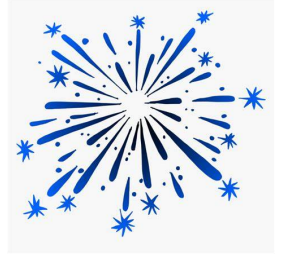




CORTA Connects



JANUARY 2026 Newsletter

Visit the CORTA website @ <https://corta.ca>

The CORTA Executive Committee send you all our best as we launch 2026... we hope you enjoyed your celebrations during the holiday season! We are looking forward to spending time with you in the coming months... at Coffee with CORTA (February 13th @ 9:30 am), CORTA luncheons (March & May), community events like the Seniors' Expo – read on for more details) and other CORTA events!

Please continue to invite your retired educator friends to join CORTA/BCRTA. A new membership in the BCRTA & CORTA is free for the first year - but you must first sign-up! Tell your colleagues that they can simply contact the BCRTA to join (Toll Free# 1-877-683-2243 or email office@bcrt.ca). Information about the Member Advantage programme for the BCRTA can be found on their website <https://bcrt.ca> (Click "JOIN" and check it out – you'll also find the membership form there). Remember, you qualify for membership as a former COTA or COPVPA member or you can join as a retired educator who worked in another BC School District or another Canadian province!). Basic BCRTA Membership will be \$58+/year and the CORTA Membership will be \$10 in September 2026.

So... what are our organization's priorities be during the winter season?

- **Make initial plans for a MARCH Luncheon (pencil in Monday, March 9th @ Benvoulin Heritage Church – Reid Hall @ 2279 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna)**
- Continue to look at ways to strengthen virtual/in-person connections with our members – please make sure that the BCRTA and CORTA have your current email address so you can receive publications, notices & invitations to special events (we already have one community event happening in January). You can contact news@corta.ca if you need to update the email address we have on file for you.
- **Expanding the range of activities offered by our organization for members and friends of members!**



Remaining Meeting Dates in 2026

Executive Committee Meetings:

February 9th, 2026
April 27th, 2026
June 8th, 2026

General Meetings/Luncheons:

March 9th/26
May 25th/26 (AGM)

We are looking for a CORTA secretary – if you're interested, please contact Cathie Mutter (President) – president@corta.ca

CORTA's Exec Team – news@corta.ca

Visit the CORTA website for information: <https://corta.ca>



FACEBOOK & CORTA WEBSITE (<https://corta.ca>)

We update available information on our website & Facebook page to keep CORTA members 'in the know' about our events, seniors' issues & opportunities for involvement in the community. If you are a Facebook user, you can also "Like" and "Follow" us by going to:

<https://www.facebook.com/centralokanagan>



Upcoming CORTA & Community Events

Young at Heart Seniors Expo

When: January 28, 2026 from 11 AM to 3 PM

Where: Coast Capri Hotel

Grab a friend, get a free ticket and attend this exciting day dedicated to health, wellness, and community connection just for seniors! You can explore a variety of vendors showcasing the latest in health products and services. Discover invaluable community resources, join local clubs, and connect with others who share your interests!

There will also be games and a chance to win fantastic prizes throughout the day!

Visit their website for more information and to register:

youngatheart.blackpress.ca/kelowna-2026/



Coffee with CORTA (we'll also have bakery goodies, decaf & tea)

When: Friday, February 13th from 9:30-11:30 AM

Where: Deli City Backroom Bistro (enter thru' the café entrance on Springfield Road)

Bring a friend and join us for a casual conversation - \$10 per person payable at the door. Your cup will be bottomless and there are lots of tasty pastries to delight your tastebuds!

RSVP to Cathie @ president@corta.ca if you'd like to attend!



CORTA's Winter Wonderland

Thanks to our CORTA Historian, Terri Perrin, for sharing these photos with us! It was lots of fun to kick-off the Christmas season with our retired colleagues! Here's a little glance back to this December 1st event!





DOGWOOD
RETIREE BENEFIT PLANS

The BCRTA Dogwood Retiree Benefit Plans offer a range of health & dental coverage options specifically designed for retired teachers in British Columbia. The link below provides an update in regard to insurance options for BCRTA members (effective January 1, 2026).

For details on Dogwood Retiree Benefit Plans and to see a [comparison with the TPP Green Shield plan](#), visit:

<https://www.belairdirect.com/en/group-insurance/bcrt.html>

...or visit the link on the BCRTA website:

<https://bcrt.ca/dogwood/>



We'll look forward to seeing you @ CORTA events in 2026! Our next luncheon is coming up on March 9th!

