

# Victoria Women's Newcomers Club

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you receive this newsletter, the holiday season will be drawing to a close. I hope that all of you have enjoyed some extra treats during the season. I am afraid that I am going to have to do a lot more exercising to deal with the additional weight accumulation! If only food didn't taste so wonderful!

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

I would like to especially highlight an invitation that we have received from the Victoria Symphony's Conductor's Circle. Newcomers have been exclusively invited to an open rehearsal of the Legacy concert, *Beethoven Symphony No. 6 "Pastorale"* on Saturday, March 5, 2011. We will meet for coffee/tea in the late morning, attend a working rehearsal of Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 6* and Sharman premiere *Violin Concerto* from 11:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and then enjoy a Welcome reception with the Victoria Symphony musicians until 1:30 p.m. The reception will be sponsored by Sandra Lackenbauer of the Victoria Symphony Board. Getting our RSVP numbers to the organizers is essential, so please be sure to sign the activity book in January if you are able to participate in this unique opportunity.

This month the *Inquiring Minds* insert provides some information on some new electronic savings deals available to Victoria residents. This is new to me but some members have provided enthusiastic positive feedback.

January continues to be a grayish and rainy month so please stay connected to as many activity groups as possible. If this is your first winter in Victoria, you will be amazed at how quickly we begin to see signs of spring.

Take care,

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### *Inquiring Minds Want to Know...*

What are members discovering about online savings to Victoria events, restaurants or for local products?

If you are a reader of the Victoria Times Colonist, you may have already explored the possibilities through SwarmJam, Vancouver Island's Sweetest Deals. Basically, they provide the opportunity to purchase products online from local businesses. Another online site is Groupon Victoria. On this site you can purchase restaurant/service coupons or entertainment tickets for greatly reduced prices. The deals do require a certain number of participants before they take effect. Although members have shared great stories, this is not an official endorsement. Buyer beware but if you are interested, the two sites are [www.swarmjam.com](http://www.swarmjam.com) and <http://www.groupon.com/victoria/>.

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# NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Cedar Hill Golf Club  
1400 Derby Rd @ 11:30 a.m.

To make your reservation email [v1newcomersluncheon@gmail.com](mailto:v1newcomersluncheon@gmail.com).  
New members and guests always welcome



## Speaker for the January Luncheon

Sherry Lepage - Documentary Film Maker

Sherry Lepage is a Victoria-based filmmaker who specialises in arts and social issue documentaries and educational videos. Her documentaries have been seen on CBC, Bravo, and Knowledge Network, as well as at film festivals in Canada and the U.S., and several of her health education projects have won international awards.

Sherry's honorarium will go to the Cat's Cradle Animal Rescue. Cat's Cradle is special because they deal only with animals considered un-adoptable. [www.catscradleanimalrescue.com](http://www.catscradleanimalrescue.com)

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# Sorry!

**At our luncheons, if possible, please pay at the door by cheque.** The price for the January 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](mailto: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.**

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## ***NEWCOMERS ACTIVITIES for 2010/2011***

What a delightfully busy season, and so many wonderful things to do, it's hard to fit them all in! We had several special additions to our activities this month. The Wednesday walking group toured the delightful ginger bread houses at the Laurel Point Inn. Then we checked out the teddy bears decked out in their finest for the silent auction at the Pacific Grand, and followed it up with a tour of the spectacular Christmas trees at the Empress Hotel. Thanks to Linda Kalinka and Helen Heenan for arranging this! The mini-lunch group had a lovely festive luncheon at the Legislative Buildings. Thanks to Ann McCrae for her continuous efforts in organizing the variety of restaurant outings. What a hard working, dedicated group of volunteer conveners we have to organize the many interesting activities for us. Thanks to all of you! We couldn't have such an excellent organization without you.

Coming up on Sat. March 5th, we have a rare, exciting one-time event. We have been invited to attend a Victoria Symphony dress rehearsal concert and social mixer, courtesy of Sandra Lackenbauer who is on the board of directors of the symphony. We hope to have a sizeable group attend this very generously offered "concert", so whether or not you are a regular symphony goer, we invite you to consider signing up for and attending this unique event. The sign-up folder will be available until the February luncheon, so make sure you get your name on the list.

Our ongoing activities include:

Afternoon Tea Group	Couples Game Night	Mini Lunch, Restaurant
Bridge	Couples Pub Night	Movie Afternoon/Evening
Book Club	Dallas Rd Walkers & Social	Mystery Book Club
Butchart Gardens Walks	Ladies Dinner Club	Scrabble
Coffee Social	Ladies Pub Night	The Walkers
Couples Friendly Dinners	Mid Day Munchies	Day Tours

We would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season, and hope your new year is filled with rich blessings!

Your activity coordinators,

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# January 2011

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