocate for the rights and interests of retired teachers. At the branch level, the yearly fee is important as it allows the executive to plan luncheons, pay speakers and organize special activities.

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!

What's Up Around Maple Ridge?

• Summer Happenings (July 6 - September 2)

This Summer, there will be something *happening* in Memorial Peace Park on **Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM starting July 6 through to September 2**. To top it all off, there will be food trucks at each of these activities/concerts in the south plaza off 224 Street!

• Friday, June 17 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Pow-Wow Dancing & Drumming

Learn about cultural teachings and how to dance with Shyama Priya then put your new skills to work by dancing along with the powerful music of Dennis Leon and his Wild River Pow Wow drumming group.

Shyama Priya

Shyama-Priya is a pow-wow dancer with over 20 years of experience. She is of Celtic Icelandic, Indigenous Cree, and Bihari Indian descent. Coming from a mixed ethnic background made her question her identity and she turned to dance to feel connected to her spirit. Shyama-Priya also instructs dance classes to teach the steps as well as the meanings behind the dances.

Dennis Leon

Dennis Leon is a musician from Kwantlen First Nation. He is a Keeper of Songs and grew up singing. A library of music is always playing in his head. He is a father to three boys and two girls, and a grandfather.

• Saturday, June 18 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM National Indigenous Peoples Day (NIPD)

Join us in Maple Ridge on June 18, 2022 at Memorial Peace Park from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM to celebrate NIPD. All peoples are welcome!

NIPD celebrates the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Indigenous peoples of Canada. On this day, we honour Indigenous cultures and promote intercultural understanding and communication through sharing both old and new ways.

Featuring:

- Activities for all ages
- Artist & vendor market
- Music, storytelling & "story-walking"

This event is put on by the [Fraser River Indigenous Society](#) and supported by [PLEA Community Services](#), Canadian Heritage and the City of Maple Ridge.

• **Father's Day Fry Release**

June 19, 2022, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM @Maple Ridge Park

Our annual Father's Day Fry Release is back after 2 years!!! The Alouette River Management Society, in partnership with ALLCO Fish Hatchery and BC Corrections, to release Chinook Salmon Fry into the Alouette River. We will be out for two hours in the park, where the community can join us in releasing salmon fry in the park. We will have information about Pacific Salmon, ARMS' activities as well as some guest joining us in the celebration of Fathers and Fry and the local ecosystems of Maple Ridge.

Mark Your Calendar

- *Looking ahead... we are planning for our Catered THWTB for Tues. Sept. 6th all going well with the pandemic situation. Location: Maple Ridge Alliance Church 20399 Dewdney Trunk Rd. Eat at 10:00 a.m. Cost \$12.00. BRING YOUR OWN MUG, PLEASE! RSVP BEFORE August 15th to J. Zoney (604-467-1370) jbz@telus.net*



In Memoriam

Michael Hickey teacher

Donna Baker

Keith Souster teacher

Pat O'Reilly teacher

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.