

Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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CRTA Newsletter



President's Report

I find it hard to believe that the school year has almost come to a close! It has been a busy year for the CRTA and the Executive Committee.

The year began with a well-attended and enjoyable **To Hell with the Bell** brunch on the first day of school in September. October brought the first of four **General Meetings** of the year.

The CRTA **Christmas Lunch** in December was a wonderful way for members to welcome the festive season with tasty food, music, and much laughter. The New Year saw two more General Meetings in February and April. The final event of the year, the **CRTA Annual General Meeting**, will be held in June. Read about the upcoming AGM later in the newsletter. Along with the business of the meetings, attendees enjoyed entertaining and informative presentations as well as chances to win a number of exciting door prizes.

My final Report of the year would not be complete without a list of thank you's. Many thanks to:

- CRTA Members, for supporting our efforts;
- The CTA for the many things they do for the CRTA throughout the year;
- School District 43 and the administrators at Montgomery Centre for providing a meeting space with lots of parking for the CRTA General Meetings;
- Howard Malm for formatting our Newsletters;
- The 13 members of the CRTA Executive Committee for their unstinting efforts to make sure that the business of the association is carried out. The CRTA Executive Committee is a wonderful group of retired educators who give of their time freely to see that all CRTA activities occur without a hitch.

Thank you, everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at the CRTA Annual General Meeting! *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 by **Wednesday May 21, 2025**. 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 Hilton in Richmond and also via Zoom: September 25, 26, 27, 2025.

Agenda: CRTA AGM

Wednesday June 4, 2025

Chair: Teresa Grandinetti

1. Member sign in: 9:30am
2. Call to order: 10:00am
3. Welcome and acknowledgement
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of Minutes of the 2024 AGM
6. Financial Report
7. Elections



8. Announcements
9. Presentation: Bergamasca Recorder Consort – **A Musical Performance to Delight All** - see page 2
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!

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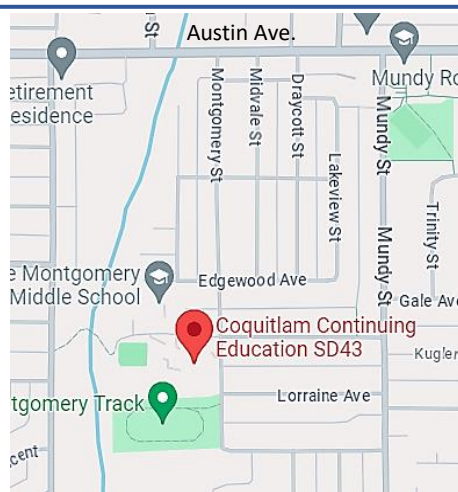
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Where is the Montgomery Learning Centre?

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.



Bergamasca Recorder Consort – A Musical Performance to Delight All!



At the CRTA AGM on **June 4th**, CRTA members are invited to take a musical journey through time presented by Bergamasca Recorder Consort. Be prepared to hear the recorder played like you never imagined was possible.

Six members of the Bergamasca Recorder Consort will play a program of music spanning over 500 years from the renaissance to modern times.

Come and listen to music that celebrates Spring! Join us in the Montgomery Learning Centre gym!

Membership & Member Contact by John Pope

The 2024-2025 membership year presented a challenge to our ability to connect with members, due to an ongoing problem with many email addresses being blocked. After various attempts at a solution, it was decided to switch from Microsoft Exchange to Google Contacts and create a new Branch email address, sd43.crt@gmail.com, which displays on recipients' screens as 'Coquitlam Retirees'. We recommend that you add us to your Contacts.

Membership has increased, with new sign-ups well above the average for recent years, giving us a total of 839 members.

CRTA has lost contact with **Dave Matheson**. Please let us know if you can help us re-connect with Dave.



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CRTA Finances in a Nutshell by Howard Spence, Treasurer

I am reviewing our financial situation to see how the CRTA fiscal year will likely end on June 30th. We started with about \$9400 in assets at the beginning of July 2024. At this time, we have \$10,100.

Keeping in mind that we had spent very little of our membership fees during the Covid-19 days, and our bank balance had increased, we planned to run a small deficit in order to reduce the balance. So, as we did last year, we planned to subsidize the Back to School Brunch and the Christmas lunch, and to once more provide a free lunch for attendees at our AGM. Members were happy to take advantage of the subsidies, and our attendance at the brunch and lunch was good. Even so, including a planned cost of about \$250 for the AGM lunch, we will have devoted about \$1400 to subsidies, less than the \$1500 we budgeted.

So, overall, my crystal ball tells me that once we fund further honoraria, one more newsletter mail-out, and other AGM meeting expenses, we will likely have about \$9500 in the bank at the end of June. So, it will be close to a break-even year.

I thank our Executive Committee members for their diligence in recording their spending and providing me with receipts. They are very mindful that it is your membership fees we are spending, and they do their best to spend wisely.



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Mark Your Calendar!

June 4, 2025: CRTA AGM

July 1, 2025: Canada Day

August 2025: CRTA Newsletter

September 2, 2025: To Hell with the Bell

September 25, 26, 27, 2025: BCRTA AGM and Conference

December 3, 2025: Christmas Luncheon



Congratulations to CRTA Member Faune Johnson



On Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025, CRTA Member **Faune Johnson** was awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal. Faune was one of 30 local residents who were recognized for their community service. Don Davies MP (Vancouver Kingsway) presented the medals to recipients on behalf of the Government of Canada.

The Coronation Medal commemorates the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III as King of Canada. Eligible candidates must have made a significant contribution to Canada or to a particular province, territory, region or community of Canada, or have made an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada.

Congratulations, Faune!

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RC MACDONALD
OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, MAY 15TH, 2025
3:30PM-6:00PM



Let's come together to celebrate our past and look forward to the future. We can't wait to share this special moment with you!
For more information, contact us at mbozicsd43.bc.ca

This event is open to all community members and alumni. Whether you were a student, teacher, or a part of our community, we would love to see you here!

- **Time Capsule:** Witness the unveiled treasures and memories from the staff and students of the year 2000.
- **Open House:** Explore the school and visit old classrooms and memories.
- **Meet & Greet:** Reconnect with former classmates, teachers, and staff.
- **Refreshments:** Enjoy hot dogs, light snacks and beverages.



Do you have a story to tell? A special moment, a tribute, or an amusing incident?

The Newsletter team would be pleased to receive and include your story in a future newsletter. No more than 350 words please. Email to caroline@malm.ca



Can You Help?

A great way to get involved!

Nominations for the CRTA Executive Committee – Email Audrey Anthony at

louaud@telus.net by **Wednesday May 21, 2025**



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.

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.



Norma Marie McCormack: December 24, 2024: During her 35 year career, Norma taught Special Education students, including at Central and Mary Hill Elementary Schools. She is survived by her son, Gordon, family members, colleagues and friends.

Sandra Ann Boyle: January 24, 2025: Sandra spent her entire career with the Coquitlam School Board, first as an elementary school teacher, then Principal at two schools. She ended her career as District Principal. She is survived by her sisters and brothers, family members, colleagues and friends.

Bill Mitchell