



ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



June 23, 2024

Everyone,

Summer is finally here and with it the promise of warm, summer nights to sit under the stars with family and friends. Days full of sunshine to enjoy golfing, tennis, swimming, travelling, relaxing and much, much more. Let's hope the wild fire season is short and doesn't interfere with our travel plans.

Have a wonderful summer and hope to see you at our To Hell with the Bell Brunch being held on September 3rd at 9:30 a.m. out at the **Bradner Hall**. Look for more details in the summer newsletter out later in August!

Gloria
Prez



Picnic in Mill Lake Park

Our first ever picnic was a huge success. We had a beautiful warm, sunny



day and 37 members came to relax, share experiences and have lunch together. We met at Mill Lake Park at 11 a. m. and wrapped everything up at 2 p. m. It was really nice to have the time to talk and enjoy each other's company. We will do it again!

The ADRTA Executive Lunch

On June 19th, the ADRTA executive had lunch together at Paliotti's restaurant. We were happy to include our phoning committee volunteers working under the direction of Mike Phelps. They are Rose Esposito, Liz Reid and Vicki Coutu. This committee provides a wonderful service to about 30 of our members, letting them know of upcoming events and in doing so, as Mike as said:



"They often fulfill other roles as well - that of a diplomat, confidante, advisor, and most importantly a "friendly voice" connecting one heart to another over the telephone lines. For some members, especially shut-ins with medical concerns, it may be the only cheery voice they hear for a period of time."

Thank you so much for all that you do!





Our ADRTA executive: (from the top) Sue Mackenzie, Leona Oren, Linda Baynes, Gloria Adam, Janice Brost, Madeleine Gravel, Erin Quast, Mike Phelps, Shannon Riedlinger and Dave Sagert. Missing in the photo is Doreen Petersen who had to leave for another engagement!



On June 21st, Madeleine and Gloria attended the ATU Gala



at Harrison Hot Springs Resort, representing the ADRTA. The Gala celebrated the new retirees in our district. We were able to mingle during the first hour of the event, meeting the new retirees and their

families and friends. The presentations were really interesting as we learned about each retiree's career and interests. After the presentations, we had a delicious dinner in the Copper Room with a live band playing dance music. The attendees all seemed to enjoy themselves on such a beautiful evening. The ATU did a terrific job! Congratulations to all the retirees in our district.

Here are the names of the retirees who attended the Gala:



Retiring Members

Jane Bartlett
Mountain Elementary

Teresa Hootz
W. A. Fraser Middle

Laura Brar
Abbotsford Secondary

Bonnie Jacobson
Dr. Roberta Bondar Elementary

Paula Brennan
Dr. T. A. Swift Elementary

Sharon Kehoe
Robert Bateman Secondary

Melanie Crocker
Dr. T. A. Swift Elementary

Ed Klassen
Rick Hansen Secondary

Pam Franklin
Margaret Stenersen Elementary

Maria Limpright
Centre of Resource for Education

Heather Hemmerich
Prince Charles Elementary

Susanna Perry
Yale Secondary

Craig Hemmerich
Colleen & Gordie Howe Middle

Tom Radnai
Abbotsford Secondary





Unfortunately, this is not a complete list of all the Abbotsford retirees. Due to privacy concerns, we are not given the names of any of the retirees unless they attend the Gala. There were 30 retirees in total this year! Congratulations and best wishes from the ADRTA!



Our Bursary Recipient for 2024!



Dear Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association,

I want to share my utmost appreciation and gratitude for being chosen as the recipient for the Abbotsford Retired Teacher's Association Scholarship. I am very thankful for this funding and look forward to making use of it at the University of the Fraser Valley. Since I have been granted this scholarship, I will strive to do my best to make the most out of this opportunity. I am currently a student at Abbotsford Traditional School and after my graduation, I aim to excel in my post-secondary education which this scholarship will help me with.

My plans for my post-secondary education include attending the University of the Fraser Valley in the fall. I have accepted an offer there for placement in the Bachelor's of Science program as I wish to complete 2 years of prerequisites so I can become eligible for enrollment in a dental hygiene program. After completing 2 years of a dental hygiene program, I plan to move forward and pursue a career as a dental hygienist and this scholarship would help me in achieving that long-term goal.

Thank you for granting me this bursary.

Sincerely,
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