

CAMPBELL RIVER RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

REPORT 2022-2023

WE ARE A TEAM!

It was exciting to meet again in person this year. Our CRRTA executive met the first Monday each month and organized lunch socials that were held on the third Thursday each month. This year we organized our lunches at our local Eagles Hall, a comfortable and beautiful facility. The Ladies' Auxiliary provided tasty and varied lunch menus. The Eagles' Club is a group that is organized by volunteers, all their proceeds go to local charity.

Our lunch socials are well attended with 20 -30 members, friends also join us to share and enjoy a variety of speakers sharing topics suggested by our members.

Twenty-eight members gathered at Ricky's Restaurant September 6, 2022 to attend our **No Bell Brunch**. For our October Luncheon, our guest, Julie Keumbhdjian (Immigration Welcome Centre) shared her work with new immigrants in Campbell River and Courtenay.

Lisa Hanson from Johnson's Insurance, shared information on the choices for our Travel Insurances in November. Our Christmas luncheon in December, was exceptional. The Eagles' ladies out did themselves. We arrived to a beautifully decorated hall and enjoyed a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Arnie Lambert, BCRTA president, shared BCRTA Updates on our pensions and cost of living adjustment (6.9% COLA).

The new year brought us a variety of speakers. In January, our members shared traveling experiences and future travel plans. Jason Locke, City of Campbell River Housing and the Homeless, joined us in February to share an update on the Homeless in Campbell River. Kim Patrick, local owner of Island Fever, joined us in March to share planned local cultural day trips and travel opportunities. Spring arrived with Marilou Cyr(local florist) sharing advice for indoor planters and flower arranging. She treated members to four prizes of beautiful plant and flower arrangements.

In May, we hosted the BCRTA Central and North Island zone meeting for local presidents and delegates. Our members welcomed Gerry Tiede from BCRTA to share his Portugal adventures and future adventures planned with Trip Merchant. Our final June luncheon will be filled with nostalgia as we enjoy, 'Del's Burgers' and trimmings. These burgers were a favourite at the local Del's Drive-In, that closed many years ago. Thank you to Sharon and Ted Yeadon for your trivia games and prizes. Ted continued to keep our minds sharp as we solved his trivia games. Lots of laughter and competition between lunch tables ensued.

We are in the final stages of working with our publisher, Kask Graphics, to research, review, refine and edit our photo journal, **The First Hundred Years -1893 – 1993 - LIVING AND LEARNING IN CAMPBELL RIVER AND SURROUNDING AREAS.**

What an interesting journey! It began as a small photo journal project for BCRTA's 75th Anniversary and has become a history lesson for all of us. We continue to research collections of photos, history books, SD 72 school board minutes, school records, genealogy club files, logging histories, teacher, students, pioneers, our retirees. We have also interviewed Campbell River residents who attended school in the early years. We have included a bibliography of historical books that share many more of these stories that led School District 72 to become a Lighthouse District.

Our executive committee continues to actively update membership addresses, phone numbers and emails. Barb Henshall, Membership and Hilary Hansen, Secretary contact families and mailout condolence cards to acknowledge retirees who have passed. Many of our members are traveling, working with children in our schools and involved in local clubs and charities.

Gary and Colleen Epp organized a curling social league for retirees including employees of SD72, spouses, partners and friends. **They enjoyed nine weeks of social (no serious) curling.** Gary is organizing another league for 2023-2024!

Many of our Campbell River Retired Educators individually donated funds to the CAMPBELL RIVER RETIRED EDUCATORS' BURSARY FUND and were able to provide three bursaries totalling \$1500. These bursaries were awarded to our School District 72 graduates attending Robron, Carihi and Timberline Senior High Schools.

We would like to thank Natalie Crawshaw, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer for her support collecting receipting and distributing our individual donations.

We would like to thank and send our appreciation to our BCRTA Committee Members and Executive for their availability, leadership and support. We are also grateful to Kristi and Laurie who keep us all organized. You are appreciated!

September 2022-June 2023 has been a great year!

Respectfully,

Bonni Roset, President

Patti VanHumbek, 1st Vice President

Hilary Hansen, Secretary

Sharon Yeadon, Treasurer

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