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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.

Join us for our *Festive Christmas Luncheon*

You are cordially invited to join us on Friday, November 24th, at the North Shore Community Centre for our third social event of the 2023-24 season. We will be serving a traditional Christmas turkey buffet accompanied by all the trimmings.

To RSVP, email onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com by Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Once we receive your reservation, you will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours. The doors to the conference room at the North Shore Community Centre will open at 11:30 AM, and lunch will be served at 12:30 PM. The cost of the luncheon is \$30.00, and you can pay by cash or cheque at the door.

We are looking forward to seeing you there! The word on the street is that Santa might even stop by!

Information about our *Lunch & Learns*

Who? KTRTA members. We all played a role in education, so we all are connected. You're always welcome to bring a guest.

What? It's all about getting together for visiting and learning something new - *Lunch & Learn!* After lunch, we have our presentation.

Where? North Shore Community Centre, 730 Cottonwood Avenue, Kamloops.

When? Fridays, seven times per year (September, October, November, January, February, March, April). The doors open at 11:30 a.m. for socializing and lunch is served at about 12:30 p.m. The program begins at 1:00 p.m.

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

How? RSVP is required. Email onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com to reserve your spot. Within 24 hours of your lunch reservation, you'll receive a confirmation email. When you arrive, please proceed to our KTRTA meeting room, purchase your lunch ticket, put on your name tag, choose a seat at a table, and you are ready to mingle!

Cost? Regular *Lunch & Learns* cost \$25; our *Festive Christmas* buffet lunch, is \$30. Please pay by cash or cheque at the door.

Need to Cancel Your Reservation? Please let us know before the Friday event, so that we are not charged for your reservation.



Last Month's Lunch & Learn

Forty members attended our October *Lunch & Learn* event. We had a delicious Greek buffet followed by an inspiring presentation by our guest speaker, Tom MacLean, co-founder of TripMerchant. Tom shared interesting travel ideas about Greece, Africa, and beyond; his enthusiasm for travel was contagious. Our theme for the luncheon was 'International Travel,' and so, for extra fun, members were invited to wear ethnic attire or fashion accessories from a favourite country and small prizes were given out. TripMerchant is one of our BCRTA affiliates, and their company offers extra savings on a wide range of travel opportunities from other well-known travel companies. KTRTA members who attended the October *Lunch & Learn* are eligible to receive a \$100/person discount toward on a TripMerchant trip - this offer is in addition to other discounts that are available to all BCRTA members! You can contact Tom at tom@tripmerchant.com if you have questions or to book a trip. For more information see the BCRTA webpage at [TRIP MERCHANT - personalized travel advice and offers • BCRTA](#)



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Sunshine

We always welcome hearing about one of our KTRTA members needing a bit of extra sunshine. Please let Mary Ellen and Anne know; they will send a note of good cheer to help brighten their day. Please phone Mary Ellen at 250-372-1762 or contact them via email at onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com.



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THE BRIDGE Newsletter

Our Spring/Summer 2023 issue of *The BRIDGE* newsletter is available on our Kamloops Thompson page at the BCRTA website bcрта.ca - look for it and other recently archived newsletters, under the heading *Branches, Kamloops - Thompson*.

Thanks again to all members who have contributed articles, poetry and photos to our newsletter; it is an enjoyable read! We look forward to receiving our members' contributions for the Fall/Winter 2023-24 issue, which will come out in January. Topics for members to consider writing articles for include local activities, health, gardening, books, travel, hobbies, history, creative writing, adventures, artwork, and photography. Submit your material and suggestions to Donna Sharpe, Editor, by emailing Donna at *THE BRIDGE* Newsletter, via onlineoffice.ktrta@gmail.com. Submissions for the next issue are due by mid-December, 2023.



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Season's Greetings from the KTRTA and KTRT Club Executives

Our fourth *Lunch & Learn* event of the 2023-24 season will be on Friday January 26th, 2024.

We wish all of our Kamloops Thompson branch members the very best for the holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warmest regards from all of our KTRTA and KTRT Club Executive volunteers,

Marney, Sandy, Betty, Sheila, Troylana, Noeleen,
Rosemarie, Suzanne, Mary Ellen, Anne, Cora,
Donna S., Pat, Bev, Glenda, Marlene,
Donna W., Laurie and Chiara.



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