



Abbotsford District Retired
Teachers' Association
Newsletter
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Everyone,

Happy 2023! As wonderful as the Christmas season is, getting back into a routine is quite nice as well.

We have planned the Crib Tournament for the middle of February and we're hoping we get a good response. In the past it has been a fun afternoon with cards, prizes and snacks to eat. Be sure to let me know if you would like to attend by February 8th. The date was changed to February 15th as I learned that you need to book the room **first** before announcing the event. Live and learn! Let's hope that the weather doesn't force us to cancel. If you would like to go but need a ride, let me know and I can arrange one for you.

Post secondary education has always been expensive and we would like to be able to help out two students with a bursary of \$1000 each. Right now, we have \$1500 collected and we would like to raise the additional \$500 before April 30th. Please consider donating to the bursary fund to help out the families of two students at Abbotsford Traditional Secondary (the next school on the list). Details on how to donate later in the newsletter. Thank you so much for your support!

2023 is our 50th year of becoming the Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association so we would like to have a party! More details to follow...

Please let me know if you have any ideas, questions or concerns about future events or plans. I appreciate all feedback! Contact me at 604-854-6194 or gloriaadam@shaw.ca.

Wishing you all the best and good health in the coming year,
Your prez,
Gloria





Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' 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.

or



Using your computer, it's very easy, just follow these steps:

Go online to www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca

At the top of the page, press "FUNDS".

In the search button, type R.R. Smith. Press Search.

Press: Give to this fund

Choose your donation amount.

Billing address-make this gift on behalf of an organization. Tick box.

Type in: **Friends of the Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association.**

Put in your information.

Do the credit card information

Donate now.

You will receive your tax receipt immediately.

Don't forget to forward your tax receipt to Erin or send her an email letting her know the amount of your donation so that we have a general idea of how much money we have for our 2022 Bursary. Last year we gave \$1500.00 to two worthy students at ASIA.

The Vancity Community Foundation and the R.R. Smith Foundation (part of the BCRTA) are providing us this service absolutely free, so that **100%** of our donation goes to the students.

Warning: If you do not put **Friends of the Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Association** on the cheque or online, the money will go into a general revenue pot and we will not be able to use it for our bursary!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at gloriaadam@shaw.ca or 604-854-6194.



Annual Crib Tournament

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

(Note: Date change!)

ATU @ #202- 34143 Marshall Road
Abbotsford, BC

1:00 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Please let Gloria know (gloriaadam@shaw.ca or 604-854-6194) if you would like to attend by February 8th!

We'll provide beverages, snacks and sweets as well as major prizes!

Even if you don't know how to play or forget from one year to the next, the other members will help you!

Come out for a fun afternoon of cards!

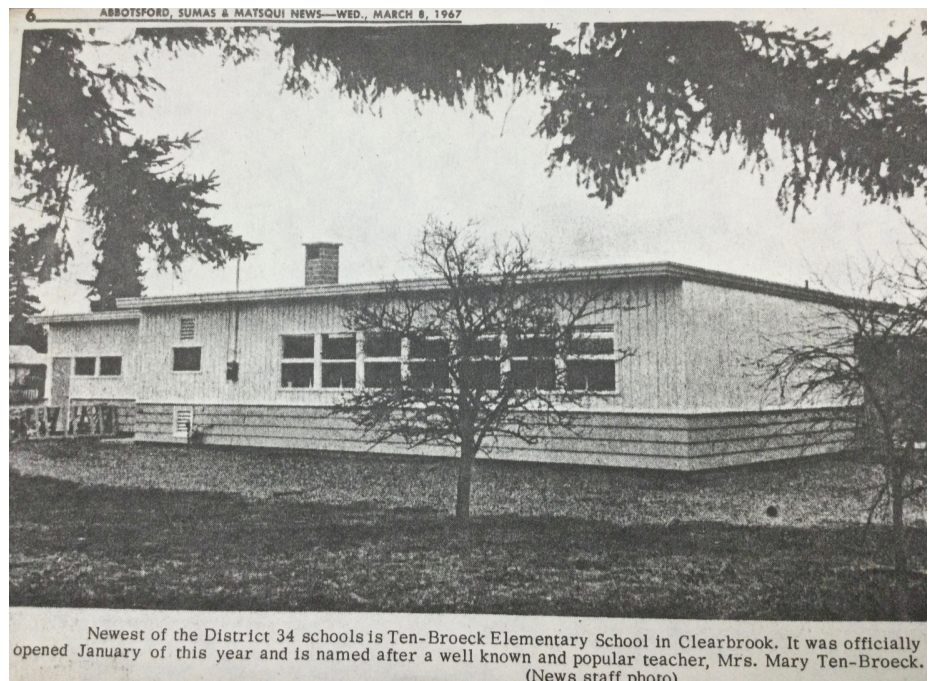




Memories of our past from the Heritage Committee.

If you are interested in helping us with our 50th year project: History of the Schools of Abbotsford, please contact Linda Baynes @ lbaynes@telus.net. Everyone welcome!

On January 18, 1967, a small two classroom school was opened on a former poultry farm owned at one time by Bill and Harold Hill-Tout. As a pioneer family, they had cleared the land, planted wheat and after harvesting, fed the wheat to their chickens. The new school was to be used as a school and community centre with the grounds to be used as a park and playground for children in the community.



The school was named in honour of Mary (Mollie) Ten-Broeck who was born Mary Hutchinson on May 9, 1900 in Hartney, Manitoba, a small town 160 miles from Winnipeg. Mollie was the primary supervisor in Abbotsford from 1949-1966.



