



ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



May 16, 2024

Hi, everyone!

We had a very successful field trip to Langley and Surrey on May 14th. Our plans included lunch for 32 at the Olive Garden Restaurant and then we proceeded to the Darts Hill Garden where we explored the beautiful property designed and planted by Francisca Dart and her husband, Edwin. After driving by the property for years on the way to White Rock, it was really nice to see what the garden looked like. The many azealeas, rhodendrons, unique trees, flowers and winding pathways throughout the garden were delightful. I have included some photos below!

Our next event is our picnic at Mill Lake Park on June 13, 2024. I was in error when I called the area Centennial Park and a member wrote to me and pointed out the name being used now. Thank you for helping me out! We are meeting at 11:00 am and having lunch and a visit until 2 p.m. It is a time to relax and visit with other members before the busy summer starts. We are catering the lunch so all you have to do is bring a **lawn chair, hat and water to drink**. We will provide the sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, chips and coffee. This is a rain or shine event as we have the covered gazebo near the children's play area off of Bevan Avenue. Hope to see you there! You must pre-register for the picnic so that we can make sure we have enough food. Just let Gloria know right away if you would like to attend! (gloriaadam@shaw.ca; 604-854-6194).

We are compiling our reports for the AGM and will be sending them out in early June so that you can read the reports and if you have any concerns or questions, just bring them to the picnic so that we can give you more information. If you are unable to make the picnic, let me know and I will do my best to answer any questions.

The hard working executive and our wonderful volunteers will be having lunch out at Paliotti's Restaurant in mid June to celebrate the end of a successful year.

Representatives of the ADRTA will be attending the ATU Gala in Harrison on June 21, 2024. The Gala is a celebration of the new retirees and their guests. The ADRTA attends and gives out information and goody bags to the new retirees so that they can apply for membership in order to join us and continue to have fun and visit with former colleagues after they retire.

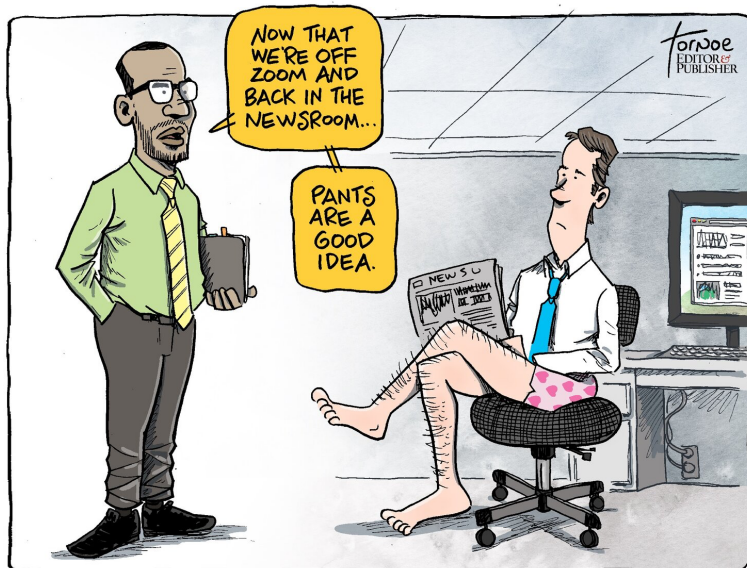
Our Bursary chairperson, Doreen Petersen is attending the Abbotsford Traditional Secondary graduation ceremony in June to award a \$1000 bursary to a deserving student. Please donate to our bursary fund! We want to continue to help students achieve their professional goals! I have included directions on how to do this below.

In closing, if you have any suggestions for our future meetings or events you would like to pass on to the executive just let me know. I will be sharing the suggestions our members wrote to us earlier this year at our next executive meeting. Thanks to everyone who sent in ideas!

Wishing you a warm and sunny spring with a day or two of rain every week,

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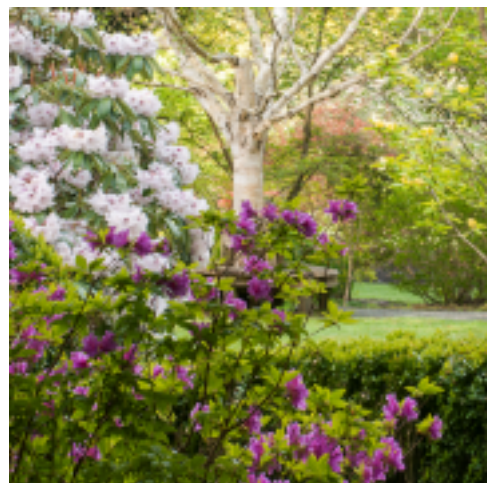
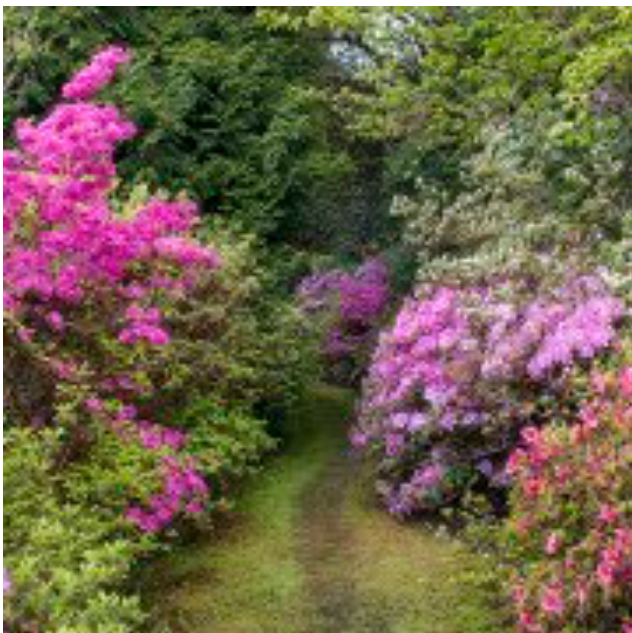


Dr. Kenneth Pastro

Passed away on May 3, 2024 at the age of 84.

Ken was an educator in Abbotsford first at Fraser Valley College and later at the Abbotsford School district teaching at both Abby Senior and WJ Mouat. Ken helped people understand the importance of hard work, healthy eating, exercise, and investing. His real passion was farming where he ran a successful broiler and raspberry farm with the help of his family. Ken will be deeply missed by his loving family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Photos of Darts Hill Garden in Surrey, BC





Field Trip to Langley and Surrey!

We had lunch at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Langley, enjoying visiting with other members before heading off to Darts Hill Garden in Surrey, BC.







We had guides to show us around the beautiful park!







ADRTA Bursary Fund

It's that time of year again!

Many thanks to the generous donations we have already received. Here's how to donate to our bursary fund:



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 as soon as possible to your cheque address.

Right away, send an email to Erin (our treasurer) 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.

Donate online 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!
Don't forget to let our treasurer, Erin Quast know the amount of your donation! Email her at erinmquast@gmail.com!

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

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you* 



"No, these are quotation marks. Talking points are something else."

NEWS FLASH!

KidSport Abbotsford is excited to announce our first annual Charity Golf Tournament!



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HELP US HELP KIDS! Make a difference in the Abbotsford Community by participating in ***KidSport Abbotsford's Charity Golf Tournament*** to be held at **FRASER GLEN GOLF COURSE** on **FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024.**

KidSport Abbotsford supports kids in the Abbotsford Community by providing funding towards the cost of sport registration fees. In 2023, KidSport Abbotsford was able to help 136 kids/families and the need continues to grow!

Participate by becoming a tournament sponsor, providing a prize, or by getting your foursome together to play in the tournament.

Team registration cost is \$500, or \$125 per golfer.

Register by e-mail: kidsportabbotsford@sportbc.com.

Sponsorship Info: <https://kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/abbotsford/>

Picnic in Mill Lake Park-Rain or Shine!



When: June 13, 2024

Time: 11:00-2:00 p. m.

Where to meet: At the covered area near the Bevan Avenue Parking Lot.

Lunch will be catered **free of charge** courtesy of the ADRTA! (We're planning sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, dip and chips)

Bring: hat, chair, water, sunscreen and anything else you think you might need!

Let Gloria (gloriaadam@shaw.ca; 604-854-6194)

know as soon as you know you can attend, so we can order the right

amount of food! See you there!

