



ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



February 14, 2025 (7 pages!)

Everyone,

Happy Valentine's Day!

We had a very successful Games Afternoon yesterday with 26 members getting together to play games, win prizes and enjoy each other's company. Many thanks to Dave Sagert for reserving the party room at his complex for us to have lots of fun in.

We started the afternoon off with three games of BINGO and then progressed to crib, Chinese checkers, penny game, Skip Bo and many other terrific and fun games. Coffee, tea and goodies were available and door prizes were handed out at the end. We are all looking forward to next year when we do it all again!

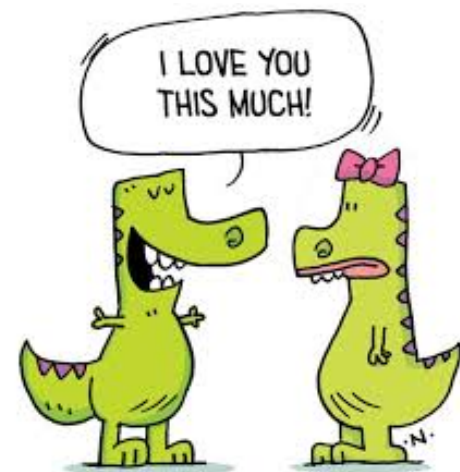
We are in the planning stages of our Spring calendar. So far we have decided to have the field trip to Steveston on June 4, 2025. We have a large bus booked (ok, a school bus!) with Darryl, our driver taking us to Steveston. We will be taking registrations soon and we will give you more details (times, fees, etc.) after we have ironed them out!

We will have a picnic as well in later June and details will be coming. Other events are in the works and I will let you know in the next newsletter once we have finalized details.

The Heritage Committee had a very informative meeting with Tracy Kryss, the new Curriculum Director of Instruction. She is very enthusiastic about our project and how it can be used in the classrooms of our district. We are having another meeting with her in March to finalize everything. Many thanks to the hard working team, especially Linda Baynes and Madeleine Gravel as well as many more volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you.

Please let me know if you need a question answered or to raise a concern—our executive is here for you!

Your prez,
Gloria



Games Afternoon on February 12, 2025







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What did one
snake say to the
other snake on
Valentine’s Day?
“Give me a hug
and a hiss.”

GH

“
All my wife wanted
for Valentine’s Day was
a little card —
American Express.
Milton Berle

GH

“
A man who correctly
guesses a woman’s age
may be smart,
but he’s not very bright.
Lucille Ball

GH



Hugh Morrison

February 7, 1946 - October 22, 2024

Hugh was born in New Zealand and lived all over before moving to the Lower Mainland with his wife, Anne in the early 1990s, living in Langley and then Abbotsford before retiring and returning to the Island in 2009.

In his later years, Hugh continued his love of choral singing (as well as conducting), gardening, genealogy, and watching as much televised rugby and cricket as he could find. He will be missed.



Did you know?

The use of 'the strap' in BC public schools was officially abolished on February 14, 1973. Eileen Daily amended the School Act while she was Minister of Education (1972-1975). She called this legislation a 'Valentine's Day gift' for BC's children. Thank you, Eileen!



Donate to our bursary fund in 10 easy steps! (Actually 11, but who's counting?)



1. Go to the Vancity Community Foundation at vancitycommunityfoundation.ca
2. Click “Funds” at the top of the Home Page.
3. In the box to the left of the “Search” arrow type in **RR Smith** (upper or lower case), click “Search”.
4. Then, directly below, click on “RR Smith Community Fund”. Click on “Give to this Fund”.
5. In the “Donate” box, choose from the given amounts or enter your own value.
6. The “Leave a Comment” box, is optional.
7. Click “Donate”.
8. In the “Summary”, go to “Donor Information”.

To the right:

Click “Organization”. In the “Organization Name” box enter your “Friends of Abbotsford District Retired Teachers.” Click “Review”,

9. If the information is correct, click “Continue”.
10. Enter your Credit Card information and Address. **Check it all.** Click “Pay”.
11. Let Erin (erinmquast@gmail.com) know immediately that you have donated and the amount so that we add it to our total.

Within moments your income tax receipt for a charitable donation will be in your email. So fast, so easy!

Let Gloria know if you run into problems. We are constantly trying to improve the process. Thank you so much for supporting our future educators!




What did Han Solo say to Princess Leia on Valentine's Day?
 Yoda one for me.





"I won't need a bag. I'll eat it here."

