



ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



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Everyone,

Summer is here—yippee! Time for patio lunches, beach picnics and lazy days reading a book or magazine with a cold drink close at hand. Gardeners can enjoy putting around the garden, pulling a few weeds and enjoy the beauty of their flowers or eating their vegetables and fruit. Many of us like to stay active by walking, cycling, jogging, swimming or playing net sports all year long. It just seems more cheerful when the sun is shining. Car trips to see the forest, mountains or the ocean or even a community that you have never visited are always so much fun. Summer is so great, don't you agree?

The ATU Gala will be held on Friday, June 20th out at Harrison Hot Springs. Doreen Petersen and I will be there to welcome the new retirees to retirement. It is always a surprise for us because we are not given the names of the new retirees until we arrive, due to privacy concerns. The names of the other retirees who are not able to attend the Gala are never given to us. I do send a letter to them through the ATU office welcoming them and encouraging them to join our organization. If you know of someone retiring, please ask them to get ahold of me or someone on our executive so that we can make human contact!

This year the To Hell with the Bell is on September 2, 2025. You can start letting me (gloriaadam@shaw.ca; 604-854-6194) know if you plan to attend as I will be taking names all summer. It will be at Bradner Hall at 9:30 am for coffee/tea/visiting and brunch will be served at 10:00 am with an introduction by those two old hippies, Flower and Harmony.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

Gloria

Prez



"What happens in swimwear, stays in swimwear."



The Gulf of Georgia Cannery

Our June 4th field trip to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery in Steveston was really interesting. Our guide, Jamie was very enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the process of canning salmon but she also intertwined the history of our province in with the development of the whole industry and how much has changed in the last 130 years.

We learned all about how the Indigenous, Chinese, Japanese and Europeans had to learn to all work together to achieve common goals. The presentation lasted about 90 minutes and it was well worthwhile!

I would highly recommend going there to learn more about our history as well as the development of the beautiful little town of Steveston in Richmond. We will offer this field trip again in a few years to those who weren't able to come.

After the presentation, we all scattered to find lunch in the various restaurants in the town. There was time to poke around the cute shops and maybe even get an ice cream cone. We were driven by our excellent bus driver, Daryll Pollack who got us home on time at 4 p. m. Here are some photos of our day:





Meet our ADRTA 2025 Bursary Recipient: Kayla

My name is Kayla Castonguay and for post-secondary I intend on going to The University of the Fraser Valley.

I was more than lucky to have been accepted into the school, as for the longest time it was so out of concept for me to be even applying.

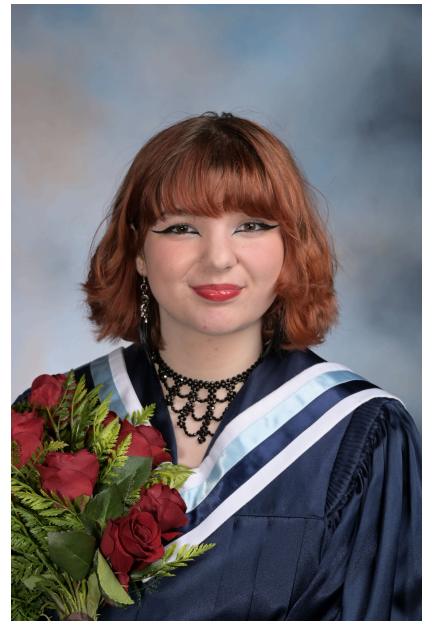
For my future courses I plan on studying creative writing and possibly journalism if I am able to.

Ever since I was a little kid I have been obsessed with creating stories of my own and the only thing I've felt a strong passion for is writing in some capacity. Writing in fictional realms or writing in academic/factual forms has always been a keen interest to me, and I've found different ways of self-expression and creative writing since I was 10-11 years old.

I was inspired to possibly pick up journalism due to my mother insisting on us watching the show *Gilmore Girls* together. Although I did not enjoy the show, nor any of the characters, I did find myself enjoying the idea of working as a journalist in some capacity (depending on where I end up).

I have three older brothers, but I can only really look up to two of them. My brothers didn't go to University but two of them have managed to create stable careers for themselves and have been able to own places for themselves. They have done nothing but praise me for all that I've created for myself, and they encourage me to keep going.

My inspirations have always been friends and family, and as the future I was so scared of as a kid is coming closer and closer to being present, I am so glad to have different support systems to rely on. My friends will experience the same things as me, my family will get to watch me with pride, and I will get to experience something new and that excites me and terrifies me all the same. This opportunity is a dream, and I hope to make the most of what I am being given.





**"I found a good job for the summer.
I'm a grief counselor in a swimsuit store."**



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