



Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association
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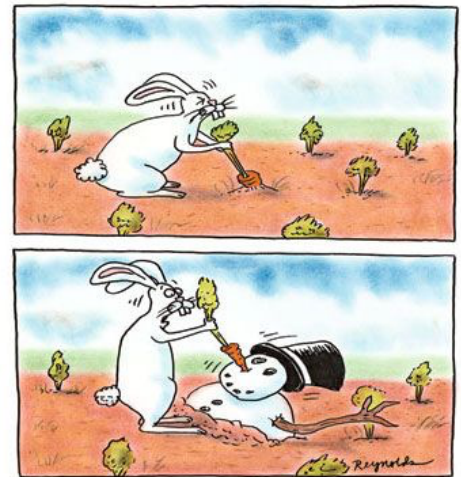
Everyone,

Spring is coming! We have many events to look forward to...

In April, Diana Cruchley is coming to the ARC to do a workshop on collecting all your important information, organizing it in one spot so that it is available when needed. We have a full class, 40 members are attending with a small waiting list. It will be a worthwhile session (even though we'll all have plenty of homework to do afterwards!)

In May, we are planning a field trip to the Darts Hill garden park near Cloverdale. Francisca Dart's love of plants has resulted in a huge collection of interesting mature tree and shrub species, namely rhododendrons and magnolias. We are planning to spend a couple of hours touring the garden and then having lunch on the way home.

In June, we would like to spend an afternoon at Centennial Park with a catered lunch. Bring your hats, lawn chairs and have a relaxing afternoon, eating, talking with friends and acquaintances. The ADRTA will be subsidizing both events! We are still working on details such as dates and times and we will let you know in the upcoming newsletters!





A couple of items to remember:

1. Donate to our bursary fund! We would like to help out two students this year who are planning to further their education. How to do in ten easy steps is listed later in this newsletter!

2. If you are **changing** your email address, make sure you let Gloria know. We want you to be in the know about all things Retired Teachers!

Wishing you a bright and warm March,

Gloria

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Philip George Francis

July 20, 1927-September 12, 2023



Phil taught in Lampman, Saskatchewan and Langley, BC. He was a woodworking, drafting and mathematics teachers. He enjoyed attending our Christmas luncheons as our guest. He had four children with many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be missed!



Virginia Christine Sampson-Young

February 11, 1962-October 19, 2023

She taught elementary school for a number of years. She adored her family and was a loving and supportive friend. If you'd like to honour Ginny's memory, a donation to The Kidney Foundation of Canada would be greatly appreciated.

John (Jack)Thomas Cook

October 31, 1930-January 19, 2024



Jack along with colleagues Jeff Lord and Gordon Reimer created Valley Woodworking Center where they shared their skills to anyone that wanted to create wooden furniture. He will be missed by family, friends and former colleagues.



Needed:

A volunteer docent at the Reach Gallery Museum

What does it entail?

Conduct scheduled tours with school age children

More information:

Once they are comfortable, the volunteer would host tours of our permanent archival collection, as well as our seasonal art exhibitions, and would attend one docent meeting per exhibition (roughly 3 times per year). Tours are generally scheduled several weeks in advance through the school year and only during school days and hours.

Contact: Any interested folks can reach out through email to Jennifer Shepit jshepit@thereach.ca or our Curator of Learning and Community Engagement, Andrea Orlosky at aorlosky@thereach.ca.





Games in the Afternoon at the ATU on February 13th! We played mah jong, skip bo, scattergories, crowns and abalone. Madelyn Craven was the lucky winner of a box of chocolates for wearing valentine colours.



Donate in 10 Easy Steps to our Bursary Fund



1. Search “Vancity community foundation.
2. Click on. “Donate now”.
3. A short list of funds pops up; scroll to bottom of list and click on “show all funds” list.
4. Scroll down the long list and click on R.R. Smith Community Fund and “donate”.
5. Click “one time donation” and fill in amount.
6. Here is the **important** part: in the Leave a Comment box, type “Friends of Abbotsford Retired Teachers’ Association”
7. Fill in Checkout information.
8. Review.
9. Continue.
10. Pay with card.

All done and completed! Thank you so much for your donation!

(Credit for this list goes to Clare Brooks who sent it to me after she donated! I just jazzed it up...)





At our recent executive meeting, we were wondering how our members are feeling about the events we have planned in recent years.

We would like to try some new ideas and we were hoping you could give us feedback!

We will compile the information you send us and discuss it at the next executive meeting. This is your chance to let us know your ideas!

To get started, here are some topics:

- We would like more people to attend our Games in the Afternoon and were wondering how to encourage people to come. Is it the venue that is the problem? Or?
- We would like to have a June picnic in the park. Would this be something you would attend?
- Is there a topic or interest you would like to see us explore and plan? Just let us know.

Send your thoughts, ideas, comments to Gloria (gloriaadam@shaw.ca 604-854-6194). We want to hear from you!

