



CORTA Connects

Summer 2026

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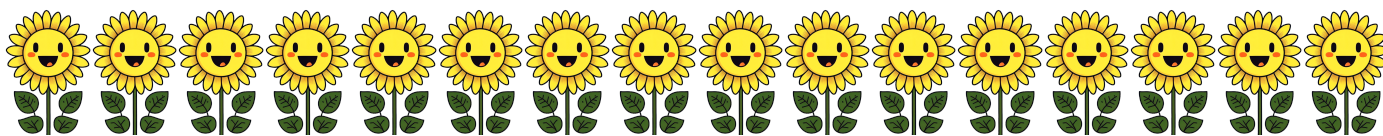


Welcome to summer and the final edition of CORTA Connects for the 2025-2026 school year. . so sorry it is arriving in mid-July... I was away “shenanigating” in Ireland last month and my CORTA responsibilities were put on the back burner! I’ll get back on Kelowna time now that I’m back home – but I have some sparkling Irish memories that I’ll carry with me forever!

Information for new retirees is being prepared for those who have recently retired – this information will be mailed to each person in the coming week. If you have a friend(s) who are not yet CORTA/BCRTA members, please encourage them to join us by completing the online membership form on the BCRTA website. Make sure they check the box next to our branch name - Central Okanagan- to become a member here. You must sign up for **BOTH** a BCRTA & CORTA membership to qualify for your first year free.

That’s right - memberships in BCRTA/CORTA are free for the 1st year (no matter when they retired)! Tell your colleagues that they can simply search for the BCRTA to sign up (if you need help you can call them Toll Free # 1-877-683-2243 or email office@bcрта.ca). Click on the “JOIN” tab on the BCRTA homepage - <https://bcрта.ca> (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!). When you start to pay for your memberships in year two, the cost of a BCRTA membership is about \$60 & a CORTA membership is \$10.

We are finishing this year with 542 members on our list – we hope to see an increase in the number of people attending CORTA events in 2026-2027 (seasonal luncheons, CORTA Learning Experiences co-hosted with the federal retirees group & other activities). Join us and reconnect with colleagues! The next event will be coming up on Tuesday, September 8th – To Hell With the Bells Brunch.



2026-2027 Meeting Dates

General Meetings: (as confirmed at our Annual General Meeting on May 25th)

- **Tuesday, September 8th @ 11:30** - To Hell with the Bells Brunch
- General Meetings/Luncheons will happen on Mondays @ 11:30 as follows:
- **October 26th, 2026**
 - **December 7th, 2026**
 - **March 8th, 2027**
 - **May 31st, 2027**

Details about these meetings and other CORTA activities will be found on the CORTA website once the details for these get-togethers are finalized:

<https://corta.ca>





YOUR CORTA EXECUTIVE TEAM FOR THE COMING YEAR

These CORTA members were acclaimed as your Executive at the AGM in May:

- President- Cathie Mutter (president@corta.ca)
- Past President- Charlene Hodgson
- Vice-President- Linda Keil
- Treasurer- Val Larson
- Secretary- Karen Bernath
- Members-at-Large- Delores Jensen, John Pendray, Brian Street

We sincerely thank Derek Turvey for his support as a Member-at-Large – Derek leaves our exec team to move on to other endeavours.



COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

- Programmes- Jeannette Mergens
- Historian- Terri Perrin
- Membership- Willie Findlater
- Digital Communications/Webmaster- Leslie Plummer
- Health & Wellness- Anita Prescott
- Sunshine- **POSTION AVAILABLE** (Contact Cathie – president@corta.ca – if interested)

The CORTA Executive Team met on Monday, June 1st to wrap up the current year and make initial plans for 2026-2027. Join us in wishing your CORTA Exec Team all the best as they step into new roles or continue in their CORTA roles!



TO HELL WITH THE BELLS BRUNCH

Date: Tuesday, September 8th

Place: Benvoulin Heritage Park- Reid Hall

**Doors Open @ 11:30 am, Buffet ready
at Noon (Catered by Crazy Apples)**

Cost: \$20 (you'll pay at the door)

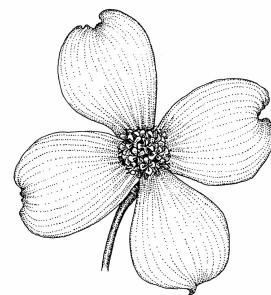
- **Cash Only 50/50 Draw in support of the Sig Ottenbreit Retired Teachers' Bursary Fund**
- **An invitation to RSVP will be coming your way in August**





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

We are working to transition to a new website/portal. In the meantime information can be found on our current website & Facebook page to keep CORTA members up-to-date about events, seniors' issues & opportunities for involvement in the community. If you are a Facebook user, you can "Like" and "Follow" us at: <https://www.facebook.com/centralokanagan>



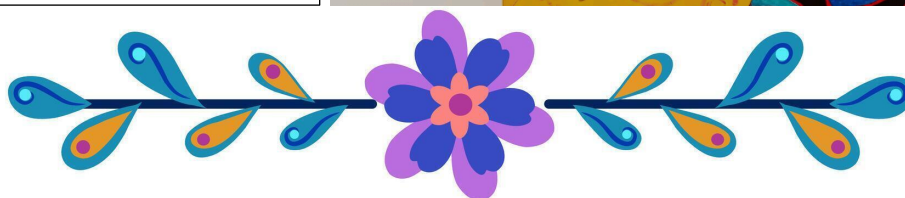
**To those who are travelling - safe journeys!
To those relaxing close to home, enjoy the
Okanagan sunshine – stay cool and have fun!**

**Send us a few photos of your summer
shenanigans to share with members in our
next edition of CORTA Connects.**

**Did you know... Central
Okanagan Public Schools
publishes a digital
newspaper several times a
year... it's certainly worth a
read!**

Here's the link:

<https://digital.kelownacapnews.com/specialsections/Kelowna-Capital-News-Y-06182026/1/>



See you in September!

