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PQRTA Newsletter

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Our Year-End Luncheon & AGM was a success.

Although we were missing some of our stalwarts, all those who attended agreed that the food was delicious, the atmosphere was warm and bright and good cheer prevailed at the Parksville Legion on June 18th, 2025

Shortly after we finished the sumptuous homemade dessert of strawberry shortcake (!!) our President Judy Stewart got the AGM underway. After brief opening procedures and important updates from BCRTA, each member of the executive shared oral and/or written reports on their activities this past year, which highlighted what a busy bunch of women they are.

Perhaps the biggest highlight of the proceedings was the addition of a new member to the executive in **Shelagh Cook**, who will take on the role of Sunshine Chair, keeping our Life Members well taken care of. The meeting flew by and was concluded in less than one hour, start to finish.

And congratulations go to **Jacqueline Schulz**, who won the door prize draw and will be attending our to Hell With the Bell event on September 2nd for FREE!

To Hell with the Bell

Labour Day falls early this year, so our annual **To Hell with the Bell** event will be on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Location: Ricky's Restaurant 1480 Huntley Road, Parksville

Time: Doors open at 10:00 a.m.

Brunch served at 11:00 a.m.

Register at pqtaevents@gmail.com or call 250-248-0412

Registration Opens on **Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

Deadline for registration is **Friday, August 29th**

And remember that you could be like Jacqueline Schulz, who won the door prize draw at our Year-End Event in June for a free registration to the next event. You could be our next lucky winner...but you have to attend to win it!



OCEANSIDE RETIRED EDUCATORS' SCHOLARSHIP (ORES) Report for July 2025

Late in the spring, the seven members of the ORES Committee met to review the eight scholarship applications from Oceanside area graduates. To choose from the worthy student applicants, the committee used the following criteria:

- Graduates with excellent academic standing who are entering into a program of studies in Education at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution
- Included a completed ORES application form that included 2 or 3 references and an up-to-date record of grade 11 & 12 marks
- Showed some work experience with school and/or community participation in extra-curricular activities
- When qualified, graduates intend to become educators in British Columbia

At the end of June, Oceanside Retired Educators' scholarships were awarded to three graduate students from Qualicum School District #69, as follows:

1. **Ballenas Secondary School:** \$1000 to **Andie-Mae McFayden** who plans to attend Vancouver Island University to receive her Bachelor of Education in hopes of teaching elementary school or high school teacher of children with special challenges.

2. **Kwalikum Secondary School:** \$1000 to **Daisy McBride** who is also planning to attend Vancouver Island University to receive her Bachelor of Education to teach younger children.

3. **Parksville Alternate Secondary School (PASS):** \$700 to **Pheonix Compton** who plans to enroll in the Early Childhood Education program at North Island College.

These three high school graduates need to provide satisfactory evidence of enrollment before the scholarship money is transferred to their chosen institution and they have two years to access these funds.

We wish the best of luck to these future educators!

Respectfully submitted from the Oceanside Retired Educators' Scholarship Committee:

- Eileen Butts
- Sylvain Chapdelaine
- Debbie DeBuysscher
- Judy Stewart
- Marian Taudin-Chabot
- Cathy Van Herwaarden
- Diane Williams



Happy Summer!!

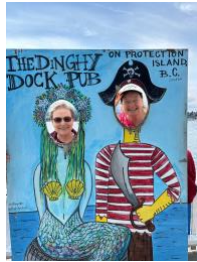
Just for Fun

So in the last week of June, we went for LUNCH at the *Dinghy Dock Pub* on Protection Island, just for fun!

It was a smaller-than-anticipated group due to last-minute health issues, but we got lucky with the weather (again), enjoyed a delicious lunch (some with wine!) and those of us who did attend had fun (which was the whole point!).



New friendships were formed



Some frivolity ensued



Scenery was admired



the Captain and 1st mate kept us safe

So I will be taking a break from planning Just for Fun activities for PQRTA, as my summer will already be chock-a-block full of fun activities like camping in Penticton with my sister and taking an old friend from Germany on an action-packed tour through B.C., from Parksville & Tofino to the Rocky Mountains, and ending up walking on fossils in Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta, before she flies from Calgary to her next destination on her very first trip to North America. So looking forward to it!

I will resume Just for Fun activities in the fall, with more visits to places on the island I have not yet been. Look for details in the September newsletter!

See you in September...

If your address, phone number or email address changes, please contact us at partapresident@gmail.com OR BCRTA at office@bcrt.ca) to update your contact information. Thank You

PQRTA Executive

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