

Kamloops Thompson Retired Teachers' Association Lunch & KTRT Club Silent Auction



Hills of Peace Church Hall
Friday March 22, 2024
11:00-2:00
RSVP by Tuesday March 19

Funds raised go to
Education Student Bursaries and the
Canadian Harambee Education Society.

KTRTA Bulletin

We are your local branch of the BCRTA. We are a non-profit, volunteer-driven association of retired educators enjoying our “awesome years” together! We look forward to experiencing the pleasure of loving, caring, laughing, and sharing as we make meaningful social connections and learn something new at our get-togethers.

Lunch & KTRT Club Silent Auction Fundraiser!

This month's *Lunch & Learn* will be held on Friday, March 22 at the *Hills of Peace Lutheran Church*, 695 Robson Drive. Lunch is a delicious selection of sandwiches, salads, coffee, tea and desserts. We have invited the Kamloops Thompson Retired Teachers' Club (KTRT Club) to hold their annual Silent Auction. Funds raised go to the TRU Education Student Bursaries and the Canadian Harambee Education Society. To register, please email us at onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com by Tuesday, March 19th. You will receive an email confirming your reservation. We hope this fundraising event is the best one yet and we look forward to seeing you!



Message from the KTRT Club

Every year, we hold our traditional silent auction for raising funds for bursaries for Faculty of Education students at TRU, the Canadian Harambee Education Society, which supports the education of girls in Tanzania and Kenya, and more! Last year, the Kamloops Retired Teachers' Club added \$1530 to the Kamloops Retired Teachers' Bursary Endowment Fund at TRU - now over \$100,000! This Fund supports bursaries of \$1600 each for two Education students annually. Additionally, \$1050 was given to the Canadian Harambee Education Education Society, which opens the door to education for girls in Kenya and Tanzania, and \$100 was donated to Literacy Kamloops. Funds are raised through individual member donations and the generous involvement of our members in our Annual Silent Auction. We are very proud!

Once again, the KTRT Club has been invited by the KTRTA, to hold our annual silent auction as part of their March luncheon. It's a tradition!

This year's venue is new for us; it has ample parking and plenty of space for us to meet. The silent auction items will be displayed in the foyer, hallway and dining areas. Doors open at 11:30 for socializing. Auction bidding will start shortly after and will be ongoing throughout the luncheon. Donna Sharpe will keep us on track and the silent auction tables will be closed at Donna's discretion with a tiny bit of warning to check your bids before the bidding is closed.

For folks who are donating items to the silent auction... Please make sure to arrive early, ideally between 11:00 - 11:30 am and register your items at the *Receiving Table*. Make sure the ladies at the *Receiving Table* get your name for the bid sheets.

For folks bidding on items... Bidding may begin as soon as there are items on the tables. You can place your bids on any item you are interested in, keeping in mind that more items may continue to be added to each auction table as members arrive and register and it will be important to continuously check how your bid is doing. Remember to include your name and the number assigned to your dining table on the bid form whenever you place a bid.

Personal cheques and cash will be accepted. Cheques are best if you wish to make a donation. Place your cheques in one of the available envelopes for the TRU Retired Teachers' Bursary Endowment Fund or the Canadian Harambee Education Society.



Wine, puzzles, crafts and more ready for this year's KTRT Club's Silent Auction. Photo Credit: Pat Petley



IDEAS FOR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:

CREATIVE – Cards, jewellery, paintings, dishcloths, scarves, fishing flies, planter baskets, etc.

GIFT CERTIFICATES AND CARDS - Purchase a new gift card or ‘regift’ one you already have. Make sure the value on the card is clearly stated.

WHITE ELEPHANT USED ITEMS – Like-new items such as books, puzzles, house plants, etc.

THEMED GIFT BASKETS – Have fun with a theme. You may want to put a gift basket together with a friend.

CONSUMABLES - Home baked goods, jams, relishes, and WINE. These items have been super popular!

ACTIVITIES/OUTINGS/EXPERIENCES - Organize an outing for a group to enjoy: picnics, afternoon teas, lunches, etc. (e.g., a summer drive to Horstings for pie). Make up a card to display that fully describes your offer. Be sure to include the number of people, where and when.

Your generosity and creativity are greater than this brief list of suggestions; feel comfortable to think outside the box. The KTRT Club is excited to host our annual fundraiser. If you cannot attend this luncheon, you can still donate, so *please do not hesitate to call me* for more information, to arrange a pick-up or drop off of your auction items, or give a monetary donation to our Kamloops Retired Teachers’ TRU bursaries and CHES.

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A silent auction picnic held last summer. Rosemarie Stoltze, Donna Sharpe, Laurie Dahlgren, Carolynne Miller. Photo Credit: Donna Sharpe



A Bit More About Our *Lunch & Learns*

Who? KTRTA members. We all played a role in education, so we all are connected. Members are always welcome to bring their spouse or friend.

What? It's all about getting together for lots of visiting and learning something new. The luncheon follows a few brief announcements. After lunch, we have our presentation.

Where? Various venues. This month it's at the Hills of Peace Lutheran Church Hall

When? Seven times per year (Sept., Oct, Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr.). The doors open at 11:30 a.m. for socializing, the official start is at noon, and lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. If there is a presentation, it begins at 1:00 p.m. No presentation at the silent auction in March.

Why? To have fun, build camaraderie while promoting the interests and welfare of our members.

How? RSVP is required. Email onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com to reserve your spot. When you arrive, please proceed to our KTRTA meeting room, purchase your lunch ticket, choose a seat at a table, and you are ready to mingle!

Need to Cancel Your Reservation? Please let us know before the Friday event, if possible.

Sunshine Committee

We welcome hearing about KTRTA members needing a bit of extra 'sunshine.' Please do not hesitate to let us know because Mary Ellen will send a note of good cheer on behalf of all of us to help brighten their day. Please phone Mary Ellen Patterson at 250-372-1762 or email our onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com.



The BRIDGE Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed our Fall/Winter issue of *THE BRIDGE* newsletter. It's available on our [Kamloops Thompson webpage at BCRTA.ca](#). Thanks again to all who contributed articles, poetry and photos; it is an enjoyable read!

Contributions are needed on all topics for our Spring/Summer 2023 issue. Ideas include local outings and activities, health, gardening, books, travel, hobbies, history, creative writing, adventures, artwork, photography and more. Submit your material to Donna Sharpe, Editor, via onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com.

Last Month's Fun

At our February *Lunch & Learn*, thirty members met at the historic Knutsford Community Hall. It was fun to have a drive through the ranch lands! We had some delicious soups, sandwiches, salads and desserts. Marney Bethell displayed several miniature houses that she has built. Our lunch and social time was followed by a presentation by Lisle Barnes about a Salvation Army program, *Brave*.

Questions? Contact us at onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com

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