



# BCRPVPA

**BC Retired Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association**

## **Members' Update, September, 2019**

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### **BCRPVPA President Ted St. Pierre**

The BCRPVPA Executive sends a warm welcome to our members who once again enjoyed a sunny summer, and a few are also looking forward to further sunny days travelling.

Congratulations to our newly retired members who are really going to miss no longer having weekends.

Thank you for keeping your information up-to-date by sending us an email at [info@bcrpvpa.ca](mailto:info@bcrpvpa.ca)

### **Member Update**

#### **2019 – 2020 EXECUTIVE & GENERAL MEETINGS**

##### **EXECUTIVE:**

- 1. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 @ 10:00/am**
  - 2. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019 @ 10:00/am**
  - 3. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020 @ 10:00/am**
  - 4. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020 @ 10:00/am**
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**GENERAL MEETINGS: Social begins @ 9:30/am**

**Location: BCPVPA Office @ #200-525 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver, BC.**

1. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019 @ 9:45/am
2. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020 @ 9:45/am
3. TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020 @ 9:45/am
4. AGM WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 @ 9:45/am

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### **2019-2020 Executive Slate**

**Past President: Eileen Phillips; President: Ted St. Pierre; Vice-President: Christine Johnson; Treasurer: Lanny Young; Secretary: Celina Mau**

#### **Members-at-Large:**

**Allan Buggie; Jeff Larcombe; Bonnie Deren; Gerry Tiede (Advisory plus Liaison to BCRTA); Marsha Arnold; Geoff Straker.**

#### **Roles of Members-at-Large:**

**Membership & Sunshine; Program Topics & Speakers; Scholarships; Pension & Affinity; Communications / Technology; Social/Refreshments; Liaison to Archives**

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### **Presentations for the 2019/2020 Year. (organized by Eileen Phillips) Save these dates!**

#### **October 17, 2019 (This is the first General Meeting This Year)**

**Mark Costales is a group benefits consultant at Johnson Inc. and he will speak to us about options for travel and health insurance.** This is a very timely presentation since so many of our members have voiced concerns about their current health care plan.

(We have also confirmed that there will be updates on Pensions from Gerry Tiede at this meeting.)

#### **January 22, 2020**

**Graham Best will speak to us on 'Retaining the Power of Memory for Active Seniors'.** This is a 3 hour presentation so our meeting time will be adjusted to accommodate this. More information to follow in early January. Graham is a retired physics teacher and the author of "Your Complete Guide to Building a Memory Palace".

**March 31, 2020**

**Marie Lambert will speak to us about 'Nutrition for Seniors - and anyone else'.** Marie is a dietician at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

**AGM May 13, 2020**

**Patti Lefkos and Barry Hodgins, retired teachers/education administrators, will be speaking to us about travel-volunteering.** Both are outdoors enthusiasts (skiing, paddling, hiking) who have traveled the world taking photographs and writing articles. They were involved in rebuilding a remote village school in Nepal after it had experienced a devastating earthquake. The title of their presentation is 'Nepal: One Day at a Time.'

## 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. The Scholarship Committee is preparing to review all current applications. The names of this year's 5 successful applicants will be announced in a near future newsletter.

### MENTORSHIP Program for newly appointed Administrators

Retired Principals, including current Principals, are beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the mentorship program. Mentors are teamed with newly-appointed BC Principals or Vice-Principals. As successful Administrators in BC schools, we now can be very supportive to new Administrators in BC. For more information, please check the BCPVPA Website <https://www.bcpvpa.bc.ca/mentorship/>

## Job Postings

*Principal's Position Canim Lake, BC* <https://jobs.applyfirst.ca/jobs/115093>.

### **Principal Position – James Cameron Elementary**

Commencement Date: Sept. 2020 or if possible the last month of June 2020 for transitioning. Completed application packages should be submitted electronically to: [jcsofficeadmin@jcs.bc.ca](mailto:jcsofficeadmin@jcs.bc.ca) attention Board of Director's Fraser Valley Society for Children with Learning Disabilities.

## Opportunities (travel to Cuba with Kit Krieger)

### CUBA TOUR – FEBRUARY 2020

Kit Krieger, former BCTF President, BC College of Teacher Registrar and Executive Director of the BCPVPA, is taking a group, many of whom are retired educators, to Cuba in February 2020. The tour is for 10-days, commencing February 17<sup>th</sup>, with an option of three additional days at the beaches, and will cross the country with stops in Holguin, Santiago de Cuba, Camaguey, Havana, Cienfuegos and Trinidad.

Kit Krieger has visited Cuba 40 times since 1998 and has remarkable contacts on the Island. The focus of the tour will be history, culture and international relations. Stops at schools, including a Fine Arts' Academy, are planned.

Contact Kit at [ejkrieger@shaw.ca](mailto:ejkrieger@shaw.ca) if you would like more information about the tour.

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***Liz Van Den Hanenberg Volunteer Coordinator ONE TO ONE Literacy Society***

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### BCRPVPA CONTACT INFORMATION

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