

ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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Everyone,

Fall is definitely here with the blowing leaves, the wet weather and the odd, lovely warm October day. This is the time to be getting ready for wet weather, pulling out the warmer clothes and water resistant shoes and coats. Gardens need to be cleaned up and food needs to be harvested. Bulbs need to go into the ground so that we have the beautiful blooms to brighten our early spring days. It is also a good time to sit down with a good book in a warm house or binge-watch a mystery series. I plan to work on the Indispensable Binder now that fall is here (yes, I admit...I shelved it when the good weather came!)

We have had a great start to our year in the Retired Teachers. We had a very successful To Hell with the Bell in September and just recently we had a fun, informative field trip to Campbell's Honey Farm. That is my all time favourite venue to visit here in the valley. We had an hour long lively lecture by Jenny Campbell all about the importance of bees as well as the dangers bees and their hives face from

murderous little black beetles to subdivision development to viruses and pesticides. The hour went by very quickly and then we were

able to explore the cute store to pick up essentials, like honey and mead wine as well as beeswax candles, pottery,



crafts and much more. Our three door prize winners were: Pat Lindhede, Janice Brost and Jenny Matthews.



In other news, we are thrilled that our Heritage Project, "What's in a Name?" has been put on the School District's website so that now everyone can learn the history of their neighbourhood or district school.

We have been working on the project (lead by Linda Baynes) for the past two years as it originally was to be our 50th anniversary project.

Many thanks to fellow committee member, Madeleine Gravel who worked tirelessly with Linda and myself to complete this massive project. We had help from many other people and are very appreciative of their involvement.

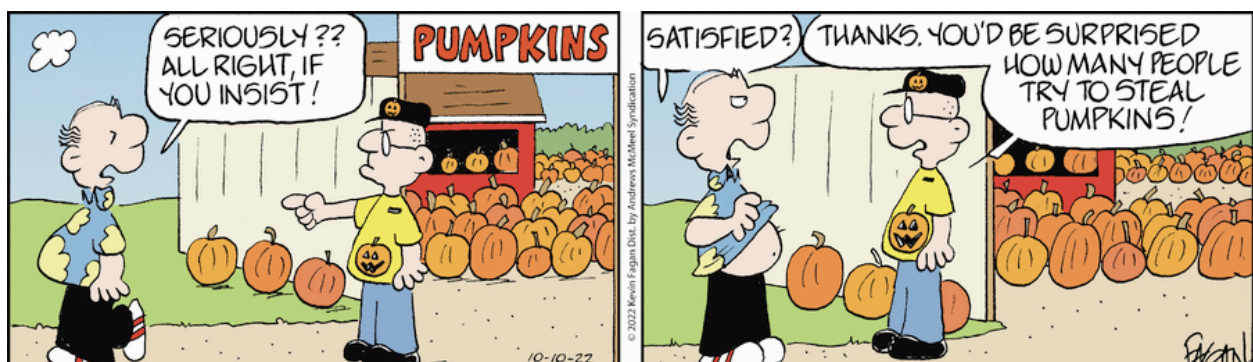
We are not finished yet as we need to get the curricular portion of the project finished and ready for the schools to use if they choose.

Thanks must also go to the School Board personnel: Kristi Ferguson, the Senior Manager of Communications and Community Relations and Marlee Bassani, Communications Coordinator for making our dream come true. Check it out and let us know what you think!

Ciao,

Gloria

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Annie Linda Funk Thiessen

January 18, 1937-December 28, 2023

Annie has been remembered as a caring role model in her teaching career. She was much loved by her family and will be missed by everyone.

Stephen Coutu



Stephen passed away on October 16, 2024 after a long illness. Loving husband to Vicki and a enthusiastic supporter of the Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association, he will be missed by everyone. Every year, he helped Vicki with the Christmas Raffle to raise funds for our bursary program. He also contributed generously every year to that fund and we have appreciated his (and Vicki's continued support) support very much.



Christmas is coming! Put **December 4th** on your calendar with a luncheon at Ricki's Restaurant, 32080 Marshall Road beginning at 11:30 am. More details in the November newsletter!



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Lon!

Lon Smith is winner of the PostScript Excellence Award 2024 for best Art or Photograph for his wonderful collection of Cultus Lake images.

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Calling all Senior Seniors who are 80 and over:

The ADRTA executive would like to hear more about your lives and teaching experiences. If you would be willing to be interviewed, please let **Dave Sagert** know as soon as you can.

Dave can be reached at: davesagert@icloud.com or 778-240-9558



