



**University
of Victoria**

Welcome to our New Members

David Clode
Student and Ancillary
Services

**Sheila Sheldon
Collyer**
University Secretary

Genevieve Eden
Public Administration

Roel Hurkens
Engineering Co-op

Janet Johnson
Office of the Admin
Registrar

John Kilcoyne
Law

Margie Mayfield
Education, Curriculum
and Instruction

Vernon Paetkau
Biochemistry and
Microbiology

Laura Proctor
Computing User
Services

Danielle Thaler
French

Associate Member:
John Olson, Queen's
University



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Editorial

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Coey and I have spent most of my working life at the University of Victoria. I started in the Student Union in the late sixties and over the next few decades, slowly worked my way around the ring, ending up in the Office of the Admin Registrar working on the Undergraduate and Graduate Calendar curriculum changes. Like most of you, I consider the university to be my community and I am happy to help with the UVRA newsletter. Taking over these duties from Helen Kempster is somewhat daunting. All graduating students would have encountered Helen who had been Manager of Ceremonies and Special Events since 1983; she had a reassuring touch at Convocation and her firm commitment to the importance of ceremony made sure graduates and their families knew the value of achievement. Helen's contribution to the University as well as her sterling editing skills for the

UVRA Newsletter is second to none. Her energy and expertise will be missed but we are fortunate that we can call on Helen from time to time for some updates on her current activities.

Bits from the Board

Changes: The Executive Board regrettably accepted the resignations of three people who have made major contributions to the UVRA over many years.

Marie Elliott indicated her wish to be relieved of her position as Secretary after several years of organizing the office volunteers and keeping the filing, records, organized and up to date as well as keeping members informed. Marie leaves us to focus on writing and planning her fifth and sixth books on the history of British Columbia. We wish her well and great success with her writing and other interests.

UVRA Executive Board 2009-2010

President, Isobel Dawson

Vice-President, Dawn Neill

Secretary, Wendy Leyland

Treasurer, Colin Butterfield

Past President, Lyle Robertson

Benefits, David Clode

Communications, Judy Cryderman

Membership, George Smith

Newsletter Editor, Elizabeth Coey

Events, John Fitch



In Memoriam

Bill Bender

The first Director of Personnel at UVic, Bill was one of the founding members of the UVRA and author of our Constitution and By-Laws in 1994. Bill passed away on May 15, 2009.

Oliver Burton Kurth

An English Professor at UVic and a member of the UVRA, Dr Kurth passed away on May 5, 2009.

William Taggart

A long time member of the University community, the UVRA, and Head of Library Collections, Bill passed away on August 3, 2009.

Luzia Williams

A Librarian at UVic, Luzia was also a founding member of the UVRA. Along with many other contributions she was the Events Coordinator and was President and Vice President for several years. In 2006 she was appointed an Honorary Life Member in recognition of her outstanding service to the organization. Luzia passed away on August 9, 2009.

On behalf of the UVRA we offer our sincere condolences to their families.

Fred Fischer resigned as Chair from the Benefits Committee having been a founding member and key planner of the benefits currently available to the membership of the UVRA. We hope he will continue as an advisor and consultant to the organization and are saddened to have him leave the board, and wish him the very best with new projects and activities.

Helen Kempster asked to be replaced as Webster and Newsletter Editor. Helen has contributed much to the communication arm of UVRA for many years. Most recently, she assisted with preparation of our information pamphlet; Helen was also webmaster and acting chair for the Events Committee. Her insight, sense of humour, attention to detail and skillful writing will be greatly missed. We wish her well with the new projects she is undertaking and hope she will be available as a consultant to incoming board members.

The board is delighted to welcome Elizabeth Coey as the new Editor of our newsletter *Grey Matters*. Similarly, we are very pleased to welcome David Clode who was chosen by the Benefits Committee to be its chair. We are fortunate to have Sharon Crumly, who has agreed to take over the responsibilities of Supervisor of the office volunteers and Wendy Leyland, who has taken over the position of Secretary. Judy Cryderman has very kindly agreed to serve as webmaster and is chair of the Communications Committee. We are deeply grateful to Judy and her committee for overseeing the installation and set up of the new UVRA office computer and website. The website has been

coordinated to be consistent with the new website for the University of Victoria. Members are invited to explore it and make suggestions for the committee to consider.

We are seeking two members at large to fill board vacancies. Names and contact information of anyone interested will be welcomed at uvra@uvic.ca or web.uvic.ca/retirees or 250-472-4749.

Board Members (Continued)

Members at Large

Doug Alexander
Sharon Crumly
David Docherty
Jim Pearce
Joanne Thomas
Beverly Timmons (Masterminds)

Ex Officio Members

Peter Darling



Items of Interest to Retirees

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research is seeking help in the following: Candrive, a Canadian research program aimed at improving the safety and quality of life of older drivers is now into its sixth year of activity. If you are interested in participating in this project or want more information,

please contact the **Candrive Research Office** toll-free at **1-866-233-1133** or visit their website at www.candrive.ca

David Clode, Chair of the Benefits Committee has been notified by Johnson Inc. (insurance and benefits providers) that the family of UVRA members are eligible to apply for post-graduate scholarships offered by Johnson, value \$1,500.00. Deadline for application is **September 15th**. Those interested can view criteria and application form at the following:

http://www.johnson.ca/root/about/news/scholarship_application.jsp

CURAC has forwarded the following for interested UVRA members:

A special offer to CURAC/ARUCC members from the Literary Review of Canada (LRC) Published ten times a year, the LRC offers a unique perspective on national culture, politics and ideas, explored through both long-format reviews of Canadian books and original essays. Since 1991, this approach has made the LRC a lively forum for the discussion of Canadian thought – a role recognized with the Arthur Kroeger Prize for Public Discourse. The LRC was the first magazine to win this prestigious award.

In recognition of our contribution to Canadian intellectual life, the magazine is offering CURAC/ARUCC members a discounted subscription rate of \$35 – 41% less than the regular price of a year's subscription. To learn more about the magazine, its contributors, and its content visit: <http://reviewcanada.ca>

Retirees in the News

Dr. Louis Costa and Dr. Otfried Spreen (retired Professors of Psychology at UVic) both received the "Distinguished Career Award" from the International Neuropsychological Society in 2008. Only 10 members of the 5,000 plus Society received this honour.

John Goudy (retired Administrative Officer of Physics and Astronomy) has been honoured recently with the City of Langford's first "Lifetime Contribution Award", the Westshore Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" Award and the B.C. Library Trustees Association's "Nancy Bennett Merit Award".



Upcoming Events 2009/2010



By now you will have received a comprehensive list of these events; the following is a reminder of scheduled events to date:

SEPTEMBER 22 (Tuesday), **11:45 a.m.** **Salmon Barbeque and Native Dance.**

Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre (200 Cowichan Way), **Duncan.** **Register by: September 14. Charge: \$37/Person.**

OCTOBER 7 (Wednesday), **9:50 a.m.** **Excursion to Galiano Island and Picnic.** **Register by: September 30. Charge: \$5/Person** (+ passengers pay driver **\$17.50** each for vehicle fare and gas).

NOVEMBER 5 (Thursday), **10:30 a.m.** **Presentation and Buffet Lunch.** **Swans Hotel and Brew Pub** (506 Pandora Avenue). **Register by: October 26. Charge: \$25/Person.**

DECEMBER 14 (Monday), **12:00 Noon.** **Christmas Buffet Luncheon and Presentation.** **University Club.** **Register by: December 2. Charge: \$33/Person.**

Tentative Events List - January-June 2010 (details to follow in December)

January	Ismaili Jamatkhana and Centre , Burnaby. Tour and Lunch.
February	Chinese New Year. Luncheon and Presentation.
March	Esquimalt Royal Navy Dockyard and Drydock.
April	Birdwatching at UVic.
May	UVic New Buildings. Tour.

2009 Masterminds



One of the most attended and enjoyed program offered by your UVRA is the Masterminds Series of lectures. We would like to extend our thanks to those who have contributed to this year's success and we look forward to another rewarding year.

The Masterminds events could not have been possible without the help of many individuals and groups, all of whom have been generous with their time, encouragement, and support. I would like to thank all who participated, and added to the success of the Masterminds.

Special thanks are due to Dr. David Turpin, UVic President, for the generous support and encouragement that led to the development and continuation of the series. The President's staff was directly involved in the first three years of the Masterminds, without which the series could not have been possible. This was a transition year in which the support of the series was moved to Vice President of External Relations, Valerie Kuehne, and her staff. Thanks to Dr. Kuehne, Shirley Lyon and all at External Relations, and to Ludgard De Decker of the President's Office, this was a smooth transition with the much needed continuing support and encouragement provided. The UVRA Board is very pleased that Grant Hughes, Director of Community Relations, has been appointed as our Liaison with External Relations.

The collaboration with the Centre on Aging and the UVRA continues to be an essential feature of the Masterminds. I would like to convey my thanks to Elaine Gallagher, the Staff of the Centre on Aging, and the Friends of the Centre; and to Isobel Dawson and the Board of the UVRA. Some individuals from the Centre and the UVRA are due particular thanks for their hours of work and dedication to the success of the project. They are Lois Edgar, Arlene Senft, Anita Jessop, Marie Elliott, Victor Neufeldt, Helen Kempster, James Pearce, Lloyd Ollila, Trevor Matthews and Judy Cryderman.

Submitted by: Beverly Timmons, UVRA Masterminds



United Way
OF GREATER VICTORIA

United Way Campaign 2009

The campaign will officially kick off on September 21st and run until December 11. Last year UVic had a record number of individual donors. We set a target of \$265,000.00 and to our amazement raised \$298,000.00, making UVic the second largest donor in Greater Victoria. This year the UVic Committee has set a target of \$275,000.00 and hopes to be amazed again.

Each year, United Way helps one in three people in Greater Victoria. This year the need will be more acute than ever. Your donations will help to fund over 70 programs that will address one or more of the three priorities for the coming year: Family and Community Well-being; Housing for the Homeless, Low Income and Working Poor; Mental Health and Addictions.

With the support of over 1,000 volunteers, United Way keeps campaign costs among the lowest of any agency in Canada, allowing them to do the greatest good for the greatest number right here in Victoria.

Just in case the good feeling you get from giving is not enough incentive, the committee has gathered many attractive prizes for donors. We hope to draw one prize each day from October 16th to December 4th, with an especially great prize every 'Fabulous Friday'. Prizes include a weekend at the Marriot Pinnacle Hotel in Vancouver, two nights accommodation at Best Western, one night accommodation at Laurel Point, return

airfare to Vancouver with Harbour Air, return airfare with West Coast Air, two sets of season tickets to the Salmon Kings hockey team, tickets to various UVic events, four \$50.00 gift certificates from the Bookstore, gift certificates to various restaurants. To see a complete list of prizes, visit <http://unitedway.uvic.ca>.

The United Way Book Sale will take place October 7 – 9 in the McPherson Gallery, 9:00am to 5:00pm. Items for sale will include books, records, cassettes, CDs, videos, DVDs, games, and blank books. The price for most items will be \$2.00 or less.

A silent auction of collectable books contributed to last year's record-breaking total of \$9,100.00. This year's goal is \$10,000.000. A 1946 copy of Kafka's *Metamorphosis* and limited edition, numbered Canadian historical maps are among the generous donations for this year's auction.

Donations of books, etc., would be greatly appreciated and can be delivered to the Library Help Desk on the main floor of the McPherson Library.

PLEDGE FORM

If you donated last year, you will automatically receive a pledge form in the mail. Remember to identify yourself as a member of UVRA under "Comments" or "Department" when you fill out your donation form. If you need a pledge form you can print off a form from the web site below, complete it and return it to United Way of Greater Victoria, 1144 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 3K8.

OR,

If you wish to donate online, click the address below and follow the links under "Donations". Please ensure that you note under "Comment" or "Department" that you are a member of the UVic Retirees Association so that United Way can credit UVic towards its total for this year.

<http://unitedway.uvic.ca/Quickinfo.htm>

If you have any questions, please contact me at vaneuf@shaw.ca.

Submitted by: Victor Neufeldt, UVRA Representative
United Way Campus Campaign Committee

ITEMS OF INTEREST

If you have items of interest to our members for inclusion in the newsletter send them along to Elizabeth Coey at eliz-coey@shaw.ca or send them to the UVRA Office to the attention of Elizabeth Coey.



Parking Permits

Parking Permits for the 2009/2010 year have been mailed out. Permits are valid from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. You can still apply for a permit but note that there is no pro-rated arrangement; the cost is \$76/year.

Volunteers

We still need volunteers to help specifically with the Communications Committee and office support. If you would like to be involved with your UVRA and have some time, please contact Judy Cryderman, Communications at uvra@uvic.ca or Volunteer Supervisor, Sharon Crumly at scrumly@shaw.ca.

Website Feedback

We hope you have all had an opportunity to view our new website as shown below and we welcome your feedback and/or comments.

You can contact us at uvra@uvic.ca with the subject line "New Website". Thank you for your suggestions.