



ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



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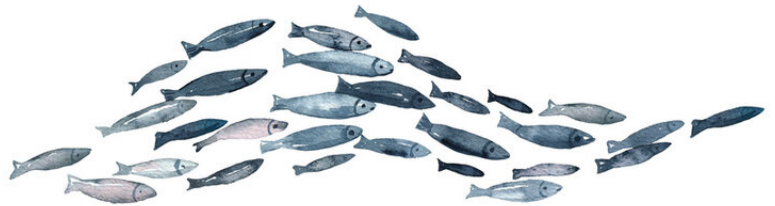
Everyone,

Wishing you all a merry, festive holiday season with fun with friends and family! We had a fun-filled afternoon on Wednesday, December 4th at Ricky's restaurant. Those two old hippies, Flower and Harmony came to guide us all through games, door prizes, lunch and raising money for our bursary. Photos from the event below.

Vicki Coutu has been putting together a basket for the Christmas raffle for over 17 years and this year she raised over \$450.00 for our bursary to a deserving student at Bakerview Centre. Thank you to Vicki and her elves as well as to all the people who bought tickets. Much appreciated!

Our plans for 2025 include a Games Afternoon in February where we get together and learn new games, revive old games and play bingo for prizes. We have light refreshments and door prizes. It is a lot of fun in a very relaxed atmosphere with time for getting acquainted with old friends and also time to make new friends. We will meet from 1-3 p. m. at Evergreen Village (31955 Old Yale Road) as guests of Dave Sagert. We wanted to find a new venue for our afternoon as we found that the ATU hall was very problematic (stairs, washroom access, kitchen too far away and parking availability!) Try and come and have some fun!

In May, we would like to take a trip to Steveston and tour the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site. We would have time for lunch and poking around the shops before heading home at 2:30 p. m. In June, we're planning a repeat of our picnic in the park.



It was so nice last June to get together and just visit with a catered lunch as well. More details to come in future newsletters.

In closing, the ADRTA executive would like to extend best wishes to all our members and their families during this holiday season. See you in 2025!

Ciao,
Gloria
Prez





Christmas Luncheon Photos!









Our **“Senior seniors”**: (back row) Mona Dyck, Marlys Welsh, Jenny Matthews, Roy Daly, Karen Hamilton, Lois Lafek, Cal Brandt, Martha Brandt. (Front row) Lois Wilson, Pat Bevan, Mae Hannah, Madelyn Craven and Elva Horner. What a great bunch!



Christmas Carol Quiz!

1. The apartment of two Psychiatrists
2. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis
3. A brown, shaggy animal has his beezee in the booze
4. Oh, member of the Round Table with missing areas
5. We are Kong, Lear and Nat Cole
6. Natal celebration devoid of colour, rather albino, as a hallucinatory phenomenon for me
7. Two hundred and eighty-eight Yuletide hours
8. Boulder of the tinkling metal spheres
9. The smog-less bewitching hour arrived
10. Parent was observed osculating a red-coated unshaven teamster
11. Obese personification fabricated of compressed mounds of minute crystals
12. Have hitherward the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their belief
13. Exuberation to this orb
14. Leave and do an elevated broadcast
15. Stepping on the pad cover
16. Cup-shaped instruments fashioned of a whitish metallic element
17. Present me naught but dual incisors for this festive Yuletide
18. Do you perceive the same longitudinal pressure which stimulates my auditory sense organs?
19. That exiguous hamlet south of the holy city
20. The lad is a diminutive percussionist
21. A joyful song relative to hollow metallic vessels which vibrate and bring forth a ringing when struck
22. A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
23. May the Deity bestow an absence of fatigue to mild, male humans
24. Tranquility upon the terrestrial sphere
25. Listen, the winged heavenly messengers are proclaiming tunefully

Answers:

1. Nutcracker Suite
2. Silent Night
3. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
4. Oh, Holy Night
5. We Three Kings
6. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas
7. Twelve Days of Christmas
8. Jingle Bell Rock
9. It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
10. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus



11. Frosty the Snowman
12. Oh Come All Ye Faithful
13. Joy to the World
14. Go Tell It On the Mountain
15. Up On the Housetop
16. Silver Bells
17. All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth
18. Do You Hear What I Hear?
19. Oh Little Town Of Bethlehem
20. Little Drummer Boy
21. Carol of the Bells
22. Noel
23. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
24. Peace On Earth
25. Hark the Herald Angels Sing



All the best in 2025 from your ADRTA Executive:

President: Gloria Adam

Our vice-president: Janice Brost

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Our membership committee head: Madeleine Gravel
Our members at large: Dave Sagert

