

Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association

Retirees' Dinner



Wednesday, June 22, 2016


*Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
3811 Point Grey Road
Vancouver, BC*

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- 6:00 Reception
- 7:00 Welcome & Dinner
- 8:00 Retirees' Group Photo
- 8:15 Greetings from VSTA & BCTF
- Introductions and presentations
- District / On Leave / SET BC
- Britannia
- Churchill
- Gladstone
- Hamber
- John Oliver
- Killarney
- King George
- Kitsilano
- Magee
- Templeton
- Thompson
- Tupper
- University Hill



n behalf of the Executive of the Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association, I'd like to welcome you to the dinner celebrating the members of the Association retiring from teaching in 2016. From bells and crowded halls of teenagers, to report card deadlines and early morning staff meetings, there are certain things that no doubt our retirees are looking forward to leaving behind. The joy of teaching and the hopeful idealism of making a difference in the lives of students have been the fuel of their endeavours and they can now rest easy in the remembrance of the thousands of children that they have taught and nurtured through their years in the public school system.

Tonight we are commemorating over a millennium of teaching experience. Thousands of students have benefitted from the passion and commitment of our retiring teachers. Hundreds of colleagues have enjoyed coffee breaks, lunch breaks, year-end festivities, picket line strolls and photocopy chats with our retiring colleagues. Their influence and effect may be obvious or subtle and perhaps unknown to them, but all of these teachers have contributed to what has made Vancouver the vibrant school system it is.

We hear from retired colleagues that there is much to enjoy come September - no bells, no marking and the opportunity to catch up reading, to visit with friends and family on off peak travel fares and to indulge in that passion that has been waiting in the wings. The Retired Teachers' Association is always welcoming new members and we know that some of you will stay involved in education in one form or another. Your colleagues in schools will miss you and your words of wisdom and experience. Your students will have lifelong memories of their experiences with you. Being a teacher is like no other profession - one of the hardest jobs there is, but also one of the most rewarding. Congratulations on a job well done and on your adventures ahead.

Please join me in celebrating and congratulating the retiring class of 2016. Bonne Chance and Happy Trails!

Rory Brown
President



Retiring Vancouver Secondary Teachers

Marta Adamovich

Nancy Archbould

Constance Bentley

Rosalyn Best

William Best

Leo Boissy

Kelly Bosello

Betsy Brown

Flora Chen

David Chevreau

Donna Choo

Lana Chow

George-Ann Collins

Denise Cormier

Muriel Densford

Marty Dolan

Gerald Ehrmantraut

John Fister

Bob Fitzpatrick

Diane Gibney

Hari Gopaul

Kim Greskiw

Patty Holmes

Cameron Hood

Grant Hulme

Susan Inman

Peter Katsionis

Brian Kerr

Katannya Kwon

Susan Leslie

James Mace

Virginia MacKinnon

John Martin

Ian Morris

Christine Nordli

Sharee Proudfoot

Kim Rebane

Caleb Reppenhagen

Alicia Richards

Sally Ringdahl

Josiane Ruggeri

Robert Rymer

Shelley Saltzman

Janice Smith

June Tsuyuki

Dorothy Ullman

Sharon Vincent



Marta Adamovich

26 yrs experience
Hamber, Kitchener,
Grandview

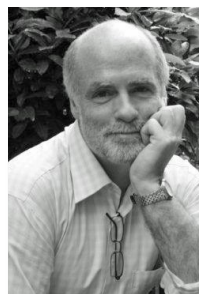
"I have always believed in teaching from the inside-out, a happy child is an accomplished child". Highlight was being offered the position of VA teacher at Hamber 16 years ago. I will miss the fulfillment of teaching, being inspired and kept young, by my dear, amazing students. I won't miss waking up at 6am!



Connie Bentley

37 yrs experience
SET BC, Burnaby

Started career in Burnaby and has been with SET BC since 1990 working with children with multiple handicaps. Enjoyed it very much but am now looking forward to a career of fun and travelling!



Leo Boissy

36 yrs experience
Britannia, Churchill,
Ghana

I hope to reinvent myself with music and art, and keep my brain fresh with novels, crosswords and quantum physics (yeah, right!).



Nancy Archbould

35.5 yrs experience
Magee, Windermere

It has been a rewarding career with many highlights, memories and experiences through teaching and coaching. It is always gratifying to run into former students and players who have positive memories of their education and our time spent together. I will miss the interaction with students who keep us young.



Ros Best

31 yrs experience
Kitsilano, Magee,
Churchill, Jules Quesnel

To my French Immersion and Union tribes especially, thank you. We rolled up our sleeves, had fun doing it! Great kids, great parents, great communities.



Kelly Bosello

34.8 yrs experience
King George,
Windermere,
Vancouver Technical

I will miss the wonderful relationships that I have had, and I will not miss the drama of Grade 9 girls! I am looking forward to discovering what the future will hold.



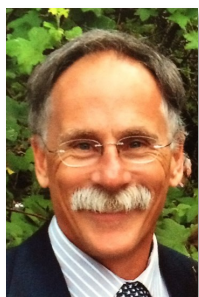
Betsy Brown
40 yrs experience
Britannia

I have had a forty year teaching career, all of it at Britannia Secondary. I feel very fortunate that I can say that thanks to both my students and my colleagues I have enjoyed it immensely!



Flora Chen
30 yrs experience
Templeton, Jamieson,
Ontario

I have been privileged to have many wonderful young people in my class. I'll miss the things we have achieved together. I won't miss getting up at 5:30 in the morning to attend staff meetings. I want to learn new skills I've always wanted to do.
"True teaching and learning is a special partnership."



David Chevreau
29 yrs experience
University Hill, Magee,
Churchill, Prince of Wales

Career Highlights: Counselling Department Head and Peer Counselling 12 for two decades; Coaching Volleyball and Soccer.
"We must win their hearts to open their minds."



Donna Choo
35 yrs experience
Churchill, TOC

Enjoyed sharing the wonderment of mathematics with students. Shall miss the daily interaction with them and with my colleagues. Coached and sponsored BC Math Challengers and Reach for the Top clubs and teams for 22 years, and experienced many successes with the Churchill teams.



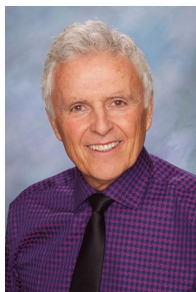
Lana Chow
35 yrs experience
Tupper, Byng,
Thompson

I'll really miss the students and my colleagues, but not the marking.



Muriel Densford
46 yrs experience
Churchill, Oklahoma,
Wisconsin, Italy

Highlight: being given the Star Teacher Award from Cornell University. I will miss discussing profound and beautiful literature with thousands of engaged young people, teaching and learning together since 1970. I have had a wonderful, fulfilling, and enriching career.



Bob Fitzpatrick

42 yrs experience
Britannia

I have had a forty-two year teaching career, all of it at Britannia Secondary. I feel very fortunate that I can say that thanks to both my students and my colleagues I have enjoyed it immensely!



Diane Gibney

34 yrs experience
Killarney, Whitehorse

Highlights: inviting guest speakers from the community to my classes, spring break travels with students to Europe, receiving the Sheila E. Cameron Award, and working as a summer school administrator. Plans: more time with my family and friends, travelling, and building a new home.



Kim Greskiw

25 yrs experience
Churchill, Point Grey,
Tupper, TOC

I have been pleased to see greater inclusion of ELL into the mainstream of schools in the past 30 years. I will miss knowing I've made a difference and the satisfaction and joy of sharing ideas and dreams with so many bright, young minds. I will not miss the commute from South Surrey.



Cameron Hood

16 yrs experience
On Leave

Since leaving the school system in 2004, I have been teaching electric bass at Douglas College, privately, as well as being a guest clinician at an international Bass festival in 2011 and 2012 in Calgary. I also teach every summer at Guitar Workshops Plus at Quest university in Squamish.



Grant Hulme

38 yrs experience
Britannia, Kitsilano

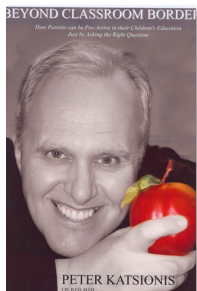
I will miss the daily interactions with my colleagues and students. Working closely with students in basketball and tutoring has been very rewarding. What a wonderful journey. Now I have time to play golf, travel and learn to garden. *"Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out."*



Susan Inman

25 yrs experience
Windermere

Susan is in Ottawa at a Mental Health Commission of Canada workshop to further develop her project (in partnership with the BC Schizophrenia Society) on promoting cognitive remediation programs for people with schizophrenia.



Peter Katsionis
36 yrs experience
Churchill,
Vancouver Technical

Winning the PMA, a highlight, those long Friday afternoons, a lowlight. Now transitioning into a university career but will miss my colleagues and students.



Brian Kerr
28.5 yrs experience
King George

During Brian's tenure he taught a variety of subjects and is best known for teaching students to overcome challenges by rising above their circumstances. He received the Prime Ministers Award and continues working in finding a cure or control for Cystic Fibrosis.



Sue Leslie
40 yrs experience
Churchill, Point Grey

How do I sum up 40 years of teaching Math, PE, C.Sc, and IB Math, other than to say I feel blessed. Wonderful students and great staff! I will miss you.



John Martin
16 yrs experience
Kitsilano,
University Hill Transition,
Vancouver Technical

The highlight of every year is when I pull a few students back from failure. Math is a boring subject and a morale destroyer for many students. When I am able to inspire a student to go from failure to better than passing or from declaring that they will quit school to staying in, that is a very good way to spend my life.



Sharee Proudfoot
33 yrs experience
Gladstone, Magee,
King George,
(DSAP&/District
alternative programs)

I feel very lucky to have worked in a profession that has been so rewarding. On to living 'off the grid' starting with a marathon hat-trick in Athens, Boston & the Big Apple. Life is good!



Kim Rebane
33 yrs experience
Tupper, University Hill,
King George, Thompson,
California

What I will miss the most are the people—the students and colleagues who have enriched my life and taught me many life lessons.



Alicia Richards

38 yrs experience
Britannia, Secord

It's been a privilege!



Sally Ringdahl

20 yrs experience
Tupper, Gladstone,
University Hill,
Templeton, Britannia,
Thompson, Windermere

Teaching in Vancouver has gifted me with great friends; great memories and a strong sense of right livelihood. For all these gifts I am deeply grateful.



Shelley Saltzman

19.5 yrs experience
Gladstone



Janice Smith

35 yrs experience
John Oliver, TOC

Add my name to the list of long-time staff at JO.
Still love connecting a student with "the" book.
More reading, more mountain biking!



June Tsuyuki

36 yrs experience
Killarney,
North Vancouver

I am very grateful to have had the best colleagues to work with during my years at Killarney - a very kind and supportive group of teachers. I think I will truly feel retired when September rolls around and it doesn't mean "back to school" for me.



Sharon Vincent

38 yrs experience
Thompson,
Vancouver Technical,
Windermere

Teaching Home Economics over the last 38 yrs has provided me with many opportunities and experiences. Chaperoning a group of students to New York City was one of the highlights. I will miss the kind, generous students and their youthful creative spirit. I won't miss the commute and budget cuts.

Staff & Committee Representatives

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	Sara McGarry	Terry Stanway

Vice Commadore's Dinner Buffet

Mixed Greens, Caesar Salad, Quinoa Salad,
Roasted Vegetables, Greek Salad, Beet Salad,
Pasta Salad, Marinated Mushrooms

Smoked Salmon Platter, Baby Shrimp, King Prawns,
European Charcuterie Platter

Chicken Breast with Hunter Sauce
BC Salmon with Beurre Blanc
Cheese Tortellini, Fresh Cream and Herb Sauce
Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes, Rice of the Day

CARVING STATION

Roasted Top Sirloin with Red Wine Sauce and Dijon Mustard

Imported and Domestic Cheeses
Fresh Fruit
Cakes, Pies, Cheesecakes, Tortes and Pastries
Coffee and Tea



