



BCRPVPA

BC Retired Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association

Updates For BCRPVPA Members

April / 2019

Keeping In Touch

The weather has been improving considerably lately, motivating many to get outside & enjoying beautiful BC weather.

Please update your home address if you move or change email address.

This helps us keep in touch with everyone throughout the province.

Updates can be emailed to info@bcrpvpa.ca

Members Are Encouraged To Join The Executive

The BCRPVPA Members of the Executive work on a volunteer basis to help make our Association up to date in various ways. This includes Pensions, Communications, Scholarships, The Mentorship Program, Educational Book Sale, Travel Insurance, to name a few.

Members are invited to join the Executive as a volunteer if your current status allows it. We attend 8 meetings a year if possible. At times travel, family commitments, or illness, might prevent a member from attending all meetings.

Interested members can email Eileen Phillips at ephillips555@gmail.com by April 15, if interested in an Executive position. Members do find it rewarding.

Events

BCRPVPA Scholarships

The **BC Retired PVPA** annually awards up to five \$1000 scholarships to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and will proceed to an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada. Completed applications must be postmarked by September 30. Please find the application at <http://bcrpvpa.ca/>

BCRPVPA Book Sale

During July's Short Course at UBC, the **BC Retired PVPA** runs a used-book sale. The money raised supports its Scholarship Fund. Education and Leadership books that have been published recently (2010 onwards) and are in good condition are welcome. Also in demand are field-related 'classic' books (ones that you believe everyone in a leadership position should read). Books can be dropped off at the BCPVPA office during June. Please label your donations: **BCRPVPA USED BOOK SALE**

MENTORSHIP Program for newly appointed Administrators

Retired Principals are encouraged to consider becoming a mentor to a newly-appointed BC Principal or Vice-Principal. We were successful Administrators in BC schools, and now we can be very supportive to new Administrators in BC. This does not involve travel as mentorship can be done by phone, email, or video. For more information, please check the BCPVPA Website <https://www.bcpvpa.bc.ca/mentorship/>

**AGM Tuesday, May 07, 2019 @ BCPVPA Office 9:45/am
200 – 525 10th Ave. W., Vancouver (easy one-block walk from
Broadway Canada Line Station) Meet & Greet Treats 9:30/am**

Our annual AGM is fast approaching. Reports are given for the following:
Treasurer – Chapter Council – Communications - Benefits, Affinity, Pensions –
Scholarships – Speakers – Mentorship Program – Archives – Membership Updates
– President's Report.

AGM: the meeting is followed by the Annual General Meeting which will adopt the 2019-2020 Budget Proposal, Meetings dates for 2019-2020, and positions for the Executive Members as mentioned above.

The 2018-2019 Meeting will follow with a terrific speaker Jeff Larcombe (see bio below).

We look forward to you meeting with us for a catered lunch afterwards, & also meet the BCPVPA Office staff.

A nice way to say 'Au Revoir' until September.

Requests From Affiliated Associations

Petition for Pension Security (Petition closes on April 8th, 2019)

As requested from Gerry Tiede, President, BCRTA

"The Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (ACER-CART) has posted petition e-2039 on the House of Commons petition site to encourage government to increase the security of retirement income.

The petition asks government to affirm that pension promises cannot be broken for any service that has already been earned. It also asks government to protect the pensions of retirees by providing an insurance plan, paid for by pension plans, that would guarantee the benefits of retirees if their plan closes.

To participate, visit www.pensionsecurity.ca and follow the links to sign the petition."

Request from Chairperson of the BC Retired Teachers' Association Excellence Committee: (sent from Stefan Cieslik, Chairperson)

"Every year we recognize the work of public school teachers and students who work with seniors on projects that require joint efforts. We provide a total of six \$1500 awards to support further efforts and encourage future projects.

The deadline for applications is April 15th, 2019."

<https://bcrtc.ca/bcrtc-golden-star-awards/>

Opportunity to Advance Alzheimer's Research in Canada as requested from Emily Eisner, Research Assistant:

"Okanagan Clinical Trials is a clinical research company from Kelowna BC. Our clinic is involved in an exciting research program targeting the prevention of Alzheimer's disease with Novartis. Specifically, we are looking for individuals, aged 60-75 years, who have not been diagnosed with any memory impairment, but have a specific form of a gene that can increase the risk of developing Alzheimer's."

More information at <https://www.okanaganclinicaltrials.com> 1-250-862-8141

Cuso International is seeking Education Assistants to volunteer in Indigenous communities in North West Territories for the school year 2019-20. As an Education Assistant, you'll have the opportunity to have a positive impact on the educational outcomes of Indigenous students from grades four to twelve. We need volunteers who can work directly with assigned teachers, participate in activities both inside and outside the classroom, and be engaged with the community through intercultural events throughout the school year. Monthly stipend and support package provided.

Apply today: <https://cusointl.org/2UBTUaf>

Lorraine Monteiro Recruitment Coordinator

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Ted St. Pierre, President BCRPVPA

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Presentation and Speaker
Jeff Larcombe: Fun in the Vegetable Garden
May 7, 2019 AGM

This presentation will accommodate everyone, from those with a large backyard for gardening to those with a small patio. How can you grow great vegetables? Jeff's presentation will cover many aspects of gardening that will help to answer this question. Along with his talk, Jeff has a

short slide show of his own adventures in vegetable gardening and will respond to questions from those present.

Jeff grew up in Western Queensland, Australia, completed his teacher training and taught in Queensland for 5 years before coming to British Columbia (originally for one year!!) As a boy growing up, Jeff learned much from his parents who enjoyed vegetable gardening. When he came to Canada in 1967, he took up teaching and ventured back into gardening, where he had to relearn much of what he had learned in Australia - due to a different climate!

Over the years Jeff has taken the odd gardening course, has learned the art of making Hanging Baskets through a workshop at Van Dusen Gardens, and has presented to the Garden Club in Squamish.

Jeff has much for us in May, and looks forward to sharing his vegetable gardening knowledge and expertise with you, as well as having you share your ideas as well.

As an aside: Jeff became a school principal in 1976 in Squamish and remained a principal in Squamish until his retirement in 2008. He then became International Homestay Coordinator until finally retiring (again!) in 2017. Jeff has served on the BCRPVPA Executive for many years, mainly working with the Scholarship selection team and driving for the July Book Sale.

