



**ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT
RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**



(10 pages) September 8, 2024

Everyone,

I hope everyone had a lovely summer with many relaxing days spent doing nothing!

School has started again and routines are important again but if you are retired, you can make up your own routine, tailored to what you like to do and your own individual interests. There are no rules! Retirement is your time to be your own boss. For our new retirees, enjoy yourselves as you have worked hard and deserve it.

In October we will be going to Campbell's Gold for a lecture on the importance of bees in our lives and you will have an opportunity to taste mead and browse the store. More information later in the newsletter.

Wishing you all a wonderful September,

Gloria

Prez





To Hell with the Bell, September 2024

We had a successful To Hell with the Bell brunch on Tuesday, September 3rd out at Bradner Hall. We had 70 members with 6 new retirees. The new retirees who attended were: Ed Klassen, Jane Bartlett, Kim Jones, Sharon Kehoe, Tom Radnai and Lori Whitman. It was great to see them join in the fun. We played games, gave out door prizes and were visited by two old retired hippies, Flower and Harmony. Vicki Coutu organized the silent auction and \$260.00

was raised for our ADRTA Bursary! Thanks to Vicki and to all the participants.



More photos of the brunch!





SCHOOLYMPICS LET THE GAMES BEGIN. THE SIMMONS MAGAZINE



Congratulations to Paul Redekop, former Director of Instruction for the Abbotsford school district and a long time member of our association. Paul celebrated his 100th Birthday on September 8, 2024 at Primrose Gardens with family and friends. Wishing you many more years of good health and happiness from the BCRTA and the ADRTA!





ADRTA Bursary Fund

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.

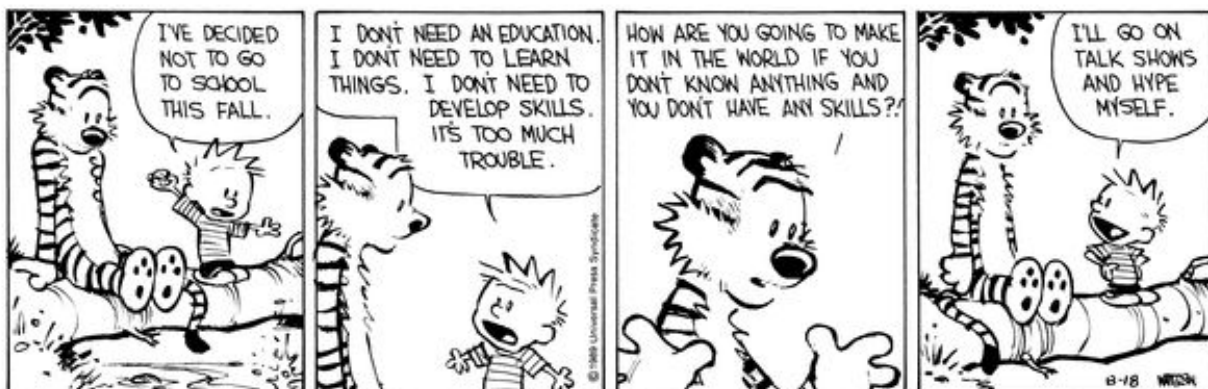
Donate online in 10 Easy Steps to our Bursary Fund

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!





Field Trip to Campbell's Gold

2595 Lefevre Road, Abbotsford,
BC on October 17, 2024 at 10 am.

Admission is free!

Please let Gloria know if you would like to attend (604-854-6194,
gloriaadam@shaw.ca) by **October 15th**.

We will be having a lecture on interesting facts about bees that you may or may not be aware of (including their sex lives!) as well as learning how important bees are to us and to the environment. Door prizes will also be awarded! Hope to see you there!





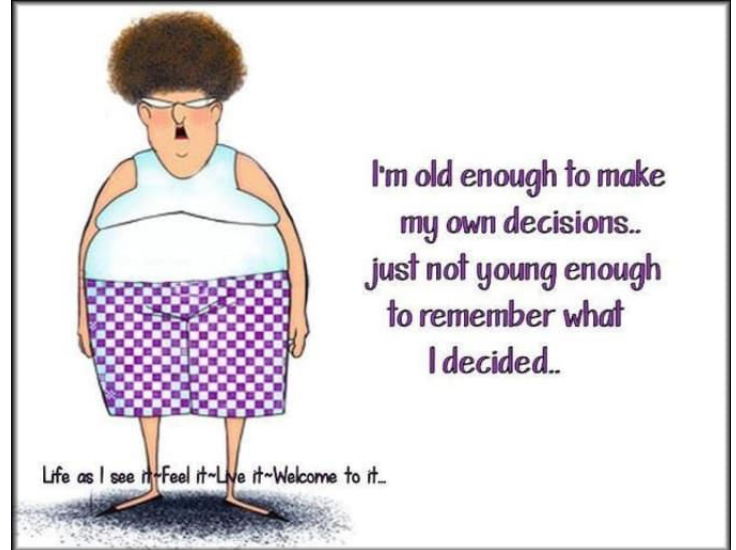
Playing games, getting to know other members!



“You can come down now, Everett.
The children have grown up and left.”



“I would be a lot healthier if you’d
stop finding things wrong with me!”



I'm old enough to make
my own decisions..
just not young enough
to remember what
I decided..

Life as I see it-Feel it-Live it-Welcome to it..

