

*School Plant Officials Association of British Columbia (SPOA) Bursary
Presented in Memory of*

GEORGE T. ROUTLEY

July 20, 1936 - April 30, 1993

George Routley was born, raised, and attended elementary school in Port Coquitlam, continuing his education at secondary school in Port Moody and post-secondary school at Vancouver Vocational Institute taking Structural and Architectural Drafting. He was accepted as an apprentice with the Department of Transport in Ottawa in the Surveying Branch, and worked in airport construction in Northwest Territories, Prince Rupert, Princeton, Kamloops, James Island and Vancouver.

George joined School District #65 (Cowichan) in 1965 as Assistant Works Superintendent. In 1966, he was appointed to the position of Superintendent and held this position until 1992. His efforts contributed greatly towards achieving a positive environment for learning in his school district.

In 1965, George attended the first official School Plant Officials Association (SPOA) Convention at the Blue Boy Hotel in Vancouver. He felt this organization was a great place to exchange thoughts and ideas with school plant officials from other school districts. He served on the executive for a number of years and was President in 1972. With his knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, George acted as the Official Parliamentarian at the Annual General Meetings.

In later years, George became involved with the Rotary Club and held various offices with that service club.

His love of ships led him to a hobby career in the Cruise Ship Industry as a Cruise Consultant. He and Marianne went on numerous cruises that took them to many different countries. George always loved to share his knowledge of cruising with others.

In 1983, George was instrumental in creating the S.P.O.A. B.C. Bursary for school plant employees' sons and daughters who were graduating from high school. This bursary, one of four, is now dedicated to the memory of George T. Routley which is a very fitting memorial to a man who worked tirelessly for the SPOA.