



KPURA News

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Keeping Connected Over the Years

Event Highlights

2020 AGM by Email, a Summary

Update by Carol Barnett, KPURA Chair

The KPURA Board of Directors organized a very full and informative 2020 AGM agenda. The meeting was scheduled for April 16 at the Surrey Campus. In mid-March we were informed by the Office of External Affairs that all gatherings at KPU were suspended due to the spread of COVID-19. Rather than postpone our meeting until later in the year, we opted to reorganize the agenda into parts, each of which could be presented by email.

The 2020 AGM was delivered in a series of emails with attachments over 11 days from April 16 to 27. The meeting agenda was divided into the Business Meeting, Two Presentations, and Future Directions motions with background information. Full Members were invited to vote via Doodle. The presentations, "Pensions and Some Important Decision in Retirement" by Dennis Anderson and "KPU – State of the University" by Dr. Alan Davis, can be found at <https://www.kpu.ca/retirees/events>

Scroll down through the meeting agenda to find the links. All motions presented within the meeting were passed. Over 50% of the Full Membership participated.

Two motions were presented and subsequently were approved that will affect the future direction of KPURA. 1) The Board has applied to the Association of BC College Pension Plan Retirees (ABCPPR) to become an Associate (non-voting) member. 2) Geoff Dean, Vice Chair, is actively planning a strategy to support an equitable funding campaign for KPU. The purpose of the campaign is to increase post-secondary education access for students residing south of the Fraser River in KPU's catchment. This will be an ongoing advocacy initiative.

Your Board of Directors:

Chair – Carol Barnett,
Vice-Chair – Geoff Dean,
Secretary – Alice Macpherson,
Treasurer – Roger Elmes,
Members at Large –
Sandra Carpenter, Sooz Klinkhamer.

Picture of spring in Scotland

Upcoming Events



Choose your Own Adventure,
Ongoing at your Own Pace

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Event Notes



Country Vines Winery, Richmond
Notes and pictures from our last face
to face event (for now) in February.

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Memorandum of Agreement, between KPU and KPURA - Update

A draft Agreement was written, discussed, and approved by the KPURA Board of Directors on Oct 16, 2019. This document is based on other MoA's KPU has developed with outside but closely related groups, such as the KPU Alumni Association, as well as Agreements published by many other University Retiree Associations across Canada. The Memorandum of Agreement, when signed, will outline the University's responsibilities in support of KPURA activities. It will also state KPURA's responsibilities to the University. Meetings with the Office of External Affairs to discuss the contents of the draft document are ongoing. There is a strong will by both the University and KPURA to produce a beneficial and useful document.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING!

Choose Your Own Adventure at Your Own Pace

Curated by Sooz Klinkhamer

Websites you may enjoy during stay at home times in isolation. These are personal favourites and may not be to everyone's liking.

TRAVEL

National Geographic is a world leader in geography, cartography and exploration.

www.nationalgeographic.com

Conde Nast Traveller & The Traveller Newsletters

www.cntraveller.com

Travel Alerts (including Destination Guides)

www.travelalerts.ca

NEWS AND OPINIONS

Vancouver is Awesome (Bob Kronbauer)

www.vancouverisawesome.com

The Tyee (David Beers) An independent Canadian news Magazine

www.thetyee.ca

Kirschners Korner (on Wordpress.com) Let's make the world a more humane place.

www.kirschnerskorner.com

Daily Nostalgia bits. (The closest thing to a time machine)

www.dailynostalgibits.com

INNOVATION

Singularity University (exponential ideas and innovations)

www.singularityhub.com

Fast Company Compass

www.fastcompany.com

Genetic Literacy Project. (dedicated to promoting public awareness and discussion of genetics, biotechnology, evolution and science literacy)

www.geneticliteracyproject.com

MUSIC, HERITAGE, AND OTHER STUFF

Vancouver Heritage Foundation (Promotes the appreciation and conservation of our city's historic places for current and future generations.)

www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org

The Isolation Journals (A hundred day project to help us through the pandemic)

www.suleikajaouad.com

Choir Leoni (Men's choir)

www.chorleoni.org

NOW, OVER TO YOU

Please email YOUR favourite websites to

kpuranews@gmail.com

REPORTS

Country Vines Winery

February 29, 2020

by Sandra Carpenter

Country Vines is a hidden away winery just off Steveston Hwy and the freeway. Unless you were looking for it you would probably miss it, yet this winery has hosted KPURA members twice now for wine tastings paired lovingly with cheese and crackers by Alice Macpherson.

Our host, Eric, is so knowledgeable about all aspects of the wine making process. As we tasted, he explained the difference leaving the juice on the skins for 3 hours after pressing as opposed to 2 days could make in the appearance and taste of the wine. Both were tasty but much different. He spoke of how too much rain this winter could cause the branches to swell and crack.

Hearing about all the variables that can change the success of the final product can make one appreciate the price sticker on the next bottle of wine.

If you haven't attended one of these wine tastings before, you would definitely enjoy it. You better hope Country Vines lets us have yet another wine tasting.



- Hours of operation are 11 am to 6 pm Thursday to Monday (closed Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Maximum 12 people at any given time indoors (including staff, shoppers and washroom goers)
- One person from each party must leave their contact information (name, email and phone number) before settling in the picnic area
- No cash sales, only debit and credit payment will be accepted
- We have reduced the number of tables and chairs in the picnic area to maintain social distancing and tables will only allow 6 guests MAX (please do not move the tables or chairs)
- Our picnic area is still pet and kid-friendly, however, they MUST be accompanied by an adult and please refrain from allowing them to run around
- Please limit your visit to 90 minutes to allow other guests to enjoy the picnic area
- We will be taking additional precautions such as wearing gloves and having extra sanitization stations. Masks are optional, please feel free to bring your own for your comfort
- Please bring your own food, utensils and if you would like your own glasses. We will have glasses that are washed and sanitized in a proper dishwasher for you to use.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

If you need a break with your small social group...

UPDATE FROM COUNTRY VINES WINERY

We have missed you and can't wait to see you soon. Good news is that our picnic area is back open for you to enjoy!

Please note that tastings and glass sales are still not available at this time, the wine shop is for bottle sales only. We have cold bottles available for you in our coolers!

The picnic area is waiting for you, but it will look a little different as we have made some changes to keep our guests and staff safe....



Review

How to Redirect the Populism Movement

By Geoff Dean

On March 10, I was able to attend a session of KPU's "President's Dialogue" series, at which Gwynne Dyer presented his thoughts on the right-leaning 'populist' movement that's been supporting Trump and others of similar in different countries. Born in Newfoundland, Dyer was originally trained as an historian, but for more than 20 years he's been a freelance journalist, broadcaster and lecturer on international affairs. He has a PhD in military and middle eastern history from the University of London. (See <http://gwynnedyer.com> for more.)

Gwynne suggested that many in the US middle and working class supported Trump because of their anger over the job losses that they had experienced over the last few decades. But he noted that job losses will continue due to automation. The two A's – anger and automation. And although the "official" US unemployment rate looks low, at only 3.6% as of October, the real unemployment rate is much higher, at around 17.5%, close to where it was in 1929. That's because the "official" rate doesn't include those who have given up looking, and shows people who've worked for just a couple of hours in two weeks as 'employed'. (The 17.5% rate is based on the number of men aged 25 to 55 who aren't working.)

A major difference between 1929 and now, however, is that, due to social welfare, people aren't rioting about their unemployment. And as automation takes away even more jobs, our social welfare system needs to be expanded – a guaranteed basic income is needed, as was tried out in Ontario before Rob Ford took over and shut that down after promising not to.

Dyer noted that in 2017, the very rich world-wide representatives who meet annually in Davos to discuss socio-economic issues agreed that a guaranteed basic income was needed in all countries. He referred to the book, *The Spirit Level: Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better* (2009, by Kate Pickett and Richard Wilkinson; see www.equalitytrust.org.uk/resources/the-spirit-level), which shows that for each of eleven different health and social problems: physical health, mental

health, drug abuse, education, imprisonment, obesity, social mobility, trust and community life, violence, teenage pregnancies, and child well-being, outcomes are significantly better in countries with lower levels of income inequality. (I'd also recommend *Doughnut Economics*, (2017, by Kate Raworth; see www.kateraworth.com) which offers a breakthrough alternative to growth-at-all-costs economics).

Dyer explored how a guaranteed basic income be funded – of course not by income tax. 40% of the cost would be covered by what governments currently pay out for Employment Insurance, Old Age Security, etc. Much would also be saved by the reduction in costs for the health and social problems listed above, but Dyer suggested that companies should tax companies who use robots at the same rate they paid for human employees doing that work – and that would contribute 60% of the costs.

He also suggested a wealth tax, so that people who are in the top 1% of our wealth distribution pay 2% of their net assets in taxes each year. So a guaranteed national income for all – and free post-secondary education, free health care for all, etc. – is definitely possible. Helping people see this will, he thought, definitely change the support of the current 'populists' away from Trump and his equivalents in other countries.



Gwynne Dyer – always thought provoking!

KPU Retirees Travel

Cruising from Auckland to Vancouver

by Manfred Baur

Here are a few notes about our recent 34 day South Pacific that crossed over into the pandemic. The cruise was an interesting adventure.

After a long, but uneventful flight from Vancouver we arrived safely in Auckland, New Zealand. We flew with Air New Zealand and their "Skycouch" seating program is, from our point of view, very recommendable. Prior to embarkation, we had four days to explore New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, via the Hop-on Hop-off bus system. Captain Cook was the first European to arrive on the islands in October 1769. We arrived in February 2020.

After boarding our cruise ship, the Maasdam, and departing Auckland we visited the Bay of Islands on our way out. We were at sea for two days before reaching Suva on Fiji. Suva, nice to walk about. The museum houses remnants from HMS Bounty. There is a nice botanical gardens and we also enjoyed snorkeling. The other two Fijian Islands that we visited, Savusavu is known as the hidden paradise of Fiji, and Dravuni for its clear, turquoise waters, excellent for snorkeling.



So far so good and the cruise started very promisingly. After a day at sea, we were scheduled to visit Nuku'alofa and Vava'u two of the many islands that comprise the country of Tonga. Unique to the South Pacific, Tonga was never colonized and still has a royal family. Unfortunately for us, the King would not give permission to visit and we were forced to by-pass the Kingdom of Tonga.

After crossing the International Dateline, followed by three days at sea, we reached Rarotonga on the Cook Islands. Avarua, the capital, has about 6000 inhabitants and perhaps as many scooters, the primary mode of transport. For trips to the beach and independent

sightseeing the bus loops the island in about one hour. We enjoyed the bus ride and the warm water for many hours of snorkeling. We'll definitely visit Rarotonga again.



After our departure from Rarotonga we were informed by the captain that we could not disembark on any of the remaining eight ports-of-call. This came as very disappointing news to all of us on the Maasdam and its 1200 passengers. Needless to say, this news came as a big shock since we were so much looking forward to islands like Moorea and Temae Beach with its Tahitian blue water offering renowned snorkeling. We were supposed to have two days at Papeete on Tahiti followed by another two days on BoraBora.

Given the disappointment the captain felt that we should be able to get permission to disembark in Hilo, Hawaii. After crossing the Equator and International Dateline and having roamed the Pacific for many days we finally reached Hilo. However, to our dismay, we were not welcomed and were asked to keep going.

The captain was quite optimistic about our chances of getting a nice welcome in Honolulu and it was anchor away. When we finally reached Honolulu and after all the luggage was off the ship, with negotiations still going on, the word finally came over the loud speaker that the permission to stay had been denied. However, they allowed us to fuel, wished us a safe journey and waved us good bye.

Finally, after steaming through the Pacific Ocean for two weeks we got off the Maasdam to a nice welcome in San Diego. I must say that the crew did a very commendable job in keeping the Maasdam clean and there was no sickness during the entire cruise.

Getting Itchy Feet?

Story and photos by Roger Elmes

Are you getting itchy feet but you're not able to travel now or in the near future? Maybe you can do it vicariously through a few excerpts from a two year blog initially launched right after retirement from Kwantlen in 2006.

Retirement won't work out exactly as you planned. But that's OK. If you worked at Kwantlen you're used to change. Our very first post laid out our philosophy and goals about [Launching Retirement/Simplifying Life](#). But as you'll see "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men / Gang aft a-gley." Not many pictures in this post; but lots of self-deprecating humour.



So we roll down the coast highway from Cannon Beach, through the Oregon Sand Dunes and on to [San Francisco](#) where we turn left and head across the USA making a number of stops to explore including the [Arkansas town](#) made famous by Bill Clinton; and a short photo essay of something we saw crossing the USA - lots of TRUCKS.



Yes we did visit Memphis and post about Graceland, followed by Virginia and Annapolis, Maryland and on to the [Big Apple](#), so big that it took 3 posts including [Halloween](#) and [Manhattan](#).



From there it was on to the [Queen Mary 2](#) to cross the Atlantic in winter, and eventually a high speed rail trip through the Chunnel and on to a [small town in Belgium](#), where we will eventually finalize all the arrangements for our small used motorhome and the required insurance before travelling to the Mediterranean and spending several months exploring the French coastal towns between Spain and Italy.



These were some of our adventures but certainly not all of them.

KPU Retirees About Town

Tackling the Retirement Wishlist

Sooz Klinkhamer

One of the most rewarding activities Richard and I have been involved with since retiring in 2009, in addition to tackling a long wishlist of places around the world to visit, is volunteering for the **Vancouver Heritage Foundation**. Vancouver Heritage Foundation promotes the appreciation and conservation of our city's historic places for current and future generations. Central activities include:

Places That Matter - celebrating the people, places, and events that tell the story of Vancouver.

Heritage Study Guide for Schools - study guide for educators to engage young learners in Vancouver's diverse history and heritage places.

Maintaining your Heritage Building - tips and advice, including courses on how to preserve Vancouver's built history.

House Tours - Heritage Homes, Mid-Century Modern, Laneway Homes, Vancouver Specials, Special Neighbourhoods, etc.

Walking Tours (with historians, of various Vancouver neighbourhoods)

Garden Tours, Workshops, Talks, and Special Events.



Olympic Village Park



*Vancouver House from False Creek
(Architect Bjarke Ingels Group)*

We have spent numerous weekend mornings being the administrators of walking tours - checking people in, collecting a modest fee, introducing the tour leader (speaker/historian), keeping all the members of the group out of bicycle lanes, crossing the street only when safe to do so, and generally shepherding the group so participants can enjoy the tour, and get AIBC, IDIBC, or other organization's continuing education units/credits if desired.

It's a great way to enjoy historically important neighbourhoods, get some exercise and fresh air, and meet like-minded people. Often the walk ends nearby an interesting location for lunch, or a newly minted brew house, or some other interesting activity that we hadn't thought to visit. A win, win, win.....!!

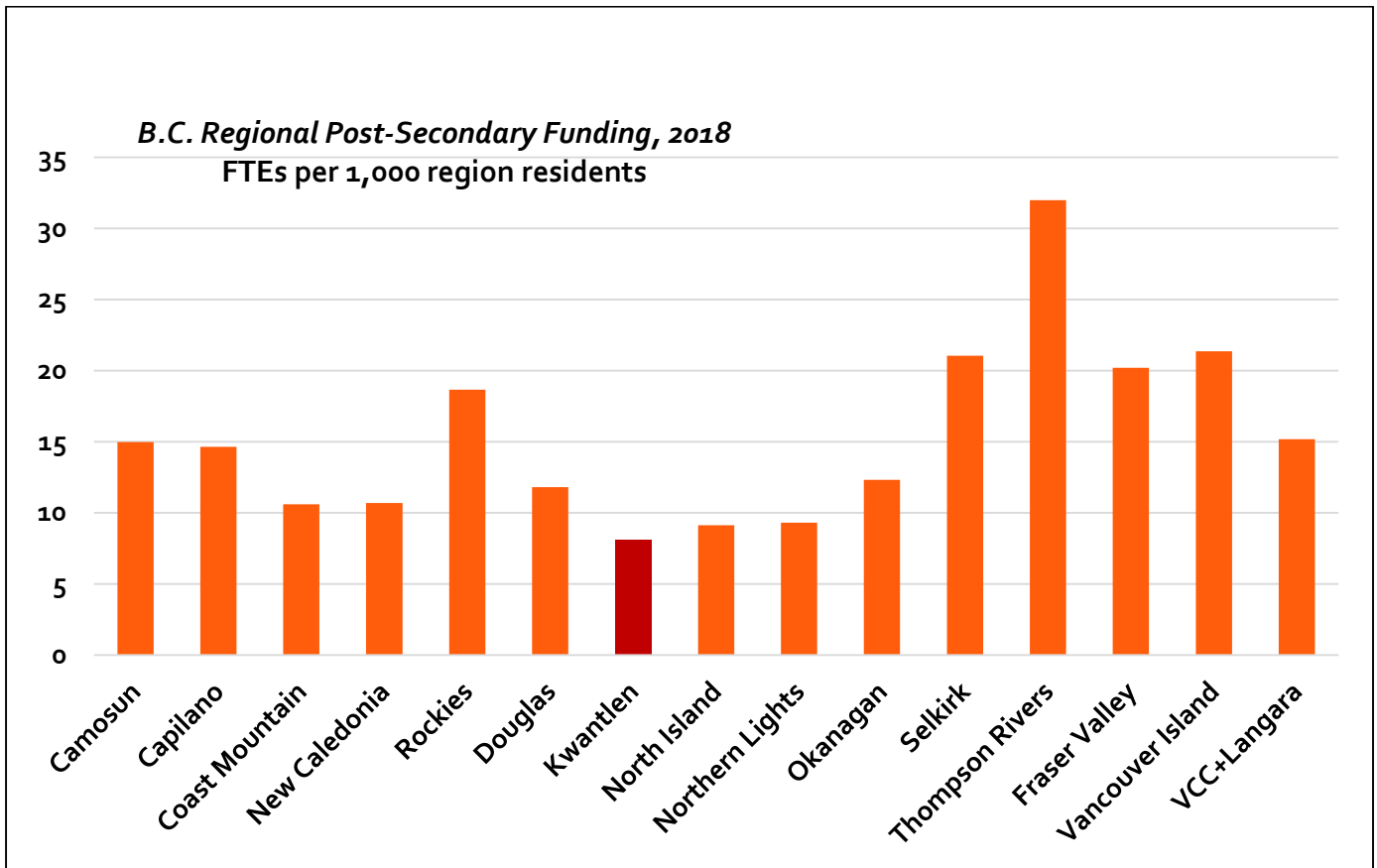
Additionally, we have assisted with evening talks, delivered by a variety of experts on numerous aspects of Vancouver's history. You can visit the VHF website to explore the array of programs, walks, tours, and special events that are offered.

www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org

KPURA Advocacy

How Will We Advocate for Better Access to Post-Secondary in our Region?

by Geoff Dean



KPURA's newly-approved advocacy goal* is to have the B.C. government provide KPU with the level of funding that it needs to serve its residents at the level it provides to the other post-secondary regions in the province.

Numerically, Kwantlen is funded for 8.08 FTE students per 1,000 of its region's residents, and receives operating funds at a rate of \$62.37 per region resident. The rest of B.C.'s regional post-secondaries are funded for almost twice that, at 15.44 FTE students per 1,000 residents, and are given \$148.26 per resident in operating funds.

This pattern of shortchanging our region began when the local colleges were founded around 1970. I learned of this inequity in 1985, when I was part of a faculty union trip to Victoria to meet with various MLAs, and Rita Johnson asked me to look into it for her. But nothing has been done about it since then, and for the health of our region, this pattern needs to be changed. We KPU retirees may be able to begin a process to get that done.

So how can we do this?

Sooz Klinkhamer and I are meeting with several people in our region who are familiar with its politics and with ways to approach the issue. At six-foot distances on Sooz's back deck, we recently met with Bill Day, who many of you will have known back in the day. In the late '60s Bill worked for the Surrey School Board and, through them, helped push forward the founding of Douglas College in 1970. Based on his experience with that process, Bill suggested that we meet with our region's high school principals to let them know that we were pursuing this issue and ask them how they could help with it, and that we then meet with their schools' student councils, asking those councils to pass a motion demanding equitable access to post-secondary in our region. He also suggested we contact the schools' Parent Advisory Councils and ask them to take similar action.

Bill also suggested that we try (perhaps through these PACs) to find students who would have liked to go to KPU, but who couldn't because it didn't offer enough seats and who therefore either didn't go to any post-secondary or who had to go somewhere more expensive and further from home, and ask them to write to their MLAs and us and their local newspapers about this – his point being that (as I've learned from the past 35 years) statistics don't move politicians to action; the impact of an issue on people is what moves them.

We hope that the various business organizations in our region will also be able to push this issue forward. For sure the Surrey Board of Trade has been pushing it for years – their "Education Today – Productivity Tomorrow" approach is excellent, noting that 'The Future of Business Starts with Education'. We hope that people there will be able to guide us about how to convince the other Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce in our region to take action on this, and hopefully to work together to move it forward.

We don't see that KPURA should be seen as taking the leadership in this effort; in discussing it with Bill, we found that KPURA should be the facilitator of the effort, working behind the scenes to help school district groups and business groups to push the issue forward. (Which is not to say, of course, that each of us couldn't also write to our MLA about the action that's needed on this issue...)

Well, more later. We don't anticipate any major actions taking place until after this COVID-19 crisis is over, and we're able to meet face-to-face with more people, individually and in group meetings. But between now and then, we'll meet with some others, as we did with Bill Day, to discuss how best to make this happen.

Over to you:

- What suggestions do you have for how we might proceed with this? If you have some, please email them to me at geoffdean@telus.net.
- How would you like to take part in this effort? Would you be able to meet in the fall with any of the school- or business-based people or groups that I've mentioned above, to help move this forward? If so, please let me know at the above email address.

Thanks!

* As you know, the following motion was passed unanimously at our AGM in April:

Whereas the fifth purpose of our Association, as listed in our Constitution, is "to advocate on issues and topics agreed to by the Society", and

Whereas B.C.'s University Act's Regulation regarding the Designation of Special Purpose Teaching Universities mandates KPU to serve our south Fraser region (Richmond through to the Langleys), and

Whereas the longstanding, extreme and inequitable underfunding KPU and its predecessor institutions (Douglas, KC, and KUC) have always received (in comparison with the funding of B.C.'s other regional post-secondaries) has prevented KPU from meeting needs of people in its region for accessible post-secondary education,

Therefore be it resolved that KPURA advocate for equitable funding for KPU.

KPU Oral History Project

Capturing our memories before they are lost.

Project Update

The history of Kwantlen as a post-secondary educational institution, first as a part of Douglas College (DC) 1970 – 1981, then as a separate college (KC) 1981 – 1995, as a university college (KUC) 1995 – 2008 and finally as a university (KPU) 2008 onwards, has been, at best, minimally addressed. Apart from Tom Thorner's excellent seminal 21 page "South of the River": A Review of Kwantlen's Archives and History (May 2002); a minor flurry of activity around the 25th anniversary of Kwantlen College in 2006 which produced some press releases and a list of key dates; and ongoing efforts to collect and organize materials for the KPU archives, little attention has been paid to the institutional history.

The idea of documenting the oral history of Kwantlen was initially suggested by Tom Thorner in his 2002 report. Once KPURA was formed, his suggestion was reinforced by the SFU Retirees Association (SFURA) which in its middle age, had begun recording its own history by tapping and taping the memories of its founders. Ultimately these tapes formed the basis for a book, Maurice Gibbons' (ed.) Remembering SFU On the Occasion of Its 50th Birthday. A review of Remembering SFU described it as "covering the beginnings, the troubles, and the spectacular growth of SFU over its first five decades".

That description fits the history of Kwantlen equally well. In spite of often intense and sometimes divisive debate over the allocation of scarce resources, good things and positive outcomes happened at Kwantlen. It's quite a story - from the car trunks of about 70 faculty teaching in some borrowed schools serving hundreds of students in the fall of 1970 to portables and rented, converted warehouses of the 1980's to over 1 million square feet of permanent buildings on four modern, high-tech campuses in Surrey, Richmond, Cloverdale and Langley, housing 1,400 faculty and staff serving over 20,000 students.

Unfortunately, that history remains virtually unexplored. Holdings in the KPU archives are limited. Much of the paper record has been lost. As we reached the 50th anniversary of post-secondary education south of the Fraser in 2020, it is important to document that incredible history as fully as possible by emulating SFU - tapping and taping the memories of the Kwantlen Founders. With the support of KPU and its retirees' association (KPURA) we have undertaken the enviable task of arranging and conducting about 50 interviews of faculty, staff, administrators, students and Board members who shared the Kwantlen experience from its roots in the activism of its constituent school boards in the 1960's, through its Douglas era in the 1970's, and its time as a two year college, as a four year undergraduate university college, and as a university.

To date 22 interviews have been conducted and are available at <https://archives.kpu.ca/oral-history-project>
Double click on each version of a transcript to enlarge it.

We are continuing to conduct interviews with some of the key early founders of these various phases. The audio tapes will be transcribed into Word documents and each interviewee will have an opportunity to review the transcript before it is finalized and lodged, only with their written consent, in the KPU archives.

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Other Affiliated Groups

KPURA Attends BC University Retirees Associations Meeting

By Carol Barnett

A virtual meeting took place on April 29. The three main participants were SFU Retiree Association, UVIC Retiree Association, and our host, UBC Emeritus College. Representatives from Langara and KPURA were invited to the meeting. Roger Elmes and I presented our successful email AGM format to the group. Other participants discussed options for virtual presentations. Everyone mentioned challenges inherent for all non-profit organizations such as Board member succession and member outreach. A significant amount of the meeting was devoted to best methods of optimizing (i.e. lower costs) extended health and travel insurance packages available to university, college, and K-12 teacher retirees.

The KPURA Board would like to study extended health and travel insurance package options that are available to KPU retirees. However, we lack expertise in this area.

Please contact us at kपुरa@kpu.ca if you can assist us with this initiative.



The Association of BC College Pension Plan Retirees shared a list of useful links

OAS and CPP <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/home.shtml>

College Pension <http://www.pensionsbc.ca>

BC Forum (Retired Unionists) www.bc.forum.ca

BC Ombudsman <http://www.ombudsman.bc.ca/seniors>

Council of Senior Citizens of BC <http://www.coscobc.ca>

National Pensioners Federation <http://www.nationalpensionersfederation.ca>

Federation of Post Secondary Educators <http://www.fpse.ca>

Post Secondary Employers' Association <http://www.psea.bc.ca>

BCGEU <http://www.bcgeu.ca/>

Seniors' Advocate <http://www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca>

Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry <http://www.nidus.ca>

Greenshield <https://onlineservices.greenshield.ca/publicfooklets/cpp.pdf>

CCPA's Newsletter *The Monitor* <https://www.policyalternatives.ca/monitor/index>

TALK

Third Age Learning at Kwantlen

Third Age Learning at Kwantlen (TALK) is a kind of continuing education program which offers courses for those over age 55 in Kwantlen communities. A number of

present and retired faculty members have done short courses for TALK and have enjoyed the magnificent audience seniors make.

Due to the shutdowns, TALK courses for spring, 2020, had to be cancelled. However, TALK still hopes to be able to offer courses during fall, 2020.

If you have a subject you would be willing to offer for TALK, please contact Sandra Carpenter who is on the TALK program committee. surreysandra@gmail.com

We encourage you to participate in life-long learning with TALK in whatever way works for you.

For More Information

Thank you for reading Newsletter #9 of the KPU Retiree's Association.

We are interested in what you would like to see in the KPURA Newsletter. We look forward to your memories and your contributions. Let us know!

Alice Macpherson, alicemac@telus.net

Your Newsletter Committee,
who would welcome more input, members, articles and photos – kpura@kpu.ca

KPURA News

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How About You?

Do you have a photo or story to share of your early days at Kwantlen? How about your travels or current adventures before or after retirement? The newsletter is always looking for pictures and stories. They can be about your adventures at Kwantlen and beyond into community activities or travels near and far. Please feel free to join in with an article of up to 500 words with pictures to illustrate.

BENEFITS OF KPURA MEMBERSHIP

1. Newsletter 3 times a year– *KPURA News* – keeping us connected with news of retirees':
 - a. travels,
 - b. community-based activities,
 - c. research and scholarly activities,
 - d. social activities.
2. Reduced fees for KPURA-sponsored activities such as wine tastings, local boat, streetcar, and walking tours, lunches.
3. Keeping connected with colleagues and friends – with the "Kwantlen Family".
4. Maintaining friendships and creating new ones.
5. The exchange of information.
6. Intellectual engagement.
7. Ongoing support from and to the university.
8. Representation of their interests as retirees.
9. Access to benefits of the College and University Retirees Association of Canada (CURAC)
 - 42 member associations (including KPURA) embracing some 16,000 retirees
 - Benefits www.curac.ca :
 - a. Discounted travel
 - b. Discounted home and car insurance
 - c. Discounted pet insurance
 - d. Extended health insurance – in some aspects better than our group pension health insurance – rates are not age-banded
 - e. Two different travel/trip cancellation plans – one is not age-banded
 - f. Quarterly Newsletter
 - g. Annual National Conference

The KPU Retirees Association

Invites you to join us for the purposes of:

- Encouraging fellowship among retirees by maintaining existing and promoting new friendships;
- Organizing social events for university retirees;
- Facilitating continuing engagement with the university;
- Facilitating the free exchange of information and discussion of topics of interest to members;
- Advocating on issues and topics agreed to by the association; and
- Representing the members of the society to Kwantlen Polytechnic University and other entities.