



## University of Victoria

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

**GORDANA LAZAREVICH,**  
School of Music

### IN MEMORIAM

#### **Dr. Lionel Adey**

A long time member of the UVRA and Professor of English Literature, Lionel passed away on September 17, 2009. As well as his involvement in university life Lionel added his voice to the Victoria Choral Society and the Orion Male Choir.

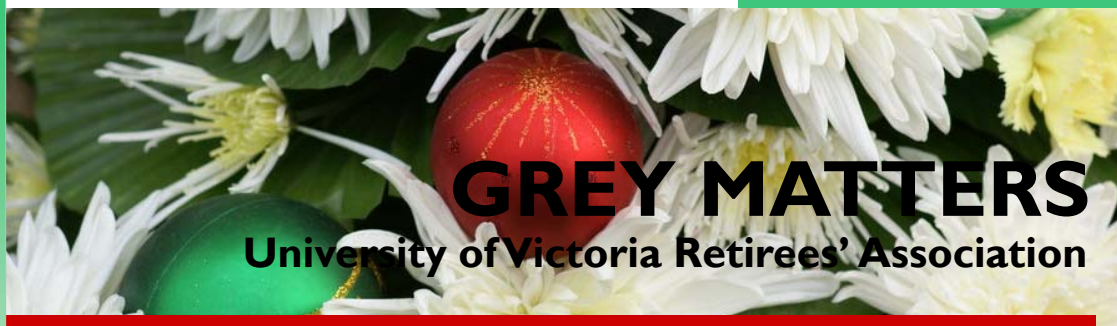
#### **Dr. Alan Austin**

Alan taught in the Biology Department from the early 60s to the 90s. He continued his involvement at UVic with the UVRA attending many events over the years. A longtime advocate of sustainable life in our community and on our earth, Alan passed away on September 29, 2009.

#### **Dr. Harry Foster**

Harry taught at UVic in the Department of Geography from 1968 and retired in 2008 as Professor Emeritus. Harry passed away on August 15, 2009 succumbing to cancer, the disease that he had helped so many to understand.

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# GREY MATTERS

## University of Victoria Retirees' Association

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### Editorial

It is that time of year again when the bustle of shopping, baking, decorating, and preparing for the advent of the Christmas season seems to consume our lives. It is interesting to note that the custom of sending Christmas cards started in Britain in 1840 when the first 'Penny Post' public postal deliveries began. Helped by the new railway system, the public postal service was the 19th century's communication revolution, just as email is for us today. As printing methods improved, Christmas cards were produced in large numbers from about 1860. They became even more popular in Britain when a card could be posted in an unsealed envelope for one half-penny - half the price of an ordinary letter. As well, the earliest account of a Christmas tree was in a Finnish home in 1829 when a nobleman had 8 of them indoors. In Poland, Christmas Eve is a time of family gatherings, but it is also a night of magic, when animals are said to talk in a human voice and people have the power to tell the future. The main Polish Christmas dinner consists of 12 courses! (the mere thought of it makes one want to undo their belt.)

Although we also celebrate Christmas in much the same way as England, Scottish people have their big celebrations on New Year's Eve. For the uninitiated, this celebration is called Hogmanay - a time for reflection on the year past complete with resolutions for the year to come with plenty of spirits on hand at midnight to welcome the New Year. It is at this time we review the year and think of friends and family, past and present. This year was "Homecoming Year" in Scotland sparked to commemorate the life of our national bard, Robert Burns. To quote him:



*"We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,  
for auld lang syne"*

**All the very best to you and yours in 2010.  
Sláinte! Elizabeth Coey**

### UVRA EXECUTIVE BOARD—2009-2010

**President,** Isobel Dawson

**Vice-President,** John Schofield

**Secretary,** Wendy Leyland

**Treasurer,** Colin Butterfield

**Past President,** Lyle Robertson

**Benefits,** David Clode

**Communications,** Judy Cryderman

**Membership,** George Smith

**Newsletter Editor,** Elizabeth Coey

**Special Events,** John Fitch



#### IN MEMORIAM (cont'd.)

##### Judith Johnston

A life member of the UVRA (predeceased by her husband Douglas Johnston, Faculty of Law), Judith passed away on May 10, 2009. Judith contributed much to the University on the Board of the University Women's Club as well as her extensive commitment to the community.

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

## Bits from the Board

The Board is delighted to welcome John Schofield back to the fold to serve as Vice President pro tem.

After unavoidable delays in receiving our financial records, the Board, very gratefully thanks John Levey for agreeing to, and completing, the annual audit of our financial records for 2008-2009.

The audited annual report of the UVRA Year ending March 31, 2009 is available on the web site at <http://web.uvic.ca/retirees>

We received the following notification from CURAC/ARUCC for those members who might wish to participate:

### Seeking Potential Nominees and Nominators

In order to have a CURAC/ARUCC Board which will always have good gender balance, representation from across the country, and a judicious mix of old hands and new faces, CURAC/ARUCC Past President and Nominating Committee Chair, Dr. Tarun Ghose, is seeking your assistance in identifying people who would be interested in being considered for the Nominating Committee or by the Nominating Committee as potential nominees for the CURAC/ARUCC Board. The Nominating Committee will also have to put forward a new nominee for Treasurer at the 2010 Annual General Meeting at York University next May. If you can think of any members who would be good (and willing) candidates for the post of either Treasurer, Director-at-Large, or to serve on the Nominating Committee, please send those names directly to: Dr. Tarun Ghose at [dr.tghose@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dr.tghose@ns.sympatico.ca) Chair, CURAC/ARUCC Nominating Committee.

## Keeping up to date with Retiree Issues

Robert Vogelsang, ad hoc Chair of our umbrella organization, NW Regional Retirement Associations has recently heard from the Western Washington Retirement Association (WWRA) that they are working to organize a Spring Festival in late April or early May, 2010; they have extended an invitation to the UVRA to participate.

Also the WSU/Idaho/Eastern Washington consortium wants to hold a festival for retirement associations; Oregon State is also quite interested in hosting one as well. An exchange of ideas/issues would be beneficial for retiree associations and coordinating similar exchanges will be on our agenda for the future.

## Retirees in the News



Our very own communications chair, Judy Cryderman and her golfing partner from Uplands Golf Club recently won the Zone 5 Ladies

Golf Foursome) event. This event is an alternate shot match play event played at 5 different golf clubs over a week and has been taking place annually since 1948. What made it even more special is that Judy and her golfing partner defeated a pair that have been in the finals/semi-finals for the last five years by making a par at Gorge Vale on the sudden death extra playoff hole. Also, the trophy has now been returned to Uplands after a 17 year hiatus. This newsworthy item has been written up in the November edition of the Island Golfer magazine and Times Colonist.

## UVRA Trip to Galiano Island

On a beautiful day in October, the UVRA group ferried to Galiano Island where we were warmly greeted by Dr. Paul LeBond (retired professor from UBC) our guide for the day. We visited the museum, had a stop at the magnificent Bluffs before descending on Professor Kennedy's home for a lunch on the deck overlooking the point. We could not have asked for more perfect weather to enjoy the view and gardens. Doctor Kennedy collects some 60,000 gallons of water for gardening; her agility, stamina, and her warm hospitality are remarkable. Afternoon found us in a cosmic wonderland called "Stoneworld" a natural art installation. Amongst grazing sheep, Steve Ocsko, retired UBC Professor, artisan, visionary (he claims to just love moving boulders around) has created a park reminiscent of Stonehenge.

Magnificent rock formations, carefully assembled and situated around an open range park makes for a spiritual experience and a must see for anyone visiting Galiano.

As we sailed homeward in a perfect sunset we were accompanied by a whale pod, at times swimming so close to us that the ferry had to stop and let them pass. The trip was very interesting and if you have not been to Galiano Island lately there are some amazing sights. Here are some sample pictures from Elizabeth Coey below with more available on the website under <http://web.uvic.ca/retirees/photogallery.html>



## Masterminds 2010 Art Exhibit and Lecture Series by UVic Retirees

The Masterminds events highlight the continuing contributions of the University of Victoria (UVic) retirees to both the university and the community. With generous support of UVic, the UVic Retirees Association (UVRA) and the Centre on Aging (COAG) will present an art exhibit in the Maltwood Museum and Art Gallery from March 29 through June 25 and four, free lectures will be held on Wednesday evenings during April; lectures are at 7 p.m. in the Hickman Building, Room 105, on campus.

**Please register for lectures by calling 250-721-6369; plan on arriving early as seating will be limited. If you do not have a UVic parking permit, there is a charge of \$2.00 to park on campus.**

### **Masterminds Art Exhibit – March 29 through June 25, 2010.**

The diversity and creativity of 27 artists will be showcased on campus at the Maltwood Museum and Art Gallery, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Masterminds Lecture Series – Speakers and Topics**

April 7 Dr. Bruce Howe  
Sport psychology focusing on elite athletes.

April 14 Prof. John McLaren  
Colonial judges in B.C. legal history.

April 21 Dr. Margie Mayfield  
Early childhood education.

April 28 Dr. Reginald Mitchell  
Chemistry: good and evil.

As they become available, more details will be on the UVic, COAG, and UVRA websites and in your mail; please check these sites closer to the event.

Submitted by: Beverly Timmons, UVRA Masterminds Coordinator



## UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN REPORT 2009

In today's economic climate the various agencies supported by the United Way need our help more than ever. The UVic Campaign, under Campaign Chair Norah McRae, is close to meeting its target of \$275,000. As of November 27, the total stood at \$252,392, 92% of the goal, with 542 donors. To those of you still planning to contribute, the sooner you send in your donation the sooner we will know that we have once again reached our target.

If you wish to print off a pledge form, complete it and return it to UVic United Way Campaign, Accounting Services, PO Box 3040 STN CSC, Victoria, BC, V8W 3N7

OR

If you wish to donate online

Go to the address below and follow the links under "Donations". Please ensure that you note under "Department" that you are a member of the UVic Retirees Association so that the United Way can credit UVic towards its total for this year.

<http://www.unitedway.uvic.ca>

Many thanks to all who have donated. Your support will be greatly appreciated by those less fortunate who receive help from an agency supported by the United Way.

Submitted by: Victor Neufeldt, UVRA Representative

## Upcoming Events January to June, 2010

**(Note: a complete list, with extended summary and registration form will be emailed and/or sent surface mail to all UVRA as well as being posted on the UVRA web site very soon.)**

**JANUARY 26 (Tuesday), 9:00 a.m.** ferry from Swartz Bay. Ismaili Jamatkhana and Centre, Burnaby. Tour and Lunch. Register by: January 19. Charge: \$10/Person

**FEBRUARY 16 (Tuesday), 12:00 noon.** Chinese New Year Lunch and Presentation. Golden City Restaurant, 721 Fisgard Street. Elsie Chan (UVic School of Public Administration), "A Trip along the Silk Road in China." Register by: February 9. Charge: \$23/Person

**MARCH 23 (Tuesday), 10:30 a.m.** Victoria Shipyards and the Esquimalt Graving Dock. Register by: March 16. Charge: \$5/Person. Duration: 2 hours

**APRIL 22 (Thursday -- Earth Day), 8:00 a.m.** Birding on UVic Campus.

Register by: April 15. Charge: \$5/Person. Parking: Parking Lot 6; permit, ticket machine or meter.

**MAY 19 (Wednesday), 10:00 a.m.** Tour of New Buildings on UVic Campus, Part 2.

Register by: May 12. Charge: \$5/Person. Parking: permit, ticket machine or meter. Meet at the fountain in front of McPherson Library. Duration: 2 to 3 hours

**LATE JUNE:** Possible overnight trip to Friendly Cove OR Bamfield Marine Station.

The first possibility would involve travelling by bus or train to Courtenay on Friday 18 June, then continuing by bus to the Gold River Chalet and spending the night there. On 19 June we would travel aboard the M.V. Uchuck to Yuquot (Friendly Cove) for a 3 hour visit, then return to Gold River. The group would leave the Chalet by bus on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and return to Victoria by late afternoon. Cost would range between \$300 per person to \$350 per person based on double occupancy and 40 registrants. The cost does not include any meals.

The alternative would be a repeat of the May 2009 trip to Bamfield, for those who were unable to attend (or who wish to revisit the Marine Station). Day 1: travel by bus from UVic via logging road to Bamfield. Visit marine station, labs, foreshore etc.; activities could be varied for those who were revisiting the station. Day 2: more marine station activity, then departure on the M.V. Frances Barkley for Port Alberni, then bus back to Victoria. Cost approximately \$250 per person, based on double occupancy and 36 registrants. The cost includes all meals at the Marine Station including a bag lunch for the boat trip to Port Alberni. The trip would have to take place between June 16 and June 30.

The Events Committee thanks all the Members who suggested the above events.

UVRA Events Committee: Trudy Byers, Jim Currie, John Fitch (Chair), Trevor Matthews.  
Feedback / Suggestions: UVRA Office (250-472-4749, [uvra@uvic.ca](mailto:uvra@uvic.ca)), or Committee.