

## **CAMPBELL RIVER RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION 2024-2025**

Our CRRTA executive met through email, zoom or in person this past year to review BCRTA /CRRTA information and to organize lunch socials and guest speakers. Our members and guests met the third Thursday every second month for lunch prepared at the Eagles Hall. The Ladies' Auxiliary continue to provide tasty and varied lunch menus with their proceeds being given to local charities. We generally host 25- 35 guests. Our members flow in and out as their schedules permit. Many of our Retirees are involved with a variety of charities in our community.

We welcome our new members, September 3, 2024 for our 'No Bell Brunch'. and circulated a suggestion sheet to collect ideas for future meetings. October 17, we welcomed Megan Purcell, collections Manager of the CR Museum. She shared an interesting and informative presentation: Preserving Family Treasures. December 17th, we enjoyed another exceptional Mistletoe luncheon at the Eagles Hall. It is the best in town! We arrived to a beautifully decorated hall and enjoyed a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Our members and guests enjoyed Christmas Trivia with Ted Yeadon and joyfully enjoyed Christmas Carolling.

For our February 20, 2025 meeting we invited my former grade one School District 72 student(Natalie Crawshaw). She is now the Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer. She collects individual donations and coordinates our CR Retired Educators Fund (donations provided by individual teachers). We truly appreciate our School Board.

At this meeting, Mr. Geoff Manning, Superintendent, shared a very interesting and exciting talk about our School District.

April 17th, Barb Mikulec and Stephanie Koropatnik(BCRTA executive members shared a very interesting COSCO workshop. SCAMS AND FRAUDS. We invited guests from other Campbell River senior groups. Our executive attend our School District retirement dinner in may and presented our recent retirees with a welcome package that includes a complimentary No Bell Brunch Ticket. At our final lunch and social, June 19, 2025, we will host Louise Daviduck, Executive Director of the Campbell River hospice Society will provide a heartfelt and informative presentation on the many compassionate services available to support individuals and families facing the profound challenges of grief, loss and end of life care. She will also share details about the Child & Youth Program, an essential initiative designed to support local schools by providing students and their families with grief support, working alongside school counselors to ensure no child navigates loss alone. Hospice care is about more than just the end of life – it's about honoring every moment, finding comfort in community and offering compassionate support when its need most. We hope to learn more about these critical programs and how they bring hope and healing to those in need.

This fall, we are looking forward to welcome our new Retirees to our No Bell Brunch, September 2nd. We are planning and a Fieldtrip October 16<sup>th</sup> to our local Maritime Museum. Here we will view the BC Packer Seiner (formerly pictured on the back of our Canadian \$5 bill in 1973 and 1979 issue of the bill. The Seiner was skippered by Harry Assu of the Cape Muge Reserve. We will also visit the CR Geneology archives stored in this building.

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!

Respectfully,

Campbell River Retired Teachers Executive  
Bonni, Penny, Patti, Barb, Hilary, Sharon and Adrienne