

# Vancouver Tabloid

Vancouver Retired Teachers' Association MAY 2022 Newsletter

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**PLEASE JOIN US** for Lunch and our AGM on Tuesday June 7 in person at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, 3811 Point Grey Road. Bring a former teaching colleague or a guest. Guest speaker, **Karen Cooper**, the new Assistant Editor of BCRTA POSTSCRIPT, will speak on the Challenges and Joys of putting together the BCRTA POSTSCRIPT magazine. How does this popular 54 page newsletter get put together four times @ year? (See part of cover of latest edition on left) COME , learn more and enjoy good company!

Following the talk comes the business of the Annual General Meeting and electing the new Executive. There are two vacant positions: a Vice-President and Editor, as well as Member-at-Large. If you wish to join the executive, please contact Nominations chairperson Winola at wderechu@gmail.com or 604 872-1859. **There will be a Door Prize!**



*Karen Cooper*

### AGM & JUNE LUNCHEON TUESDAY JUNE 7—11 AM

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[VRTA Lunch and AGM](#)

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## President's Greetings

Edie invites ALL members and guests to join our Tuesday June 7 event in person. You can hear the reports of all the hardworking executive, listen to a creative, dynamic speaker and see each other as well. Please turn to page 5 to read the President's full report. —*Editor*

## How did you get your First Name?

HERE are some unique stories.

I was named after my maternal grandmother and baptized ALIZA. This is a Greek family tradition. Soon my parents wanted to come to Canada and the Canadian immigration officer wrote my name as ALICE. This now became my name on my parents' passport and later, my Canadian Citizenship card. Once we reached Penticton, BC in 1956, my Aunt set about enrolling me in elementary school and chose a more Canadian French name, LIZETTE, that she thought would help me make friends more easily. So now I have three names! This made renewing my driver's license two years ago difficult – I brought all my ID and they renewed me as ALICE. For my parents and siblings, I am ALIZA, but to my immediate family and Canadian friends, I am Lizette!

—*Lizette Pappas*

My father chose my first name, Winola. My Chinese name is Jair won wah, which he claimed sounded like Winola. It is a unique name, an old Teutonic girl's

name, popular in Germany for many generations, and means "gracious person". It has a pleasant sound! However, my god-mother gives a different version of this story, claiming that my father had a friend at one time in Italy when he was stationed there in World War II and her name was Winola. I am just glad to have this unique name with its happy associations.

—*Winola Chu*

My mother was an English teacher and so named me after her favourite Shakespeare heroine, Rosalind, from As You Like It. And I do like it! — *Rosalind Kellett*

I was the first born so my mother named me after the "dashing romantic hero" in a French novel she had read. To emphasize the French root of this name, she spelled my name DENIS with one "n". I like my unique name, although later I read that novel and discovered that hero had an affair and both individuals in that couple died tragically.

— *Denis Ottewell*

### LEADERS for Activities

**VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB:** Diane Smith frandia@shaw.ca—3rd Wed at 2 pm  
—\*Contact vrta.president@gmail.com to start Second Book Club

**STROLLERS:** Norma Westrom normawestrom@hotmail.com—Wed 10:45 am

**WALKERS:** Margaret Yoshida margyoshi@gmail.com—Wed 10:00 am

### Calendar

*\*Please feel free to join us - \*Notify*  
vrta.president.e@gmail.com

NOTE: Most events start 10 AM

**May 24 Tue.** 1 pm—Exec. Online

**June 7 Tue.** —Lunch & AGM

**July 5 Tue.** Exec. (TBC) Hybrid

**July 29 Fri.** TABLOID deadline

**Sept. 6 Tue.** Welcome Back Lunch (TBC)

**Oct.** Workshop (TBC)

# 2022 SPRING Jubilee Social



Patricia Wright celebrated her 80th BD later on March 21st.



Royal headwear was worn by President Edie Wood (left) and Social coordinator Lizette Pappas with a pink fascinator.

## The Spring luncheon on Thursday

March 10 drew 32 members and guests to the Hellenic Cultural Centre. Celebrating Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne, as of Feb. 6 this year, many dressed up with royal accessories, sparkly dresses and fancy headgear. Guest speaker Grace Wilson, President of BCRTA, made the trip from Nelson to address the participants. Grace found the job of leading the organization for two years now with COVID restrictions very challenging and the Board has to learn to use ZOOM. ZOOM meetings did have a positives side, she stated, as a wider audience could be reached, saving time and costly travel arrangements. She is hoping for an in-person AGM this October. Grace stayed to answer questions and Edie presented her with a bouquet of flowers in gratitude.



Best lady's chapeau was worn by Ali Pollard (left) matched with Diane Smith's royal purple outfit.



BCRTA President thrilled the crowd by dressing up in a fancy hat and listening to members' concerns.



Both Ann Lennon (left) and Lois Patterson wore crowns; Tom Tylka (right) shared in the fun.

## MINUTES of the 2021 VIRTUAL Annual General Meeting

### Vancouver Branch, BCRTA on Tuesday June 8, 2021

1. **The meeting was called to Order** by President and ZOOM host, Anastasia Mirras, at 10:02 am. There were 24 attendees, including the guest speaker. **Dr. Keiko Honda**, SFU Academic and artist, presented slides on revitalizing communities through art and co-creation and answered some questions until 10:27 am.

2. MS/C Approval of the proposed Agenda.

3. MS/C Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM of Sept. 8, 2020.

4. **Reports:** All AGM reports, included in the Vancouver Tabloid, May 2021, were adopted.

a) President's Annual Report - Anastasia Mirras.

b) Treasurer's Finances and Proposed Budget - Dave Ellis. This was updated and passed.

MS/C **That the membership fee remain at \$12.00.**

c) TABLOID Editor - Ros Kellett, editor Suggested theme for August 2021. Remaining Committee Reports: Website, Membership, Social –on luncheons, poinsettias, Workshops, Clubs and Volunteer Activities – all received.

5. **Elections of the Executive and Delegates:**

Winola Chu, as Past President conducted the elections. See Results below.

The VRTA thanked the following for their service and contributions on the Executive these past years: Elaine Anderson-retiring Membership

chairperson and former Treasurer, active in service on the Executive since 2010; Ali Pollard-who has chosen to become a Volunteer; Anastasia Mirras-retiring President, who was given a jewelry gift.

6. **Other Business & Announcements:**

The door prizes were won by Lizette Pappas and Annabella Maclennan.

**7 Adjournment:** at 11:25 am. Recording secretary, Denis W. Ottewell

**Election Results** Chu/Westrom moved these nominations. All elected for 2021/22

**Table officers:** President: Edie Wood;

First VP: Marilyn Rushton; Second VP: Vacant; Treasurer: Dave Ellis; Secretary: Denis Ottewell Membership: David H Smith; Website Coordinator: Ros Kellett; Editor: Ros Kellett; Past President: Anastasia Mirras

**Members-at Large: (6)** Winola Chu, Barb Mikulec, Sheila Pither, Les Rowe, Diane Smith, Norma Westrom.

**Delegates to the Virtual AGM of the BCRTA (5)**

Oct. 2, 2021: Dave Ellis, Ros Kellett, Barb Mikulec, Norma Westrom, Edie Wood

Alternates: Les Rowe

**Delegates to the ten COSCO monthly meetings (4):** Anastasia Mirras, Sheila Pither, Les

Rowe, Diane Smith. Alternate: Denis Ottewell

**Volunteers:** Lil Cumberbirch, Ora Fraser, Ali Pollard

## AGENDA -VRTA 2022

Tuesday June 7, 2022 (1:30 pm)

### 1. President's welcome

2. Approval of the proposed Agenda

3. Acceptance of the Minutes from the Virtual AGM of June 8, 2021

### 4. Reports:

a) President's Annual report: Edie Wood

b) Treasurer's Financial Report & Proposed Budget: Dave Ellis

**Motion: That the membership fee for VRTA remain at \$12.00.**

c) TABLOID Editor: Ros Kellett

d) Committee Reports: In MAY TABLOID— to be received by AGM.

### 5. Election of the Executive for 2022-2023—

Nominations Report: Winola Chu

Thanks to retiring Executive members and volunteers

### 6. VRTA Delegates to Other organizations-

Names to be announced at meeting

a) Five Delegates to the AGM of the BCRTA Sept. 29,30 and October 1, 2022

b) Four Delegates to the COSCO monthly meetings

### 7. New Business

(i) Revised Policies & Procedures (ii) Other

8. Announcements; Adjournment; Door Prize

# President's Report

**We were very fortunate** to have three in-person lunches through the year after the 2021 virtual AGM meeting on June 8th. Our guest speaker, Dr. Keiko Honda, shared her wealth of knowledge on revitalizing communities through arts, culture and co-creation.



Our September Welcome Back Lunch at the RVYC was highlighted by Tom MacLean from Trip Merchant discussing trips in the fall of 2022. His association with the BCRTA has now booked two full trips to Egypt. One is lead by Gerry Tiede (former BCRTA president); and the second by Dale and JoAnn Lauber. The Vietnam trip is also full, lead by current BCRTA president, Grace Wilson. Go to website [bcrtatripmerchant.ca](http://bcrtatripmerchant.ca) and enter password BCRTATM18 for more travel information.

December's poinsettia deliveries for memberships 85+ living in Vancouver went well thanks to the detailed work of Ali Pollard and our dedicated drivers. Although we were unable to enter homes because of COVID restrictions, the flowers were universally appreciated.

In December we celebrated lunch at the Hellenic Community Centre. We were feted with a generous turkey dinner and a yummy chocolate dessert. It was really excellent thanks to our social convener, Lizette Pappas who is also the Hellenic Centre's volunteer meal coordinator. The VSB choir entertained us with wonderful seasonal songs and some of us sang through masks. Thanks to choir member Les Rowe for arranging this. Vice President Marilyn Rushton recited the poem, A Guide Dog's Christmas, while her guide dog Misty sat at her feet.

At the March Spring lunch many dressed up with some royal attire

to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum (70th) Jubilee and ate freshly baked scones, jam and whipping cream made by our own Lizette Pappas. After the Greek pastry lunch and dessert guest speaker Grace Wilson spoke of the challenges and joys of being BCRTA president for two years when face-to-face meetings were not permitted. Yet the zoom meetings allowed more members to participate in the BCRTA Conference and other presentations. She hoped for a return to in-person conferences this Fall.

Ros Kellett will resign as Editor this summer. From August 2015 to May 2022 Ros has edited 27 TABLOIDS and has expanded its creative and communicative content. We wish her every success as she moves to other adventures.

I look forward to serving another year and always welcome your input.  
- **Edie Wood**

## Report on Workshops

Due to COVID restraints members of the VRTA were encouraged to participate in the virtual FREE workshops offered by the COSCO Seniors' Health and Wellness Institute. Six workshops were presented online: Personal Planning Overview, Advance Directives, Advance Care Planning, Power of Attorney, Representation Agreements, and Wills.

I attended all 6 and found them immensely useful. They are being offered again this summer, with an additional topic: Palliative Care. Go to Seniors Helping Seniors <https://seniorshelpingseniors.ca/> to register.

—**Denis Ottewell**

## Social Convener's Report

It has been a different but wonderful year. Our first in-person luncheon was at the beautiful Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, then the next two at the spacious Hellenic Community Centre. Each time, masks were worn and seating spread out.

We had lots of laughs, learned new ideas and tried new dishes. I have strived to introduce new culinary tastes, including the Greek cuisine. I hope to meet more of you at our next social events. - **Lizette Pappas**

## Membership Report

Current membership is 1307 active members, a decrease of 43 members since May, 2021. This trend is affecting other RTA branches as well. It is important to increase and strengthen our membership for the future of our organization. The new executive will work on this concern but we also ask you to reach out to current or future retired teachers to consider joining the VRTA. We can do more, with more of us together! In this way, it will be viable for the VRTA to move forward with some of the kinds of projects that support you socially and serve you by

linking you directly with accurate financial, wellness, digital and health information from the established senior organizations i.e. BCRTA, COSCO, Seniors' Advocate, etcetera.

The membership committee of the VRTA consists David Smith, Chair, with able assistance from Executive Members, Barb Mikulec and Norma Westrom. Together, this triumvirate, continue to try our best to enable the Tabloid and other messages to be disseminated to all VRTA members throughout the year.  
**-David H. Smith**

## TABLOID Editor's Report

The four issues produced this fiscal year were organized along these themes:

(August, 2021) ***What is the strangest new COVID word that you learned?***

(November, 2021) ***How did/will you celebrate a significant birthday?***

(February, 2022) ***How to handle your overloaded email inbox***

(May, 2022) ***How did you get your first name?***

The May 2022 issue was extended to 12 pages as a six page AGM Insert was included, devoted to the AGM agenda, minutes, elections and reports, including the financial report, both for the VRTA and for the FOVRTA.

The organization felt more alive as we moved back to in-person lunches starting in September. Yet waves of COVID variant infections meant we delayed our traditional Valentine's lunch to a March Spring lunch to allow more restaurants to open up. This delay made the February TABLOID easier to put together for the Editor after the hectic December seasonal events; perhaps this will occur occasionally in future years as well. One glitch in the year was the distribution of the November TABLOID as our membership distribution lists were not up to date, especially the eMail/online distribution list. To save time and ensure folk had time to register for the December lunch, every member was sent a hardcopy

through the post. Many of you are environmentalists and you were not pleased! We thank you for your comments which inspired us to do better in future. We ALWAYS want to hear from you!

I have been unable to find an Assistant editor and will be away in November and December of this year. Thus we are looking for a new Editor and will post the job by May 20th in various media: on our website [www.vrta.ca](http://www.vrta.ca), LinkedIn and other social connections. If interested, please apply by the June 10th deadline to [editortabloid@gmail.com](mailto:editortabloid@gmail.com) or to the [vrtapresident.e@gmail.com](mailto:vrtapresident.e@gmail.com) The job comes with an honorarium. We hope the new Editor will be on board and work with the Editorial team in this transition period to prepare the August TABLOID. It really is a fun job and the best way to learn the "heart" and inner workings of the VRTA and their members. The executive is very supportive and contribute articles in a timely way.

I owe many thanks to: my Editorial committee for their patience, advice and proofing skills: Barb Mikulec, Denis Ottewell, Diane Smith, Winola Chu, Norma Westrom, Lois Paterson and Dave Ellis; to our Theatres Offerings writer, Ora Fraser; and to the newsletter distributors: David H Smith, Norma Westrom and Barb Mikulec. It has been my pleasure to be your TABLOID Editor for the completion of my 7th year this August. - **Rosalind Kellett**

## Website Committee Report

**www.vrta.ca**

Managing the VRTA website requires both updating the content of the site and updating the software framework that presents the site to the public online.

We are most fortunate to have Vanessa Cleary as our Internet Technical (IT) manager to keep the site secure and functioning. In July Vanessa modified the headline, attractive, rotating carousel of photographs to be the same size; updated the core codes and modules as needed; and fixed the Gallery images. In November our website host, Canada-based HostUpon, warned us that the Drupal 8 software was now outdated and we needed to update to Drupal 9, otherwise “bugs” would make our site insecure and vulnerable to hack attacks and online viruses. Vanessa accomplished this in March of this year and changed the Home page as requested by the “content administrators”. Now the home page has 3 movable articles across the top to highlight

upcoming events and news with up to 3 fixed articles below that row for more permanent information. The website has possibilities for further development and research in various sections, such as: History of VRTA; Gallery photographs; Volunteer Opportunities. If these topics interest you or if you enjoy learning about and tinkering with this type of communication tool, feel free to JOIN the VRTA Website committee and contribute your ideas. The committee meets about 5 times @ year to update the Event news on the website and help do write-ups on the other sections of the website.

The VRTA website committee for 2021-22 consisted of core members: Barbara Mikulec, Norma Westrom, Winola Chu, Edie Wood and Ros Kellett. We all work as volunteers. Each participant provided valuable help by giving ideas, writing an article or finding a suitable image and then uploading these onto the correct spot on the website. Many thanks to these volunteers.

**-Ros Kellett, Website coordinator**

## Report from the Nominations Chairperson -Winola Chu

**Nominated for Table Officers 2022/23:**

President: Edie Wood

First VP:: Marilyn Rushton

Second VP: OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

Secretary: Denis Ottewell

Treasurer: Dave Ellis

Editor: VACANT in September/Ros Kellett

Membership: David H Smith

Website Coordinator: Ros Kellett

**Members at Large:** Winola Chu

Barb Mikulec

Sheila Pither

Les Rowe

Diane Smith

Norma Westrom

Past President: VACANT

**Volunteers:** Ora Fraser, Lois Paterson,  
Ali Pollard

# Treasurer's Report and Budget for 2022-2023

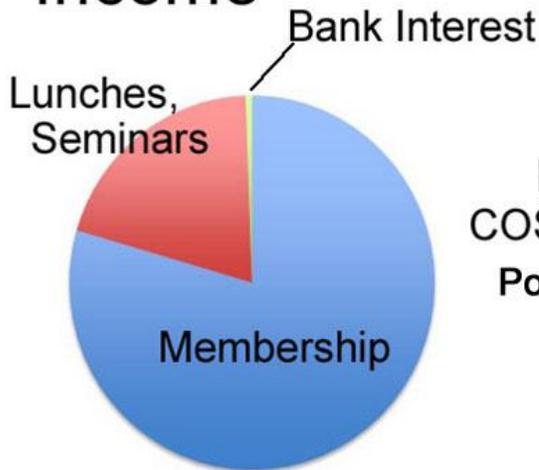
This annual financial summary represents the state of the VRTA Branch as of June 30, 2022. Regarding our revenue, the membership dropped slightly, but we returned to having lunches with Covid vaccination passports required. We expect that for the coming year the lunches will be restored to pre-Covid numbers as the pandemic slowly subsides. Regarding our expenses, nothing was spent on seminars and workshops.

Looking at the Budget for the year ahead, we anticipate that the cost of lunches will increase due to the higher food costs. We anticipate more costs related to the website, as it requires ongoing security upgrades and its modules expand. The proposed budget should leave the VRTA with a healthy balance of approximately \$17,500 by the end of June, 2023.

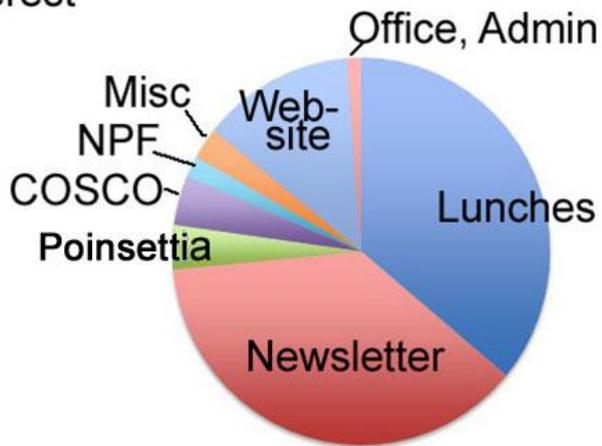
Respectfully submitted —**Dave Ellis**

## Financial Charts 2022

### Budgeted Income



### Budgeted Expenses



### Current Assets

Chequing & Savings Accounts	\$4,062.68
Term Deposits	\$18,082.89
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	\$22,145.57

## The 2022-2023 Budget in Detail

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Budget 2021-22</b>	<b>Actual 2021-2022</b>	<b>*Budget 2022-2023</b>
Membership	\$14,500	\$13,668.00	\$14,000
Lunches/Seminars	\$2,000	\$3,026.15	\$3,500
Bank Interest	\$200	\$82.89	\$100
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$16,700</b>	<b>\$16,777.04</b>	<b>\$17,600</b>
<b>NOTES:</b> *Pending exec. approval			
<b>Expenses</b>			
Luncheons	\$5,000	\$6,998.97	\$7,500
Workshops/Seminars	\$400	\$0.00	\$400
Newsletter (4 issues)	\$7,000		\$7,500
-Honourarium		\$1,600.00	
-Picture downloads		\$87.64	
-Printing & mailing		\$5,237.90	
-GST		\$261.89	
-PST		\$0.00	
-Paper and ink		\$65.60	
Poinsettia	\$1,100	\$718.67	\$1,000
COSCO- membership	\$300	\$300.00	\$300
-conference			
-wellness inst - speakers	\$500	\$500.00	\$500
NPF- membership	\$350	\$350.00	\$350
-convention expenses			
Miscellaneous	\$600		\$600
-Zoom subscription		\$75.00	
-Envelopes & stamps		\$163.02	
-Gifts		\$190.24	
-Executive lunch		\$86.08	
Scholarship/speaker			
Speakers	\$300	\$50.00	\$300
Web Site	\$3,500		\$3,500
-Technical Support hours		\$2,525.00	
-Hosting (to 2023) & Domain License (1 yr)			
Office and Administration	\$550	\$230.65	\$300
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,600</b>	<b>\$19,440.66</b>	<b>\$22,250</b>
<b>Gain (Loss) for Year</b>	<b>(\$2,900.00)</b>	<b>(\$2,663.62)</b>	<b>(\$4,650.00)</b>



# Friends of the VRTA (FOVRTA)

## Scholarship & Bursary Fund

*Note: The Friends of the Vancouver Retired Teachers' Association is the charity "arm" of the VRTA. Following CRA regulations, the Friends are a separate organization that must have its own Annual General Meeting. When you give to the scholarship fund, you must give to the Friends (FOVRTA—VanCity Community/RRSmith Fund) and not the VRTA. All Members of the VRTA are members of the Friends of VRTA.*

### FOVRTA AGM Agenda

Friends of the Vancouver Retired Teachers' Association

The meeting will start immediately at 11:30 am, prior to the Lunch and start of the VRTA AGM

1. FOVRTA **Minutes** of 2021 AGM
2. FOVRTA **Reports**: President; Treasurer ,
3. **Election of Directors of Friends of VRTA** Fund- Positions for Election—6 Directors (1 year terms): President; Treasurer; Secretary; Members-at-Large (3)

### Minutes of 2021 FOVRTA AGM

President Ros Kellett called the meeting to order June 8 at 9:45 am. The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting (September 8, 2020) were adopted by consensus. Treasurer Dave Ellis presented the Financial report as printed in May 2021 TABLOID; this was received by consensus. The fund, founded in June 2018, has increased from \$4,794 (June 2, 2019) to \$12,614.62 (May 12, 2021), due to Lunch fees and donations. Ros stated that the Board wanted to start dispersing funds and will work at reactivating the two UBC awards this year. These individuals were acclaimed as Directors of FOVRTA for 2021/22 fiscal year: Rosalind Kellett, David Ellis, Norma Westrom, Sheila Pither, Elaine Anderson and Winola Chu. The "door prizes" went to Jean Stanton and Lois Paterson. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.

### FOVRTA President's Report

Due to our healthy financial situation in May 2021, the FOVRTA funded two \$1000 UBC scholarships in the departments of Education and Nursing geriatrics for the Fall of 2021. The Education Award has gone to Mr. Graeme Thicke. In March, the Board decided to update the two SFU scholarships, last given in the Fall of 2016. They were reworded to go to two students, one in Education and one in Gerontology Studies. However, SFU now requires annual Scholarships of \$2000 each with a 5 year term commitment. This requires a bigger fund so we must delay dispersing funds to SFU and do more fundraising, besides the Christmas Lunch fees. Thanks to our hardworking treasurer, Dave Ellis, and the Board members for their devotion to this important work.

**– Rosalind Kellett**

### For Election of Director of FOVRTA:

**Six 1- Year positions 2022/23**

Winola Chu; Dave Ellis; Rosalind Kellett; Sheila Pither; Norma Westrom; VACANT

### Friends of the VRTA Treasurer's Report- June 2022

Event	Date	Amount	Cumulative
Balance Forward	May 2021		\$12,614.62
Donations	to Dec 31 2021	\$2,920.00	\$15,534.62
2 scholarships	July 2021	-\$2,000.00	\$13,534.62
Interest	Dec 2021	\$541.38	\$14,076.00
Donation	Mar 2022	\$75.00	\$14,151.00
2 scholarships	Apr 2022	-\$2,000.00	\$12,151.00
Current balance	May 2022		<b>*12,151.00</b>

**Donate to the scholarship fund today!**  
(see vrta website)

\*Subject to change as banking charges & donations are processed. -**Dave Ellis**

# Live Stage Offerings

## May to August 2022



## 2022 AGM JOKES

-from Internet

Prepared by Winola Chu

It has been thrilling to see the return of live theatre to Vancouver in recent months. As a season ticket holder at the Stanley I enjoyed *Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol*, then *Kim's Convenience* and later, *Made in Italy*. The latter play had the audience laughing uproariously and it reminded us all of the importance of laughter in a Covid world. Currently, *'Da Kink in My Hair*, runs to May 15th to be followed by *Kinky Boots*, the last play of the season, from June 9th to July 31st. For more information on the plays and Arts Club offerings for next season contact ARTSCLUB.COM or phone 604-687-1644.

Metro Theatre's upcoming play is *Stag and Doe* which provides an hilarious look at a rural young couple's pre-wedding preparations. It runs throughout May. For tickets google

metrotheatre.com or 604-266-7191.

*Bard on the Beach* is back this summer after a two-year absence. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* opens June 8th on the BMO Mainstage and will run until Sept.24th. *Harlem Duet* runs June 15th to July 17th on the Howard Family Stage. The play explores important questions about what it is to be black in North America. From Aug.13th to Sept.24th *Romeo and Juliet* will be featured on the Howard Stage. Contact bardonthebeach.org or phone 604-739-0559 for their season schedule and tickets.

Theatre Under the Stars will present two musicals this July and August-*Something Rotten* and *We Will Rock You*. *Something Rotten* is set in Elizabethan England and is advertised as "the funniest musical comedy in at least 400 years." *We Will Rock You* presents more than twenty hits from Queen's song-book. It blends the features of a musical and a rock concert combined. Contact tuts.ca or phone 604-631-2877 for tickets.

1. Did you learn much at the AGM?
2. Speaker –Wow, you're all agreeing with me!
3. Why does John call so many meetings?
4. Your name is Vincent so why do you insist I call you VIN?

\*\*\*\*\*Answers\*\*\*\*\*

1. Lots, such as how to bend a paper clip into a pretty cool "S"!
- 2 Whoops, my head is nodding off, what did you say?!
3. He wants to avoid making a decision on his own!
4. To save you a CENT!

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Jane: Will you Remember my name in an hour?

Joan: Sure!

Jane: ..and in a minute?

Joan: Yes!

Jane: ..and in a second?

Joan: Of course!

Jane: Knock, knock

Joan: Who's there?

Jane: You didn't remember my name!

**THEME & DEADLINE for the NEXT ISSUE - Friday July 29, 2022**

**What is your FAVOURITE article of clothing?**

Or your Top 3 articles! Keep this to about 100 words.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Add name, email address & phone number. Keep under 150 words; they may be edited for length and clarity.

# Search is on for a New Editor

As I wind down my involvement as Editor on the VRTA executive, I feel both relief and sadness.

## Editorial

Relief because the job is demanding at times, both with gathering good content and with using good tools. One has to keep learning about software. Will expensive new software save time and money in the end or is it better to find free open-source programs ? Decisions, decisions!

Sadness because I enjoy learning new skills and, especially, gathering the content by talking to VRTA members about their joys and concerns. Participation in the Walkers and Stroller group has helped me find out what we are thinking as retired teachers.

But after seven years it is time to give the job to another with the skills and capabilities to continue the VANCOUVER TABLOID. Please help us in our search. **–Ros Kellett**

WANTED: Editor for Vancouver RTA Newsletter. The newsletter is published four times @ year and covers members' news and events, contributions on a theme, reports and other items of interest to retirees. An honorarium is provided. If interested, contact [vrtapresident.e@gmail.com](mailto:vrtapresident.e@gmail.com) or [editortabloid@gmail.com](mailto:editortabloid@gmail.com) More details available on VRTA website <https://vrta.ca>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEEDED: 2022 Civic Election Workers

For the Saturday, October 15th city election many workers are needed. To apply you must be able to attend training sessions and work on Election Day. To serve Vancouver city and earn money, apply now here: <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/election-employment-opportunities.aspx>

### REGISTRATION FOR JUNE 7 –11:00 AM -AGM & LUNCH

the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, 3811 Point Grey Road

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose cheque for \_\_\_ attendee(s) @ \$45  
Cheque payable to: **Vancouver Branch—BCRTA**  
**Or Pay ONLINE—see details on front page**

Those wishing vegetarian entrée/special diet, check here \_\_\_\_\_

**See Page 1 for where to send. Register by Tuesday May 31. TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT Donations for the FOOD BANK are appreciated**

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Laurie Boyd of the BCRTA prefers that you contact her 604 871 -2260 directly or using the ONLINE Form. <https://bcrt.ca/update-member-info/>

Please also NOTIFY VRTA membership . Contact David H. Smith at [davidsmith2020@gmail.com](mailto:davidsmith2020@gmail.com).

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Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Lunch: (cheque) \$45.00

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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In the Memo line: **VRTA June 7 Luncheon**

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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