



## Post-Secondary Educators' Branch

### A New Organization for College Retirees

Have you just retired or are in the retirement planning process? Why not keep in touch with your working friends and colleagues by joining the Post-Secondary Educators' Branch of the BCRTA, (BC Retired Teachers Association)?

The purpose of the branch is to provide opportunities to meet and discuss matters of common interest to college retirees, to communicate to members on the activities of the association, promote the interest and to guard the welfare of the members, and discuss issues such as College Pension Plan benefits. As a Branch of the RTA, we have voice and vote, through our delegates, at the BCRTA annual general meeting, as well as a conduit to the FPSE Pension Advisory Committee.

We also have benefits for you! Membership in our Branch provides the following privileges:

- The opportunity to engage in social activities such as luncheons, day trips, speaker presentations, and sports events – all of which permit continuing contact with colleagues from your working days as an educator;
- Input into pension concerns through our representatives on the FPSE College Pension Plan Advisory Committee;
- Input into pension decisions through the Pension Plan Trustees as they deal with the challenges of maintaining pension indexing and health benefits. One of the College Pension Plan Trustees is nominated by FPSE and the BCGEU to represent college retirees;
- An opportunity to participate in group insurance plans such as; out of Province Health & Travel coverage, home, life and long term care insurance;
- The means by which to keep current on matters pertaining to the interests of retired educators through the excellent BCRTA publication, ***Postscript***, which you will receive four times a year, and through your branch newsletter;
- Representation through the BCRTA on the executive of CART, the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers; (This association has influence on matters concerning seniors as citizens of Canada.)
- Affiliation with COSCO (the Council of Senior Citizens Organization), which represents about 60,000 BC seniors advocating on your behalf.

We have a website where you will find an application form [www.bctf.bc.ca/rta](http://www.bctf.bc.ca/rta) or you may email: [pat@bcrt.com](mailto:pat@bcrt.com) or [Kristi@bcrt.com](mailto:Kristi@bcrt.com) for further information.