

## CRTA Newsletter

### President's Report



I find it hard to believe that my first year as CRTA President has almost come to a close! It has been an interesting year which started off with our well attended and enjoyable **To Hell with the Bell** brunch. On a sadder note, the destruction of Hazel Trembath School by fire in October caused the relocation of staff and students to Winslow Centre. Consequently, all CRTA General Meetings are now held at Montgomery Learning Centre (MLC).



The CRTA would like to thank the School District and administrators at MLC for providing space with lots of parking for **all four CRTA general meetings** this year. Along with the business of the meetings, attendees have enjoyed entertaining and informative presentations as well as chances to win a number of exciting door prizes. The CRTA **Christmas Lunch** in December was a wonderful way for members to welcome the festive season with tasty food, music, and much laughter. Many thanks to you, CRTA Members, for supporting our efforts and kudos to the CTA for all they have done for us throughout the year.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the CRTA Executive Committee for their unstinting efforts to make sure that the business of the association is carried out – they deserve our whole-hearted thanks. The 13 members of your CRTA Executive Committee are a wonderful group of retired educators who give of their time freely to see that all CRTA activities occur without a hitch. I could not do the job I do without their assistance. Thank you, everyone!

*Teresa*

### NOMINATIONS, AGM and ELECTIONS

If you are a member in good standing and would like to nominate yourself or another member in good standing for an executive position, please submit the nominee's information in writing or by email to **Audrey Anthony** at [louaud@telus.net](mailto:louaud@telus.net) by **Wednesday May 22, 2024**. The nominee must agree in writing or by email to accept the nomination. Candidates can be nominated from the floor but must be present.

**Positions: President; Vice- President; Secretary; Treasurer; Directors; 3 delegates to the BCRTA Conference and AGM to be held in person at the Hyatt in Vancouver and also via Zoom: September 26, 27, 28, 2024.**



#### Agenda: CRTA AGM

Wednesday June 5, 2024

Chair: Teresa Grandinetti



1. Member sign in: 9:30am
2. Call to order: 10:00am
3. Welcome and acknowledgement
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Acceptance of Minutes of the 2023 AGM
6. Financial Report
7. Elections
8. Presentation: A Trip to Namibia\* See p. 2
9. President's Remarks
10. Door prize draw
11. Adjournment

Enjoy our traditional FREE lunch after the AGM! This year's bun-wich feast for all attendees will be provided by the Executive Committee. Join us in the gym at Montgomery Learning Centre!

# Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

CRTA 2023–  
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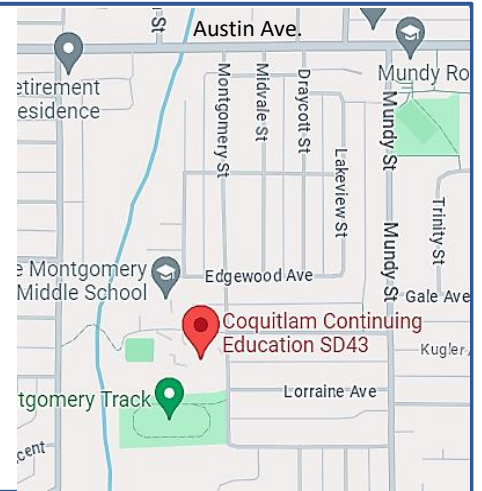
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## Where is the Montgomery Learning Centre?

Continuing Education Center (aka the Montgomery Learning Centre) is located at 380 Montgomery St, Coquitlam.

Parking is available in the lot to the west of the building or in the field to the south just past the Centre or on the street.



## Journey to Namibia!

At the CRTA AGM on June 5<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to a travelogue presented by our very own **Caroline Malm**, BCRTA 1st Vice- President.

Last November, Caroline was invited to join the BCRTA/BCTF - sponsored delegation that travelled to Namibia, a country in Southern Africa. Their mission was to work with the Namibia National Teachers' Union (NANTU) to help organize a retired teachers' organization. Come and share her adventures as she met with NANTU officials, visited schools, took part in cultural events and enjoyed a visit to Etosha National Park.



The Namibian people, culture, environment and wildlife provided Caroline with many wonderful experiences and photos.

Join us in the Montgomery Learning Centre gym!



## Howard's Wonderful Wacky Word Games!

For those who love the philosophy of hypocrisy and ambiguity:

- Is there another word for synonym?
- What if there were no hypothetical questions?
- If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to start speaking?
- Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
- I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
- If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?



Can you add to this list??? Please send your gems to [hwspace@gmail.com](mailto:hwspace@gmail.com)

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## CTA invites all CRTA members to IGNITE43!

"Ignite" is a Professional Development evening event with amazing presenters, lively conversation, and great food! Presenters are given 5 minutes to present their idea, with a maximum 20 slides rotating automatically every 15 seconds. The intention is to spark or 'ignite' an idea and allow time to discuss and share ideas between presentations. In between presentations attendees can chat about what they've heard and learned while they enjoy appetizers, dinner, and dessert, spread throughout the evening's presentations.

**Thursday, May 16, 2024** at the Old Mill Boathouse in Port Moody

The event will run from 5:30pm-8:30pm with doors open at 5:15pm. The evening includes more than ten presentations, a three-course meal (with non-alcoholic drinks), and time to connect with **former colleagues**. The cost for **CRTA members** is \$50. You will receive an invoice via email after you register.

Register now to guarantee your seat: <https://cvent.me/qEr879>.



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## Mark Your Calendar!

**June 5, 2024:** CRTA AGM

**July 1, 2024:** Canada Day

**August 2024:** CRTA Newsletter

**September 3, 2024:** To Hell with the Bell

**September 26, 27, 28, 2024:** BCRTA AGM and Conference

**December 4, 2024:** Christmas Luncheon



## Green Shield Claims Resolution Process

1. Contact GSC directly at 1-888-711-1119 to speak with a representative.
2. If unresolved, speak with a supervisor.
3. You also have the option of contacting the Board of Trustees for the Teachers' Pension Plan. Their information is as follows:  
Teachers' Pension Board Secretariat: PO Box 9460, Victoria, BC V8W 9V8  
Email: [TPBT@pensionsbc.ca](mailto:TPBT@pensionsbc.ca)
4. If not resolved after steps 1, 2 and 3, contact [laurie@bcrt.ca](mailto:laurie@bcrt.ca) She will forward your message to a member of the BCRTA Pensions Committee.

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CRTA Sunshine Coordinator  
**Dale Linton** sends cards to those who are ill or to family members in the case of bereavement.

Please update her at (604) 937-5113.

## Can You Help?

A great way to get involved!

**Nominations** for the CRTA Executive Committee –  
Email Audrey Anthony at [louaud@telus.net](mailto:louaud@telus.net) by  
**Wednesday May 22, 2024**

## Class Actions in Progress

### Meta Platforms Inc. – Facebook Sponsored Stories Class Action Settlement

Were you a resident of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Newfoundland and Labrador and a member of Facebook and resident of these provinces at any time from January 1, 2011, to May 30, 2014, and:

- a. at any time during this period was registered with Facebook using your real name, or had a profile picture that included an identifiable self-image, or both; and
- b. Whose real name, identifiable portrait, or both were used by Facebook in a Sponsored Story?

**The deadline for making a claim is 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on August 20, 2024.**

To obtain and submit a Claim Form please go to: [www.mnp.ca/facebooksettlement](http://www.mnp.ca/facebooksettlement)

### Apple - Smart Phone Performance Management Class Action Settlement

Did you: (i) purchase and/or own an iPhone 6, 6 Plus, 6s, 6s Plus, SE, 7 and 7 Plus smartphone, and (ii) install or download iOS version 10.2.1 or later (for iPhone 6, 6 Plus, 6s, 6s Plus, and SE) or iOS version 11.2 or later (for iPhone 7 and 7 Plus) **before December 21, 2017?**

To claim compensation, Class Members must submit a completed Claim Form **by no later than September 2, 2024.**

For more information and to submit a claim go to: [www.SmartphonePerformanceSettlement.ca](http://www.SmartphonePerformanceSettlement.ca)

## 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.



**Marilyn Bouthot:** March 9, 2024: Marilyn, a music specialist, taught at College Park Elementary school. She is survived by her children Rod, Renee, Tim and Bill, family, friends and former colleagues.

**Frank Roemer:** March 18, 2024: Frank retired after 40 years of service as teacher and administrator in SD43. He is survived by his wife Lorelle, sons Glenn, Russell and Neil, family, friends and former colleagues.

**Hiroko Rowley:** March 23, 2024: To be near her family, Hiroko became a TOC in Coquitlam after teaching in other districts. She is survived by her son Wes, family, friends and former colleagues.

**John Schembri:** February 2024: John's teaching career in Coquitlam included assignments at James Park and Kwayhqitlam schools. He is survived by family, friends and former colleagues.

**Hedey Dunsmuir:** April 12, 2024