

# **RRTA NEWSLETTER**



*Summer 2012  
Volume 1, Issue*

***Happy Summer, Everyone!***

*Don't forget to mark your September calendars for our annual*

***'BACK TO SCHOOL WITHOUT US' Luncheon***

***Wednesday, September 5, 2012  
Mayfair Lakes Golf and Country Club  
Open 11:30 Luncheon 12:00***

***Welcome new retirees!***

***AGM to follow***

***Luncheon cheques for \$25.00 made out to 'RRTA' by August 24, 2012***

***Send to:  
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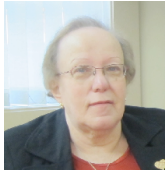
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8220 Gen. Currie Road  
Richmond, BC V6Y 1M1***

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***Membership Year July 1 - June 30<sup>th</sup>  
Fees payable by pension deduction or cheque to:  
BC RTA, 550 West 6th Ave. Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 4P2  
BC RTA - \$40.00 RRTA - \$ 10.00***

## President's Report



This has been a learning year for me as your President. It has been a challenge for me to wrap my mind around all the things that one must know and do in this position.

In September, I attended the BCRTA AGM and once again found it to be very informative. I am continually in awe of the members of both the BCRTA and COSCO and all the work they do on behalf of both retired teachers and seniors.

Our local executive is a group of dedicated, knowledgeable colleagues who have done a wonderful job this year on your behalf. Many thanks to them for giving of their time and expertise to serve.

In March, I attended the BCRTA Zone meeting which highlighted concerns questions and new information that each local might have. It also gave us an opportunity to highlight some of the events etc. that we are doing in each of our locals. Of course, those in attendance were blown away with the report of our scholarship efforts. Things go out to the Scholarship

Trust Fund Foundation for their stewardship of that fund.

Our socials this year, as usual, have been wonderful. Many thanks to our social committee headed by Kathleen Boyle and Kathleen Vanderwood for all their efforts both at Mayfair and Gilmore Park. I always receive such kudos from our members about how much they enjoy our social events and I know how much work goes into their preparation.

Our challenge this year has been "to get the word out" to our members. Loraine Martin has done a superb job of keeping us "in the loop" and our phoning committee continues to keep in touch with those members who are not "on computer" BUT we have really missed not having a newsletter. Roy Pedersen has done such a wonderful job in the past he will be a hard act to follow. This will be a priority for me next year.

I hope that all of you are enjoying a wonderful summer and will be able to join us for our "Back to School Without Us" luncheon on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Welcome

As president of the Richmond Retired Teachers' Association, I would like to congratulate you on your decision to retire. I would also like to cordially invite all of you to join our organization. The RRTA provides a liaison for you with the provincial organization, the BCRTA, to assist you in getting answers and/or solutions to questions and concerns you might have during your retirement. Our local, the RRTA, works hard to plan and provide SOCIAL activities through the year. We will be celebrating the "return to school" with a "Back to School Without Us Luncheon" at Mayfair Lakes on Wed. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. We also have two or three Pot Luck Luncheons, a Christmas Luncheon and a day trip. Our membership fee is \$10 but you must be a member of the BCRTA (\$40) to join a local. Fees can be taken off as a pension deduction in September or you can pay yearly by cheque with a reminder each June.

Again, I invite you to join the RRTA to participate in some of our functions.

Sincerely,

Brenda Cairns,

President, RRTA

## Newly Retired Teachers 2012

Wes Adrian  
Jean Adshead  
Art Almas  
Michael Brown  
Andrea Dow  
Jerry Fast  
Rosamar Garcia  
Patricia Griffin  
Beverly Hamm  
Cindy King  
Maureen Lowery

Catherine Mar  
Kim Marr  
Barbara McKenzie  
Claire Morriss  
Suzanne Poulin  
Carole Reed  
Patricia Rita  
Patty Silver  
Monique Vonk  
Louis Watanabe  
Jill Wolstencroft

## Administrators 2012

Norma Bryant  
Laurie Butler  
Rick Gibbs  
Stephanie Hardman  
Adam Heeney

Carla Smith  
Don Taylor  
Rick White  
Allan Wilson

## Social Committee Report

This past year two rookie retirees from Homma Elementary took on the duties of your Social Committee. Kathleen Boyle and Kathleen Vanderwood were guided in their new role by the ever capable and efficient Marilyn Roy and Jeanette Lemieux. Gwen Barski, Alice Haverstock and Donna Halabisky continued to lend their valuable assistance at all functions and kept everything running smoothly.

The September "Back to School Without Us" lunch was well attended and a great success. Mayfair Lakes Golf and Country Club provided both a beautiful setting and delicious buffet. We all look forward to their Hot Orchard Berry Crumble, a favourite dessert!

Our "Jingle Bell" Luncheon on December 14 brought us back to Mayfair Lakes for the traditional turkey and all the trimmings spread. This popular event helps put everyone in the spirit of the holiday season.



We are grateful to the members of Gilmore Park United Church in providing

their music room for our Halloween and Valentine potluck lunches. We always seem to have just the right selection and amount of food and have enjoyed interesting, informative speakers as well as sharing our own stories of new interests, travel and volunteer work. On May 11, 32 of our Richmond retirees relaxed over a leisurely lunch at Quilchena Golf and Country Club, thanks to organizer Lorraine Jarvis. When we were unable to hold our May luncheon at the usual location, Quilchena provided us with a chance to eat, drink and mingle in our own private room, complete with balcony overlooking the garden. We enjoyed our individual meals ordered from the menu of the day. Thanks to everyone who took time on a sunny day (yes it was one of those rare days) to renew friendships and to reconnect.



A big thanks you to all our members who enjoyed and supported our social functions throughout the year. See you in September!  
Kathleen Boyle

## Sunshine Committee

*A variety of cards were sent out to 27 members in the 2011/2012 year. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of the following members who we heard had passed away: Cory Hollob, Beverley Hargroves, Archie Whalen and Norm Corbett. Sympathy cards were also sent to members who had lost loved ones. Many "Get Well" and "Thinking of You" cards were sent to encourage members who were undergoing treatment. If you know of someone who should be sent words of sympathy, caring and encouragement, please contact Pat Walach (604-278-9530) [p.walach@hotmail.com](mailto:p.walach@hotmail.com)*



## Membership Report

*As of June 2012, we have 429 members in our association. Sadly, we have had a few of our dear friends and colleagues pass away this past year. They will be missed by all.*

*Since July 2011, we have had 18 new members join us. We would like to welcome all of our new members and encourage them to attend our functions throughout the coming year.*

*Respectfully submitted by  
Denise Gobbo*



## Richmond Retired Teachers' Association Trust Fund Foundation

*Richmond Retired Teachers' Association members have given out a total of \$40,000 to 30 Richmond high school graduates from the classes of 2012. All 10 secondary schools were able to present scholarships to students who are proceeding to further study in post secondary institutions.*

*Two Jean Myron Memorial Scholarships each for \$1500.00 were presented at ten Richmond secondary schools.*

*One Louise Campbell Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 was presented at Steveston-London Secondary School.*

*Nine Richmond Retired Teachers' Association Scholarships of \$1000.00 were presented in the other nine secondary schools.*

*A special thank you goes out to all retired teachers who contributed to the scholarships that were awarded. Your efforts have provided substantial assistance to worthy students who are working hard to extend their education in post secondary institutions in September. Letters of thanks from individual students and some pictures will be displayed at the Annual General Meeting in September 2012.*

**Contributions to the Richmond Retired Teachers' Association Trust Fund should be mailed to P.O. Box 97114 - 7871 Westminster Highway, Richmond, B.C. V6C 3L2. Income tax receipts will be returned for all contributions of \$20 or more.**

**The Trust Fund is looking for some new committee members. Anyone interested in joining the committee is asked to contact Don Lintott, Chairman, by email at [don.lintott@ubc.ca](mailto:don.lintott@ubc.ca) or by mail at 7351 Baffin Court, Richmond, B.C. V7C 5L6.**

## EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS CALL

It's almost time for our 2012 AGM, which means once again the RRTA is asking members to allow their names to stand for an Executive position.

The tasks/responsibilities are easily manageable being divided among the Executive members and several standing committees. Meetings are kept to a minimum and are of short duration and they keep the welfare of our local and the interests of members as the top priority.

Word has it that ALL positions will be a 1 year term (a change that was recommended by the current Executive and will be brought to the AGM for a membership vote). This means that ALL positions are open.

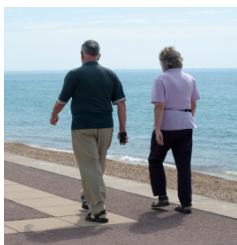
Nominations can be forwarded to Lynne Farquharson, Past President & Nominations Chair at [cathome@telus.net](mailto:cathome@telus.net) or by 'phone @ 604 278 0332. We will also accept nominations from the floor at the AGM on Wednesday, September 5th at Mayfair Lakes Golf Center.

Feel free to volunteer yourself for a position or if you are nominating someone else, be sure to check with that person to ensure they are a willing candidate.

Remember, the RRTA is only as strong as its members and we do need the support of our members to continue as a cohesive and effective group.

Thank you all for considering a position on the 2012/2013 RRTA Executive. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at the above phone number.

Sincerely,  
Lynne Farquharson,  
Past President,  
Nominations Chair



*The RRTW (Richmond Retired Teacher-Walkers) meet on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the PaJo's cafe at Garry Point. We do a power walk and talk for about an hour. We let each other know when we're not able to come via email or phone. Contact Marilyn if you are thinking you would like to join the group. [mdonaldso@googlemail.co](mailto:mdonaldso@googlemail.co)*