



ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



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Everyone,

Happy 2025! Wishing you and your family all the best in the coming year! The ADRTA executive has started making plans for our members to get together and have some fun this spring.

We are having the annual Games Afternoon in February (more details later in the newsletter) and we are also in the process of planning a no host lunch at a local restaurant just to get together and visit. More details in later newsletters once we have figured everything out.



Later in the spring, we are planning a field trip by school bus to Steveston to visit the cannery museum and have lunch (and poke around the shops) before returning to Abbotsford. Judy Zesko will be helping Leona, Janice and Erin with the details of that trip. Judy has moved permanently to Steveston and is a valuable resource person for us!



In June, we will have our picnic in the park, another opportunity to get together and reminisce about life with friends and colleagues. Last year it was really relaxing to sit and talk. The association will cater the lunch so all you have to do is sign up, bring a lawn chair and a hat and put on some sunscreen! We do reserve the large gazebo so if the weather doesn't cooperate, we will still be protected from the elements.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns, we are here for you!

Ciao,
Gloria
Prez

p.s. Don't forget to donate to our bursary fund. Details down below for both online and by Canada Post! Thanks for your generosity!



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 (erinmqvast@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!

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Join us for Games Afternoon!

February 12th @ Evergreen Village (31955 Old Yale Road) from 1:00-3:00 p. m.

Park across the street in the Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren church parking lot (2719 Clearbrook Rd.) and walk over to Building B, main entrance. Our host, Dave Sagert will be welcoming us!



Learn a new game or play a favourite!

Door prizes, refreshments and a lot of fun! Register anytime now until February 10th to Gloria (gloriaadam@shaw.ca or 604-854-6194)

Let us know if you need a ride to the event!

Some games we're bringing: Crib, Crokinole, Sweep, 5 Crown, Wizard, Skipbo, Word Thief, Mexican train, Crib, Rummy Tiles! It will be fun!

Don't miss out!



How to donate to our Bursary Fund by mail:



Using Canada Post:

Donors send cheques directly to VanCity payable to “VanCity Community Foundation/ R.R. Smith” The address is: #409-312 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6A 2T2.



The memo line should read, “**Friends of Abbotsford District Retired Teachers’ Association**”.

Your tax receipt will be issued and sent whenever they get around to it, hopefully before March 1st. It is a much slower process.

Right away, send an email to [Erin \(our treasurer\)](mailto:erinmquast@gmail.com) erinmquast@gmail.com and let her know the amount of your donation so that we can have an idea of how much money is being collected.

