

Newsletter of the Delta Teachers' Association

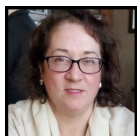


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President's Column ~ Susan Yao

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DTA Celebrates Retiring Teachers

On Monday, June 19th the Delta Teachers' Association held its annual Social and Retirement Dinner at the lovely Tsawwassen Springs Golf Course. While every DTA member was welcome to attend the Social, the Dinner was for invited guests only. The list of invitees included all retirees and their guests, DTA EC members, Staff Representatives, other committee members as well as senior district staff and Trustee Chair Val Windsor. In all, eleven of the twenty-eight DTA members who have identified themselves as retiring attended the dinner along with their guests. Union representatives (staff reps, EC, and other committees) were thanked at the dinner for their ongoing and—for the most part—voluntary work. One dinner isn't enough of a thanks to those generous teachers, but we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. And if you are in one of those roles next year, please accept next year's invite so we can thank you in person!

Additionally, two representatives—Annie Coblin and Peter Yang—from Delta's chapter of the BC Retired Teachers Association (BCRTA) came to the social and stayed for dinner. While the weather was uncooperative—it rained which meant we had to take the photo of retirees indoors—the event was lively and the food was plentiful and a good time was had by all.

This was a most happy event and stories were shared about the most memorable moments in teaching, advice for the rest of us, and plans for retirement. Check our website for photos.

If you missed this year's celebration, you can be added to next year's dinner!

Changes to Grid and Benefits coming soon!

You will see a new grid as of July 1st, 2023 with a 6.75% increase. Also, look for improvements to your Pacific Blue Cross coverage. Reminder to everyone to look at their pay statements regularly on Employee Connect. Errors can occur and can be corrected if caught early on.

Communication:

We notice DTA members often email concerns via the DTA office staff. Our office staff *can and do* forward concerns, but this added layer means there

Retirement Social & Dinner

On Monday, June 19, the DTA was pleased to hold a celebration honouring teachers who retired this school year. Retirees shared their retirement plans and most memorable teaching moments.



Back Row: Doug Schellenberg, Anne Howlett, Jacqueline Loewen, Christiane Dube, Susanne Bohmert, Patty Burr

Front Row: Nina Hollands, Kay Berry, Grace Yan, Jane Klem, Charlene Janzen

The DTA wishes the following colleagues a happy, healthy retirement:

Kay Berry	Christiane Dube	Charlene Janzen	Robert Reefschlager
Anne-Marie Bilton	Donna Emond	Jane Klem	Doug Schellenberg
Susanne Bohmert	Rosemary Harris	Jacqueline Loewen	Marion Schlatter
Patty Burr	Nina Hollands	Diane McGann	Kerrie Trotman
Jan Cerny	Anne Howlett	Marian Lane	Ingrid Vanderwood
Bradley Crawford	Dana Huff	Reece Papin	Grace Yan
Carol Cunningham			

may be avoidable delays in responding to emails. Email us directly: Susan, syao@deltateachers.org and Alison, aroche@deltateachers.org. We can be reached via our deltaschools.ca addresses, but the **Union's practice is to NOT use the district's communication platform. Please use the addresses noted above from YOUR personal email.**

Summer Communication!

Our office closes June 30th and re-opens September 5th. However, I will be available via email until July 14th. If unable to contact the DTA, please contact the BCTF (604-871-2283) and ask for the Field Service Division.

September Start Up:

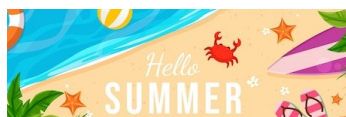
While September seems far away, start thinking about who might put names forward for Staff Reps and other Union Reps at your site. The school staff need to elect their union representatives as soon as possible in the new school year. And then please send this info to the DTA! A good time for elections would be before/after the first staff meeting of the year.

The DTA will have training for rookie (new) staff reps, Pro D contacts and Pro D chairs, and staff reps early in the school year. Remember that it is one staff rep for every 15 teachers on staff. Staff reps' service is voluntary and a vital communication link for all DTA members. Thank you to all who choose to serve!

Happy Summer!

On behalf of the DTA office, I wish you a restorative summer break. Whether you're working this summer, travelling, taking courses, or other, take care of yourself. There are supports for you so reach out to the DTA or the BCTF. Programs like the BCTF's Health and Wellness can help provide support to enhance your work-life balance.

I want to give a big thank you to all the DTA members who stepped up in a role this year: as a staff rep, an EC member, a committee member, and to all of you who have supported your colleagues. We are all in this together and I am most thankful for Alison, Kathy, Jane and Brianna who have been part of the DTA office this year.

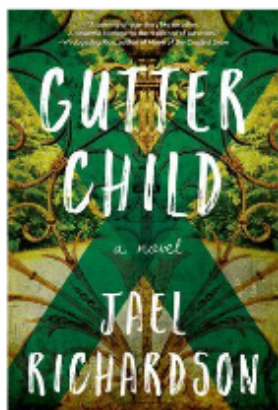
Executive Committee Vacancies

- Political Action Chair

There are also vacancies on the following committees:

- Aboriginal Education, French as First or Working Language, Health & Safety, Pro-D, Political Action, Social Justice, Teacher-on-Call Advisory

Please email the DTA if you would like to let your name stand for any of these positions at the next Staff Rep Assembly in September



BOOK CLUB

If you are interested in joining the book club, please email Jane at the DTA Office at jane@deltateachers.org. A complimentary copy of the book will be supplied in early September.

In Memoriam

Fredrick "Rick" Wilkinson, passed away on May 3rd. He taught and coached at NDSS for many years. Grace Sproul passed on June 4th. She dedicated over 25 years to a career in education all around Delta.



To all Delta Teachers

Hello Summer

Thanks for a great year

From the DTA Office -
Susan, Alison, Kathy, Jeanie
Brianna & Jane

Will you be changing your name or address over the summer?

Please email Brianna at brianna@deltateachers.org or visit the DTA website under [Contact Us/Update Member Contact](#). Please also contact Human Resources at the Board office (604-946-4101) and the BCTF Member Records Department (604-871-2192).