

Victoria Women's Newcomers Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are finally seeing the amazing pink and white blossoms that decorate so many of Victoria's streets. I have been told that it is not an accident that so many varieties of fruit trees are used. As soon as the glory of one street diminishes, another street takes your breath away. My other favourite flowering bush at this time of the year is the camellia. I overheard my husband (definitely not a horticulturist), telling an Ontario resident that the roses were blooming (they look like roses to him). If you are new to gardening in these climes, be sure to check with those more experienced. Plants grow so differently here compared to Ontario.

I mentioned last month that we are in the process of forming our new Executive for September 2011. I cannot emphasize how much your current Executive has enjoyed working together this year. We have decided that the Membership duties would be better shared between two people and so plan to have two Co-Membership positions beginning in September. We anticipate five open positions. I would like to encourage anyone interested in joining our Executive for 2011-12 to contact me by email or phone as soon as possible. It is recommended that Executive members have some basic computer skills (e-mail and perhaps, some word processing). We generally meet once or twice during the summer and for about 90 minutes after luncheons.

We have three luncheons left before our summer break - April, May and June. The Newcomer luncheons and activity groups end in June and will officially begin again in September. As we are a volunteer organization, the break gives the Executive and all of the activity conveners a chance to rest and regroup. Members have expressed to us a wish to stay connected during the summer months. See the insert below for some additional information.

If you missed our last luncheon, be sure to check on the range of activities available. As always, if you have an idea for a new activity, please connect with our Activity Coordinators, Pam Thompson and Agnes Amundrud.

Take care,

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Inquiring Minds Want to Know...

What happens during the summer months?

Members have expressed a desire to stay connected throughout the summer. Last year we had one of our members maintain an email posting that provided a vehicle for members to share information on some summer events. Members were free to plan an activity and then share the opportunity with others. Some were hoping that there would be more plans! If an enthusiastic small group of members would be interested in coordinating some summer activities, please let us know! Don't forget, Victoria's summer weather is amazing! Great for all kinds of activities!

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

April 20th, 2011 at Cedar Hill Golf Club
1400 Derby Rd @ 11:30 a.m.

To make your reservation email v1newcomersluncheon@gmail.com.
New members and guests always welcome



Speaker for the April Luncheon

Liz Bloomfield - Programs and Services at the Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre

Liz Bloomfield is the Executive Director of the Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre. She will be speaking about the services and programmes that the centre offers. The resource centre has been providing support, education and a sense of hope for one-parent families for more than 30 years. The Victoria Women's Newcomers Club supported this organization for our charity Christmas project.

A REMINDER

At our luncheons, if possible, please pay at the door by cheque. The price for the luncheon is \$22.00 for members, non-members and guests. We are required to provide the facility with the number of lunch attendees on the Monday prior to the luncheon. If you must cancel your reservation please email v1newcomersluncheon@gmail.com by the Saturday before the luncheon. **If you fail to cancel by this deadline, please send the Treasurer your \$22.00 cheque to cover the cost of your reservation.**

NEWCOMERS NEWS

March 2011 Luncheon



Heritage Fashion Show

We had a special treat at the March luncheon. The volunteer models were from Heritage Productions and they all clearly enjoyed their roles. They put on a fashion show of period clothing, showing vintage and reproduction clothes, all of which were beautifully made and accessorized.

NEWCOMERS ACTIVITIES for 2011

Spring has arrived in Victoria, and the blossoms are bursting forth everywhere in a riot of color and delicious fragrances. If you enjoy being outdoors, and you haven't already done so, consider joining one of our walking groups. We have the Dallas Road Walking Group, which walks every Thursday morning along Dallas Road. On Wednesday we have a group that explores a different part of Victoria on every walk. Additionally, we have a group that heads out to Butchart Gardens once a month and enjoys the new growth and blossoms that keep appearing. After the walks, the group head out for coffee and socializing. All three of these groups allow you to get some exercise and fresh air while exploring Victoria and developing new friendships. What a great deal that is! For those who enjoy golf, we have started a new golf activity and there is room for a lot more to join in and participate in the fun.

The Victoria Women's Newcomers Club was especially honoured to receive an invitation from the Victoria Symphony's Conductor's Circle to attend an open rehearsal of the Legacy concert, "*Beethoven Symphony No. 6 'Pastorale'*" on Saturday, March 5, 2011. The Symphony provided early refreshments as well as a concluding reception. Members were able to meet and mingle with a number of the musicians as well as the Victoria Symphony's conductor, Tania Miller. Although the delicious snacks, including musically decorated cupcakes, were amazing, our members were most impressed with the opportunity to watch Tania provide her coaching expertise to the musicians' performance. What a delightful event!

If you have a great idea for an activity that we aren't yet offering, please speak to Agnes Amundrud or Pam Thompson, our activity coordinators, and we will put out a sign-up sheet at the luncheon, to see if there are others who are interested in starting up that activity. Thanks to all the conveners of the groups for the excellent job they are doing in running our many varied and interesting groups. Remember you can sign up at anytime during the year and join in on the fun.

Our ongoing activities include:

Afternoon Tea Group
Bridge
Book Club
Butchart Gardens Walk
Coffee Social
Couples Friendly Dinners

Couples Game Night
Couples Pub Night
Dallas Rd Walkers & Social
Ladies Dinner Club
Ladies Pub Night
Mid Day Munchies

Mini Lunch, Restaurant
Movie Afternoon/Evening
Mystery Book Club
Scrabble
The Walkers
Day Tours

Your activity coordinators,

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Couples Friendly Dinners 
3	4 Mid Day Munchies 	5 Movie Club 	6 The Walkers 	7 Dallas Road Walking Group Bridge 	8 Ladies Dinner Club 	9
10	11 Couples Pub Night 	12 Mini Lunch Restaurant 	13 The Walkers 	14 Dallas Road Walking Group Bridge The Mystery Book Club 	15	16 Couples Games Night 
17	18 Butchart Gardens Walk 	19	20 Newcomers Lunch 	21 Dallas Road Walking Group Bridge 	22	23
24	25 Scrabble 	26	27 The Walkers Book Club 	28 Dallas Road Walking Group Bridge Afternoon Tea Group Ladies Pub Night 	29	30

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