



Delta Retired Teachers' Association Newsletter

THE TRUANT

August 2025

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

DRTA "No Bell" LUNCHEON

Guest Presenter – *Gerry Tiede* on BCRTA Travel Options and Offerings

Date: *Wednesday, September 3, 2025*

Time: *11:30 am to 2:00 pm (meal served at 12:30)*

Place: *Sharkey's Seafood Bar & Grill*

4953 Chisholm St. at the Ladner Government Wharf

(outdoor riverside tables under umbrellas; indoor dining room if rain)

Menu Choices:

- 1. Wrap (prawns, salmon, chicken or vegetarian)*
- 2. Pasta (seafood, chicken chorizo, or vegetarian)*
- 3. Fish & Chips (cod)*

Welcome non-alcoholic drink, as well as coffee, tea, or juice/soft drinks are included with the meal at the subsidized cost. Other beverages are available at your cost.

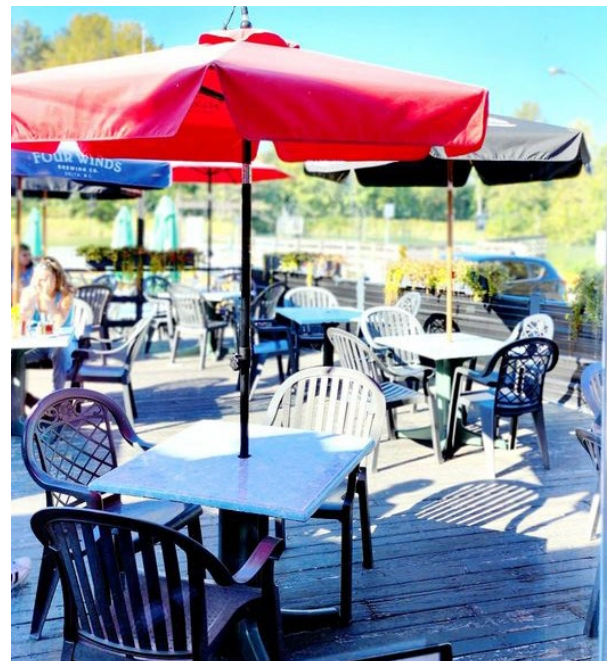
COST (subsidized by DRTA) Members \$25

Non-members \$30 Payment by CASH ONLY

RSVP *with your food choice to*

Yvonne Chard deltaevents@gmail.com

RSVP Deadline *is August 29, 2025. Invite a guest. Gift Certificates to be won.*



President's Message

DRTA is ready for another new term with a full slate of Board Members elected and Committee Chairs appointed (refer to the list in this and every Truant issue) at our recent Spring Luncheon and AGM in May. We may even have two more candidates to be elected as Members-at-Large at the next luncheon. Furthermore, three delegates were elected to attend the BCRTA Conference/AGM on September 25 – 27 at the Hilton Hotel in Richmond: Val Windsor (Secretary), Carryl Koe (Communication Chair) and myself. Please contact DRTA if you're interested in being an Alternate Delegate. Pat Thiesen will attend as BCRTA Director.

The term began with the very busy month of June. Vice-President Pat Thiesen and I connected with new retirees at the DTA Retirement Celebration and the Delta School District Retirement Event. (Please invite any new retirees you know to join BCRTA/DRTA.) Also in June and for the very first time, Pat and I had the honour of attending commencement ceremonies, at the invitation of the Delta School District, to present the Retired Teachers of Delta Scholarship Awards to this year's two deserving recipients: Kiera Hodgins (Delview) and Makena Johnson (Burnsview). Many thanks to all who contributed to the fund.

DRTA Board have been busy planning this year's events. Upcoming is our No Bell Luncheon set for September 3rd at Sharkey's in Ladner. We have invited Gerry Tiede (Former BCRTA President) to give a brief overview of the BCRTA travel offers.

Other events are in the works. There will be a very special day trip on October 8th to Galiano Island for lunch and printmaking session, hosted by our very own Peter Scurr and Kit Grauer. The Christmas Lunch will be on December 3rd and the Spring Luncheon/AGM on May 13th, 2026. Please mark your calendars. There will be more details to come. Future Pop-up Events such as a games afternoon and a day trip/bus tour in early March are being considered. Please stay tuned.

We hope you'll join us at our upcoming No Bell Luncheon and/or other events. (One complimentary lunch is offered to all new members and those 80+.) We also welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Annie Coblin, President

Your Current (2025-26) Delta Retired Teachers' Association Board

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President	Annie Coblin
Vice-President	Pat Thiesen
Secretary	Val Windsor
Treasurer	Lois Wilkinson
Past President	Peter Yang
Members-at-Large	Yvonne Chard and Suzan Egan-Olsen
Truant Editor	Pat Thiesen (deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com)

DRTA Committees and Committee Chairs

Social:	Yvonne Chard
Communications:	Carryl Koe
Membership:	Pat Thiesen
Christmas Outreach:	Debbie Wheatley
Heritage:	Peter Scurr



DRTA Board meeting following May 2025 Luncheon and AGM.

Clockwise from bottom left are Members-at-Large Suzan Egan-Olsen and Yvonne Chard, President Annie Coblin, Communications Chair Carryl Koe, Past-President Peter Yang, Vice-President Pat Thiesen and Secretary Val Windsor.

DRTA Board Meeting

Five Board members met at the DTA office on June 25.

Business items included:

- One free lunch per year will be provided for members who are 80 or older
- Board and committee members will have a complimentary lunch provided at the May meeting
- BCRTA sent out 18,000 letters to non- members. Of the 1,100 who signed up, 13 are from Delta
- The BCRTA's Extended Health Plan with Johnson Insurance (currently called BelAirDirect Insurance) will be renamed under a comprehensive group of Dogwood identifiers effective January 2026.
- The next luncheon is Wednesday, September 3 from 11:30 to 2:00 at Sharkey's in Ladner. A Poster with the details will be sent out in August.
- A day trip to Galiano is planned for October 8. Peter Scurr and Kit Grauer will host a printmaking session (maximum 20). Lunch provided by DTA. Announcement Poster coming out following September Luncheon.
- Another bus tour to Victoria (or other destination) is planned some time before Spring Break. Details to follow later in the year.
- Christmas Lunch scheduled for December 3 and the Spring Lunch for May 13, 2026.

Respectfully submitted, Val Windsor

October Destination: Galiano Island



DRTA Annual Financial Report

Receipts (2024/25)	<u>July-Sept</u>	<u>Oct-Dec.</u>	<u>Jan-Mar</u>	<u>Apr-Jun</u>
Opening balance	\$13,165.54	\$12,335.91	\$14,803.31	\$14,271.96
Lunches	\$60.00		\$25.00	\$20.00
Interest				
BCRTA (mbship fees)		\$4,064.00		
BCRTA (new members)				
Envision refund for NSF chgs.				
Dividends				
Donations				
Total Receipts	\$13,225.54	\$16,399.91	\$14,828.31	\$14,291.96
Disbursements				
Lunches (Restaurants)	\$428.76	\$1,434.60		\$266.00
Table Centres/prizes	\$72.09		\$182.06	\$182.06
Envelopes & printing	\$32.19		\$13.06	
Gift cards	\$140.00		\$200.00	\$100.00
Name tags	\$77.60			
Spring Truant				\$171.88
Fall Truant	\$76.62	\$99.63		
Canada Post	\$62.37	\$62.37		
Christmas Cards				
AV Rentals			\$161.23	
Paper statement. fee				
Interest chargeback				
Pop up events				
Cheque reorder				
President exp. Lunch				
Total Disbursements	\$889.63	\$1,596.60	\$556.35	\$719.94
Balance	\$12,335.91	\$14,803.31	\$14,271.96	\$13,572.02

“RETIRED TEACHERS OF DELTA” Scholarship Fund

If you would like to support the Retired Teachers of Delta Scholarship Fund, please read the following and use it when donating money to the Fund.

Deadline for submissions, with our thanks, is January 16, 2026.

Send the following information to:

Delta School District,
4585 Harvest Dr.,
Delta BC V4K 5B4
c/o Finance Department

Enclosed is my cheque for \$_____

Name (Please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Please indicate on your cheque that it is for the “Retired Teachers of Delta” scholarship fund. A tax receipt will be issued to you by the Delta School Board for donations of \$25.00 or more.



DRTA President Annie Coblin Congratulates the Retired Teachers Scholarship Recipient Makena Johnson of Burnsvew Secondary School



BCRTA REPORT

May to August 2025

The Table Officers and the Board of Directors have continued to be busy throughout the summer. The past months has seen 4 personnel changes to the staff in the BCRTA office.

Tim Anderson will retire as BCRTA Executive Director on December 31, 2025. Post retirement, Tim will continue to design and produce *PostScript Magazine* on a renewable contract basis. We thank Tim for all he has done to support the Board, Branch Executives, members and staff throughout his seven years with BCRTA. We are pleased to confirm that Tim will work alongside the new Executive Director for a four-month transition period from September 1 to December 31, 2025.

We are especially pleased to announce that **Lisa Hansen** will join BCRTA staff as our new Executive Director on September 1, 2025. Lisa brings comprehensive knowledge of the insurance industry and, through her extensive Branch visits including the DRTA over the past few years, she is well acquainted with BCRTA. Lisa will work alongside Tim until his retirement takes effect.

Replacing Amberlee, our former front office receptionist, we welcome **Alycia Porges** who has been in the office throughout the summer to assist members. In May, **Julian Carrier** joined our team in the position of Media Coordinator. Julian is working to strengthen BCRTA's online presence on Facebook, Instagram, Blue Sky, X and YouTube.

Extensive planning for the 2025 BCRTA Conference and AGM (slated for the end of September) has been led by BCRTA's 2nd VP David Denyer and has continued throughout the summer. Delta's delegates, Annie Coblin, Carryl Koe, and Val Windsor can look forward to a busy few days.

In June, ACER-CART held its "between years" meeting in Saskatoon. President Caroline Malm, 2nd VP David Denyer, BCRTA ED Tim Anderson, and ACER-CART Past-President Gerry Tiede attended for the BCRTA. The scope of the discussions included enhanced Pharmacare and Dental Care, issues surrounding Aging-in-Place, financial security in retirement, and Age-Friendly Communities.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Thiesen, Retiring BCRTA Director

DRTA Trip to Britannia Shipyard – June 23, 2025



Enjoying the atmosphere at the Historic Britannia Shipyard

Annie, thank you for organizing this pop-pop picnic and ordering the perfect food and weather.

The explanation of the area is the most detailed account I have heard, and the personal touches were enlightening.

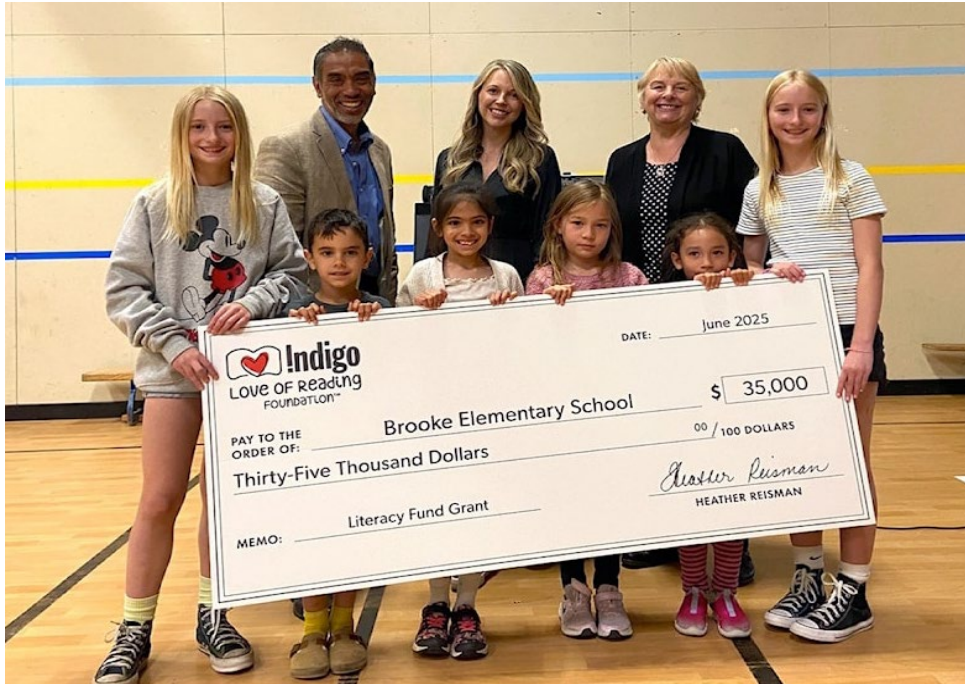
Just hope that next time there'll be more shows and fewer no shows.

Have a wonderful summer and take care.

Frithjof....



Congratulations, Brooke Elementary!



Staff, students and guests gathered for a special school assembly on June 2nd, 2025 to celebrate a major achievement: **the school had been awarded a \$35,000 grant from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation.**

The money will be used to increase student and community literacy engagement by expanding reading choices and updating their book collections and to strengthen community ties with author visits and literacy events involving families. The initiative was spear-headed by teacher-librarian Mrs. C. D'Aoust, who outlined a comprehensive literacy plan for using the funds. The announcement assembly was attended by school board chair Joe Muego, vice-chair Val Windsor, and trustee Erica Beard, along with the district's Superintendent of Schools Doug Sheppard.

Change of Address or Circumstance or Service Provider?

Did you change your email or make other address changes?

Here's what we need from you ... Email or call the BCRTA:

BCRTA - office@bcrt.com

Phone: 604.871.2260

And/Or

Email Membership Chair (Pat Thiesen): deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com

Lucky Spring '25 Luncheon Prize Winners



Join Us September 3rd for Your Chance to Win!

Our Members Write



A Fond Farewell

Coin de Banc, PQ

A grey mantle embalms the mountain tops
Like a clammy ghost - only to leave a tiny rift
Between the hills....

Allowing us to lift off direction home port: Montreal.
Full throttle twin pistons roar, another modern miracle
Separates from Earth to touch the canopy of grey.

Our earthly ties are broken,
The bonds of youth severed - FOREVER!
And soon a window to the sea reveals the everlasting rush
Of sand and surf, reminding us of our MORTALITY.

Many moons have passed wandering these shores,
And many moons may pass before we touch
This beach again.

MEMORIES remain where once we lived and loved.
Technology of flight allows us to return as tourists,
But we cannot relive the past,
As we are blown in all directions hoping to land
SOMEWHERE,
And call it HOME.
Fare thee well land of my youth,
Fare thee well.

Frithjof...

The original was written at "Coin de Banc" (Perce, Que.) pictured above on July 23, 1993.
Revised in 2024. It was a nostalgic solo trip from my new home in Delta, BC.

5 Key Questions for Considering Seniors Residences

Seniors say they don't want to lose their independence or have a rigid schedule when they leave their home to live in a residence facility. The exact opposite is true, many retirement homes offer flexibility for services such as meals, vacation time, visitors, pets, decorating suites and more. Due to so many factors about making a move, these 5 questions should be answered by both the potential resident and by family.

1. What level of care does my loved one need now, and what might they need in the future? (Consider independent living, assisted living, memory care, or care homes)
2. What is the true cost breakdown, including base fees, add-on services, and potential price increases over time?
3. What is the staff-to-resident ratio, and what are the qualifications and turnover rates of the PSWs and care aides who work there?
4. What social, recreational, and wellness activities are available to maintain quality of life and cognitive health?
5. What are the menu options and how does the residence deal with dietary needs or preferences? Is there assigned seating or is an open-seating option available?

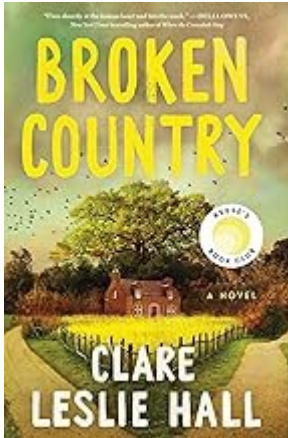
The ideal time to do this research is before thinking a move is necessary. Shop around and visit different homes and find a place that feels right for you.

Retirement homes are not nursing homes, they are a community where you can live an all-inclusive lifestyle, be active and become as involved as you desire, to enjoy retirement living with peace of mind.

Information comes from several retirement homes located in New Westminster, Tsawwassen, Surrey, Langley, and Vancouver.

Recommended Reading for the Autumn Months

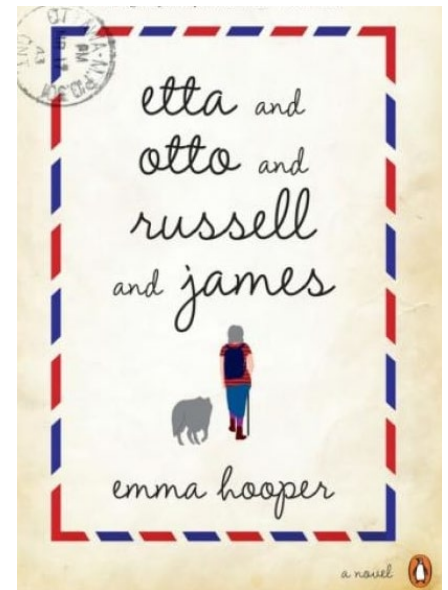
***Broken Country* – Clare Leslie Hall**



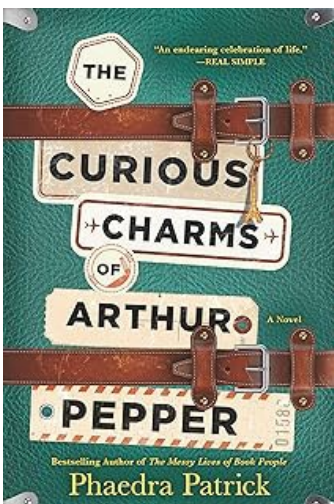
Beth is married to Frank, her kind farmer husband. Everything changes for them when Beth's brother-in-law shoots a dog going after their sheep. The dog belonged to none other than Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager—the man who broke her heart years ago. As Beth is pulled back into Gabriel's life, tensions around the village rise and dangerous secrets and jealousies from the past resurface, this time with deadly consequences. Beth is forced to make a choice between the woman she once was, and the woman she has become.

***Etta and Otto and Russell and James* - Emma Hooper**

82-year-old Etta decides to walk 3,232 kilometres to Halifax from her farm in Saskatchewan to fulfil her dream of seeing the ocean. With little more than a rusty rifle and a talking coyote named James for company, she begins her adventure, and in the process, her early life with her husband Otto and their friend Russell is revealed in flashbacks. While Russell wants to bring her home safe, she's committed to making her way to the sea and before returning to her husband. The specifics of the plot really fall away compared to emotion. The emotional journey of this book is really the most important element.



***The Curious Case of Arthur Pepper* – Phaedra Patrick**



Sixty-nine-year-old widower Arthur is a man of routine. For the past year since Miriam's death, he's continued getting out of bed at 7:30. Then he puts on the same gray slacks and mustard sweater vest each morning before watering his fern, Frederica.

On the first anniversary of Miriam's death, he finds a charm bracelet that he has never seen before, even after decades of marriage. So he takes a rare step outside his comfort zone when he investigates each charm's origins to learn more about his beloved wife. From London and Paris to India, Arthur has the adventure of a lifetime and meets a fascinating cast of characters along the way. (on Kindle Unlimited)

My Favourite Audio Books this Year, so far



1. *Morality for Beautiful Girls* – Alexander McCall Smith

This is the third book in the multi-million copy bestselling No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. Facing financial trouble, the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency is obliged to move into the same premises as Tlokweng Road Speedy Motors.

2. *A Perfect Spy* – John Le Carré

Magnus Pym, ranking diplomat, has vanished, believed defected. The chase is on for a missing husband, a devoted father, and a secret agent. Pym's life, it is revealed, is entirely made up of secrets.

3. *The Last Thing He Told Me* – Laura Dave

Hannah receives a note from her husband, Owen, who has now gone missing and is not answering any calls. Shortly after, it is released that the software company he works for, The Shop, is under investigation for fraud. Then Bailey, Owen's daughter (Hannah's stepdaughter), comes home from school with a duffel bag with more than \$600k inside left for her by her father.

4. *The Rose Code* – Kate Quinn

1947. As the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip whips post-war Britain into a fever, three friends-turned-enemies are reunited by a mysterious encrypted letter--the key to which lies buried in the long-ago betrayal that destroyed their friendship and left one of them confined to an asylum. An historical fiction masterpiece about women codebreakers during and after WWII, it's an absolute must-read or -listen.

Songs for Setting an Autumn Vibe

Roger Williams "Autumn Leaves" Neil Young "Harvest Moon"

Fleetwood Mac "Landslide" Paul Mauriat – "Love is Blue"

Norah Jones "Don't Know Why" Ed Sheeran "Perfect"

Harry Belafonte "Try To Remember" Adele "Easy On Me"



Fun and Games Pages

A New Trove of Trivia

1. What year was the very first model of the iPhone released?
2. How many films did Sean Connery play James Bond in?
3. What is the longest-running Broadway show?
4. How many parts (screws and bolts included) does the average car have?
5. What is the national dish of Spain?
6. Thor was the son of which God?
7. In Herman Melville's novel "Moby Dick," who was the loyal, reasonable first mate?
8. What fashion fad did the 1983 film "Flashdance" make popular?
9. World War I began with the death of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, of which country?
10. In "The Farmer in the Dell," what did the cat take?

Complete the Old-Fashioned Sayings

- a) If wishes were horses, _____
- b) I love you a bushel and a peck and a _____
- c) You're a day late and a _____
- d) A Thing of beauty is a _____
- e) Good things come to those _____
- f) You can lead a horse to water, but you _____
- g) Don't take any wooden _____
- h) If it ain't broke, _____
- i) Make hay _____
- j) See a man _____
- k) Dumber than _____
- l) Nervous as a _____
- m) The porch lights are on, _____
- n) Happier than _____

I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right, and exercise. But that was four hours ago when I was younger and full of hope.

Cross Out Quotation

	A	B	C	D	E
1	CANINE	CANOE	NETWORK	CARES	ATONED
2	DOWNTOWN	TRIANGLE	POLYGON	VALLEY	CIRCLE
3	BLUE	FREIGHT	WHEN	INFREQUENT	HOUSE
4	TRAIN	TUGBOAT	GOOSE	CHILDREN	HEADLINE
5	SKIFF	PLEASURES	HYDRAFOIL	ACRES	RAFT
6	SIDEWAYS	FRED	BROIL	TROLL	DINO
7	FLIGHT	RACES	ARE	RADII	CACTI
8	SQUARE	EXTEND	BAKE	RECTANGLE	NAMEPLATE
9	BLUE	YACHT	THE	SCAMP	HOUSE
10	BRUSH	WILMA	WHEN	SWEETEST	BETTY

Cross out words in the above table using the instructions. The remaining words should leave you with a quote when read from top to bottom and left to right.

1. **CROSS OUT** compound words in Columns A and E.
2. **CROSS OUT** words containing numbers in Column B and Row 1.
3. **CROSS OUT** words that are still words when the first letter is dropped in Columns A and D.
4. **CROSS OUT** watercraft in Column B and Row 5.
5. **CROSS OUT** words appearing twice in the same column anywhere in the table.
6. **CROSS OUT** geometric figures in Rows 2 and 8.
7. **CROSS OUT** characters from the TV series “The Flintstones” in Rows 6 and 10.
8. **CROSS OUT** anagrams of “scare” in Column D and Row 7.
9. **CROSS OUT** plurals not ending in “s” in Rows 4 and 7.
10. **CROSS OUT** ways to cook food in Column C.

Quotation: _____.

What's the Hink Pink? Guess the word pairs based on the Hink Pink (one syllable) clues.

The words in each response should rhyme. Example: A large hog ***Big Pig***

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A silly rabbit _____ | 2. Kitchen literature _____ |
| 3. A happy father _____ | 4. A 10-cent fruit _____ |
| 5. A meat robber _____ | 6. A not-fast bird _____ |
| 7. A cruel monarch _____ | 8. Colorful footwear _____ |

BONUS! Try these trickier Hinky Pinky (two-syllable) words.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9. Sea Movement _____ | 10. A friend to learn with _____ |
| 11. A smart cat _____ | 12. A bird who's awake _____ |
| 13. A young cat in love _____ | 14. A superior knitted top _____ |
| 15. An anxious snake _____ | 16. Arachnids drinks _____ |

Cryptogram

Decode this cryptogram to spell out a famous saying. (*in some cases*)

Y S P N D X H P Z X I P T U F J D P M F N T,

M O L P D P M F N O W P

____ L ____ E _____ O _____,

M _____

Change-a-Word

Challenge: Can you go from one word to the other in the number of steps indicated?

Example – COAT to SHOE in 4 steps COAT → COOT → SOOT → SHOT → SHOE

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. In 4 steps a) HEAD to SETS | b) WERE to LOST | c) SWIM to WEAR |
| 2. In 5 steps a) MOTH to BALL | b) RING to TAIL | c) LOVE to BOAT |
| 3. In 6 steps a) LAST to STOP | b) MAKE to NEWS | c) SHIP to YARD |
| 4. In 7 steps a) LEAP to FROG | b) TRIM to DOWN | |
| 5. In 8 steps a) SNOW to BIRD | b) PALM to TR | |

What We Have Lived Through – (Adapted from an article found on the internet)

I'm not suggesting that we are all old, but many of us have lived through most of this.

We grew up in the 40s-50s-60.

We studied in the 50s-60s-70s.

We dated in the 50s-60s-70s.

We got married and discovered the world in the 60s-70s-80s.

We ventured into the 70s-80s.

We stabilized in the 90s.

We got wiser in the 2000s.

And went firmly through the 2010s.

Turns out we've lived through NINE different decades...

TWO different centuries...

TWO different millennia...

We have gone from the telephone with party-lines and needing an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world.

We have gone from photograph slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to streaming music, from handwritten letters to email and WhatsApp...

From live dramas on the radio, to black and white TV, and then to HDTV...

We went to Blockbuster and now we watch Netflix..

We got to know the first computers, punch cards, floppy discs and diskettes and now we have gigabytes and megabytes in hand on our cell phones or iPads...

We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, H1N1 flu and survived COVID-19...

We donned roller skates, rode on tricycles, then bicycles, mopeds, driven gasoline- or diesel-powered cars and now we ride hybrids or 100% electrics ...

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!

They could describe us as "exennials" people who were born to that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood.

We're kind of Ya-seen-it-all.

Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life.

It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE".

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which are UNIQUE.

TIME DOES NOT STOP

Life is a task that we do ourselves every day. When you look... it's already six in the afternoon; when you look... it's already Friday; when one looks... the month is over; when one looks... the year is over; when one looks... 50, 60, 70 and 80 years have passed!

*When you look... we often no longer know where our friends are.
When you look... we lost the love of our life and now, it's too late to go back.
Do not stop doing something you like due to lack of time.
Do not stop having someone by your side, because your children will soon not be yours, and
you will have to do something with that remaining time, where the only thing that we are
going to miss will be the space that can only be enjoyed with the usual friends. This time that,
unfortunately, never returns... The day is today!*

WE ARE NO LONGER AT AN AGE TO POSTPONE ANYTHING.

*Hopefully, you have time to read and then share this message... or else leave it for *Later* and
you will see that you will never share it!*

Pass it on to your best friends.

Don't leave it for later

*Yes, we really have lived through a LOT. **And aren't we the better for it!***



Fun and Games - Answers

Trivia

1. 2007 2. Seven 3. The Phantom of the Opera 4. 30,000 5. Paella
6. Odin 7. Starbuck 8. Legwarmers 9. Austria 10. The Rat

Old Fashioned Sayings

- a) If wishes were horses, BEGGARS WOULD RIDE.
- b) I love you a bushel and a peck and a HUG AROUND THE NECK.
- c) You're a day late and a DOLLAR SHORT.
- d) A Thing of beauty is a JOY FOREVER.
- e) Good things come to those WHO WAIT.
- f) You can lead a horse to water, but you CAN'T MAKE IT DRINK.
- g) Don't take any wooden NICKELS.
- h) If it ain't broke, DON'T FIX IT.
- i) Make hay WHILE THE SUN SHINES.
- j) See a man ABOUT A DOG.
- k) Dumber than A BAG OF HAMMERS.
- l) Nervous as A LONG-TAILED CAT IN A ROOM FULL OF ROCKING CHAIRS.
- m) The porch lights are on, BUT NOBODY'S HOME.
- n) Happier than 2 PEAS IN A POD.

Cross Out Quotation – Infrequent pleasures are the sweetest.

What's a Hink Pink?

1. Funny bunny 2. Cook Book 3. Glad dad 4. Dime lime 5. Beef thief
6. Slow crow 7. Mean queen 8. Blue Shoe 9. Ocean motion 10. Study buddy
11. Witty Kitty 12. Perky turkey 13. Smitten Kitten 14. Better sweater
15. Hyper Viper 16. Spider Ciders

Cryptogram

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.

Change – a – Word (Other answers are possible)

1. a) HEAD, HEAL, SEAL, SEAS, SETS b) WERE, WORE, LORE, LOSE, LOST
2. a) MOTH, MOTE, MATE, MALE, BALE. BALL b) RING, RANG, RAND RAID, RAIL, TAIL.
3. a) LAST, LOST, LOOT, SOOT, SHOT, SHOP, STOP
b) MAKE, MATE, MATS, BATS, BETS, NETS, NEWS
c) SHIP, SKIP, SKID, SAID, LAID, LARD, YARD
4. a) LEAP, HEAP, HEAT, FEAT, FLAT, FLAG, FLOG, FROG
b) TRIM, GRIM, GRIN, GAIN, PAIN, PAWN, DAWN, DOWN
5. a) SNOW, SHOW, SHOD, SHED, SEED, SEND, BEND, BIND, BIRD
b) PALM, PALL, FALL, FELL, FEEL, FEET, FRET, FREE, TREE

Have you ever been in a Concert Band?

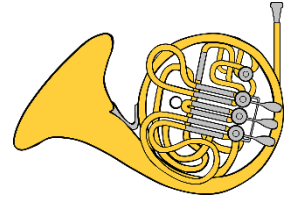
Loades of Music Daytime Seniors Concert Band is recruiting new members.

You don't have to be a "pro" but have had some experience playing in a wind or concert band in your lifetime and would like to try doing it again. Any wind instrument



you play makes you eligible to join. We are especially looking for flute, clarinet, and trombone players.

But don't let that limit you. Saxophone, oboe, bassoon, French horn, and mallet percussion players are all welcome.



\$50 fee - good 'til June 2026.

Rehearsals are set for Friday afternoons from 12:45 – 2:45 pm at the Cedar Park Church in Ladner.



If you are interested in joining us, please contact our conductor, Ellie Loades, at

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Elton John