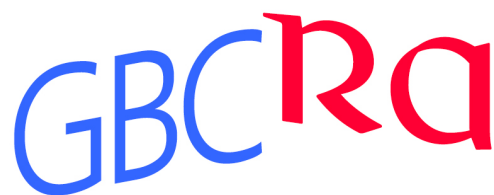


Welcome to our early summer newsletter! It feels like activities are coming back to a semblance of what we were enjoying before the pandemic – though we say that both optimistically and cautiously. As you’ll see, we have been planning for the fall and are looking at a mixed set



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of activities, including some that are clearly online, some that will be in person, and a few that have both components. We hope this will meet our members' needs. We have been able to keep a schedule of varied activities during the past two years and were able to switch format – or “pivot,” as we learned to call that approach to doing what you planned to do differently from the way you were planning to do it. Some retiree associations suspended their activities altogether. We’re glad we did not make that choice – and we hope you are, too.

As we’ve said before, we have learned some things about making activities available to those who may have mobility challenges or live at a distance, and we will continue to bear that in mind as we plan. Meanwhile, the weather is lovely (despite some hot days) and people are able to get together, exercising whatever level of caution they need to feel comfortable.

In the spirit of this, we are reverting to our previous pattern of newsletters and activities. This early summer newsletter will be followed by another in late August or early September. Similarly, we are not offering any summer activities. We have a good line-up for fall, though, so please look those over and mark the dates in your calendar. For a variety of reasons, we have decided to keep the 2022 Annual General Meeting a Zoom event on December 2nd.

In this newsletter, you will see a list of recent retirees. If you know any of these people and have personal contact information for them, please reach out to say “Welcome and congratulations!” We will do a more formal and personal acknowledgement of their transition to retirement as part of the AGM. Meanwhile, a welcoming word from a former colleague or friend can mean a lot. Happy as one may be to retire, it can be challenging to go from seeing dozens of people at work every day to being part of much smaller social circles.

Please keep our September auction in mind and designate items that we can include. More details about this will be coming your way soon. While we are delighted that we have been able to endow our scholarship and know that it is permanent, the interest will not amount to much of an award, especially in a time of rising costs, so we want to continue to build the principal and support students.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Happy Canada Day!

Dianne and Georgia