

# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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## CRTA Newsletter

### President's Report



Summer is here and I hope you are enjoying the season. I have recently returned from a visit with family in the UK and am grateful for the health and safety protocols that made the trip possible – we have returned COVID-free and hopeful. London's heat wave followed us to Coquitlam and, like you, we are doing our best to stay as cool as possible.

In our 2021-22 year, the **Executive Committee** pursued association business via email, telephone, and Zoom technology; we have worked to provide useful information and updates. Many thanks to **CRTA members** for your support and encouragement during another unusual year. We are cautiously optimistic that we will return to some in person events this year beginning with our much missed **To Hell with the Bell** celebration on September 6.

We very much appreciate the ongoing generous support we have received locally. We extend our thanks to the **CTA** and **District 43** for placing our information on their web sites. We are fortunate to reach out to retiring teachers in this way.

**BCRTA** has provided excellent information and advocacy for members throughout the year. Visit [www.bcrta.ca](http://www.bcrta.ca) for up to date provincial and Branch news.

In May we sought nominations for the 2022 - 2023 **CRTA** Executive Committee. All members of this past year's committee were acclaimed at the virtual AGM held in June. We are lucky to have so many dedicated volunteers! **CRTA** members Audrey Anthony, Teresa Grandinetti (President Designate), Fran Mitchell and Howard Spence will attend the **BCRTA** Conference and AGM sessions in September and October. I will attend as **BCRTA** second vice-president. All BCRTA Members are eligible to attend the Conference virtually on September 30 and I invite you to do so. Please check the BCRTA website and the upcoming Fall issue of *PostScript* Magazine for details.

Stay well, everyone. We are hoping to see you soon!

*Caroline*

### Treasurer's Report – submitted by Howard Spence

This year, we received \$3765 in annual membership fees.

Expenses for the year were as follows:

Christmas cheer, consisting of Christmas cards and postage:	\$218
Door prizes for Zoom AGM attendees:	\$145
A floral gift to CTA staff in thanks for all they do for us:	\$ 75
Newsletter postage:	\$707
Refreshments for our single in-person executive meeting:	\$ 10
<b>Total expenses:</b>	<b>\$1155</b>



Our assets, consisting of \$10,795 in the bank, plus \$83 in petty cash, totaled \$10,878 at the end of June 2022. As we resume normal life, with regular in-person meetings with interesting presenters, and regular lunches, this sum will be gradually reduced over the next several years, although we will strive to maintain a reasonable balance in order to protect against unexpected expenses. For example, if we were to lose the ability to use District and/or CTA facilities for meetings and other activities such as newsletter printing and mail-outs, we would have considerable new costs.

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## Howard's Wacky Word Games

If you still have your copy of the last newsletter with the "common phrase" puzzle, here, in numerical order, are the answers for you, at least the best ones we can come up with.

1. Fo(u)rget it. 2. Jack in the box. 3. Somewhere over the rainbow. 4. Back door. 5. Read between the lines. 6. Blood is thicker than water. 7. Belong. 8. Cancelled check (cheque). 9. Once upon a time. 10. Green eggs and ham.\* 11. Try to understand. 12. Downtown. 13. Bump in the night. 14. First aid. 15. One in a million. 16. Apple pi(e). 17. Ice cube. 18. Rocking around the Christmas tree. 19. Think outside the box. 20. Six feet underground.

\* This one doesn't make much sense because the original image was in colour - but this one was black and white!

And now for today's feature challenge, with thanks to **John Pope** for the idea. There are some words which, though spelled the same, can be pronounced differently, and have different meanings. They are called **heteronyms**. For example, the word "content" can have either the first or the last syllable emphasized, as in the following sentence: ***The teacher was content with the content of the students' projects.***

There are other variations, as well, as in the following example: ***When BCAA moved into a high-rise office building they became the tower in the tower.***

Or same word, same pronunciation, different meaning:

Teacher: Jughead, spell "weather".

Jughead: Whrthre.

Teacher: That's the worst spell of weather we have had in a long time!!

Another variation, not a heteronym, but with a similar result, is a word that can be broken up into two separate words. Take the word **bestride**, for example. It can be broken into **best** and **ride**. An example sentence: ***When I bestride my racehorse, it gives me my best ride.***

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to create a sentence using the same word with different meanings, depending on how it is pronounced or used or broken up. As an incentive to participate, we are offering **prizes for submissions**. For this edition, we are offering **three 20-dollar gift cards** to submitters. If more than 3 members submit appropriate sentences, a random draw will decide the recipients.

So, pull out your dictionary, and find some weird word combinations!

Send your submissions to Howard Spence, whose email is elsewhere in this newsletter.



## Membership/Member Contact – submitted by John Pope:

**Have** you changed your address, email account or telephone number? Please let us **and** the provincial office know: CRTA: [coquitlamrta@hotmail.com](mailto:coquitlamrta@hotmail.com) or 604-461-7355.

BCRTA: [Laurie@bcrt.ca](mailto:Laurie@bcrt.ca) or 604-871-2260 or 1-877-683-2243.



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## Reminder: "To Hell with the Bell Brunch" at Burnaby Mountain Golf Club

Join us on **Tuesday September 6, 2022** for brunch at Burnaby Mountain Golf Club.

Doors will open at 10:00 am.

COVID-19 vaccination is a requirement; check-in will be done at the door and masks will be required except while eating.

- Brunch begins at 11:00 am.

**Price \$30.00 per person**

### Menu

- Assorted muffins and scones
- Individual yogurts
- Scrambled eggs
- Bacon and sausage
- Hash-browns
- Assorted juices
- Coffee and Tea
- Fruit platter



All alcoholic drinks will be \$9.20 including tax and will be available after 11:00 AM

Maximum seating is 100. This year the CRTA is making up the difference between your member price and the actual cost of \$40.00 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity.

**All payments must be received by August 26, 2022.**

We will not cash cheques before August 30<sup>th</sup> by which time we should know if Public Health measures have changed to prevent us from gathering.

In the past, **To Hell with the Bell** tickets sold out quickly - register and pay **now** to avoid disappointment. It will be so good to see you again!

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## Hit Your Stride!

Submitted by Jeannine Silvestrone

Here's an idea to enjoy the beautiful outdoors this summer (and fall)! Dogwood Pavilion has a hiking group called the *Striders Hiking Club*. It holds a hike each week on Monday mornings and usually has two different hikes - one easier and one a little more challenging. Paul Harris is one of the contact people: 604-754-1547. I have gone on one of the easier hikes and I had a lot of fun meeting some great people and having an invigorating hike from Hume Park to Piper Spit on Burnaby Lake. You should try it!



## The Pandemic Has Fostered My Love of Reading!

Submitted by Margrete Wiley

*Some of the books I have recently enjoyed are:*

- *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez
- *The Seven Sisters* by Lucinda Riley.
- *The Dressmaker* by Lucy Adlington.
- *The Crooked Branch* by Jeanine Cummins
- *When the Moon is Low* by Nadia Hashimi
- *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn
- *The Glass Castle; Half Broken Horse; The Silver Star* - all by Jeannette Walls



## Staying in Touch!

Submitted by Lynda Parsons

The Phoning Committee has continued to inform CRTA members who do not receive information by email about the activities of the association. It has been important for us to phone periodically to pass on any information but to mainly have a chat with members and keep in touch. After two years of COVID restrictions, it was encouraging this past while to be able to tell about the upcoming "**To Hell With The Bell Brunch**" to be held on September 6 at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Club. Hopefully that event will be held and members will be able to meet in person and see former friends and colleagues. It has been a trying two and a half years and I really appreciate the help of the volunteers who have kept in contact with our members. Thank you to **Janet Andrews, Gwen Raycroft, and Sandy Sainiuk**, along with **Margaret Ellwood** and **La Verne Miller** as spares when needed. Our numbers for needing a phone call are very low but as new members join our list may increase. If you would appreciate a phone call connection to association members just let me know by calling 604-939-9897. Our committee will continue to keep in touch with members via telephone. It's always nice to have a personal chat with others.

## In Memoriam

The CRTA regrets to announce the passing of the following District 43 colleagues. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.



**Betty Bowcott:** June 2, 2022. Betty taught primary school and music at James Park, Mountain View, and Anmore Elementary schools. She is survived by her husband Jordan, daughters Laurine and Christine, granddaughter Shea, family and friends.

**Laurie Joseph:** June 9, 2022

**William (Bill) Liversidge:** June 26, 2022