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STA Connection

September 30, 2019

STA World Teachers' Day Pub Night!



We will be celebrating World Teachers' Day on Friday, October 4 this year!

Just like previous years, we will be hosting the celebration at pubs throughout Surrey, where we will be providing yummy appetizers and treating you to your first drink. There will also be prizes and giveaways throughout the event!

The locations this year are: Central City Brew Pub, Baselines Pub, and Townhall Public House in South Surrey. The event begins after school, but feel free to drop by at any time and stay as long as you like. We encourage everyone to take transit when possible.

You have survived the month of September and deserve to be treated, so grab some of your colleagues and stop by so we can celebrate our work and the work of all teachers around the world!

30 Second Action! BCTF Email Campaign

The BCTF has launched another [MLA email campaign](#) urging our government to increase the funding available and get the concessions off the bargaining table. This is a quick way for all of us to take action!

Brace Yourselves - FSA Tests Are Coming

Grade 4 and 7 teachers will be receiving the letters in the courier shortly, asking parents to request that their children be excused from taking the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) tests. We are concerned about the way the data from these tests are used to rank schools and the time they take away from meaningful teaching and learning. More information can be found on the [BCTF website](#).

Staff Rep Training on October 1st and 2nd!

Tuesday, October 1 and Wednesday, October 2 still have a lot of space left for staff reps to register!

Register Now

STA Past Presidents - do you have any photos of these people?

The STA is doing a project to honour our STA history and the past presidents of the STA. We are looking for photographs of former presidents in their role as leaders of the STA and anecdotes about special events that occurred during their presidency. We are looking for photos of the following past presidents:

Sheridan Mockridge (1942-43)

- Betty Huff (1943-44)
- John McCharles (1946-47)
- Alex Goheen (1947-48)
- Jake Friesen (1949-50)
- Mildred Watts (1952-53)
- George Greenaway (1953-54)
- Garnet Gibson (1954-55)
- George Wilson (1955-56)
- Vern Ardiel (1956-57)
- Thane Fetroe (1957-58)
- M. Molloy (1958-59)
- John Lakiotis (1959-60)

Tom Hassen (1961-62)

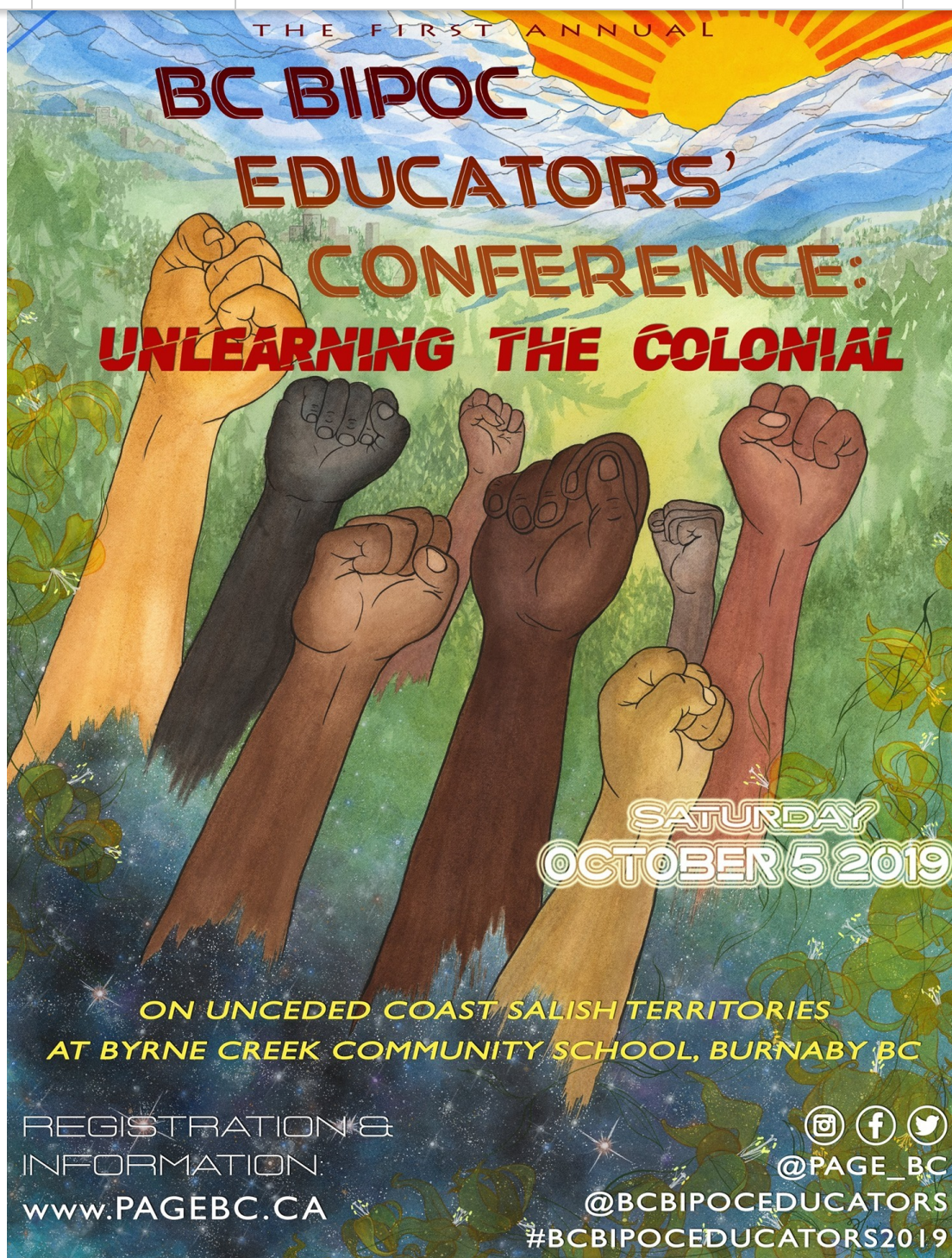
- Bryce Waters (1962-63)
- Joan Parolin (1963-64)
- Dave Dunnison (1964-65)
- Eric T. Tongue (1965-66)
- Brian Hamilton (1966-67)
- Kurt Birkenthal (1967-68)
- Jay N. Stibbs (1968-69)
- George Vickery (1969-70)
- James Sullivan (1970-72)
- Gerry Powlik (1972-73)
- Doris Hahn (1974-76)
- Brian Porter (1984-86)

If you have any photos that you would like to share with the STA, please send them to the STA courier #000 attention K. Kilbride or email them to communications@surreyteachers.org. Please attach a note to your photo giving the date and the name of the president. Photos will be returned upon request, please note if you would like your photo returned and where you would like it returned.

We would also like to receive historical copies of the STA Bulletin for our archives. If you have copies of STA Bulletins that the STA can keep, please send them to the STA via courier #000.

We would like to thank the members or former members who contribute to the project by entering your names in a prize draw. While we can't do an all expenses paid trip to a far off land, we do have some small "historical prizes".

BC BIPOC (Black. Indigenous. People of Colour) Educators' Conference



This event is the first of its kind and takes place on **October 5, 2019**. It is only \$35 to register (and you can contact Erin Coleman at pd@surreyteachers.org to see if pro-d funds can be used to cover the costs). It is also open to non-BIPOC members, and has specific workshops for specific audiences. Visit PAGEBC.ca to register now!

Do you have any PORTABLES on your school property?



If yes – is there access from the portable to a washroom facility which is “not more than 60 metres (200feet) walking distance”? We are asking for your help in collecting this data/feedback – which would be used to ensure that our members have access and availability to suitable facilities at every worksite.

Please report your findings to the STA Health & Safety officer, Dana Neidig at hs@surreyteachers.org.

Call for Workshops: BCTF New Teachers' Conference

The BCTF New Teachers' Conferences are now accepting proposals for workshops. The conferences will be taking place on January 25, 2020 in Richmond, and on May 23, 2020 in Nelson. Please submit your proposals [online](#) by **Monday, October 7**.

Clause of the Week: D.25 Staff Meetings

It's nearing that time of the month when most of our staff meetings will be scheduled. Wondering if you have to attend and for how long? Read what the [article](#) says.

Shout Out!

We are **so** proud to be Surrey Teachers and we know there are amazing things happening around the district that we would love to hear about. In the spirit of acts of kindness, we

they shared recently, or an awesome lesson they teach.

This week's shout out is from Kat Ling to Laressa Tessarolo:

"Shout out to Laressa Tessarolo who is our STA rep. Despite not even being at school yesterday she still made it out to the AGM to make sure she got the info for our school. Also, she always has something kind to say for everyone; she is a positive member of our staff and helps make our school better. She is truly selfless, always putting others before herself."

Thank you Kat, you and Laressa are now entered into our monthly draw for a \$25 Indigo! gift certificate. Please submit your "shout outs" to Angela via communications@surreyteachers.org to spread the kindness around our local and for your chance to win a gift card too!

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