

# The K.R.T.A. BRIDGE

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Fall 2003

W Welcome to our meeting on Friday, September 26, 2003. At 11:45 at Traditions.

E Enjoy fellowship, friendship,

L Laughter and learning of things effecting seniors.

C Come to be inspired – it's great!

O Only \$13.00 for the smorgasbord luncheon .

M Musical moments are part of the plan.

E Exercise your privilege of membership in CARP\* By joining the BCRTA.

*Please phone --- if you wish to come.*  
Application forms for membership, along with other valuable information, has been sent to you by the head office BCRTA. Read the RTA BULLETIN for phone number etc.

Last year was a time of creative expression in many areas and we look forward to your input to continue the enthusiasm. The Heritage Book requires the written accounts of a few more memories. We helped a girl in Africa by providing for her needs at the CHES school under Canadian Harambee, a society formed to aid young women and we gave two \$1,000 bursaries to UCC Education students. Both of those are ongoing.

The June social began with a ride on the Heritage Train followed by a luncheon where we all sang "The Ballad of Bill Miner," a song written by Marion Schilling when she was principal of that school. Even the rain could not dampen our spirits!

The picture shows Marg Hutchinson selling tickets to Alf Law and Marie Laroche.

Pictures on the next page were taken during the event, too.





PROGRAM

Donna Walsh organized and hosted the program committee at her home. Marie Laroche, Barb Stankiewicz, Irene Smith and Donna Sharpe attended. The suggestions given to the group were considered and those most frequently requested were implemented into the plan as follows :

- SEPTEMBER 26, 2003. - Welcome to the new members and sharing of summer fun.
  - Provincial AGM report
  - Sing along with Peter Botham
  - a preview of our Heritage Book which is in progress. Be able to see what we have so far and think of what is needed to complete the publication. ( I'm thinking the Bill Miner song written by Mrs. Shilling should be included.)

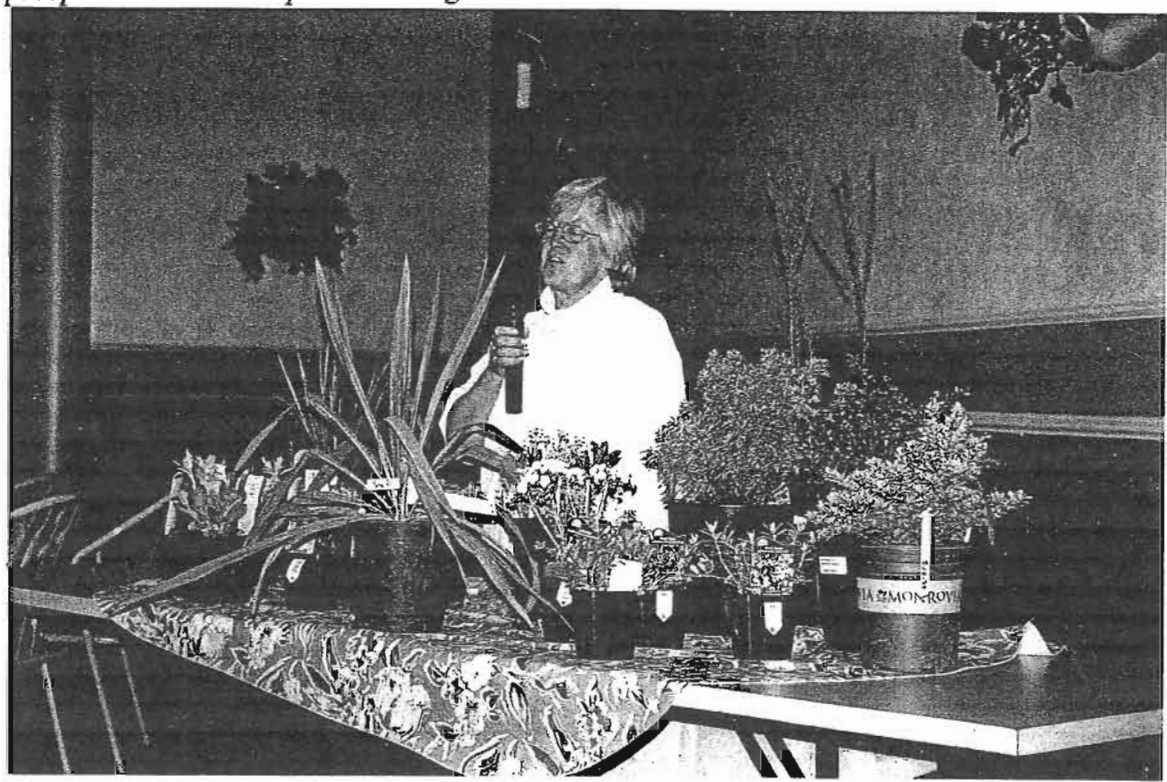
OCTOBER 31, 2003.

- Mr. Peter Netherway, who is no stranger to K.R.T.A., will return with new and vital insights about the judicial system in this new age of drug related crime. He will have information specific to the retired members of our society.

- NOVEMBER 28, 2003.
- A Christmas Party
    - sing along with Peter Botham
    - socializing and fun
    - a donation of food to go to the Kamloops Food Bank will give you the feeling of the season

JANUARY 30, 2004. – Guest speaker will be Norm Moss M.Ed., retired teacher/ librarian and past president of the Overlander Toastmaster Club will speak on “Luck” but he gives it the impressive title “Removing Roadblocks”

This photo was taken last year when Susan Hayes taught us which plants make good prospects for Xeroscape Gardening.



The K.R.T.A. Bursary committee has been very active this past year. We all had our fingers crossed during the draw for the porcelain doll, which was to be made in the likeness of a child of our choice by Wendy Madson and Mary Ellen Paterson .Who was the winner? None other than our very own Donna Walsh! Her only grandchild, little Monica, will be the model for her doll.

In May the committee met to set new goals for the coming year. Alf Law, Warren Damer, Cora Jones, Janet Doubt and Carolynne Miller met at Mary Ellen Paterson's home where it was decided that a letter would be sent only to those members who prefer to contribute directly to UCC rather than at the meetings. Anyone may send a contribution to:

The University College of the Cariboo Foundation  
Box 3010  
Kamloops, B.C.  
V2C 5N3

Make cheque payable to Kamloops Retired Teacher's Association Bursary Fund.

Last year the fund was increased by approximately \$1500.00. The bursary is granted on the interest earnings of the fund each year.

The group has in mind a quilt for the prize for next year but it has not yet been finalized.

Now on with the fun, Mary Ellen and Wendy-----and the lucky person is....







MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to everyone as a new school year begins. A warm welcome to all newly retired members. If you have not joined the B.C.R.T.A. or the KTRTA, we request that you do as there are many benefits to being a member: enjoying lunch with colleagues, watching interesting programs, receiving up to date information on pensions, benefits and health care and issues in the provincial quarterly bulletin and local newsletter.

This is my second year as President and I hope you will join in some of our activities. We have the President's Club which raises money for bursaries, each of \$1000.00 given to two education students; the Heritage committee is near completion on publishing a book on the memories of teachers in the district schools. We have sixteen schools to complete. They are all elementary schools. We will collect the high schools memoirs as a new project in the future. The elementary school that we need memoirs on now are: Aberdeen, Barriere, Barriere Ridge, Bert Edwards, Blue River, Chase, David Thompson, Dutch Lake, Logan Lake, Parkcrest, Raft River, Savona, Star Lake Campus, Tranquille Valley School, Vavenby. Warren Damer is Chairperson of the Heritage committee. He has set a deadline of December 2003. Please if you know anyone from these schools, help us keep our deadline.

The three delegates attending the AGM Sept. 17 & 18, 2003 are Doug Nicol, Evelyn Baziuk and myself (Marie Laroche-Pres.)

We are making an effort to shorten the business meeting by asking that reports be written and put on each table and only given orally if the report is urgent. Members have requested more time for visiting. The first meeting I will introduce the executive and committees to you.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday, Sept. 26, 2003 at Traditions at 12:00 for lunch.

Respectfully,  
Marie Laroche, President of the K.T.R.T.A.

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*The cardiologist's diet:  
if it tastes good, spit it out.  
—Paulina Borsook*

*The secret to staying young is  
to live honestly, eat slowly,  
and lie about your age.  
—Lucille Ball*