



Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association

Retirees' Dinner

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

*Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
3811 Point Grey Road
Vancouver, B.C.*

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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 Learning Services
Tupper
Killarney
Britannia
Thompson
Vancouver Technical
Prince of Wales
Templeton
Churchill
Kitsilano
Teacher-on-Call
Point Grey
Byng
Magee
On Leave
Hamber
Gladstone



n behalf of the Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association, welcome to the 2011 Retirees' Dinner. We are honoured to celebrate with you the closing of your teaching career and the opening of a new chapter of your life.

Tonight, on behalf of the countless number of students you have taught, we thank you for your undaunted professionalism, diligence, nurturing, patience, and occasional pushing and prodding. Thank you for all of the numerous tasks you have done beyond the 8:30 to 3:15 window: planning lessons, marking papers and exams, preparing interims and report cards, meeting with parents, working on committees, coaching teams and sponsoring clubs, organizing field trips, and so much more. Most undoubtedly, it was your willingness to do more that made school such a positive and supportive place for the many, many students who had the great fortune of moving through your care.

We also acknowledge and thank you for your ongoing commitment to protecting and ensuring a quality public education system. The leadership you have demonstrated during the better part of the past thirty years has had a profound impact on the teaching profession. As a direct result of your collective efforts, significant gains were made in enhancing the rights of teachers, including the right to bargain. Your advocacy has made a difference and has helped pave the way for successive generations of teachers.

As you close your classroom door for the last time, remember the many fond memories of the past while simultaneously looking forward to the travels, experiences, and endeavours for which you now have time. On the first Tuesday in September, savour that second cup of coffee, secure in the knowledge that you are free from meetings and bells. Simply put, it is your time to relax. Put your feet up, indulge in a good book, and enjoy!

The 1500 members of the VSTA extend our congratulations and best wishes for the coming years. We salute the graduating class of 2011.

Debbie Pawluk

President



Sheila Barrie

32 yrs experience
Byng, U. Hill, PW,
Richmond, Vernon,
Chilliwack, Agassiz,
Sunshine Coast,
North Vancouver

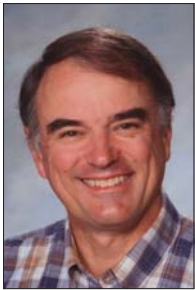
Graduated from UBC with Maxwell Cameron Prize, Head of Secretary Education Class (1979), and taught in 8 different districts in BC in several subject areas, including Science and French. Working with students was an inspiring and gratifying experience.



Jane Belanger

25 yrs with VSB
Outreach Alternative
(Britannia), TOC, YFW,
Winnipeg

It has been an honour to work with youth for the past 25 years. When I started at Outreach, it was a day-evening program located at Hastings and Gore. Now it is a graduation program. This year has been especially rewarding as Outreach was able to assist 16 First Nations students graduate.



Robert Best

35 yrs experience
Churchill, Templeton

I'll remember my students and the many teachable moments when through language and literature we taught each other to be more alive.



Patti Buchanan

35 yrs experience
Magee, Point Grey

After 35 wonderful years of putting educational theory into solid instructional and counselling practice, I am looking forward to the third component of teaching - reflection! Then I'll write a book.



Greg Chambers

29 yrs experience
Hamber, John Oliver,
Prince George

Highlight: teaching Grade 8s - I didn't teach Grade 8s until I got to Hamber. Plans: house renovations, catching up with all the things I've missed these last 29 years. Will miss the energy of the kids. Won't miss book work, bells and report cards.



Josie De Brouwer

35 yrs experience
TOC, Killarney, Magee,
Ontario, Quebec

Although I also taught in Ontario and Quebec, my years with the VSB were by far the most enjoyable ones. TOCing was a wonderful transition. Now it's time for family, volunteering in orphanages, some serious traveling and reading. Machu Pichu here I come.



Trudy Douglas
 30 yrs experience
 Britannia, Vancouver
 Technical, John Oliver,
 Coquitlam, White Rock

I have always been passionate about cooking - so much food, so little time. A life changing experience was studying at the Cordon Bleu in London, England. The future? More food.



Dave Hawes
 21 yrs at VSB
 Point Grey

Teaching gives a sense of significance. It is fulfilling to realize that former students are now spread from Shanghai to Oxford, and from sales reps to professors. My product is out the door: goodbye tension, hello pension.



Patti Hutchinson
 35 yrs experience
 King George,
 Templeton, Hamber,
 Magee, Queen
 Elizabeth, Cavell

Highlight: the students whom I was privileged to have taught. Recently I attended a 30 yr anniversary of Templeton grad class and enjoyed reminiscing. Plans: travel, writing a book and developing a business. Won't miss strikes and strife. Will miss the students and muses.



Bruce Kelly
 35 yrs experience
 Britannia

Highlight: teaching English, Math and Skills Development. Plans: travel, hobbies, volunteer, investments. Will miss the energy of the students. Won't miss cafeteria supervision. Best perk: watching students develop intellectually and socially.



Betty Kosel
 VSB ESL Consultant,
 Byng, Tupper, Kitsilano

Plans: spend the next few years hanging out with kids, cats, and my wonderful friends and colleagues. I was briefly VP of the VSTA, spent many years as a staff rep, WLC rep and chair of H&S, because I believe in fairness and equality for all.



Tom Koven
 33 yrs experience
 Hamber

Highlight: winning the Secondary Music Award for BC. Plans: becoming a grandfather. Will miss the students. Won't miss supervision. "Former student signs 3 year contract to conduct the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra."



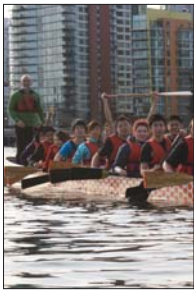
David Louden
35 yrs experience
Killarney, Hamber

Taught Tech Studies (Auto, Metal, Electronics). Tech Studies Dept Head since 1987. Travel and boating in the Gulf Islands in the future. Will miss the students and very fine staff I have worked with. Won't miss strikes.



Denise Marquette
38 yrs experience
Killarney, several elementary schools (itinerant band)

This has been an amazing career - what a blessing that my avocation became my vocation! Singing deals not only with the mind and body but importantly - the soul and spirit. What an honour it has been to impact young lives on such a deep level.



Nod Mirhady
31 yrs experience
Vancouver Technical

Highlights: receiving the Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence; going with 2 of my students to the World Science Fair finals in Qatar (placing 4th); the year all three of the Van Tech Dragon Boat teams got medals in their final races at the Alcan Dragon Boat Festival.



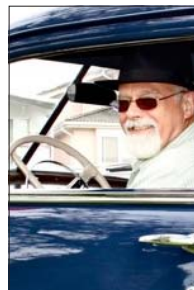
James Nakamoto
37 yrs experience
Churchill

It's been my privilege to work with so many young, bright minds over the years. They've taught me a lot!



Margaret O'Brien
16 yrs experience
Vancouver Technical

I will miss my friends, especially my teaching partner extraordinaire, Jo-Anne Roberts, and the wonderful students in the jewel of the east, Van Tech. Long may she shine!



Gregg Parsons
36 yrs experience
Thompson, King George, West Germany, Gladstone

Highlights: teaching in Germany; receiving the "Outstanding Technology Teacher Award", October 2010. Plans: go back to school and my woodworking business. Will miss the students, without a doubt, and of course, the staff and admin. Won't miss BCeSIS.



Ludovit Paskovic
16 yrs experience
Kitsilano

Highlight: starting 2 new courses (AP History 12 & Comp Civ 12). Plans: busier than now. Will miss some staff and some students. Won't miss aggravation caused by some "bad" students. "Few years ago on Halloween, 4 boys and 4 girls came dressed like me!!"



Jadzia Prenosil
30 yrs experience
Killarney

30 yrs of teaching ESL, I received many funny excuse notes from students' parents. I suppressed a smile as I read this: "Sorry teacher, my daughter no go to school because she is under the doctor." When I handed the note back I asked if she was feeling better. She smiled and said, "Yes, my doctor very good Ms Prenosil."



Judy Robertson
35+ yrs experience
Templeton

After teaching elementary school and adults, I arrived at Templeton. Thirty years later I leave with wonderful memories and long-standing ties. The future holds "the gift of time" where I will only get up at six o'clock... to catch a plane.



Al Sarna
36.5 yrs experience
Kitsilano, University Hill,
Tupper

I suppose my career highlight is making it this far and still enjoying it. I most certainly won't miss staff meetings or assemblies. My future plans include sleep, and lots of it!!



Michael Springer
38 yrs experience
Hamber, Gladstone,
Churchill, Tupper,
Montreal

In many ways I have been retired for years. "Eric Hamber Secondary School" has been a joy for me to work at. I hardly ever didn't look forward to going, thanks to the wonderful students and dedicated staff. Over the past 38 years, 41 different administrators have come and gone, some very good and some very bad.

Camera shy:

Bruce Adams, LOA
Alan Andrews, Gladstone
Janet Black, King George
Gary Davis, City School (KG)
Christopher Fan, Templeton
Daniel Frewing, Retired
Marcelle Gilbert, Retired
Philip Grimmert, Gladstone
Gary Hawkins, Hamber
Jane Kelty, Prince of Wales
Lawrence Killick, Gladstone
Sherran McKinlay, Tupper
Antoinetta Perrotta, Van Tech
Barbara Ward, Thompson
Brian Wells, Gladstone
Arle Wiseman, John Oliver

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Special Guests and Members of the Executive

Bill Bargeman	Victor Choy	Sylvia Metzner
Jim Gill	Moira Ekdahl	Raza Mirani
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Andy Hattrick	Sue Inglis	Lisa Pacheco
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