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Crosscurrents Magazine is the official publication of the B.C. Special Education Association, a PSA of the BC Teachers' Federation.

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February 25th and 26th at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond.

Early Registration: This year to ease early morning congestion at the registration area (and for those who wish to sleep in) we are offering a Wednesday night registration from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. You will be directed as to where we will be located by the front desk and by signage at the venue.

Other important information: **Thursday, February 25th** registration opens at 7:30 a.m. with a complementary continental breakfast. Keynote starts at 9 a.m. with a break at 10:30 and lunch starting at noon. Afternoon sessions begin 1:30 p.m. This will be followed by our AGM and Wine and Cheese.

February 26th – Breakfast and Bonus sessions beginning at 7:30 a.m. breaks are the same as the previous day. Morning sessions will be starting at 9 a.m. and afternoon sessions commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Keynote Speakers for Crosscurrents 2016



Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, appointed B.C.'s first representative for Children and Youth in 2006. She is an outspoken advocate for the rights of children, particularly those who are most vulnerable. We look forward to hearing her speak about what can be done to ensure that these marginalized children have a voice and their needs are addressed.

Rick Scott is Canada's leading proponent of the Appalachian mountain dulcimer. Rick entertains with laughter, compassion and groove. His musical keynotes have inspired educators throughout the world. He is Goodwill Ambassador for the Down Syndrome Research Foundation and curator of the Protection Island Museum.

Check our website (seaofbc.ca).



*While at Crosscurrents please attend our **AGM February 25th** from 4 until 5 p.m. which will be followed by our hallmark **Wine and Cheese from 6 until 8 p.m.** (free to all Crosscurrent participants and \$10.00 for unregistered guests). Entertainment provided by **Theater Terrific***

Not sure where to eat when at the Crosscurrents Conference???? Our favourite tried and true restaurants that are local and very easy walking distance are: Mad Greek one block toward the airport on Westminster Highway or just across from there is the Ceilis Irish Pub with more than great pub food but delicious fare for even the vegetarian in your group. There is also the 4 Stones Vegetarian Restaurant offering more than vegetarian cuisine, and let's not forget



Harold's Bistro and Bar located in the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. If you do not mind a little walk there is Cactus Club, White Spot, Boston Pizza and so very good Chinese and seafood restaurants. Head out the hotel turn left walking toward the Skytrain or No.3 Road. Turn left (there are lights and London Drugs) on No.3 where you will see these restaurant or poke your head into some of the places that you have just passed. So many great places to eat and explore while spending your time at the conference.

Chapter News

The SEA Chapter of Williams Lake has begun the process of starting up and becoming a cohesive unit. We have a great group of ladies who range from Elementary to High School. We also have some amazing Educational Assistants who have joined. Our group is beginning to amalgamate our thoughts and ideas as to what we would like to see happen in our charter. So far, we have met and introduced ourselves and have also established our constitution. Our third meeting is just around the corner. We will, in the future, be developing and adding more to our programs but right now we are just feeling our way along.

The Vancouver Island North Special Education Association Chapter is hosting a series of live webinars by Dr. Stuart Shanker. These self-regulation webinars are being offered to all members of our district, including teachers, EAs and administration. The first webinar will be January 5th. This is the first offering of this sort by our chapter and the support and interest by the members of our district has been overwhelming! This is such an exciting learning opportunity for our district! For more information on these webinars please visit The MEHRIT Centre at <http://www.self-reg.ca/>.

If there are any other chapters that wish to let me know what is currently going on with your group please email me at: seabcpublication@gmail.com

Provincial Specialist Associations
and BCTF Plan Super Conference
Fall 2017



In honour of the 100th anniversary of the BCTF and public education in British Columbia, the BCTF and PSAs are planning a multi-PSA Super Conference in October 2017. To be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre (the one with the sails), organizers anticipate from 3000 to 6000 British Columbia teachers to attend. Watch for more news as plans unfold.



**Free Parking for all of our Cross
Crosscurrent Registrants.** No sign up required just don't pay. If there is a ticket issued please bring it to the conference desk.



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Professional Books
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Rae Perry our Website manager has been raving about this book. At the Williams Lake Chapter of the BCSEA she has hosted an evening meeting to share what she has learned and inspired her thinking. The book is called "The Woman Who Changed her Brain" by Barbara Arrowsmith-Young. You can find some more information at <http://www.amazon.ca/The-Woman-Who-Changed-Brain/dp/B00C2IF8TQ>. There is also a great TED TALK video that fully describes and demonstrates how this method works.

Crosscurrents Magazine publishes original articles concerning issues related to special education. Practical and theoretical articles are sought. Potential contributors are encouraged to submit reviews of strategies, methodologies, publications, research, and historical and philosophical studies as well as reports of the effectiveness of innovative

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