



VANCOUVER TABLOID

Vancouver Retired Teachers' Association's Newsletter

MAY 2025 Newsletter



Executive Meeting May 2025

PLEASE JOIN US for Lunch and our AGM on Tuesday June 10 in person at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, 3811 Point Grey Road. Bring a former teaching colleague or a guest. The menu is a Local and Sustainable buffet with wild ling cod and ravioli. The meeting starts at

11:30 am. After lunch comes some entertainment and the business of the Annual General Meeting and electing the new Executive. All positions are open but there are no nominees for the SECRETARY position and Assistant Membership. If you wish to join the executive, please contact

Nominations chairperson Edie Wood at edithwood@gmail.com or 604 228-0830.

Cost is \$45, payable ahead of time by cheque or Eventbrite. See details below. **There will be a Door Prize!**

AGM & JUNE LUNCHEON TUESDAY JUNE 10—11 AM

Register by Thur. June 5 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

Here is the link.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vrta-agm-and-lunch-tickets-1377045442989?aff=oddtcreator>

NOTE: online payment includes processing fee

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President's Greetings

We had a fun year with lunches, book-clubs, weekly walkers and strollers groups. Please join us for the AGM, when the Friday Afternoon choir entertains us. Enjoy your summer & stay cool!-**Ros Kellett**



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Honoring the First Teachers: A Tribute to Parents on Mother's and Father's Day

Dedicated to Parents, Grandparents, and Great-Grandparents

This issue of our Tabloid comes at a meaningful time—**just after Mother's Day on May 11th**, and as we look ahead to **Father's Day on June 15th**. It's the perfect moment to pause, reflect, and celebrate the individuals who have shaped our families and our communities with quiet strength and enduring love.

As parents, we know better than most that the foundation of every child's learning begins long before the school bell rings. It starts at home, with parents. In celebration of **Mother's Day** and **Father's Day**, we take a moment to honour the lifelong efforts of parents who serve as a child's first and most enduring teachers.

Parents teach without lesson plans. Their classrooms are kitchen tables, front porches, and car rides. They teach patience through bedtime stories, resilience through scraped knees, and empathy through daily example. Many of us spent our careers building on what these parents had already nurtured—and we saw firsthand how their dedication shaped the students we met.

On **Mother's Day**, we celebrate the nurturing strength and tireless care of mothers, grandmothers, and maternal figures who balance love and life with some remarkable grace. -

-From packed lunches to late-night homework help, their touch is everywhere, often unseen but always felt.

And on **Father's Day**, we recognize the guidance, protection, and quiet strength of fathers, grandfathers, and paternal role models. Their lessons come in many forms—firm advice, a shared joke, a steady presence. They show children how to stand tall, even in uncertain times. For many in our association, these roles hit close to home. As parents grandparents, or mentors, we continue to influence young minds—proof that teaching doesn't end at retirement. In fact, our legacy often lives on through the values and wisdom we pass to the next generation, both in and out of the classroom.

So as we mark these two special days, let us celebrate not only the parents we had, but the parents we became—and the enduring impact we've all had on learning, love, and life.

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Father's Day!

And thank you to every parent, past and present, who continues to teach in important ways.

-Masseh

LEADERS for Activities

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB: Diane Smith frandia@shaw.ca—3rd Wed at 2 pm
-Contact presvrta@gmail.com to start Second Book Club

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

WALKERS: Margaret Yoshida margyoshi@gmail.com—Wed 10:00 am

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Calendar

***Please feel free to join us - *Notify
vrta.president.e@gmail.com**

NOTE: Exec. Meetings start 10 AM

June 10 Tues –Lunch & AGM

June 24. Exec. (TBC) in person

July 25 Fri. TABLOID deadline

Sept. 8 Mon. Welcome Back Lunch
(TBC)

Sept 25-27 BCRTA Conf. & AGM



Executive Meeting in Pic-

The photos below capture highlights from the May 6 executive meeting, graciously hosted at Rosalind Kellett's home. *Photos by Masseh*



Ros Kellett



**Dave Ellis (Centre)
Edie Wood (Right)**



Karin Bernauer



Diane Smith



Norma Westrom



Lizette Pappas



Les Rowe



Winola Chu



**Barb Mikulec (Right)
Voting on decisions**

2025 Annual General Meeting

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Wednesday June 5, 2024 at Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

1. After the Friends of VRTA meeting and a lovely luncheon, the AGM was called to order by president Edie Wood at 1:10 pm. She gave a First Nations land acknowledgement, welcomed new attendees and introduced the executive members.
2. MS/C Les Rowe/Richard Dopson Approval of the Agenda.
3. MS/C Les Rowe/Winola Chu Acceptance of the Minutes of the in person AGM of Thursday June 22, 2023.
4. Reports: All AGM reports, included in the Vancouver Tabloid, May 2024, were adopted.
 - A President's Annual Report—Edie Wood
 - B Treasurer's Finances and Proposed Budget- Dave EllisMS/C Dave Ellis/Ali Pollard That the annual membership fee remain at \$12.00
MS/C Dave Ellis/Elaine Anderson That the financial reports, including the budget, be accepted with a deficit of \$5,000.
 - C. Membership Report –Ros Kellett reported, as of March 15, it is 1348, including 148 Lifetime members aged 90 years or older.
 - D. TABLOID Barb Mikulec reported Lilly Lin is now our appointed editor, as of January, 2024. Ros Kellett did the AUG. & NOV. 2023 issues: Lilly did the FEB. & MAY issues. Barb thanked Ros for her services for many years, and Norma Westrom for her distribution of the web edition of the TABLOID. Suggested Theme for next TABLOID.
 - E. MS/C That we accept remaining reports: Website, Workshops.
5. Election of executive for 2024-2025 Winola Chu, as the Past president, conducted the elections See Result below.
6. Other business & Announcements: The door prize was won by Susan Harman.

Adjournment: at 2:05 pm. **Acting Secretary, Barb Mikulec**



2024-25 ELECTION RESULTS

President: Ros Kellett; **First VP:** Vacant; **2nd VP:** Lizette Pappas;
Treasurer: Dave Ellis; **Secretary:** Vacant **Membership:** Vacant;
Editor Vacant in Sept.; **Website:** Ros Kellett; **Past-President:** Edie Wood; **Members-at Large:** Karin Bernauer, Winola Chu, Lee Green, Suzie Mah, Barb Mikulec, Ali Pollard (Sunshine Coordinator), Les Rowe, Diane Smith, Norma Westrom; **Volunteers:** Ora Fraser, Lois Paterson, Denis Ottewell, Richard Dopson

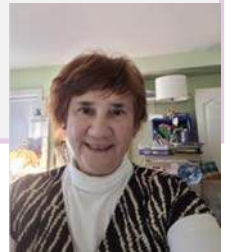
Delegates (5) to BCRTA AGM : Dave Ellis, Les Rowe, Edie Wood + 2 spaces (Alternates: Karin Bernauer, Norma Westrom)

Delegates (4) to COSCO: Barb Mikulec, Les Rowe, Edie Wood + 1 Vacancy.

AGENDA FOR 2025

1. President's welcome & Land acknowledgement
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of AGM of June 5, 2024
4. Reports:
 - a) President's Annual report: Ros Kellett
 - b) Treasurer's Financial Report & Proposed Budget: Dave Ellis
Motion: That the membership fee for VRTA remain at \$12.00.
 - c) TABLOID Editors: Maseh Rostaqi & Ros Kellett
 - d) Committee Reports: In MAY TABLOID— to be received by AGM.
5. Election of the Executive for 2025-2026
Nominations Report: Edith Wood
Thanks to retiring Executive members and volunteers
6. VRTA Delegates to Other organizations
Names to be announced at meeting
 - a) Five Delegates to the Conference & AGM of the BCR-TA Sept. 25 to 27, 2024
 - b) Four Delegates to the COSCO monthly meetings
 - c) Two Delegates each to COSCO & NPF Conferences.
7. New Business
8. Announcements; Adjournment; Door Prize

President's Report



What a busy year it has been! It started in June with saying Farewell to our secretary of over 20 years, Denis Ottewell. A most competent fellow who took minutes, handled the correspondence, designed and sent out Reminder notices for our Lunches, expert on our policies and a valuable assistant chairperson. He was a public speaker, often an MC at our events with a joke or two up his sleeve. He rescued us at meetings by bringing his sound system with speakers and a mic so we could set up in various locations more easily and for a cheaper price. WE STILL MISS HIM!

Taking over as President, without a 1st VP or Secretary, we felt the giant hole in our organization. But we were a determined executive, held together by a bevy of keen past Presidents and five new executive members, who worked hard and achieved a lot. I gained valuable experience and developed new friends.

At the end of June of 2024 we went to Point Roberts to plan our next

year, benefiting from the hospitality of Brenna and Dave Ellis. We proposed to deliver: cheaper lunches, more variety of meeting spots to include more easterly locations, more variety of workshop topics and venues. Please READ the AGM reports of the Social Convenor, Lizette Pappas, and Workshop Assistant, Barb Mikulec, to see how well we succeeded in drawing in more and different members with activities and field trips. The field trips – to VSB Archives & Heritage site and to the Baking kitchens of the Greek Hellenic Centre under the guidance of chef Lizette Pappas– were popular even though only a limited number of us could attend. Both these trips were inspired by a single individual stepping forward to push for the event, working hard and getting great support from the rest of the executive. One of my regrets was: not putting on a member-produced Travel show nor a Bike/ Swim event for members. Perhaps we will do a summer event?!! Four lunches, six workshop activities, five formal executive meetings and

monthly subcommittee meetings has kept us very busy – and it's time to give the Executive a break!

For this next year, we plan to set up another year of monthly events of high interest to members. In September and October there will be three big conferences, to which we will send delegates: BCRTA; COSCO and NPF. Would you like to join us on the executive? We need an assistant membership analyst. Do you like to write up meeting notes? We are looking for a recording secretary or two: we will accept two folk to do this job if that allows this important position to be filled. Or just want to get to know more about the VRTA? We are looking for another member at large person.

I want to thank our remarkable executive and volunteers who helped make this year so interesting and fun. We will acknowledge each of them at our June 10 AGM. Please do JOIN us for lunch!

-Rosalind Kellett

Membership Numbers

As of April 30, 2025 there are 1348 active members, including 153 life members (over 90 years of age or the spouse of a deceased life member). 14 new members joined VRTA since January 1 whereas 51 members did not renew (DNR) by September 2024 and are no longer receiving POSTSCRIPT. Some of these have taken the one FREE year and not renewed; others have joined as far back as 1996 yet did not renew last Fall..

Bernard & Vreni Morel





Report on Workshops & Field Trips

1. FALL Field trip – Nov. 12 - A tour of the **Vancouver School Board Archives & Heritage** area, led by Derek Grant took 6 VRTA members underground to learn more about their volunteer work and explore files regarding schools at which they taught.

2. **Money Smarts For Seniors** – Nov. 22 - gave an overview on money management, protection, banking and borrowing. The speaker was Barb Mikulec and the location at St. Thomas Hall on East 41 st Avenue in Vancouver.

3. **SPRING The Hearing Difficulties workshop** – Jan 28 - drew a large crowd of Vancouver Retired teachers and their partners/friends to the renowned Wavefront Centre. Audiologist Ellie Fedec led the presentation, discussion and later

tour of the quiet, well designed “fully-accessible” site. .

4. A hands-on **Baking Greek Bread workshop** – April 1- was led by our social convenor, Lizette Pappas at the Hellenic Centre. Five VRTA members participated, along with over 30 other eager participants, each of us taking home a warm loaf of Greek bread we had made ourselves.

5. The **Falls Prevention** workshop – April 22 - was based on the COSCO-supported SHWI (Seniors Health and Wellness Institute) resource centre and led by volunteer Barb Mikulec at the Kerrisdale Community Centre. The alarming impact of falls on seniors and how to protect oneself was reviewed and safeguards recommended.

6. A Workshop on **Pensions and**

Group Benefits was presented by Al Cornes, BCTF Trustee on the Teachers' Pension Plan committee on May 20 at the BCTF building.

We go to great efforts to find spaces and speakers for workshops for free, yet we find we need to take on the costs of renting space, perhaps with a kitchen and/or using a microphone and projector for presentations. Booking a speaker can be difficult as well as SHWI have 47 “ready to go workshops” yet a limited number of presenters.

If interested in becoming a presenter for SHWI (one gets free training and all travel expenses covered when presenting), email: president@seniorshelpingseniors.ca and check the website www.seniorshelpingseniors.ca

- **Barb Mikulec & Ros Kellett**

Social Convenor's Report

Being social convenor for the Vancouver Retired Teachers Association has been a true pleasure. We hold four lunches a year at different locations throughout the city that are easily accessible and with ample parking. I feel these lunches are very important, as they offer various benefits. They provide opportunities to connect with colleagues, build new friendships, and foster a sense of belonging. They provide a space for interaction, storytelling and shared experiences. Eating with others offers a time of relaxation and promotes a sense of community. Other benefits are the information provided by the Speakers regarding our pensions, news from the BCRTA, travel opportunities, insurances, and health benefits etc.

Our first lunch -**September 9-**

Welcome Back - at Trocadero Restaurant where we were served an amazing sit-down Greek luncheon. Our speaker was from SENIORS FIRST - LINDA YAUKE

Winter/Christmas Luncheon - **December 10** – at Fraserview Golf Clubhouse - Turkey dinner with all the trimmings - Impromptu Speaker - AL CORNES, then a most delightful choir and sing-along followed. The proceeds from this luncheon go to the Friends of the VRTA awards under the umbrella of the RR Smith Memorial Fund Foundation.

Spring Luncheon - **February 28** – at Langara Golf Clubhouse - a most delicious buffet - Speakers - BCRTA PRESIDENT CAROLINE MALM and JOHNSON INSURANCE Manager - LISA HANSEN



Summer Lunch & AGM - **June 10** – at Royal Vancouver Yacht Club – Local and

Sustainable buffet with wild B.C. ling cod and ravioli. The AGM includes the AGM of the FRIENDS OF THE VRTA and to entertain us, the Friday Afternoon Choir with their beautiful voices and guitar accompaniment. See you there!

I encourage you all to come and join us for these most lovely lunches where you will find friends, good times, information and a very wonderful atmosphere.

- **Lizette Pappas**



Website Committee Report

www.vrta.ca



The committee met at least 4 times online to update the website each time for the major lunches of the year. Our technical website manager, Vanessa Cleary, continued to do an outstanding job updating the software framework of our Drupal website, preparing the Eventbrite link and giving good advice. The website has lots of

potential to expand and be more useful. Have you an interest in the history of your former school and how it grew? In featuring stories of some of our notable VRТА members? A blog to permit retirees to easily connect with each other? If this interests you, please contact the Website committee to join. We would particularly welcome

those of you who are already familiar with creating websites and wish to improve and create pages on ours!

Thanks to committee members: Barbara Mikulec, Norma Westrom, Winola Chu, and Ros Kellett.

**-Ros Kellett,
Website coordinator**

TABLOID Editors' Report

Since June of 2024, four TABLOID have been produced for printing and mailout through Canada Post to around 500 members and to our 800 or so Internet membership. Lilly Lin edited the AUGUST TABLOID then left to work fulltime on her studies. Meanwhile, Ros signed up to use Constant Contact, a digital marketing platform that many nonprofits find useful for producing eMail newsletters. It has proven to be easier to use than Microsoft publishing program to format images and produce a newsletter. We

pay a monthly fee to use this program and get online and phone help during weekdays to "fix" any problems we have, such as making the publication more attractive.

Ros edited the NOVEMBER 2024 and FEBRUARY 2025 TABLOIDS. In March we advertised for an Editor and Communications officer via LinkedIn, interviewed 5 of the 20 plus applicants and then we hired Masseh Rostaqi, as of April 2025. Masseh brings a wealth of experience in digital news and social media. He is keen to set up some

VRТА social media accounts to promote our organization and attract higher turnouts. He proposes to start with a FACEBOOK page. He has plans for a workshop, *Staying Safe using Social Media*. Masseh and Ros edited the MAY 2025 TABLOID.

Going forward, we hope to use Constant Contact to produce printable TABLOIDS 4 times a year with monthly Tab News in between those months.

-Masseh Rostaqi, Ros Kellett

Report from the Nominations Chairperson

-Edith Wood

Nominated for Table Officers 2025/26:

President: Ros Kellett

First VP:: Karin Bernauer

Second VP: Lizette Pappas

Secretary: **OPEN**

Treasurer: Dave Ellis

Editor (appointed): Masseh Rostaqi

Membership: Bernard & Vreni Morel

ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP: **OPEN**

Website Coordinator: **OPEN**

Members at Large: (5) Winola Chu

Barb Mikulec Les Rowe

Diane Smith Norma Westrom

Past President: Edie Wood

Volunteers: Ora Fraser, Lois Paterson,

Ali Pollard



Treasurer's Report and Budget for 2025-2026

This financial summary represents the state of the VRTA Branch as of May 15, 2025. Our revenue increased slightly over the previous year due to increased income from the cost of lunches and the bank interest earned. The attendance for the lunches has remained about the same as last year. Our expenses have decreased with less being spent on the newsletter and the website compared to last year. Also, there was no 2024 National Pensioner's Federation (NPF)

conference this year.

For the Budget for the coming year, we anticipate that the income will remain much the same, and the expenses will be increased. There will be an NPF convention and a COSCO conference this Fall. The proposed budget should leave the VRTA with a healthy balance by the end of June 2026.

Respectfully submitted, **Dave Ellis**, Treasurer

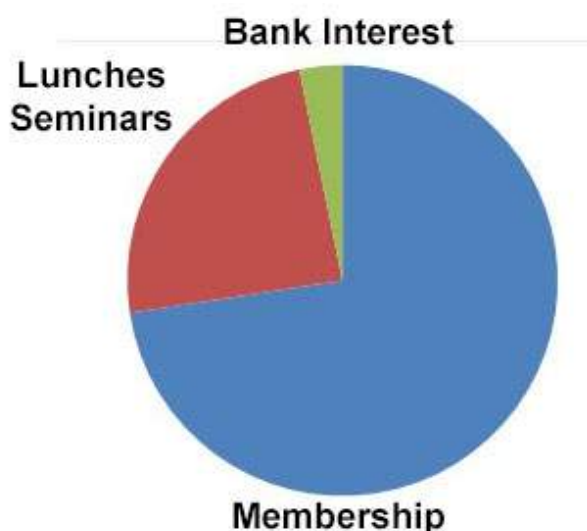
Current Assets

As of May 15, 2025

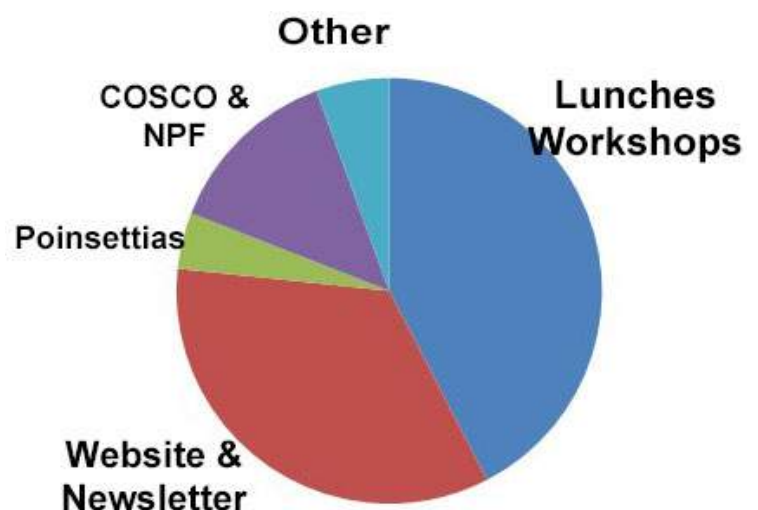
Cheq & Save	\$2,552
Terms	\$17,000
TOTAL	\$19,552

Budget 2025-2026 Financial Charts

*Where our money
will come from...*



*How our money will
be spent*



The Financial Report and Budget in Detail

Budget for 2025-2026

Based on actual revenue and expenditure to May 15, 2025; estimated May 15 to June 30, 2025, revenue and expenditure. VRTA financial year goes from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

	Budget 2024-2025	Actual 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
Income			
Membership	\$13,500	\$13,176	\$13 500
Lunches/Seminars	\$4,500	\$5,250	\$4 500
Bank Interest	\$600	\$929	\$600
Total Income	\$18,600	\$19,355	\$18 600
Expenses			
Luncheons	\$10,000	\$6,480	\$9,500
Workshops/Seminars	\$400	\$365	\$400
Newsletter (4 issues)	\$7,500	\$3,337	\$6,000
-Honourarium		\$400	
-Printing & mailing		\$2,937	
-Materials		\$0	
Poinsettia	\$1,000	\$814	\$1,000
COSCO- membership	\$300	\$300	\$300
-conference			\$1,000
-wellness inst - speakers	\$500	\$500	\$500
NPF- membership	\$350	\$350	\$350
-convention expenses			\$1,000
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$263	\$500
-Zoom subscription		\$0	
-Envelopes & stamps		\$0	
-Gifts		\$34	
-Executive lunch		\$229	
Speakers	\$200	\$0	\$200
Web Site	\$2,500	\$701	\$2,000
-Technical Support hours		\$390	
- Hosting & Dom. Licenses		\$311	
Office and Administration	\$200	\$0	\$200
Recruitment	\$400	\$105	\$400
Total Expenses	\$23,850	\$13,215	\$23,350
Gain (Loss) for year	-\$5,250	\$6,140	-\$4,750

2025 Annual General Meeting

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.

Minutes of 6TH AGM of FOVRTA -2024

-June 5, 2024—Called to order at 11:45 am. M/SC -agenda and minutes of the previous meeting (June 8, 2023) **REPORTS:** President, Ros Kellett, - a successful fundraising lunch in December 2023 pushed the fund over \$28,000. In April the Board approved providing the UBC Awards Department with \$2000 with one \$1000 going as an Education Bursary and another \$1000 going to a Nursing student studying geriatrics. Plans were underway to donate \$2000 to SFU Awards Department. However, this entire amount was to be given to one student entering the Education faculty, not two students.

Treasurer Dave Ellis then gave his report, stating that the fund, as of Dec. 2023, was at: \$28,411. Excitedly, he reported that he had received a cheque for \$10,000 from an anonymous VRTA member. Elections were held (see Results below) and the meeting adjourned at noon.

DIRECTORS for 2024-25 Winola Chu; Dave Ellis, Susan Harman, Rosalind Kellett; Norma Westrom, Lizette Pappas. All six were acclaimed.

Prepared with help from Norma Westrom

President's Report 2025

This work is such fun as it is wonderful to see our scholarship fund grow and three students have been helped in the past year to continue their studies free of debt worries! We are especially thankful for the anonymous benefactor who donated \$10,000 last year so the fund grows faster with increased annual interest deposits. The fund gave out \$4000 to three students: two at UBC and one at SFU. The one at SFU was for \$2000, as required by their Awards department. We plan to provide a second SFU Award in gerontology studies in the future.

Thanks to our Board members for their devotion and especially treasurer, Dave Ellis, for his recordkeeping and work with the Vancity Community/RR Smith Foundation Fund. Their treasurer, Jim Reid, and President, Barb Mikulec, make it easy to transfer the funds when required. If you would like to join this fun group, please contact Dave or myself.

—Ros Kellett

**Donate to the
scholarship
fund today!**

FOVRTA AGM Agenda 2025

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

1. **Minutes** of 2024 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)

Number of FOVRTA AWARDS given 2024-May, 2025:

UBC—(1) Education

UBC—(1) Nursing in Geriatrics

SFU—(1) Education

Treasurer's Report

Balance Dec. 2023	\$28,411
UBC Awards May 2024	(\$2,000)
Balance May 2024	\$26,461
Donations May-Dec 2024	\$3,000
SFU Award June 2024	(\$2,000)
Interest 2024	\$1,096
UBC Awards May 2025	(\$2,000)
Balance May 2025	\$28,557

—Dave Ellis

Live Stage Offerings

May to August 2025



JOKES

-from the Internet

Prepared by Winola
Chu



The **Arts Club Theatre summer** offerings include the hilarious musical Waitress at the Stanley Theatre which runs from June 12th to August 3rd. At the Granville Island Stage The Mousetrap, the famous murder mystery by Agatha Christie, runs from June 26th to August 10th. Show times for both Stages are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Saturdays at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Visit artsclub.com or phone 604-687-1812.

The **Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival** runs this year from June to September. Main Stage offerings include Much Ado About Nothing and The Two Gentlemen of Verona. The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged) (revised) (again) and The Dark Lady will be performed on the Douglas

Campbell Stage.

Visit bardonthebeach.org or phone 604-737-0825.

Broadway Across Canada is offering Disney's The Lion King at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre from August 27th to September 14th. The Lion King is recommended for ages six and up and its duration time is two hours and thirty minutes with one intermission. For more information visit vancouver.broadway.com

Theatre Under the Stars starts June 27th and runs until August 16th. The two musicals this year include Charlie and The Chocolate Factory and Legally Blonde, The Musical. Both are recommended for children eight and up due to some dark scenes.

Contact info@tuts.ca or phone 604-734-1917.

By - **Ora Fraser**

1. Why was the meeting held in a cave?
2. Why did the computer join the meeting?
3. What's the best way to handle a long meeting?
4. Why is teamwork important?
5. Why did the treasurer break up with their budget?
6. Why do we "nod off to sleep" in the meeting?
7. What do you call a meeting with no agenda?

Answers:

1. Because it was a brainstorm session
2. Because it wanted to byte into the discussion.
3. Don't attend it.
4. It helps to put the blame on some one else.
5. It was too taxing
6. So to look like we are just emphatically agreeing whenever we are in a boring Meeting.
7. A nap!

**THEME & DEADLINE for the
NEXT ISSUE - Friday
July 28 2025**

**What makes you happiest
in the summer?**

Write up please, 100 words
would be much appreciated.



**LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR**

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or

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Add name, email address &
phone number. Keep under
150 words; they may be edit-
ed for length and clarity

NEW EDITOR APPOINTED

Hello! This is **Masseh Abdullah Rostaqi**. I came to Canada as a permanent resident (PR) with my wife in January 2022 and settled in Vancouver, where our twins were born; now 3 years old. Yes, we are blessed with a girl and a boy.



New Editor, Masseh Rostaqi, (right)

I grew up in the beautiful mountainous city of Kabul, Afghanistan, and have worked in communications and public outreach with various organizations focused on humanitarian missions, either directly or indirectly. This includes working as a project manager with the Afghan Women Education Center.

So far, I have traveled to India, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Albania for study, work-related, and leisure purposes. I enjoy traveling and experiencing different cultures.

My educational journey started with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism, then a Postgraduate Diploma in New Media, sparking my interest in humanitarian studies. I completed my master's in South Asian Studies and a Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights. I am glad to work with and attend VRTA events, and I have plans to improve the outreach of the VRTA organization. Your engagement and feedback are vital for this purpose. This brings me to the golden question, do you use social media? If yes, which ones? Would you please write to us:

editortabloid@gmail.com

-Masseh

HAS YOUR POSTAL OR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGED?

Laurie Boyd of the BCRTA prefers that you contact her 604 871-2260 directly or using the ONLINE Form. <https://bcrta.ca/update-member-info/>
Please NOTIFY VRTA membership: mofam604@outlook.com.

Volunteers wanted:

Vancouver Children's Festival

Monday May 26 to Sun. June 1

Volunteer: Minimum hours 14 – with two shifts <https://www.childrensfestival.ca/about/volunteer-application-form/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WAVEFRONT OPEN HOUSE

Wed. May 28 – 1 pm to 4 pm

2005 Quebec Street, Van.

Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility

REGISTRATION LINK BELOW:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/2-wavefront-centre-open-house-national-accessability-week--2025>

BCRTA Conference & AGM—

-Thur. to Sat. Sept 25 to 27

-At Hyatt Airport Hotel
in Richmond

COSCO Conference

-Sat to Sun Oct 4 to 5

-In Richmond

The National Pensioners Federation (NPF) Convention

-Sun to Tues. Oct 5 to 7

-In Richmond

REGISTRATION FOR TUES. JUNE 10 –11:00 AM to 2 PM -AGM & LUNCH

the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, 3811 Point Grey Road

Name(s): _____

Ph: _____ Email: _____

Enclose cheque for ____ attendee(s) @ \$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 Thursday June 5. TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT