

NOTEBOOK

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NVTA RETIREMENT TEA

Monday, June 13, 2016

Seymour Golf & Country Club

The following names have been submitted from the Board to the NVTA, as teachers who have retired since last year's Retirement Tea, or who plan to retire in 2016.

Congratulations to the NVTA Grad Class of 2016!

Margaret Benson (Leave)
Jane Blaiklock (Learning Services)
Nancy Clark (Carson Graham)
Jay Connop (Lynn Valley)
Barbara Crosby (Handsworth)
Debra Drew (Queen Mary)
Jim Erickson (Mountainside)
Phyllis Ferguson (Learning Services)
Mary Ferraby (Carisbrooke)
Heather Fowler (Sutherland)
Patricia Gall (Handsworth)
David Iannone (Braemar)
Kathleen Jeffers (DOC)
Bev Lund (Queensbury)
George Madi (Leave)
Helen Mcdonald (Sherwood Park)
Glenn Mackenzie (Handsworth)
Linda Mogensen (DOC)
Nancy Nelson (Handsworth)
Vida Petrasianas (Larson)
Normand Ponton (Ross Road)
Cynthia Power (Montroyal)
Eva Ratzburg (Carson Graham)
Suzanne Rush (Argyle)
Brenda Sawatzky (Ridgeway)
Linda Sawchuk (Highlands)
Brad Sharp (Ridgeway)
Debra Tatham (Ridgeway)
Lynda Woodhead (Mountainside)
Karen Watson (Sutherland)

NVTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016 - 2017

Executive Committee

The NVTA AGM was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, where the following members were elected to 2016-2017 NVTA leadership positions:

2016-2017 NVTA Executive

President:	Martin Stuible (NVTA Office)
First Vice President:	Robin Deleurme (Windsor)
Second Vice President:	Carolyn Pena (NVTA Office)
Local Representatives (3):	Sue Coe (Upper Lynn) Robin Deleurme (Windsor) Carolyn Pena (NVTA Office)
Alternate Local Rep:	Owen Howell (Carson Graham)
Secretary:	Katrina Russell (Larson)
Treasurer:	Carolann Fraenkel (Cove Cliff)
Members-at-Large (2):	Diane Arbez (Lynnmour) Roy Hunt (Ridgeway)

Remaining on the Executive Committee in the second year of two-year terms as Member-at-Large are A. Bennett-Fox (Cleveland), S. Klausen (Seycove) and E. Stamper (Handsworth).

We would like to thank outgoing Members-at-Large S. Coe (Upper Lynn) and N. Ponton (Ross Road) for their valuable contributions to the NVTA Executive.

2016-2017 Standing Committee Chairpersons

Nominating & Balloting 2017	Petra Willemse (Seycove)
Professional Development	Carolyn Pena (NVTA Office)
Social Justice	POSITION VACANT

Thank you to outgoing Professional Development Chair Mary Aiello, Status of Women Chair Susanne Simon, and MAR Chair Mary Klausen for their service to members during the 2015-2016 school year.

**SEE OVER FOR MORE NEWS FROM THE NVTA ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING!**

The following motions were passed:

1. *That the Auditor's Report for 2014-2015 be accepted.*
2. *That Clearline Chartered Accountants be appointed Auditor for the upcoming year 2015-2016.*
An Extraordinary Motion passed to alter the NVTAs Constitution to create a new Social Justice committee and eliminate the previous Status of Women and Multiculturalism/AntiRacism Committees.
The proposed changes to the Pro D Policy/Guidelines were passed.
The pizza lunch for the highest percentage of staff in attendance at the AGM was won by the staff of Upper Lynn Elementary. The door prize was won by Anna MacNaught (Braemar). Many thanks to Jorge and his staff from AMAGA Food Services for once again catering a wonderful dinner.

Retiring this year? *Have you...*

1. Contacted the Teachers' Pension Plan by letter/phone/fax/email or website (<http://tpp.pensionsbc.ca>) and requested that a retirement package be sent to you?
2. If applicable, contacted the Teachers' Pension Plan and applied
 - a. or purchased service arising from a leave of absence within the past five (5) years.
 - b. for a child-rearing drop out credit; or applied
 - c. to transfer service from another pension plan?
3. Contacted the school district to find out when your current health benefits end to ensure you have continuous coverage until the benefits associated with the Teachers' Pension Plan begin?
4. Prepared your resignation letter to be sent to the Board 30 days prior to your retirement?
5. Considered converting your current group life insurance to an individual life insurance policy?
6. Contacted the Teacher Regulation Branch as to certification requirements for the 2016-2017 school year should you wish to remain eligible to work in the BC public school system following retirement?
7. Considered joining the BC Retired Teachers' Association and/or the North Shore Retired Teachers' Association?
8. Contacted the BCTF Income Security staff if you have questions related to any of the above?

PERSONALIZED PURCHASE COST ESTIMATOR ON THE TEACHERS' PENSION PLAN WEBSITE

Your personalized pension information is available at My Account at the Teachers' Pension Plan website (<http://tpp.pensionsbc.ca>). This tool leverages your own personalized pension information and personally selected retirement date to show the impact of purchase of service or addition of child rearing credit on your lifetime pension and bridge benefit. The results are provided in a printable format using the same default options (SGL10 and JL) that appear on the Members' Benefit Statement.

The 2016 Census is coming!

Canada's next census will be conducted in May 2016.

Early in May, census packages will be delivered to households across Canada, providing residents with the information they need to complete their questionnaire online or on paper.

Completed questionnaires will provide valuable information that will be used by all levels of government to make decisions about your neighbourhood and community. Information obtained through the census is needed to plan services such as child care, schooling, family services, housing, public transportation and skills training for employment.

Every person, young and old, must be included in the 2016 Census.

As more and more Canadians look for ways to reduce their carbon footprint by "keeping it local", there is one way to help your community grow and prosper that many citizens may never think of – completing the census.

Did you know that the census collects demographic information on every person living in Canada so that programs and services in communities can be improved? The information that is collected by the census, which starts on May 2 this year, is used by local, provincial and federal governments, businesses and various social service and ethno-cultural organizations for planning.

Everything from pensions, health care and employment programs to new schools, public transit, hospitals and daycare centres are all influenced by the information shared during the census.

You could be randomly selected to complete the long-form questionnaire, however, most Canadians will be asked to complete the short-form census. Either way, the census will provide the information communities and organizations need until the next census comes around five years from now.

Beyond just completing our own questionnaires, teachers can further support the important work of Statistics Canada by supporting families in completing the questionnaire. Statistics Canada has questionnaires available in many languages and teacher resources on their website www.census.gc.ca.

For more information about the 2016 Census, visit www.census.gc.ca.