ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

April 15, 2026

Spring is here! Yippee!

We have some fun events organized for you in the next few months. We are looking forward to our **line dancing class on April 21st with George Kao.** The cost is $10.00 and you can pay at the door. We will start at 1:30 p. m. and finish at 2:30 p. m. We will have some light refreshments for everyone. Let me know if you would like to participate.

We have invited **Lisa Hansen the new BCRTA executive director and Dogwood Health expert as well as Linda Watson, the BCRTA pensions committee member** to our May meeting. There have been so many questions about the new Dogwood Health plan and as well, I think we are all curious about the status of our pensions during this unsettled political climate. We will be meeting at 1 p. m. at Dave's place—his party room at Evergreen Village (31955 Old Yale Road). Park across the street at the church and walk over as parking is very limited in front of the building. We will have refreshments and door prizes. Please let me know if you would like to attend. Right now, we have 35 registered! (gloriaadam@shaw.ca; 604-854-6194)

Don't forget our **Picnic in the Park on June 11, 2026**
Where: Matsqui Village Park
When: June 11, 2026 from 11:30-1:30 p. m.
We will have games to play and lots of food so you don't have to bring anything except good spirits and a lawn chair! Sign up with Gloria so we can make sure we have enough food!

If you get an email from me and are unable to open the attachment, do not hesitate to contact me and let me know. I will send it out to you using a different format. Who can explain the mysteries of cyberspace? Not me!

"Sometimes we laugh, sometimes we cry,
but never do we throw our computers out the window."

Enjoy the warmer days and nights of spring,

Gloria
Prez

Lunch at the Bradner Flower Show, April 11, 2026

The Bradner Flower Show has been popular for 96 years since Fenwick Fatkin started the show in 1928. This annual event was coordinated this year by Pauline Isherwood, Fenwick's granddaughter! The theme this year was "Fairy gardens". The show attracts attendees from all over the lower mainland. There were many varieties of daffodils on display, most of them developed in Bradner. We had a lovely lunch made by the Bradner ladies and volunteers. The displays were beautiful (designed by Simply Flowers designer, Alexis MacLeod) and there were lots of vendors scattered throughout the hall and school gym and grounds. Looking forward to next year!

Betty Jean (BJ) Richmond
August 20, 1935-February 25, 2026

BJ was a talented and cherished teacher who loved her long career as a teacher in Abbotsford. She will be deeply missed by Ed, her husband and best friend of 70 years; her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her many friends and acquaintances will miss her warmth and positive nature.

Harold Kokot
December 31, 1947-October 27, 2025

Harold was a kind and gentle man with a great sense of humour. He worked at Abbotsford Middle School and other schools in the district. He will be missed by friends, former colleagues and his loving family.

Barbara Anne Naef (Barb)
November 2, 1940-August 25, 2025

Barbara lived a full and active life always seeking new horizons to explore. In her retirement, she travelled extensively in Europe and Asia, but her favourite destination was Africa which she shared many times with her family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

In the last publication of Postscript, Gary Segnoe was listed on the Obituary Page. There have been no articles on his death in the newspapers or online, but we want to express our sadness at his passing.

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Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Bursary

c/o Erin Quast
27666 Montesina Ave.
Abbotsford, BC
V4X 1H7

Yes, I would like to support the Abbotsford District Retired Teachers' Bursary

I understand the money will be used to support graduating students in their future studies.

Enclosed is my cheque for __ $25 __ $50 __ $100 __ other (A tax receipt will be issued)

Important: Make the cheque out to: **Vancity Community Foundation** or **VCF** and put **R. R. Smith and Friends of the ADRTA** on the information line.

Print Name ________________________________ Signature_____________________________

Please be sure your cheque has your current address on it. The R. R. Smith Foundation will mail your tax receipt to that address.

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Tuesday, April 21st Line Dancing at the Abbotsford Social Activity Association

Have you always wanted to learn to line dance? Here is your opportunity! We will be taught to line dance from 1:30-2:30 p. m. It will only cost $10.00 for the hour. The ADRTA is subsidizing this event by $5.00 per person! It will be a fun way to learn the steps from an experienced instructor!

Let Gloria know if you are interested! If we love it, we can arrange more classes in the future...
Where: 33889 Essendene Ave