



# KPURA News

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**Keeping Connected Over the Years**

**Board of Directors Update**

The Board of Directors has been continually active despite the restriction of COVID 19. The following is a summary of some of the main achievements over the last year. More details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

1. Memberships have steadily increased with many new and continuing members opting to take out life-time memberships.
2. Advocacy for post-secondary education south of the Fraser continues. Geoff Dean communicated with provincial candidates in KPU's catchment region during the Fall 2020 provincial election. The candidates and subsequent new or continuing MLA's were appraised of the post-secondary funding status in KPU's catchment region.
3. The Oral History project has slowed somewhat as in person interviews have not been possible for the past year. Roger and Alice are now conducting interviews via Zoom. Transcript editing is being arranged.
4. Sooz Klinkhamer has done a tremendous job presenting several interesting Zoom events over the past year. Audience participation has been strong.

5. A **Memorandum of Agreement** has been written, discussed, and agreed to by KPU and KPURA. This document lists responsibilities for both the university and the association in support of our Retirees Association. The document will be reviewed every five years.

We are looking forward to our third Annual General Meeting scheduled for April 13 to 15, 2021. We are seeking nominations for two new board members. Please consider putting your name forward. The work is fun, roles are well-defined, and procedures well-organized. I am leaving the Board this year to pursue new volunteer opportunities in Maple Ridge. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve on the KPURA Board alongside dedicated and supportive colleagues. I will continue to support this association through my life-time membership and cannot wait for the next social event.

**Your Board of Directors:**  
 Chair – Carol Barnett,  
 Vice-Chair – Geoff Dean,  
 Secretary– Alice Macpherson,  
 Treasurer – Roger Elmes,  
 Members at Large –  
 Sandra Carpenter, Sooz Klinkhamer,  
 Bob Perkins.

**Event Highlights**

*Intrepid Kwantlen sailors of yore*

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# KPURA Society

## Virtual Annual General Meeting

April 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Online – All voting concludes by Sunday 18 April 2021

### Business Meeting

Begins Tuesday 13 April based on materials sent to all Full Members on April 12

Please Email comments using “Reply” by end of 13 April

All comments will be compiled and circulated.

Member voting via Doodle begins Wednesday 14 April and ends Friday 16 April at noon

1. **Approval of the Agenda** (this will be re-sent Monday 12 April to all voting members)
  - Approval moved by Roger Elmes Seconded by Sandra Carpenter
  - Email comments must be received by end of Tuesday 13 April
2. **Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes** (attachment will be sent Monday 12 April)
  - Approval moved by Alice Macpherson Seconded by Geoff Dean
  - Email comments must be received by end of Tuesday 13 April
3. **Approval of 2020 Reports** (attachments will be sent Monday 12 April):
  - i. **Treasurer’s Report:** (Roger Elmes)
    - Approval moved by Roger Elmes Seconded by Carol Barnett
    - Email comments must be received by end of Tuesday 13 April
  - ii. **Secretary’s Report:** (Alice Macpherson)
    - Approval moved by Alice Macpherson Seconded by Geoff Dean
    - Email comments must be received by end of Tuesday 13 April
  - iii. **Grouped Reports:**
    - Approval moved by Carol Barnett Seconded by Roger Elmes
    - Email comments must be received by end of Tuesday 13 April
      - i. Chair’s Report (Carol Barnett)
      - ii. Website Report (Alice Macpherson)
      - iii. Newsletter Report (Alice Macpherson)
      - iv. Events Report (Sooz Klinkhamer)
      - v. Memorandum of Agreement with KPU – Report (Carol Barnett and Geoff Dean)

## KPURA Governance – Board of Directors

Open Tuesday 13 April

Nominations for two vacant Board positions will be accepted until Thursday 15 April at 8:00 pm

If required, ballots will be sent to Members on Friday 16 April

Voting ends on Sunday 18 April at 8:00 pm

*Directors are appointed for two-year terms. Officers are appointed at the May Board of Directors Meeting by the Directors. There are four officer positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. There are three Directors at Large.*

### Continuing:

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| ✓ Sandra Carpenter | ✓ Sooz Klinkhamer  |
| ✓ Geoff Dean       | ✓ Alice Macpherson |
| ✓ Roger Elmes      |                    |

### Nominations Open for 2 vacancies

- a. Nominated: Bob Perkins

## Presentations Theme: Future of Post-Secondary Education

via Zoom on Thursday 15 April from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please register by email to [kpura@kpu.ca](mailto:kpura@kpu.ca) for the link

### Introduction

by KPU President Alan Davis

#### ***Impact of the Future of Post-Secondary Education on KPU***

By Dr. Sandy Vanderburgh, KPU Provost and Vice President Academic

Dr. Sandy Vanderburgh is the provost and vice-president, academic of Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU). Sandy is responsible for the academic direction and stewardship of KPU's programs. Reporting to the KPU president, he has a mandate to facilitate exceptional learning experiences for KPU students by providing leadership in the development and implementation of a comprehensive education plan that is relevant to students' needs as well as KPU's external communities.

(<https://www.kpu.ca/vp-academic>)

Dr. Vanderburgh will speak at the KPURA 2021 AGM on 15 April at 10 AM for a half hour or so on the future of post-secondary education and the impact of that future on KPU. There will be a short Q and A to follow.



#### ***The Economic Necessity: Education***

By Anita Huberman, Surrey Board of Trade

Anita Huberman has been the CEO of the Board of Trade for one of the largest cities in Canada for the past 13 years. As the only South Asian woman to ever fill this role, her business knowledge and acumen required her to be par excellence to do what's right for those that she represents. Working tirelessly to make Surrey a prosperous place in which to live, learn, work and do business, Anita is a champion with a lot on the go. She guides a staff of ten who work as a cohesive unit on often complicated issues involving investments, business development, government policies and initiatives, board governance, operations and events for over 6,000 members. She is also an Honorary Navy Captain and active in many aspects of civic life.

Anita Huberman will present, after Dr. Vanderburgh, on the ways that education is an economic necessity in our society and the impact on our region. At the end of this talk there will be time for questions and commentary.

These presentations will be recorded and available for viewing for those that cannot attend the zoom meeting. The video links will be found at <https://www.kpu.ca/retirees/events> approximately 24 hours after the events. You will be able to locate the links by scrolling down within the 2021 Annual General Meeting Agenda.

**These presentations are open and free to attend.**

**If you would like to attend, please send an email with the subject line "Future of PS Education" to**

**[kpura@kpu.ca](mailto:kpura@kpu.ca) and we will send you the link two (2) days before the session.**



### ***AGM Adjournment***

Sunday 18 April, at 8:00 pm concludes the KPURA Annual General Meeting.

- Approval moved by Carol Barnett Seconded by Geoff Dean

**Thank you to everyone who takes part**

## Upcoming Social and Educational Events

Join us for an Armchair Tour to Menton, France.  
Thursday March 25th at 12:00 noon

### Sooz Klinkhamer – Events Coordinator

KPURA is pleased to present Monika Tusnady.

Monika retired from work as an Intensive French teacher two years ago.

She immerses herself in lifelong pursuits of classical piano, photography, juggling, and living well.

Pre-COVID she travelled throughout Europe a great deal, which is how she discovered the city of Menton, France in 2019.

Monika tells us:

“Paris enchants us with its timeless museums and monuments, Amsterdam with its splendid architecture and canals, London with its pubs and royal everything. But, have you heard of Menton, tucked into the south-east corner of France, between mountains, sea, and Italy? This is a small city that is at once refined and relaxed, historical and hospitable, and surprisingly bi-cultural. After desperately falling in love with it within 25 minutes of our arrival, we have made it our second home.”

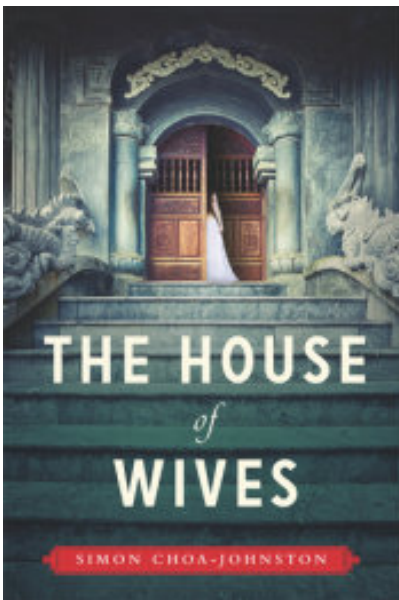
Please join us as we ZOOM around the town and its environs.”

***This is a free event but please do preregister so we can plan for the necessary online capacity.***

***Send an email to [KPURA@kpu.ca](mailto:KPURA@kpu.ca) with the subject “Menton, France” so we know you are coming.*** Looking forward to hearing from you. **We will send you the Zoom link after you register.**



## From History to Fiction – May 20, 3 pm, 2021



Novelist, playwright and theatre director **Simon Johnston** will describe his research in India, Hong Kong, China and London that resulted in his novel, *The House of Wives*. The novel was inspired by his great grandfather, a renowned 19th century opium trader who sold his wares in China, and his two wives, a Jewish woman from Calcutta and a Chinese woman from Hong Kong. Simon will also read from *Wildcat* his stage play about E. Pauline Johnson, Mohawk poet and performer who lived in Vancouver at the turn of the 20th century and is buried in Stanley Park.

Visit <http://www.simonjohnston.ca>

To register for this exciting and free 90 minutes online session,

**Send an email to [KPURA@kpu.ca](mailto:KPURA@kpu.ca) with the subject “History to Fiction” so we know you are coming.**

Looking forward to hearing from you.

**We will send you the Zoom link after you register.**

# Event Reports

## December 2020 Social – Festive Libations

**By Sooz Klinkhamer**

That was a fun seasonal social!!!

On Sunday 6 December (2020), seventeen KPURA members and friends gathered, virtually, to join with colleagues in wishing season’s greetings and sharing information and tips about their favourite beverage.

Colleen McGoff Dean ‘broke the ice’ so to speak, with an introduction to selecting ‘bubbly wines’ and champagne. I imagine some folks were busy taking notes, at least until the highlight – a lesson on sabreing a bottle of champagne!



Following this, each attendee introduced themselves, sharing a little background of their department and time at KPU or Douglas in one case. They then explained their seasonal beverage, or vessel of choice.

Our offerings ranged from a detailed (and humorous) lesson on martini making, and the ‘correct’ tonic for a G&T, to the history of a ‘tot’ of rum and why coke became its mix. There was Glenlivet scotch in Maple Ridge, Pouilly Fuisse with figs and Callebaut chocolate in White Rock,

We went on to martinis in the West End, ‘near beer’ in Surrey, home pressed apple cider (then mulled) in Vancouver, and award winning homemade wine on Vancouver Island. Along with the beverages was a description of the hand blown wine glasses that ‘toss a bit of your beverage’ right back at your face if you don’t hold the glass correctly!! (See image below)



We chatted, observed, and enjoyed each other’s company. It has been a long time since we have just ‘talked’ to each other. Parting remarks, as we brought our first virtual ‘party’ to a close, included reactions expressing delight in seeing and hearing our colleagues during each mini-presentation. Members generally felt more connected and integrated into our KPURA group because of the informal format.

So stay tuned for another virtual party this summer. Perhaps a coffee party, or happy hour event!?

## Arches of Chinatown

Presented by Frank Abbott on Feb 11, 2021

We started the 2021 new year with this well attended virtual event given by Frank Abbott, retired History faculty member at KPU and current KPURA member.

What is belonging? And what did it mean to “belong” in an early-twentieth-century Canadian community such as Vancouver? How did an outsider know when this happened, or even if it happened at all? Showing its sense of belonging, the Chinese community erected temporary arches on four important civic festive occasions between 1896 and 1936. Frank walked the participants through a fascinating look at how these structures and celebrations enabled the Chinese community to overcome some of the

prejudice against them in Vancouver. We ended with two significant events where in 2006 Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologised in Cantonese for the head tax and in 2018 Vancouver City Council’s formal apology for past legislation, regulations and policies that discriminated against Chinese Canadians.



## Kwantlen Makes History – Kim Baird becomes KPU Chancellor

First Woman, First First Nation Leader, First Kwantlen Graduate, First Member of the Order of Canada and of the Order of BC is installed as KPU's Third Chancellor, in the University's First Ever Virtual Installation Ceremony. We welcome Kim Baird.

**"As chancellor, I hope to contribute to KPU's evolving role with Indigenous reconciliation in Canada."**

The video of this major event is available at <https://www.kpu.ca/installation2020> and a brief bio of Kim Baird can be found [here](#). One correction she graduated in 1992 with an AA Degree, a more rigorous credential than the Arts Diploma listed in her bio.

The Installation Ceremony features some excellent videography which allows it to soar higher than the more limiting format of an in-person event. Beginning with greetings from Kwantlen alumna and KPU Registrar Zena Mitchell and ending with a welcome to the newly installed Chancellor from Sandra Case, Chair of the Board of Governors, the video packs a lot of good information and visuals into 56 minutes.

KPU Elder Lekeyten who has taken part in numerous Convocations and countless ceremonies offers a welcome song from a natural location. His song is followed by a rather neat diverse version of O Canada sung by KPU students. Carla Qualtro, federal minister offers greetings and George Mellville, KPU's outgoing Chancellor offers thoughts about his time in the role.

If you look closely you will see two cameo appearances by KPURA member Barbara Duggan.

A Women's Warrior song is offered with the spectacular backdrop of the Tsawwassen First Nation territory and the Strait of Georgia.

Provost, and VP Academic, Sandy Vandenberg talks about the outgoing Chancellor's Research Chair, two of KPU's Canada Research Chairs and introduces the incoming Chancellor's Chair – Dr. Aaron Goodman.



You will find out about KPU's ties to the award-winning film [Duterte's Hell](#).

Aaron introduced Kim Baird and then Her Honour Dr. Janet Austin, Lt. Governor of BC, a professional friend of Ms. Baird, installed the new Chancellor. Comments from the alumnae association are followed by closing comments of welcome by the KPU Board Chair.

The video ends with a sprightly dance by the Registrar.

While you might want to take advantage of the virtual nature of the ceremony by breaking it into a couple of segments, this video is worth your viewing time.

## Gwynne Dyer

Gwynne Dyer gave a keynote talk to the Senate members and Board of Governors earlier this year during their Workshop on Governance.

He emphasized the concept of Basic Income and presented ideas towards the end about potential impact on post-secondary education. Worth watching.

Here is a public link to the KPU Workshop on Governance. The first item is Gwynne's talk on:

[Universal Basic Income in Canada and Post-Secondary Education](#)

(<https://sppublic.kpu.ca/senate/KPU%20Governance%20Retreat/Keynote%20Address%20Gwynne%20Dyer.mp4> )

## Other Events and Links of Interest

### Healthline Town Hall: COVID-19 One Year Retrospective

In our continuing efforts to communicate health and wellness news to our members, we wanted to alert you to a recent free Live Town Hall, by HEALTHLINE, which aired on Thursday 11 March. You can click on the link below to view at your leisure.

One year since the World Health Organization named COVID-19 a pandemic we have renewed hope, stronger communities and plans for mass vaccinations. But COVID-19 has altered our lives forever. On the pandemic's first anniversary, Healthline Media hosts a Live Town Hall

featuring celebrities, journalists and experts who have contracted and survived the virus, and reported on it on the national stage. Join us for a discussion of heartache and hope, and how our resiliency will result in a stronger, healthier world.

We invite you to watch: Healthline Live Town Hall: COVID-19 One Year Retrospective

<https://www.healthline.com/health/healthline-live-town-hall-covid-one-year-retrospective>

### TALK Sessions – Spring, 2021

You still have time to sample some of what Third Age Learning at Kwantlen (TALK) has to offer. Each semester you have a choice of many presentations on a wide variety of topics. Many presenters are Kwantlen faculty. You could be one of them! You can communicate with TALK through the website at <https://KPU.ca/talk>

Or you can contact Sandra Carpenter at [surreysandra@gmail.com](mailto:surreysandra@gmail.com) to discuss a topic you'd like to offer.

#### ***Spring Event upcoming:***

**Philosophers' Corner Discussions**

Thursdays at 11 a.m.

**April 1** Social Media: a blessing or a curse?

**May 6** Should we raise or lower the voting age and/or restrict older people from voting?

**There are 90 minute presentations with a chance to question the presenter:**

**April 7, 1 p.m. Non-drug Pain Management**

**April 14, 10 a.m. Nurse Practitioners**

**April 16, 10 a.m. Germs and Novel Viruses**

**April 19/23, 2 p.m. Law Reform**

**April 20, 10 a.m. Electric Vehicles**

**April 28, 11 a.m. Memory**

**April 29, 10 a.m. Reel Science**

**May 4, 11 a.m. A History of Whiskey**

**May 5, 10 a.m. Safety and Injury Prevention**

### Imagine Van Gogh, A Unique Cultural Project

***At the Vancouver (Convention Centre).***

***March 19 – August 29, 2021***

In this exhibition, visitors of all ages discover a new way of reconnecting with the work of this great master.

The very concept of Imagine Van Gogh is grandiose: visitors wander amongst giant projections of the artist's paintings, swept away by every brushstroke, detail, painting medium and colour. Immersed in an extraordinary experience where all senses become fully awakened, viewers will be truly moved by such spectacular beauty. Visitors discover more than 200 of Van Gogh's paintings, including his most famous works, painted between 1888 and 1890 in Provence, Arles and Auvers-sur-Oise.

This exhibition is the work of Annabelle Mauger and Julien Baron, who collaborated on the creation of immersive shows at Cathédrale d'images in Les Baux-de-Provence, using the concept of "Image Totale" conceived by Albert Plécy. For Imagine Van Gogh, they employed advanced techniques of multi-projection and immersive audio to add emotional depth to each image, allowing us to live and feel the creative energy of the esteemed artist.

Tickets WILL sell out! You can find all the information at

<https://www.imagine-vangogh.com/>

Review at: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/van-gogh-exhibition-1.5956956>

# Membership Update

## 2021 Membership Drive has Started

### Geoff Dean – Membership Coordinator

We finished 2020 with 81 paid members. Sadly, two of our Founding members passed away this last year, so we currently have 79 paid-up members for our 2020/21 year. The membership fee for 2021/22 will remain at \$15, due to the continuing Covid situation. As you may know, annual memberships run until the end of each year's Annual General Meeting, so all of us, except Lifetime members, will need to renew our memberships before or soon after our AGM this April. By the time you're reading this, I'll have e-mailed all of us non-Lifetimers with a request to reply to the e-mail and thus renew and pay via an e-transfer (or by filling out and mailing in one of the forms on our webpage at [www.kpu.ca/retirees/membership](http://www.kpu.ca/retirees/membership), along with a cheque or an e-transfer).

However, there are still quite a few of our retiree colleagues who haven't joined. If you know a retired KPU colleague who isn't yet a member of KPURA, or who hasn't renewed their 2020/21 membership, please give him or her a call to ask them to join us. For anyone who applies for new membership this year before the 2021 AGM in April, their membership will start when they pay, and carry on until the end of the 2022 AGM (or forever, if they pay to become Lifetime members), so they would be able to participate in and vote at both the 2021 and the 2022 AGMs. To join, a new member can fill out one of the forms on the web page mentioned above and then print and send it with an e-transfer for their membership fee to KPURA at [kpura@kpu.ca](mailto:kpura@kpu.ca).

Mail address for a cheque address to KPURA is: KPURA, c/o President's Office, 12666 72nd Ave, Surrey, BC V3W 2M8.

I'll also be emailing many of our not-members-yet to ask them to join, which they can also do by replying and paying via an e-transfer or mail.

### 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.

CURAC Benefits [www.curac.ca](http://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.



# KPU Retirees Travel

## Air Flight Museums – Delights to Visit

**By Carol Barnett**

*Air transportation for most of us is a convenient (most of the time) and efficient way of traveling from 'A' to 'B'. While enduring uncomfortable seats and somewhat dubious food on long flights, passengers defy gravity and move at amazing speeds in what is really technological wonders.*

*My husband and I have visited two noteworthy flight museums over the last several years. The Museum of Flight is located just south of Seattle WA and the PIMA Air and Space Museum is located south-east of Tucson, AZ.*

### **The Museum of Flight**

The Museum of Flight can easily be found just south of the Seattle Boeing complex on the west side of I-5. We took our daughter there about 10 years ago. Even though there were many school groups and other visitors present that day, the buildings (hangers) are so large, we did not feel crowded. Top notch displays which provide access into many types of aircraft kept us busy for the whole day. Highlights for me were two historically significant aircraft. We were able to walk through both planes.

The first jet Air Force One (Boeing 707-120) was built in 1959 and used by the late President J.F. Kennedy. Its interior is very elegant with plush leather seats and lots of space to move around the cabin. However, comfort was balanced with work on these flights. In the center of the cabin a small conference room was built with sound proofed walls. There was an array of equipment on the conference table available for communication with people on the ground.



### **Inside the Concorde**

Concordes were in use during the '80's and '90's on transatlantic and trans continent flights.

These supersonic aircraft could cut flight time by half. As the ticket price for this ultra-fast travel was extremely high and only affordable by passengers of some means, I was shocked to see comfortable, but ridiculously small seats jammed together in the narrow fuselage. The center aisle was so constricted I had difficulty walking in a straight line to try to avoid bashing my knees. Still, it was a thrill to walk (uncomfortably) through this iconic aircraft.



**Air Force One – Retro Version**

## PIMA Air and Space Museum



### Inside

Our visit to the PIMA Air and Space Museum in Arizona was a very different experience from Boeing. This museum is adjacent to the Tucson International Airport and not far from the famous Airplane Boneyard. The latter is a large 'parking lot' for decommissioned planes which can be used for spare parts (see note below). We accompanied my brother (plane enthusiast) and sister-in-law to this museum in March 2019.

The Museum is large with several hangars and a generous outdoor display area. Planes of every size, vintage, and previous role are parked outside and displayed inside.

Comprehensive signage lists the name and specifications of the plane. These displays speak best to airplane enthusiasts and, in general, are written for adult visitors.

Visitors can walk right up to the planes, but access to the interiors is barred for all but a few. There were many helpful staff stationed in strategic locations. I believe that most were retired air force volunteers. An open topped train on wheels was available to take visitors for introductory tours of the outdoor area.

I have flown on a variety of planes from a glider, float plane, many twin prop commuters and of course 737 workhorses and larger and I would not call myself a plane enthusiast. But I was so intrigued at this museum. The size and technological complexity of the planes on display was astounding. The height and breath of some were reinforced when walking right up to the fuselage or while gazing into a complex engine or hydraulic system. We spent a full and satisfying day at this venue. The cafeteria food was good and there were bathrooms a plenty. Tired of planes? Several indoor displays of space probes complete with several life size models will keep you occupied for hours.

**Note:** The [Davis Monthan Air Force Bone Yard](#) tours are accessed from the PIMA Museum. To purchase tickets, you must submit your name and other information two weeks or more before your visit to obtain security clearance. Visitors cannot leave the bus during the tour (about 90 minutes).

### Outside View



# KPU History Quiz #1

*Yes, you served Kwantlen for years...*

*But how much do you really know about KC, KUC, and KPU?*

by Roger Elmes

1. **Kwantlen College was founded in:**
  - a. 1964
  - b. 1966
  - c. 1970
  - d. 1981
2. **On which campuses were The Trades first located:**
  - a. Essondale
  - b. Newton
  - c. Langley
  - d. Cloverdale
3. **What nearly wiped out the first Langley campus?**
  - a. Budget considerations in 1983
  - b. Strangles in horses serviced in the Farrier Program
  - c. Annexation by the University College of the Fraser Valley in 1992
  - d. Leaky portables
4. **A Bridge to Horticulture refers to:**
  - a. Bridging programs from College Prep to 1<sup>st</sup> year HORT
  - b. Bridging programs from HORT 2 year programs to UBC School of Agriculture
  - c. Bridge to walk between the HORT greenhouses and the Langley campus
  - d. Bridge to walk between the HORT greenhouses and Tim Hortons
5. **The founding president of Kwantlen was:**
  - a. Dr. George Wootton
  - b. Bill Day
  - c. Reg Pridham
  - d. Dr. Tony Wilkinson
6. **Which was NOT a location for the Surrey Campus:**
  - a. 9200 block of 140 St.
  - b. 9700 block of King George Hwy.
  - c. Beside and partly under the Pattullo Bridge
  - d. 12666 72 Ave.
7. **The City of Richmond experienced problems with Kwantlen because of:**
  - a. Leaky converted warehouses causing mold-related illness which alarmed Public Health
  - b. Students drinking at the nearby Richmond Inn
  - c. Fashion shows causing traffic jams
  - d. Damage to existing buildings caused by compacting for the current campus.
8. **Kwantlen became a University College in:**
  - a. 1987
  - b. 1991
  - c. 1995
  - d. 1999
9. **Kwantlen became a university in:**
  - a. 2001
  - b. 2004
  - c. 2005
  - d. 2008
10. **The name first approved by the province for this change in status was:**
  - a. Kwantlen Community University
  - b. Kwantlen Polytechnic Institute
  - c. Kwantlen Polytechnic University
  - d. None of the above
11. **Who are the two gentlemen pictured below?**



## History Quiz #1 Answers

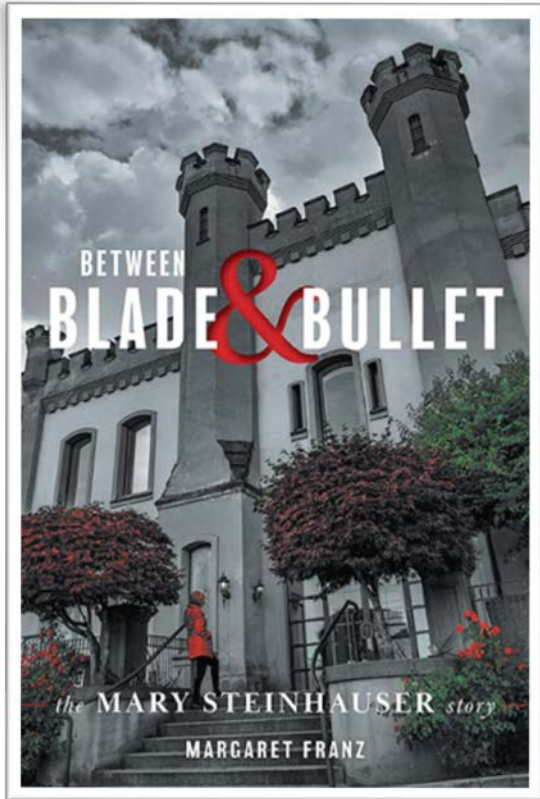
Drawn from transcripts in the KPU Oral History Project

1. In **1964** Surrey School District's Earl Marriot formed a committee of the SD's of Surrey, Delta, Richmond and Langley, tentatively discussing Kwantlen as a name choice. In 1965 committees were formed north of the Fraser. In **1966** the Minister of Education offered only one college thwarting wishes of organizing committees on both sides of the Fraser, forcing a shotgun marriage. In **1970** the shotgun marriage produced Douglas College. By **1981** the shotgun wedding had resulted in a divorce and the creation of Kwantlen College using the same buildings, faculty, staff and collective agreements. So pick your date!
2. In the late 1970's the Trades faculty were located on the **Essondale** Campus in the old Psyc Nurses' residence where Don Currie, Manfred Baur and others wrote the first Trades Curriculum. The **Newton** Campus was built with tilt-up construction by a developer and Douglas leased the buildings and opened the campus in the spring of 1979, becoming part of Kwantlen in 1981. With the opening of the current **Langley** Campus in 1993 Trades moved to the wing now occupied by Nursing and to its current location at the Trades campus in **Cloverdale** in 2007. So which location was most important to their development and growth?
3. There were indeed leaky portables on the old Langley campus, just like all the first campuses. And strangles is a highly contagious disease of horses, donkeys and ponies but we don't know of any cases at Hank's Farrier program. A sign did appear on the campus in 1992 announcing it had become a campus of UCFV. But a quick trip by senior admin and board members to the corridors of power in Victoria cleared that up. So that leaves us with budget shortfalls – or perhaps reallocation of funding to support the move to the new Tech programming on the Newton Campus.
4. There may have been bridging programs in HORT but the "bridge" usually refers to the pedestrian overpass opened over the Langley Bypass to preclude the danger of faculty, students and the dean running across the road to get to the other side – and the practical facilities of the HORT program.
5. If you think of the "founding" of Kwantlen as being synonymous with the 1970 opening of Douglas College (i.e. the same places but with the wrong name) then the Founding Principal was nuclear physicist **George Wootton**. Educator **Bill Day** played a leading role in the founding by leading the work among the 7 school districts to get the necessary referenda passed in each school district to create the college. The first "official" use of the name Kwantlen College occurs after Douglas was split in two along the Fraser River in 1981 and Business specialist **Reg Pridham** became the Acting Principal until the Board hired Geographer **Tony Wilkinson** from Ryerson appointing him to a 5 year term.
6. Before there was even one, not yet leaky, portable providing post-secondary education in Surrey, the Fine Arts program was lodged at the old Simon Cunningham Elementary in the **9700 block of King George Hwy**. The first portables subsequently appeared beside the new Simon Cunningham school on property leased from the Surrey School District in the 9200 block of 140 St. and finally moved to **12666 72 Ave** when the college's first permanent campus was opened in 1990. Although some might have thought it appropriate the college was never located **beside and partly under the Pattullo Bridge**.
7. Although the first three things might have happened – who really knows for sure – the correct answer is **damage to existing neighbouring buildings caused by compacting for the current Richmond campus**.
8. Kwantlen became a university college in **1995**, after much lobbying and discussion, and was initially thought to be limited to offering "applied degrees".
9. While it worked on it for some time, including establishing the Office for Research and Scholarship and applying unsuccessfully for membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), Kwantlen became a university in **2008**.
10. In its efforts to become a university under Skip Triplett's leadership, Kwantlen considered the option of becoming a **Community University** with a focus on community as suggested by the name. In its initial approval of university status, the provincial government declared it was to be known as **Kwantlen Polytechnic Institute**. Skip pushed back for a number of logical reasons outlined in the transcript of his interview in the KPU Oral History Project and this was ultimately resolved on a heli-jet flight from Victoria to Vancouver in an exchange between Skip and the Premier and Kwantlen received its current name.
11. **Gordon Gilgan** BIOL and Campus Principal – Newton and **Roger Elmes** – intrepid sailors.

## Book Review

### ***Between Blade and Bullet: The Mary Steinhauser Story***

by Margaret Franz



Mary Steinhauser is the only peace officer in the history of penal institutions in Canada to willingly offer up her life in the service of her country. It was during a 1975 prison escape attempt and 41-hour hostage-taking by three desperate inmates of the British Columbia Penitentiary in New Westminster, B.C. that Mary volunteered to be the principal hostage. For 41 hours, she was held as a human shield, protecting not only the inmates but the fourteen other hostages sequestered in a nearby vault. Her calmness, composure and bravery throughout the entire hostage-taking was noted by the negotiators and penitentiary staff alike. She was killed there. This is her story.

This biography of Mary's life and tragic death is narrated by Margaret, her younger sister. From Mary's early childhood in rural B.C., it charts the evolution of a young nurse from social worker to symbol for those dedicated to prison reform. Mary's experiences are fascinating reading for any adult interested in local history, law enforcement, mental health awareness, and criminal justice. Her work as a psychiatric nurse in hospitals and institutions across Canada led to her introduction to prison life, which

sparked her fierce determination to improve the inmate experience, prisoner justice, and prison reform.

Sprinkled throughout with personal anecdotes and quotes from important people in Mary's life, *Between Blade and Bullet* is a compelling, deeply emotional, and thought-provoking look into the life and death of one heroic woman. Searchingly honest, it examines how Canadian institutions closed down to protect themselves, and the consequences of justice for those left on the outside.

The author, Margaret (Steinhauser) Franz, the youngest daughter of European immigrants to Canada, was born on Vancouver Island and raised in the West Kootenay area of south-central British Columbia, Canada. She graduated with a BA in Geography from Simon Fraser University, where she subsequently received her M.Ed degree.

An educator for most of her professional life, Margaret first taught at elementary schools in Toronto. After returning to B.C. and raising a family, she began lecturing at public and private post-secondary institutions in the Lower Mainland, finishing up her career on the faculty of the English Language Studies Department at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey B.C. At one point mid-career, she took a brief hiatus from teaching to work as an arts administrator, successful fund-raiser and avid promoter of the community arts in B.C.

She is currently retired, a Founding KPURA member, and lives with her husband and extended family in southwestern British Columbia. This is her first book.



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# KPURA Advocacy

by Geoff Dean

One of the purposes of KPURA, as specified in our constitution, is to "advocate on issues and topics agreed to by the Society". The major issue we're advocating for is for more equitable funding for KPU, to allow it to serve the people in its region more equitably. Our region, and KPU, has always been shortchanged – the latest data I have, from 2018, shows that while the rest of BC's regional post-secondaries are funded for 15.4 FTE students per 1,000 residents, KPU was only funded for 8.4. If we just look at the lower mainland, the other regional post-secondaries here (Capilano, Douglas, Langara and VCC) were funded for 17.4 FTE students per 1,000 residents of those regions, while KPU's 8.4 is less than half that. (Capilano's funded for 27.9 FTEs per 1,000 residents, VCC & Langara for 19.9, and Douglas for 12.1.)

The B.C. Chamber of Commerce has strongly recommended that this inequity be fixed – in its 2020/2021 Policy & Positions Manual, on pages 22 through 24, it has a section on "The Need for More Investments in Post-Secondary Education". This section of their Manual starts with the following paragraph:

"BC's Labour Market Outlook for 2018 to 2028 estimates that 77% of the expected employment openings will require a university degree or some post-secondary education (including trades). For context, in 2011, only 71% of the Metro Vancouver force had any post-secondary certification. In Surrey, the workforce with post-secondary training was only 58% in 2016. Further education for a greater proportion of recent high school graduates and for the current workforce is of paramount importance for BC and for BC's economic and social development."

Thanks to the Anita Huberman and the Surrey Board of Trade for pushing this issue forward at the B.C. Chamber of Commerce's 2020 AGM. (For the complete Chamber's 2020/21 Policy Positions Manual, see <https://bcchamber.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/06/2020-2021-Policy-Positions-Manual-Final.pdf> )

The Manual goes on to state:

"Post-Secondary education is crucial to economic development. Educated people can more easily adapt to the changing nature of work and can better apply their knowledge and skills in different contexts. Research undertaken as part of advanced and graduate-level programs often leads to innovative start-up companies and to knowledge and technology transfer by which existing businesses can expand.

"It is imperative that the level of access to post-secondary education – whether in Surrey/the South Fraser region or the Kootenays or the Island – be brought up to the provincial average. Such an increase is crucial for the regional and provincial development."

Thus, after more specifics (including noting the need for more FTEs adult basic education and trades training, in which areas KPU is shortchanged even worse), they conclude by recommending:

"That the Provincial Government provide per capita funding throughout the Province to increase the number of post-secondary seats and trades training opportunities – increasing the overall numbers and efficacy of British Columbia's future workforce and those looking to upgrade skills."

## **How can we help the government see the wisdom and advantages of implementing this recommendation.?**

My first step: Early this year, I wrote to the new provincial Ministers, Deputy Ministers and critics in the following Ministries: Advanced Education & Skills Training; Jobs, Economic Recovery & Innovation; Labour; and Social Development & Poverty Reduction about this, and also to the related parliamentary secretaries in Skills Training, Accessibility, and Technology & Innovation. I've only gotten some standard "thanks for your email" replies back so far, but I hope the info that I've sent these folks will have some impact.

## **Next steps for all of us?**

I encourage those of you who wrote to your local MLA candidates during the election to follow up with them on this issue. And I would also like us to check with our local chambers of commerce and boards of trade to ask them how they are pushing this issue forward, and thus I'm hoping that some of you could approach those organizations in your area to offer to help them with that. (I'd also note that this is relevant to those of you who live north of the Fraser River, too, as Douglas College, while no longer as shortchanged as Kwantlen, is still funded for less FTEs per capita than Capilano, VCC and Langara, and for less than the provincial average.)

Once the COVID-19 crisis has passed and things become more normal in our school districts, I'm hoping we'll be able to bring this issue to high school principals and student and parent associations – but given all the other pressures they're dealing with right now as a result of this pandemic, I think that now's not the time for us to be pushing for this.

# TALK

## Third Age Learning at Kwantlen

### TALK appreciates current and former KPU faculty and staff volunteers

Third Age Learning at Kwantlen (TALK) is a volunteer organization that provides those 50 and over with creative and stimulating educational activities: courses, Philosophers' Corners, field trips, Compelling Conversations, and special events. Administration is handled by the Faculty of Academic and Career Preparedness. The TALK website is [kpu.ca/talk](http://kpu.ca/talk).

Due to the pandemic, the last half of the spring 2020 semester was cancelled. However, fall 2020 and winter/spring 2021 transitioned to using Zoom for webinars and meetings. The members of TALK and the volunteer presenters have enthusiastically embraced online learning. It was a steep learning curve, but TALK provided plenty of instruction and practice sessions and things are going very smoothly. Registrations in fall 2020 were 50% higher than the previous fall!

TALK has been operating since 1998. It was conceived and established by KPU Nursing department retiree Joanne Cunningham and has always received great support from the university and faculty and staff. There is a volunteer Board and committees for Program, Marketing, Philosophers' Corners, Compelling Conversations, and special events. All of these are actively looking for more volunteers! Planning for the fall 2021 semester is currently underway.

### Why volunteer with TALK?

There are many benefits of volunteering when retired, including making connections, brain health, and enjoying classes of interactive, dynamic learners who are engaged and happy to be there. Retired instructors often find they enjoy doing more research to update their knowledge of their subject. During the pandemic, with online courses presenters don't have to drive to campus and find parking, etc.

**You could volunteer** to present a course, do a 10 minute introduction of a Philosophers' Corner topic, and/or join the TALK Board or one of its committees. Or join TALK and take some courses to enhance your lifelong learning goals.

Many of TALK's volunteer presenters are drawn from current and former KPU faculty and staff. A number of them come back time and again to present for TALK, as they enjoy the audience of mature learners. Some favourite comments from previous presenters include:

*Jake Newton: I love TALK classes. Everyone is so wise and experienced and willing to ask questions and offer opinions. And they get my jokes!*

*Jan Thompson, 10 minutes into her first TALK presentation: I can't get used to this. You're all looking at me! [i.e. not at their phones]*

### Thanks to all of the TALK volunteers!

Without these wonderful volunteers, TALK couldn't function! Thanks to those of you who have already given TALK some of your time and talent.

TALK would enthusiastically welcome more involvement from KPURA members. Contact Program Chair Jean Garnett [jeangarnett@shaw.ca](mailto:jeangarnett@shaw.ca) or TALK Board Chair Jane Diston [jdiston@telus.net](mailto:jdiston@telus.net) for more information.

These and many more topics will be presented for your enjoyment at <https://www.kpu.ca/talk>



January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1981, the Knowledge Network, British Columbia's public educational broadcaster, first went to air and three years later became part of the basic cable package.

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By presenting global issues from local perspectives, they also play a vital role in supporting BC's independent production community, commissioning documentaries such as, Paramedics: Life on the Line, This Mountain Life, Haida Gwaii: On the Edge of the World and Shut Up And Say Something. British Columbia's Knowledge Network is here to serve you.

So much to see and think about:

<https://www.knowledge.ca/>

## ***In Memoriam***

As time marches on we have lost some of our colleagues to that march.  
Since the last Newsletter others have left us.

**Tom McMath on Friday, February 5, 2021. He was one of our KPURA Founding Full members and was retired from the KPU Physics Department.**

**Reg Pridham at his home in Nova Scotia. He was 89 and was the first acting principal and then vice-president of Kwantlen College when it became independent.**

**Halina Gail Struser on January 9th, 2021. She was a former Nursing faculty member and lived in Crescent Beach.**

Condolences to all for their loss.

We remember our passed colleagues through our In Memoriam page on our website at: <https://www.kpu.ca/retirees/memoriam>

## **Newsletter Information**

Thank you for reading Newsletter #12 of the KPU Retirees Association. The KPURA Board endeavours to keep us all up to date with matters of interest to KPU Retirees.

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

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## **Please Join Us**

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.

Do you have a photo or short story to share of your days at Kwantlen?

How about your travels or adventures before or after retirement?

Please feel free to join in with an article of up to 500 words with several pictures to illustrate.

Your Newsletter Committee would welcome more input, members, articles and photos – [kpura@kpu.ca](mailto:kpura@kpu.ca)