

# R.R.SMITH

# newsletter

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## R.R. SMITH AGM REPORT

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Once again members were very generous in donating \$1,169 to their charity. Thank You.

Door Prize winners were

Lynn Farquharson - Beautiful hand made tote bag donated by Bev Anderson

Marg Sutton - a tracker donated by Gluu Technology

Bob Ferguson - basket donated by the B.C.R.T.A.

Bernard Froebel - Basket donated by Hilton Hotels

Marion Hartley - \$150 Visa card and other goodies donated by Johnson

Les Rowe - Basket donated by Hilton Hotels

Elaine Anderson - Holiday Inn Stay and Breakfast for 2 donated by Holiday Inn

The R.R. Smith Board of Directors was re-elected. Serving for another term is Bev Anderson (Langley), Dave Carter (Burnaby), Judy de Vries (Langley), Andy Hattrick (Vancouver), and Sheila Pither (Vancouver). The B.C.R.T.A. appointed Directors are Steve Bailey (Burnaby) and Sterling Campbell (Campbell River).

Members passed the Special Resolution presented at the AGM and R.R. Smith is registered under the New Societies Act.

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### R.R. Smith Website

The R.R. Smith website has been updated and is now on a secure web server.

Let us know how you like the new site and if there is something you wish added. Check out [www.rrsmith.ca](http://www.rrsmith.ca).



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## what's new

### Members and select businesses can now advertise in the R.R. Smith Newsletter.

Members with businesses and businesses that provide services to our members are able to make a tax receipted donation for an advertising space in the Newsletter.

- Business card size for a donation of between \$65 and \$104;
- 1/4 page (Horizontal or Vertical) for a donation of between \$105 and \$174;
- 1/2 page (Horizontal or Vertical) for a donation of between \$175 and \$334;
- Full page for a donation of \$335 or more.

The Newsletter is sent to around 7500 members.



### Two Small Exotic Mexican Holiday Opportunities for You!

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**\*\*Special rates for B.C. teachers  
Cam and Beverley Gesy  
– retired B.C. educators**



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R.R. Smith is all about education and has partnered with Gluu Technology to provide educational opportunities for members as well. If you would like classes in your area contact Linda.

## Ready to figure out your technology? Great! We're here to help.



### Gluu Technology Society

We're the non-profit on a mission to help older adults with today's technology.

**We make it stick.**

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**GluuSociety.org/classes**

## Thank you from CHES

A special thank you to the R.R. Smith Memorial Foundation for their grant of \$1,500 for student support. This money will be used to purchase much needed school supplies, text books, and mosquito nets for CHES girls in Kenya and Tanzania.

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## DONATING MADE EASY

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Donations can now be made on line with a tax receipt issued at the same time.

To make a donation go to [www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca](http://www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca), click on "Funds" at the top of the page, type R.R. Smith in the "search" area, click on "R.R. Smith Community Fund", click on "Give to this Fund", and fill in the details required. A tax receipt will be issued for donations over \$20. If you wish to designate the funds fill in the organization in the "Leave a comment" section.



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## RR SMITH MEMORIAL FUND THANK YOU

I am writing on behalf of the Betty Huff Theatre Company to thank you for your generous grant donation this past year. We asked specifically for help in putting on Disney's The Lion King. You can check it out at [www.bettyhufftheatre.ca](http://www.bettyhufftheatre.ca) just click on Lion King and click on the video link or check out the pictures from the show. Here is an example of part of your donation. A wonderful team began with clay molds and then covered those molds with plaster and Papier Mache, finishing them with paint and bits and pieces. The final step was mounting them to baseball hats which had been re-sewn to create a holder for the mask. The entire process took over 100 hours by the team and of course the cost of the materials. As you see below the process, then the final product you can see the kids were thrilled and looked amazing on stage. The team also built an elephant, rhino, 12 antelope, 16 wildebeest, 2 giraffes, 2 zebras, and several birds.



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Not only were we able to provide the masks, but all the materials that went along with producing this kind of show for our students and community. We had over 1200 students from the district come and see the show during the week of performances and had over 800 people from the community and our own school come and see the show in the evening. It was a great community event.

None of this would be possible without the generous donations from you and others who see the need to provide the arts to students in public schools. Our job is to inspire and we continue to work hard, making sure that every child who wants to participate is involved and given a meaningful part in our musicals. Many stories and events happen during the rehearsal process. Our inner-city kids have challenging lives and when they come together to share in an experience, they begin to let down their walls and actually grow personally; feeling like they have a purpose and meaning in life. I know that sounds like a huge statement, but if you have worked inner-city, you know how much they need a purpose and to feel they have a safe place to grown and learn.

Thank you retired teachers for helping us work with our kids and inspire them to be greater than they ever thought possible! We hope you will continue to partner with us for years to come. Making kids dreams come true one theatre production at a time. Next year Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory along with Treasure Island. We hope this year to afford to by mirrors to attach to the wall in our theatre so the students will be able to improve the quality of their choreography. This will be our next big investment.

One day I hope you will come and see a show, or pop by for a visit and have one of our actors give you the grand tour. You are always welcome!

**Steve Swaddling - Director Betty Huff Theatre Company**



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## RIDGE MEADOWS RETIRED TEACHERS' BRANCH BUS TRIP

An adventuresome group of retired teachers and friends took another outing with Lou and Enjoy Tours. We traveled to Secret Cove and the Sunshine Coast. We got right into nature in Hidden Groves' Ancient Forest full of majestic old growth trees on a 30 minute escorted walk. We stopped to see the "Lone Giant". Then off to Rockwater Secret Cove Resort for an amazing lunch! Then a walk at Davis Bay and off to some free time to discover Gibson's Landing's charming stores, art galleries and Molly's Reach. We had great weather!!!

By Julie Zoney, President



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## BURNABY RETIRED TEACHERS ENJOY BEAUTIFUL DAY ON SALT SPRING

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October 17 saw a full bus of Burnaby retired teachers and friends head for the Tuesday Market on Salt Spring Island with Enjoy Tour and Travel.

The day started out overcast, but by the time the ferry was approaching Tsawwassen, the skies cleared and set the stage for a beautiful tour of the island. After the short ride from Tsawwassen to Fulford Harbour, our vivacious driver and guide Gyselle, took us to lunch. Lunch was pre-ordered, so ready for us when we arrived. After lunch, there was time to browse the Fulford Harbour shops, then it was off for a wonderful forest and sea-side walk. The next highlight was the famous Salt Spring cheese factory for tasting. No one could resist purchasing something after a tour featuring the cheese making process.

The Tuesday market in Ganges featured several stalls of crafts and fresh produce, preserves, and baked goods. The near-by park, shops, and bookstore provided more opportunities for enjoying the sunny day and after completing our bus ride “circumnavigating” the island we headed back to the ferry after a day well spent.

Burnaby Retired Teachers are now anticipating their next trip with Enjoy Tour and Travel - not only knowing they will have a great day with friends discovering new things, but also knowing they are contributing to the RR Smith Memorial Fund.



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## VANCOUVER OPERA'S SUMMER OPERA CAMP

FROM COLLEEN MAYBIN, VANCOUVER OPERA'S DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Vancouver Opera's Summer Camp took place in July at the O'Brian Center for Vancouver Opera. The Summer Camp program includes the Teen Intensive which is two weeks in length and the Junior Camp that runs for one week. For the first time, both camps were sold out and a short wait list was created for the Junior Camp. Full bursaries were provided for 13 students, thanks to the support of community funders and donors. Another highlight of the program was the creation of two paid positions for alumni of the program. This opportunity provided one former student to return as the stage manager for both final productions and another to assist in the overall operations of the camp in the role of "camp counsellor". Both camps focused on the creation of a brand new opera based on Indigenous stories. The Teaching Staff worked closely with Indigenous visual arts teacher Shannon Leddy and Elder Mary Jane Joe in developing the content and teaching practices for the camp.

Three of the thirteen tuition bursaries were provided by the Vancouver Opera Guild through our grant from the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund, for which we are very grateful. These tuition bursaries help to ensure that no child is turned away because of the parents' inability to pay.



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## Fun and adventure

R.R. Smith's affiliation with Enjoy Tours continues to benefit many members. Members and companion(s) have an opportunity to enjoy fully escorted day tours, short trips or longer vacations from the Enjoy Tours catalogue [www.enjoytourandtravel.com](http://www.enjoytourandtravel.com). This Fall, R.R. Smith is offering to members living in the Lower Mainland three day tours in addition to those listed in the catalogue. There will be one pick-up and drop-off in Surrey. The tours are Galiano Island October 4 and Christmas Carol Ship Cruise and dinner December 7. For more information and to book tours call 604-630-2434 Ext. 1.

In 2018, this opportunity will be expanded to other communities. Enjoy Tours donates to R.R. Smith when B.C.R.T.A. / R.R. Smith members book a trip.



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The R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation is:

- A Registered Charity under the Canadian Income Tax Act #86160 2126 RR0001
- Incorporated under the BC Society Act

The purposes of the society are to advance public education in British Columbia and in developing countries.

If you believe, as we do, that Education can make a difference, please support the work of the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation by making:

- A regular donation which will be used in the year that it is given to support the grants the Foundation makes that year
- A donation to the Foundation's Endowment Fund so the interest earned can be used for future grants
- An "In Memoriam" donation for a family member or friend
- The R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation your Life Insurance beneficiary thereby making your premiums tax deductible
- A real estate donation

### WHAT WE DO

- A** Providing scholarships and bursaries to
  - Doctoral students in any area which advances public education, and
  - Deserving students, to enable them to attend post-secondary educational institutions,
- B** Making and administering grants to Canadian registered charitable organizations, the purposes of which are similar to those of the society,
- C** Acquiring school materials, books, equipment, and supplies of all kinds, and donating them to schools,
- D** Providing funding to support innovative projects which advance public education,
- E** Working cooperatively with governments in Canada and other countries, and other charitable organizations.

The Foundation makes grants to projects that meet these criteria and are registered Canadian charities. Application forms are available at [www.rrsmith.ca](http://www.rrsmith.ca)

