Centre on Aging – 2012 VERA Nominees

The nominees for the 2012 were adjudicated and the awards presented on Monday, October 1, 2012 at the Salvation Army Citadel during the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) Lecture. The volunteer contributions of this year's nominees speak volumes for the community we live in.

**VERA 2012 NOMINEE HIGHLIGHTS**

**S.C. ANDY ANDERSON**

- 1984 - 1995 Oak Bay Volunteer Services
- 1985 - present RCMP Veterans Association
- 1985 - present Rotary International
- 1989 - 1995 Better Business Bureau of Vancouver Island
- 1990 - present BC Fruit Testers Association
- 1997 - 2007 Thrifty Foods Sendial Program
- 2005 - present Sidney Lions Food Bank
- 2005 - 2008 Tourist Information Officer Level 1
- 2008 - 2010 Shoal Centre

**Nominated and Supported by:**
- Rosie Bowman, President, Victoria RCMP Veterans Association
- Susan Brice, Director, Victoria Silver Threads Service
- Beverley Elder, Administrator, Sidney Lions Food Bank
- Joan Firkins, Zone 25 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator
- Wendy Halliday, Rotary Club
- Joan Halvorsen, Executive Director, Oak Bay Volunteer Services
- George Lawson, Central Saanich Police Department
- Judy Wiggins, Manager, SHOAL Centre

**AGNES COLEY**

- 1982 – Present 9-10 Club

**Nominated and Supported by:**
- Alice Johnston, St. Andrew's Cathedral
- Gerry Witteveen, 9-10 Club
- Leonard Clarke, 9-10 Club
- Fr. John Laszczzyk, St. Andrew's Cathedral

**LORRAINE COLETT**

- 1986 – Present City of Colwood, Intermunicipality Advisory Committee on Disability Issues
- 1988 BC Summer Games Victoria
- 1989 – 1994 Greater Victoria Hospital Society, Gorge Road Hospital: Recreational Therapy
- 2003 – 2006 VIHA Royal Jubilee: Aphasia program trainer
- 2003 – 2011 Youth Custody Centre
- 2004 – Present Victoria Women’s Transition House: Assistant to shelter manager
- 2007 – Present Colwood Heritage Commission
- 2007 – Present Glengarry Hospital/Gorge Road Hospital: Recreational Therapy
- 2011 – Present VIHA-Victoria General Neurological Unit

**Nominated and Supported by:**
- Dianne de Champlain, Victoria Women’s Transition House, Volunteer Program Coordinator
- Elsie Hanson, Youth Custody Centre, Coordinator of Volunteers
- Valeria MacGillivary, VIHA Speech Pathologist, Supervisor of Aphasia Program
- Kathy Nies, Royal Jubilee Hospital and Gorge Road Hospital, Manager, Volunteer Resources
- Fred Ruiz, Victoria Women’s Transition House, Shelter Manager
- David Saunders, Past Mayor of Colwood

**DOUGLAS CROWE**
1987 – Present Victoria Epilepsy & Parkinson's Centre
1992 – 2012 Beacon Community Services
2000 – 2005 InterCultural Association
2006 – 2009 Saanich Peninsula Hospital Patient Advocacy Committee

Nominated and Supported by:
Maureen Matthew, Victoria Epilepsy & Parkinson's Centre
Lissa Zala, Victoria Epilepsy & Parkinson's Centre
Catriona Johnson, Victoria Epilepsy & Parkinson's Centre

HELEN EVANS
1988 - 1996 Juan de Fuca Hospital Society and Foundation
1995 - 2001 Capital Health Region Board
2001 - 2003 Health Employers Association
2002 - 2007 Mary Winspear Centre
2002 - 2008 Beacon Community Services
2007 - present Broadmead Care Society
2008 - present Beacon Community Services - Shoal Centre

Nominated and Supported by:
David Cheperdak, Broadmead Care Society
Sharlene Smith, Broadmead Care Society
Isobel MacKenzie, Beacon Community Services
Rev. Penelope Black, Holy Trinity Church
Geraldine Hinton, St. John Ambulance

AUDREY JENKINS
1964 - 1977 Metchosin School PTA
1964 - 1979 Metchosin Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary
1978 - 1989 Mothers March, Salvation Army
1978 - 2003 BC Cancer Society
1980 - 2006 St. Mary's Church of the Incarnation
1980 - present Santa's Anonymous
1989 - present Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)
1999 - present Metchosin Community Association

Nominated and Supported by:
Jane Hammond, Metchosin Community Association
Betty Hildreth, Metchosin Community Association
June Reimer, BC Cancer Society
Isabel Tipton, friend
Alice Riddle, TOPS
Marnie Zavitz, TOPS
Colleen Brownke, Metchosin Seniors Information & Resource Centre

IRENE MCDONALD
1990s – present Canadian Club of Victoria: Past President and Board Member
Lifelong Member First United Church, Victoria
1986 – 2011 Braefoot Place Strata: President
Over last 20 years: Canadian Cancer Society, BC and Yukon Division; Capital Regional Family Services;
and other volunteer activities related to education

Nominated and Supported by:
Jim Knock, Board Member, Canadian Club - Victoria
Sheila MacDougall, BC Cancer Society
Dr. Allan Saunders, Lead Minister, First Metropolitan United Church
Beverley Wilden, friend

**JIM RICKS**
1997 - 2003  Well Foundation
1998 - 2009  Harbourside Rotary
2004 - 2005  Upper Room
2004 - 2007  Victoria Zen Centre
2005 - 2012  The Prostate Centre
2008 - present  Oak Bay United Church MedEx Fitness
2008 - present  Sunshine Clown Society
2011 - 2012  Multiple Sclerosis Fundraising Drive
2011 - present  Oak Bay United Church Choir

**Nominated and Supported by:**
Debra Sheets, School of Nursing, UVic
Linda Hanford, Beacon Hill Village
Leanne Kopp, The Prostate Centre
Rick Lemon, Harbourside Rotary

**LAURIE RUBIN**
1992 - 1997  Citizen Advocacy
1997 - present  Learning Disabilities Association (LDA), South Vancouver Island
2005 - 2010  Association for the International Exchange of Students in Economics and Commerce (AIESEC)
2007 - 2010  Out of the Box Productions
2010 - present  Theatre Inconnu

**Nominated and Supported by:**
Debbie Cybulski, LDA
Nance Turney, LDA
Constance O’Leary, LDA
Clayton Jevne, Theatre Inconnu
Esther Callo, Oceans Day Festival

**WILLIAM STENTON**
2000 -  Upper Room
2000 -  Saanich Lions Club
2000 -  Knox Presbyterian Church
2001 -  Canadian Bible Society
2002 -  Citizenship Court

**Nominated and Supported by:**
Brian Cox, Our Place Society
Mike Claxton, Saanich Lions Club
Laura Kavanagh, Knox Presbyterian Church
Robert Trotter, Canadian Bible Society

**LINDA VANCE**
1990 - present  Friends of the Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL)
1992 - present  Victims of Crime Advocacy League (VOCAL)
2005 - 2011  Grace Lutheran Church
2007 - present  Parks & Recreation Foundation of Victoria

**Nominated and Supported by:**
Deborah Begoray, Friends of the GVPL
Carol Martin, Friends of the GVPL
Ann Geddes, Parks & Recreation Foundation of Victoria
Maureen Sawa, Greater Victoria Public Library
Neil Williams, Friends of the GVPL

Congratulations to all, and thank you for your contributions to our community.