

## DON RENFREW



How do you cram a life time into a brief bio? Well here goes.... After leaving OBHS I did what most of my friends were doing, I went to U of Vic. That was not the most rewarding time. After two years I decided to get some real life experiences and got a job with the Bank of Montreal. Working for the bank enabled me to see our diverse province. I then moved back into the academic world and obtained a Bachelors in Theology which ultimately led me to Kamloops where I met my soul mate, settled down, and raised our family. I chose not to pursue a full time career within the church and over the course of years had four different jobs working for businesses within the private sector. However, my final and most rewarding job was working for 15 years in the Finance Dept. for the Ministry of Forests' Regional office.

When I retired my wife was still teaching in the primary grades and I was able to help her in the classroom at different times. She welcomed the assistance and we had fun providing the children with extra activities, science experiments and field trips that otherwise wouldn't have happened.

Now that both of us are in retirement mode, we have travelled a bit, made some happy memories with grandchildren and family, and done a some of things on our bucket list. Of course, that is when we aren't too busy! We are heavily committed to a local church and found that it is easy to put in 20-30 hour weeks simply helping others with the ups and downs of life, as well as, being a director within the organization. I have been our charities' treasurer for longer than I'd like to admit, but finding replacement individuals with an appetite for the meticulous seems to be in short supply. However, without a doubt, it has been a great run so far.

My wife and I enjoy getting back to Victoria as my Mom and brother continue to reside there. In fact, Mom's retirement residence is across the street from the Oak Bay Rec Centre so I have observed some of the changes to OBHS first hand. I am looking forward learning about more of the changes, as well as, reading and hearing about the exploits and adventures of former classmates.