

**B.C. Government Retired Employees' Association
Cariboo Branch # 1700
Winter 2011 Newsletter**

General Information

The next Branch Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Williams Lake Senior Citizens Activity Centre, 176 N 4th Avenue. The time for this meeting will be 11:30am. This will be a Christmas Luncheon Meeting.

Wanted: Cariboo Branch 1700 members to fill Executive & Director Positions

Public Service Pension Board of Trustees Communiqué, October 18, 2011

Effective April 1, 2012, changes to the plan will include:

- Extended health benefits for spouses/dependants will be available on a voluntary paid, unsubsidized basis only.
- Medical Services Plan subsidies will be discontinued for all members, and a direct payment method will be established.
- Group life insurance subsidies will continue beyond April 1, 2012 for those retired members who have access to the benefit.

Annual General Meeting, Coast Tsawwassen Inn, October 19, 2011

Cariboo Branch 1700 Delegates: Ruby Williams and Herb Steele. Ruby Williams was an Honorary Membership recipient, and was presented with an Honorary Member Certificate. The election of Provincial Executive positions was facilitated by Denis Carriere, Chair, Kamloops Branch 500. The positions were filled by acclamation as follows: Sarjit Manhas, President, Fred Bennett, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Carrie Mulcahy (newly elected replacing Ed Bodner). Appointments: John Cone, Treasurer, Kathy Torhjem, Secretary, Nancy Stewart, Membership Chair (replacing Mary Foster). Guest Speakers: Tom Berger, Gary Nelson, Albert Peeling – Legal Case, Paul Martin, Pension Advisory Board of Trustees – Post Retirement Benefits.

Dates of next Provincial BCGREA Meetings

Director's Meeting, March 21, 2012. Annual General Meeting, October 17, 2012. Meetings are held at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn.

Cariboo Branch 1700 Director

We are all grieving the loss of Ron Stromberg, Director, Cariboo Branch 1700. Ron was a Director for a number of years, and passed away due to illness on Friday, November 11, 2011. We extend our condolences to his wife and family.

Cariboo Branch Bursary Recipients – 2011

Matthew Powell, Columneetza Secondary School, Williams Lake, Devan Scott, Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School, 100 Mile House, Jaeb Brock, Correlieu Secondary School, Quesnel.