

CRTA Newsletter

CRTA Christmas Banquet is a GO!



Join us on Wednesday December 7, 2022 at Burnaby Mountain Golf Club (BGC), 7600 Halifax Street, Burnaby B.C. Doors will open at 11:00 am. It will be wonderful to meet for our Christmas lunch after having to cancel in 2020 and 2021.



There has been a change this year. Because we are unlikely to reach the required large number (100+) to reserve the banquet room, we have been offered the option of using the entire restaurant. This venue, which will be festively decorated, is smaller and seats 65 comfortably.



We will be entertained by the music of Jim Burton.



We have been quoted a special reduced price of \$38.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity.

This year CRTA has decided to subsidize the cost of the buffet for CRTA members:

Register by November 18: \$28.00

Register by November 28: \$30.00

Drinks: \$8.50 plus tax and gratuity, for a total price of \$9.20 each

The shared buffet will be served in the Bistro as usual. The menu promises a wonderful lunch:

Assorted dinner rolls with butter

Tuscan green salad

Traditional Caesar salad

Yukon Gold mashed potatoes

Vegetarian lasagna

Market vegetables

Caramelized orange-glazed ham with roasted peach

Carving of roasted Christmas turkey with Riesling gravy

Italian spiced chorizo and mushroom stuffing

Chef's dessert

Starbucks coffee and Tazo tea



Although the BGC has dropped COVID restrictions, CRTA has decided to exercise caution: masks will be available at the registration table. **We strongly recommend that you wear a mask** when leaving your table, especially when joining the buffet service line. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their mask for the holiday season and prizes will be awarded for the most festive.

Please **make cheque payable to CRTA**

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President's Report

This fall has seen a welcome return to in-person activities for CRTA members. Beginning with *To Hell with the Bell* at Burnaby Mountain Golf Club, followed by *BCRTA's Conference and AGM*, culminating with the *CRTA General Meeting* at Winslow Centre, members have had the option of meeting together. In their own words, here are reports from your delegates to the **BCRTA** events. *Caroline*



Howard Spence: At the recent  AGM, a motion was introduced to increase our annual fee from \$42 to \$45. Support for this motion compared fee increases to inflation over the past several years, showing that increases had significantly lagged behind inflation. If inflation had been taken into account, fees would now be \$52. Before the vote on the motion, the Cowichan Valley RTA moved that the fee be increased to \$52, to bring fees up to a more reasonable rate, still considerably lower than the \$70 membership fee for the Retired Teachers of Ontario, an organization providing similar benefits to those provided by the . The motion was enthusiastically supported, and was passed by the delegates. The motion also included the provision to increase fees annually to be consistent with cost of living increases provided to retired teachers' pensions. These changes in your fees will ensure the  is better financed to ensure your pensions are well managed, and to continue to provide other services, such as the Johnson insurance plans, pension workshops for new retirees, and Postscript magazine, to name a few.

Teresa Grandinetti: I had the privilege of representing Coquitlam retired teachers as one of four delegates to this year's BCRTA Conference and AGM on September 30th and October 1st, 2022. This year's AGM was a hybrid model: attendance was possible both in-person in Richmond and on-line. I chose to attend via  as did the other Coquitlam delegates. It was very interesting and enjoyable to be able to experience the proceedings from the comfort of my home! Tim Anderson, the BCRTA Executive Director, took charge of the on-line delegates, making sure that any required information was available in the chat box as well as leading the breakout session for on-line attendees. We were able to listen to the speakers, watch the presentations, vote on a number of motions, and elect the 2022-23 BCRTA Board of Directors. Voting, a very important part of any democratically run meeting, was done via clicking either the In Favour or Opposed buttons on the  pop-up ballots. Despite a few disappointments with the hybrid model, overall it was a rewarding experience and one which I will certainly volunteer to do again. Maybe by next year, however, I will be comfortable enough to attend in person.

Fran Mitchell: Lisa Hansen from Johnson Insurance gave a very informative presentation on enhancements for MEDOC and Prestige programs. There have been several improvements to these programs between 2018 and 2022, including in-Province Trip Cancellation, Vaccine and COVID-19 coverage.

There are improved age-banded pricing, increased hearing aid coverage and, for members born 1940 or later, the household drug maximum coverage has increased. Lisa's slides, containing much more information, will come to you in an email from CRTA. These slides will guide you in decisions for travel, health care, home and other insurance coverage.



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Howard's Word Play

Last month we dealt with *heteronyms*, words spelled identically but which have different meanings and pronunciation, along with other ways of creating different meanings by splitting words, or adding or deleting one or more letters. Readers were challenged to submit contributions to this genre, with example sentences.

We are pleased to report that **Louise McDonald** submitted several examples, some of which are printed below, and she is the recipient of a \$20 gift card for her efforts. Here are several of her contributions:

- Arnold Palmer was the **Par King** of his day but he was also very good at **parking** his car.
- Santa wanted to **present** his **present** in person.
- The teacher had to **subject** her students to a new **subject** every year.
- The artist can **project** her photographic **project** onto the screen.

For this issue's topic, we have a collection of *anagrams*, which are new words or phrases arrived at by rearranging the letters of a certain word or phrase. Thanks to **Maria Santone** for the following examples, which are brilliant in that the *anagram* very aptly relates to the original:

Astronomer: Moon starrer

Dormitory: Dirty room

Election Results: Lies - let's recount!

The eyes: They see

The Morse Code: Here come dots

Desperation: A rope ends it

Slot machines: Lost cash in me

Presbyterian: Best in prayer

Eleven Plus Two = Twelve Plus One

Let's go with another challenge this issue. Can you discover any similar *anagrams*? I'm not expecting originality on this one, as this criterion is very strict, but you are permitted to do a web search and report anything you find that you believe is worth passing on. They are out there in great numbers, so two or three of your favourites would do. Again, PRIZES will be awarded for submissions deemed worthy of publication (extra consideration for an original one) or chosen by random draw. Submit your findings to **Howard Spence**, whose e-mail can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.



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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.



Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

Teachers' Tutoring Service (TTS) is Seeking Qualified Teachers

Teachers' Tutoring Service (TTS) is a non-profit tutoring service that has been in operation in the Greater Vancouver Area for over 35 years. **TTS** has always been closely linked to BC certified teachers - our history goes back to sharing offices with the BCTF back when **TTS** started as a non-profit society of teachers that desired to provide professional tutoring services to students in the lower mainland. Why join TTS?

- We are the longest operating tutoring service in the mainland - with over 35 years in operation, and over 200 BC licensed teachers working with us annually.
- As a BC registered non-profit society, we genuinely work to support both our professional tutors and our clients. Tutors are paid for their service.
- Our sister charity, The Tutoring Aid Society, provides subsidized tutoring to those students that are otherwise not able to afford tutoring services.

Please refer to our website at <https://tutor.bc.ca> or call Stephanie at (604)730-3410



Phoning Committee Report: submitted by Lynda Parsons

Thank you to the volunteers who phone members that do not receive information by email. Our committee has been a very important part of our association especially during the COVID Pandemic.

We will continue to contact members to pass on information and just have a chat. If you would like to be a phoner or would like a phone call once in a while from a fellow CRTA member, please contact me, Lynda Parsons, at lrparsons@telus.net or 604-939-9897. Take care and enjoy the rain – remember those warm summer days????

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.



Ann Bishop: October 19, 2022: Ann taught primary classes for many years, including at College Park Elementary school. She is survived by her brother Alan, her children, James, Sarah and Amy, five grandchildren, family, friends and colleagues.

Louise Corless: August 10, 2022: Louise was a long time CRTA Member and former Branch President. Louise taught at Central, Mundy Park, and Eagle Ridge Elementary schools as well as serving as District Resource Teacher and Assistant Faculty Associate (SFU). She is survived by her daughters Grace and Meghan, two grandchildren, family, friends and colleagues.

Kim Tompkins: May 24, 2021: Kim was a Music Teacher eventually retiring as the Principal of Castle Park Elementary School. Kim is survived by her son Joshua, (Jillian), one granddaughter, her mother, brother, sisters, family, friends, and colleagues.

Mary Bewick: October 18, 2022