

Vancouver Tabloid

Vancouver Retired Teachers' Association May 2024 Newsletter

AGM

2024 VRTA Annual General Meeting

PLEASE JOIN US for Lunch and our AGM on Wednesday, June 5, in person at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, 3811 Point Grey Road. The menu will be a delicious hot and healthy lunch. The RYVC is beautifully set by the sea, with sumptuous service and ballroom hall decorations. Bring a former teaching colleague or a guest, and a book for the book exchange. The gathering starts at 11am.

After lunch comes the business of the Annual General Meeting and electing the new Executive. There are two vacant positions: the First Vice-President and the Membership Chairperson. If you wish to join the executive, please contact Nominations chairperson Winola Chu at wderechu@gmail.com or 604 872-1859. There will be a Door Prize!

A Moment in Nature

When was a moment you felt connected to nature, or fully relaxed in it? Surrounded by the mountains and sea, British Columbia is a beautiful natural haven. We asked our members to share a favourite moment of theirs in nature. Whether the flora found in our neighborhoods, or a snowy trek in the mountains, each experience has something rejuvenating to offer. Turn to page 2 to read the full stories!

NATURE

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Year End Luncheon

Wednesday June 5, 11AM-2PM

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
(3811 Point Grey Rd, Vancouver, BC)

Register by Friday, May 31 and Pay \$45

Pay by Cheque - Registration form on back page

Dave Ellis, 2086 Newport Avenue, Vancouver, BC. V5P 2H8

P: 604-327-7734 or email dellis7734@gmail.com

OR

Pay Online: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vrta-june-luncheon-tickets-894617814967?aff=oddtcreator>

Note: online payment includes processing fee

A most delicious hot and healthy lunch. Hope to see you all there!

My Favourite Time in Nature



One of my favourite times of the year in Vancouver is our spring. I love it when the Japanese cherry trees (or Sakura) blossom and the camelias are out in full force. When I see the beautiful pink lined cherry tree streets all over the city, I know that spring has finally arrived!

- Suzie Mah

We are so fortunate to have nature at our door step. I was lucky to go cross country skiing on Cypress Mountain on March 18 and 19 this year. There was good snow, warm temperatures in the teens and very few people. I guess everyone was biking, gardening and away for spring break. On Monday I had the added bonus of my daughter's company on the hill. We had a lovely visit and a super time skiing and enjoying the beautiful snow and trees on the hill. It was so quiet we could hear the birds singing in the trees. The air smelled so fresh and clean. It was a pleasure to breath in the tree and earth smells.

- Edie Wood

My favorite time in nature this spring was a 3 day trip to Whistler with friends to enjoy the magical snowy trails near Lost Lake. Our snowshoe trip was fantastic and a work-out scaling the hills but the views were amazing, with trees laden with fresh snow glinting in the sunshine. An added bonus was feeling so refreshed and peaceful in the outdoors, after a winter spent largely indoors! Thanks to those who encourage active participation in getting outdoors.

- Barb Mikulec

Calendar

Apr.	May	Jun. 5: Year End Luncheon
Jul.	Aug.	Sep.

**Please feel free to join us. Notify: vrtapresident.e@gmail.com*

LEADERS FOR ACTIVITIES

Virtual Book Club—3rd Wed at 2pm:
Diane Smith, frandia@shaw.ca
*Contact vrtapresident.e@gmail.com to start Second Book Club

Strollers—Wed 10:45am:
Norma Westrom, normawestrom@hotmail.com

Walkers—Wed 10:00am:
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Our Hopes and Dreams for Public Education

Dr. Steve Cardwell, Chair, Institute for Public Education/BC

Foreword: this article was written by Steve Cardwell, previous Vancouver School District Superintendent. With the BC provincial election coming in the Fall, senior educators may be reflecting on issues affecting the current public education system. Cardwell's article offers one perspective into the education system.



Image of school desk and books

We know there are significant pressures facing our valued public education system- overcrowding, chronic underfunding, a growing teacher shortage, and inadequate support for students with diverse learning needs to name just a few. These cracks in our school system command our immediate attention and require our concerted advocacy.

However, when we're focused on the problems and pressing for much-needed solutions, it can be difficult to create the space to talk about the future of public schools and learning. But shouldn't we be talking about our collective aspirations and ideals? What are our hopes and dreams for public education in BC?

The Institute for Public Education/BC, a non-partisan, independent organization that provides analysis, research, and leadership, has launched a community engagement research project posing that very question. Through our Hopes and Dreams project, we're asking British Columbians to share their perspectives. At the conclusion of the consultation, we'll publish a report to help inform education policy development and decision-making in BC.

IPE/BC firmly believes that quality, inclusive and accessible public education is key to a strong democratic society and equally important, that our school system must be democratically governed. That's never more important than in these turbulent and frequently disturbing times. But in order to do their very best in their roles, school trustees, the Minister of Education and MLAs need a deep understanding of all that public education can achieve. What do communities value about their public schools and what do they hope and dream can be achieved? We see this project as an important discussion among British Columbians.

The impetus for the Hopes and Dreams project is linked to the Charter for Public Education, created through an extensive community consultation that took place in 2003. At that time, a five member panel traveled the province asking the questions:

- What is an educated person; what are their characteristics?
- Which of these characteristics are developed through the public schools?
- What is an educated community?
- What are the principles of public education?

Based on the submissions and dialogue, an eloquent and compelling charter was created, a document that can still be seen on the walls in many public schools around the province today. However, the Charter is now twenty years old and a lot has changed in our schools since that consultation took place. For example, the commitment to act on reconciliation and decolonization in schools was

not yet in place, nor was the clear understanding that all children, including those with special and diverse learning needs, must be welcomed and well-supported in public schools. The curriculum has also changed considerably over the subsequent years and technology plays a much greater role in education today than it did in the early 2000s. So, it became clear that there is a need to hear from British Columbians again and the Hopes and Dreams project was born.

How is the consultation being conducted this time? Firstly, IPE/BC is determined not to rush the process. We want to ensure there's enough time for as many people as possible to learn about and participate in the project. Therefore, we're committed to taking at least a full year to collect submissions. Additionally, we have created a number of different pathways to engagement - in person and online. At <https://instituteforpubliceducation.org/hopes-and-dreams/> you'll find all the information you need to share your thoughts through a handy submission form, by email or on social media. We've already met with many people directly at conferences, meetings and other gatherings and would certainly appreciate additional invitations. Are you involved in an event where we could connect with people to hear their views? Don't hesitate to contact us at info@publiceducation.bc.ca with your ideas or requests.

What are YOUR Hopes and Dreams for Public Education in BC? What do you think public schools need? What would a truly equitable, inclusive, and diverse system look like? We certainly hope that you'll join in this project and share your perspectives with us.

Steve Cardwell is chair of IPE/BC. He is a former teacher in Kitimat, superintendent in Delta and Vancouver, and university administrator.



2024 Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Branch of the BCRTA

June 22, 2023, at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

1. The Annual General Meeting followed the Luncheon, at which 36 were present.
2. A list of those attending the Luncheon and later the AGM is available.
3. Members not attending the Luncheon but came for the AGM include Les Rowe.
4. Prior to the Luncheon, about 11:30 am, the Friends of the VRTA held its AGM.
5. A report of their AGM is available. It used a screen & computer assisted projector to present its report.
6. Ros Kellett, chairperson and Dave Ellis, treasurer, made the reports.

For the VRTA AGM:

1. President Edie Wood called the AGM to Order at 1:05 pm.
2. MS/C to adopt the Proposed Agenda.
3. MS/C to accept the Minutes of the June 7, 2022 AGM.
4. Reports: Reports were included in the May Vancouver Tabloid.
 - a. The President's Report.
 - b. Treasurer's Report: Dave Ellis
 - i. MS/C to approve the Treasurer's Proposed Budget
 - ii. MS/C that the VRTA fee remain at \$12.00 for the 2023–2024 membership year.
 - c. Committee Reports: Ros Kellett
5. Membership: although Barb Mikulec and Norma Westrom have shared responsibilities in forwarding the Tabloid to members, there is still need for a Membership chairperson to keep the membership lists up to date.
6. Tabloid: Although Ros will remain—for a while—as

Agenda for 2024

1. President's Welcome
2. Agenda Presented
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Reports
 - President's Report
 - Treasurer's Report and Budget
 - Social Report
 - Membership Report
 - WebSite Report
 - Workshop Report
5. Nomination and Elections of Executive
6. BCRTA delegates and COSCO delegates
7. New Business
8. Announcements and Door Price
9. Adjournment
10. Friends of VRTA (FOVRTA) meeting

editor, Ojassvi Jolly does help as an assistant editor but has other work commitments. What is needed is a full-time editor.

7. Website: Still relies on technical help—Vanessa Cleary.
8. Nominations Report: Winola Chu. The list of nominees, volunteers and delegates is included.
9. MS/C to approve the Report of the Nominations Committee.
10. Revision to the Policies and Procedures: Denis Ottewell. MS/C to approve the changes to the Policies and Procedures.
11. Door prize: won by Ros Kellett
12. Adjournment at 1:40 pm.
13. Following the VRTA AGM there was a visual presentation by Ros Kellett of the visit to Egypt by herself and her husband, Neale Adams.

- Recording secretary, Denis W. Ottewell

2023 Election Results

President	Edie Wood	Editor & Website	Ros Kellett			
First VP	Marilyn Rushton	Social	Lizette Pappas			
2nd VP	Vacant	Past-President	Winola Chu			
Treasurer	Dave Ellis	Members at Large	Winola Chu	Suzie Mah	Lee Green	Diane Smith
			Barb Mikulec	Norma Westrom	Alie Pollard	Les Rowe
Secretary	Denis Ottewell David Smith	Delegates to BCRTA AGM	Edie Wood Les Rowe	Alternate: Norma Westrom Karen Bernauer	Dave Ellis	
Membership	Vacant	Delegates to COSCO	Edie Wood Les Rowe	Barb Mikulec		



President's Report

We are delighted to invite you to our AGM at the elegant Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. This is a chance to make new friends and reconnect with others before a generous buffet lunch. We are again including a book swap, bring and take books.

Our executive has been blessed with an outstanding secretary for the last 10 years, Denis Ottewell. He is really missed for his sharp attention to many executive details and especially his cheerful manner and frequent smile. I am also stepping down as president and am being replaced by our very capable and conscientious vice president and past tabloid editor, Ros Kellett. We are also fortunate to have young Lilly Lin as our present editor with Barb Mikulec as her executive contact. We really do need new members on our friendly and helpful executive, especially a membership coordinator. Ros has temporarily filled that role with the continued help from Dave Ellis, Barb Mikulec and Ojassvi Jolly (OJ).

We again enjoyed 4 lunches this year starting in June with our RVYC lunch, which included an interesting slide show presentation from Ros Kellett's Egypt trip organized through the BCRTA.

Membership Report

As of March 15, 2024 there are 1348 VRTA members in the records of the BCRTA Membership database. Of these 148 are Lifetime members, who have reached the age of 90 years and no longer need to pay membership fees. The membership committee is inviting more members to join to help ensure our own email and postal address lists are up-to-date. One small job involves collecting the pertinent data from each issue of POSTSCRIPT regarding their Obituary list. If interested, please contact Winola Chu, the Nominations chairperson.

Check out PostScript for future BCRTA trips. In September at Trocadero Pizza and Steak House we listened to a very informative talk by Lisa Hansen from Johnson Insurance. They have been recently bought by belairdirect with the same coverage. I found house insurance much cheaper through them. In December we enjoyed a festive turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Again, the Friday Afternoon Choir serenaded us with Christmas music and a sing-along. In March we had the good fortune to have Isobel Mackenzie, our retiring BC Seniors Advocate, speak to us after our lunch. It was an informative eye opener for me. I learned that seniors are the lowest income group and that single females who rent have a very difficult time paying life expenses. She also compared home care with assisted living in BC. Home care is grossly underfunded and has difficulty finding trained staff.

Our members also enjoy the walking and stroller groups as well as a book club. You are very welcome to join our friendly walking groups through Margaret Yoshida (margyoshi@gmail.com) or Norma Westrom (normawestrom@hotmail.com). The book club is full but you can leave your name with Diane Smith (frandia@shaw.ca).

– Ros Kellett, Acting Membership chairperson

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Tabloid Editor's Report

The four issues produced this fiscal year were organized along these themes:

- August, 2023—How did you obtain and buy your housing?
- November, 2023—What was the best book you read this summer?
- February, 2024—What is the best live play you have seen recently?
- May, 2024—What is your favourite moment in nature?

The May 2024 AGM issue extends to 12 pages with a seven page AGM Insert devoted to the AGM agenda, minutes, elections and reports, both for the VRTA and for the FOVRTA.

Ros worked on the August and November issues with professional help from Assistants Kate Scott and Ojassvi Jolly. It was my pleasure to be your TABLOID Editor for almost 9 years.

Then the Editorial team led by Barb Mikulec found a newly qualified design artist, Lilly Lin, who was willing to become Editor. Lilly attends school fulltime and has re-designed the newsletter with a “cleaner” look, more white space and professional display.

Distributing the TABLOID to our postal and online recipients with their correct contact information remains an ongoing concern. Thus, once Ros retired in December 2023 from the Editorship, she stepped forward to become the Membership chairperson for the remainder of this term. We are grateful to the membership assistants that ensure you get your copy: Norma Westrom (online recipients) and Barb Mikulec (print recipients). We owe much thanks to the Editorial committee

for their patience, advice and proofing skills: up to Dec. 2023: Denis Ottewell, Diane Smith, Lois Paterson; ongoing: Barb Mikulec, Dave Ellis, Winola Chu, Edie Wood and Norma Westrom; and to the Theatres Offerings writer, Ora Fraser and to the newsletter distributors.



Image of stack of books and notebook

Tabloid Committee

The Tabloid committee meets regularly to prepare the Tabloid under the capable leadership of editor Lilly Lin! Distribution by mail is through printing at the Vancouver School Board then mailed out to just over 600 persons. The emailed version is in colour and organized by Norma Westrom. For changes to your address, could you contact Barb (mikulec@telus.net).

Website Committee 2024 Report Workshop for Members

www.vrta.ca

The committee met 4 times online to update the website each time for the major lunches of the year. We meet in August, November, January and May of our fiscal year. Our technical website manager, Vanessa Cleary, attends our meetings when she can and does a superb job updating the software and security framework of our Drupal website, preparing the Eventbrite link and giving good advice.

The committee took time in January 2024 to work on the ABOUT US section of the website and its 6 sub-pages. Most got updated but more work needs to be done on these sections: VRTA Business, Volunteer Opportunities, Contact Us email address. This work – and the opportunity to expand the pages/links on the website – is fairly easy to do. As a committee, we have great fun working together – and apart at times – to update and improve the website. If you would like to learn how to do this work – and enjoy doing so – please consider joining the Website committee.

Thanks to the 2023-24 committee members: Barbara Mikulec, Norma Westrom, Winola Chu, and Ros Kellett. Many thanks to these volunteers.

-Ros Kellett, Website coordinator

Workshops are given as a service to members and we are fortunate that the Seniors Health and Wellness Institute-COSCO can offer 47 free workshops on current issues of importance to elders. The workshops are presented by zoom, free to the first 100 persons to register!

This year the “Safety Series” ran on Wednesday mornings in the spring: Falls Prevention, Safety in the Home, Pedestrian Safety, Life without Driving, Emergency Preparedness and Frauds and Scams. After that series, another series was open to any person who joined the zoom for Silent Threats on Thursday mornings: Dealing with Stress, Hypertension, Memory and Aging, Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis. In person we presented Technology and Aging at the BCRTA office so there are ample opportunities to learn more about aging well.

The full range of topics are available at www.seniorshelpingseniors.ca. If you would like the VRTA to organize a presentation, contact Barb at president@seniorshelpingseniors.ca or phone 604 261-6887.

- Barb Mikulec



Report from the Nominations Chairperson -Winola Chu

Nominated for Table Officers, 2024/2025

President: TBA, Rosalind Kellett (pending)
First VP: OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS
Second VP: Lizette Pappas
Treasurer: Dave Ellis
Secretary: David H. Smith
Editor: Lilly Lin (interim)
Membership: OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

Website Coordinator: Ros Kellett
Past President: Edie Wood
Members at Large:
Barb Mikulec Suzie Mah Les Rowe
Norma Westrom Diane Smith Ali Pollard
Karen Bernauer Lee Green Winola Chu
Volunteers: Ora Fraser, Lois Paterson

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Financial Summary

This financial summary represents the state of the VRTA Branch as of April 27, 2024.

Our revenue increased slightly over the previous year due to increased income from the cost of lunches and interest earned. The attendance for the lunches has remained about the same as last year. Our expenses have increased slightly with about the same being spent on the lunches and the newsletter as last year. Money was spent to send a delegate to the National Pensioner's Federation (NPF) conference in Ottawa.

For the Budget for the coming year, we anticipate that the income will remain much the same, as will the expenses. There will not be an NPF

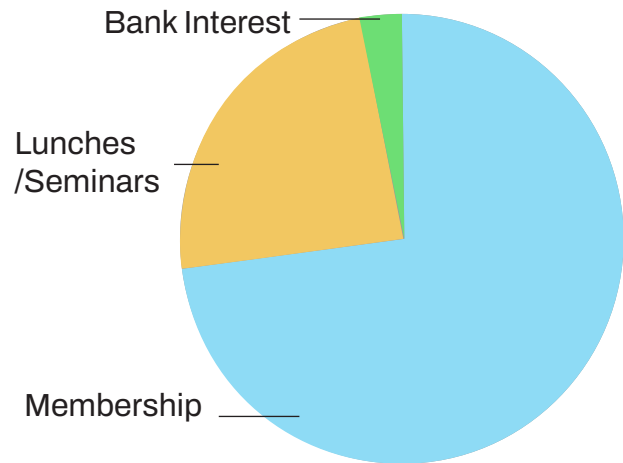
convention this Fall. The proposed budget should leave the VRTA with a healthy balance of at least \$11,000 by the end of June 2025.

- Respectfully submitted, Dave Ellis, Treasurer

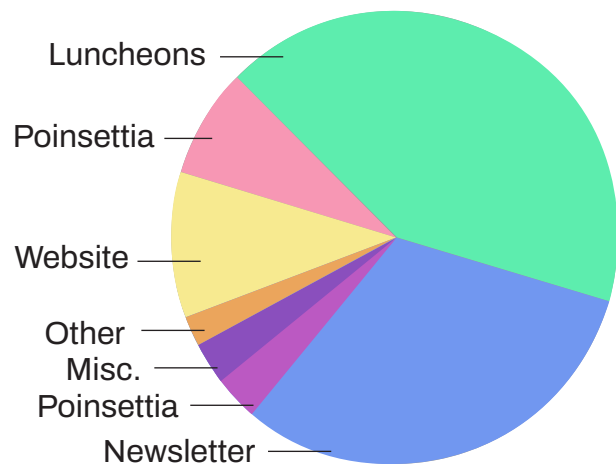
Current Assets

Community Service Package	\$126.30
Jumpstart Savings (2.3%)	\$1288.56
30-Day Term (3%)	\$7000.00
Annual Term (5.35%)	\$12000.00
Total	\$20414.86

2024-2025 Budget Income



2024-2025 Budget Expenses



Full Budget

	Budget 2023-2024	Actual 2023-2024	Budget 2024-2025
Revenue			
Membership	\$13500.00	\$13176.00	\$13500.00
Lunches/Seminars	\$4500.00	\$3240.00	\$4500.00
Bank	\$150.00	\$929.12	\$600.00
Total Revenue	\$18150.00	\$17345.12	\$18600.00
Expenses			
Luncheons	\$11000.00	\$6284.10	\$10000.00
Workshops/Seminars	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Newsletter (4 issues)	\$7500	\$4641.54	\$ 7500.00
• Honorarium		\$1950.00	
• Printing & Mailing		\$2691.54	
• Materials		\$0.00	
Poinsettias	\$1000.00	\$794.74	\$1000.00
COSCO			
• Membership	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
• Conference			
• Wellness Institute Speakers	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
NPF			
• Membership	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
• Convention	\$2000.00	\$932.42	
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$368.02	\$500.00
• Zoom Subscription		\$75.00	
• Envelopes & Stamps		\$0.00	
• Gifts		\$293.02	
Speakers	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Website	\$3500.00	\$838.19	\$2500.00
• Technical Support		\$780.00	
• Hosting & Domain License		\$58.19	
Office & Administration	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Recruitment	\$400.00	\$108.48	\$400.00
Total Expenses	\$2785.00	\$15009.01	\$23850.00
Total Gain (Loss) for Year	(\$9700.00)	(\$2336.11)	(\$5250.00)

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Friends of the VRTA (FOVRTA) Scholarship & Bursary Fund

Note: The Friends of the Vancouver Retired Teachers' Association is the charity "arm" of the VRTA. Following CRA regulations, the Friends are a separate organization that has its own Annual General Meeting. When you give to the scholarship fund, you give to the Friends (FOVRTA—Vancity Community/RRSmith Fund) and not the VRTA. All Members of the VRTA are members of the Friends of VRTA



Image of students throwing graduation cap into the air

Minutes of Last FOVRTA AGM 2023

Minutes of the 5th AGM of FOVRTA
– June 7, 2023

Called to order at 11:30 am.
The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting (June 7, 2022) were approved.

The December 2022 fundraiser lunch pushed the fund over \$15,000 and thus the Board again approved the transfer of \$2000 from the Vancity Community/R.R.Smith/FOVRTA Foundation Fund to the UBC Awards Department. This allows one student each in the Education and Nursing geriatric programs to receive \$1000. Treasurer Dave Ellis then gave his report, stating the current fund, as of May 12, 2022, was at \$12,151. More details are available in MAY 2022 TABLOID issue – see www.vrta.ca

Directors for 2022-23 were elected: Winola Chu; Dave Ellis; Rosalind Kellett; Lizette Pappas; Ali Pollard; Norma Westrom.
Prepared with help from Norma Westrom

President's Report 2024

What a delightful surprise it was to receive news in December of an anonymous generous \$10,000 donation. This brought our funds to \$28,000 and earned significant interest for the fund. Thus we contacted the SFU Awards department to set up a FOVRTA Education bursary of \$2000 for September. Meanwhile the Board approved the annual transfer of \$2000 to the UBC Awards department to be given to a student in each department: Education and Nursing geriatrics. We remain grateful to the VRTA for paying for the 2023 Christmas Lunch. Thanks to our hardworking treasurer, Dave Ellis and the Directors for their work. New Board members are welcome.

– Ros Kellett

**Donate to the
scholarship
fund today!
(see VRTA website)**

FOVRTA AGM Agenda 2024

The meeting will start immediately at 11:30 am, prior to the Lunch and start of the VRTA AGM

1. Minutes of 2023 AGM
2. Reports: President; Treasurer
3. Election of Directors of Friends of VRTA Fund-Positions for Election—6 Directors (1 year terms): President; Treasurer; Secretary; Members-at-Large (3)

Treasurer's Report

Balance June 2023	\$14,473
Dec. Lunch 2023	\$2,470
Donations 2023	\$10,375
Interest 2023	\$1,093
UBC Scholarships	-\$2,000
Current balance May 2024	\$26,411

-Dave Ellis

LIVE STAGE OFFERINGS

May to August 2024

◇ The Arts Club at the Stanley Theatre offers *Guys and Dolls: A Musical Fable of Broadway*. Set in 1950's Manhattan it runs from May 16th to July 14th and includes memorable songs including "Luck Be a Lady," "Sit Down You're Rockin the Boat," and "Guys & Dolls."

◇ At the Granville Island Stage the Arts Club is presenting *Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash* from June 20th to August 11th. Featured songs include such hits as "I Walk the Line," "Folsom Prison Blues," and "A Boy Named Sue." Visit artsclub.com or call 604-687-1844.

◇ Bard on the Beach 2024 runs from June 11th to September 21st. The plays featured are *Twelfth Night*, *Hamlet*, *The Comedy of Errors* and *Measure for Measure*. *Twelfth Night* and *Hamlet* will be performed on the Mainstage while *The Comedy of Errors* and *Measure* will be featured on the Howard Family Stage. For information visit bardonthebeach.org or call 604-739-0559.

◇ United Players presents the musical *When We Were Singing* by Dorothy Dittrich which runs from May 31st to June 23rd. There is a preview on May 30th for \$15.00. Showtimes are Thursdays to Saturdays at 8:00 p.m and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from unitedplayers.com or by calling 604-224-8007.

◇ Theatre Under the Stars offers two musicals this summer: *School of Rock* and *Cats*. The shows will run from July 5th to August 24th on alternating nights. Visit tuts.ca or call 604-631-2877.

- Ora Fraser

Deadline & Theme
for the next issue—
July 10, 2024

What's something
you wish to
teach the next
generation?

Jokes

From the Internet

Prepared by Winola Chu

1. How did the tree get lost?
2. Why is grass dangerous?
3. Why do hummingbirds hum?
4. What's it called when it's raining ducks and geese?
5. How do mountains see?
6. Why did the sun go to school?
7. What did the tree do when the bank closed?
8. What does seaweed say when it is trapped under a shell?
9. How can you tell that the ocean is friendly?
10. How does the rain tie its shoes?

Answers

1. It took the wrong root.
2. It's full of blades.
3. Because they don't know the words.
4. Fowl weather.
5. They take a peak.
6. To get brighter.
7. It started its own branch.
8. Kelp! Kelp!
9. It waves.
10. With a rainbow.



March 2024 Luncheon



Photo of Susan Harman & Elaine Anderson at Gabriola Island



Photos Susan Harman, Margaret Yoshida, Barb Mukulec, & Edie Whistler snowshoeing



Photos of walkers at False Creek

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Looking for English-language Teacher

411 Seniors Center is looking for a volunteer to teach Beginners English to Immigrant seniors. One hour, once a week.

411 Seniors Centre
3502 Fraser Street Vancouver
604-684-8171

Has Your Postal or Email Address Changed?

Laurie Boyd of the BCRTA prefers that you contact her at 604 871-2260 directly or using the ONLINE Form, <https://bcrt.ca/update-member-info/> Please also NOTIFY VRTA membership . Contact Vrtapresident.e@gmail.com

Registration for June 5, 11am-2pm Lunch

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclose cheque for __ attendee(s) at \$45

Cheque payable to: **Vancouver Branch - BCRTA** OR Pay Online—see details on front page

Those wishing vegetarian entrée/special diet, check here __

*See page 1 for where to send. Register by **Friday, May 31**, to avoid disappointment.*