

CRRTA FALL NEWSLETTER 2024



Hello Everyone

Here is a newsletter updating you on Campbell River Retired Teachers Association.

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome new retirees - Drew Williams, Jennifer Halliday, Jennifer Moxam, Eva Dearham, Fiona Lawson, Shannon Jonassen and Steve Sparling.

RETIRED EDUCATORS BURSARY FUND: We provided three one-thousand dollar bursaries each to : Kasey Munro(Timberline) – Kenza Campbell(Carihi) and -Emma Fife (Robron).

LUNCH SOCIALS SEPTEMBER 2024– JUNE 2025: All retirees and guests are invited.

Check in/Visiting 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Short Program/Guest Speaker 12:45-1:30

October 17, 2024 Megan Purcel - Collections Manager CR Museum – Preserving Family

Heirlooms – Eagles Hall - see accompanying poster

December 19, 2024 Mistletoe Lunch – Eagles Hall

February 20, 2025 TBA - Eagles Hall

April 17, 2025 Scams and fraud protection – Eagles Hall

June 19, 2025 Tour of Spit Estuary- Lunch at Eagle’s Hall

BCRTA AGM & CONFERENCE : September 28-September 30 2024 Bonni Roset and Jennifer Halliday attended.

Please check our BCRTA website for highlights of the busy three day conference. I understand that Tim Anderson and the media crew will be posting the highlights Monday October 7, 2024. The three keynote speakers this year were very interesting. Check out video clips of these presentations on our BCRTA website.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER- #1 - David Falconer (Teacher and mentor) **CLASSROOMS WITHOUT WALLS**

After retiring from teaching in BC, David Falconer has taught in locations around the world. **HIS NEW PROJECT: Retired teachers around the world uniting to tutor and mentor children in conflict zones.** ... ‘Children need connections.... Feeling of Abandonment is very real.... David wants the children to know that the world has not forgotten them, that someone else across the world cares..... that there is someone out there that knows. The video clips are inspiring -

KEYNOTE SPEAKER- #2 - Gale Pirie (Accredited Independent Appraiser) **APPRAISING SPECIAL OBJECTS**

Gale retired from a successful career in public education, Gale has been an appraiser on CBC’s Canadian Antiques Roadshow, and has many years of experience valuing antiques, art, and museum collections.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - #3 - Hilde Deprez (Notary Public, Deprez & Associates) **ESTATE PLANNING - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

An expert’s overview on getting your affairs in order: wills, power of attorney, medical representation agreements, preventing elder abuse.



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WEBSITE: Check out our the BCRTA website. A new web master has been hired and hopefully our website will be more user friendly.

Golden Star Awards – this is a wonderful opportunity for children buddying with elders in their community. Applicants can apply to win \$1500 for classrooms.

What's new in insurance – Lisa and group continue to work on our behalf to provide updated information on our improved medical and travel insurances.

Johnsons has been replaced by **Belaire Direct**.

RR Smith Memorial Fund Foundation – See Report on BCRTA website. Board members met in person to discuss the issues for our charitable registered program, providing urgently needed funds in many developing countries and in BC. We ensure that all donations and the yearly contribution from members is spent wisely, ensuring transparency in the granting of funds.' Careful management of the donations are held through the Vancity Community/RRSmith fund'.

Post Script : Members are encouraged to send in their stories and photos . Our magazine is seen as one of the best in Canada.

BCRTA Board: Continues to strive to meet our membership needs. See reports from: President, Tim Anderson, Executive Director, David Denyer, ACER-CART, Arnie Lambert, Advocacy, David Denyer Communications, Margaret Sutton, Excellence in Public Education, Health Benefits, Stephanie Koropatnick, Heritage, Member Well-Being, Dave Scott, Membership, Linda Watson, Pension & Benefits, Personnel, Arnie Lambert. Tim Anderson notes in his report: 'Finally, I redouble my thanks to Kristi, Laurie, Amberly and now Alina, for their professionalism and good cheer. Our staff, committee members and directors are the most dedicated and conscientious people I have worked with, and I thank them heartily. To our members and especially our branch leaders, I thank you for the opportunity to proudly serve this worthy cause.'

Thank you,

Bonni Roset, President

Executive, Penny Milbrandt, Hilary Hansen, Sharon Yeadon, Barb Henshall, Patti VanHumbeck, Adrienne Davis