

# Victoria Women's Newcomers Club

Newsletter - OCTOBER, 2011

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all of our new and returning members! We were absolutely thrilled to welcome 13 new members and numerous guests at our first meeting of the 2011-2012 season. Our activity coordinators report that we have 24 activity groups organized so far and some interesting suggestions for new ones. Hopefully you have already heard from some of the conveners and perhaps have even attended one of our activity groups.

With so many new members and all our returning members renewing their membership at the same time, we have received some queries about how our membership fees are used. To provide you with some quick highlights of our budget process, please note the *Inquiring Minds* insert below.

One activity group has already met twice! You should be receiving information in the near future on the Christmas charity project. The members have selected a project and will be providing our members with the opportunity to donate during our October and November luncheon meetings. Keep an eye out for an update on this endeavour!

While I am momentarily thinking about Christmas (surely it is far too early!!), I want to ensure that you mark your calendars for our December meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We have moved to the second Wednesday of the month for December only in order to accommodate members' busy holiday plans.

Please remember If there is something that you would like to do that we are not currently offering, connect with our Activity Coordinators, Pam Thompson and Agnes Amundrud, We are always interested in starting new groups that meet our members' needs.

Take care, Kathy Schaffer 778-430-1892 [kathyschaffer@shaw.ca](mailto:kathyschaffer@shaw.ca)

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

How do our membership fees get used?

For our new members, we use approximately \$6 for the purchase of a name badge. For those of us with memory challenges, name badges are a must! Our website costs about \$5 per person to maintain our virtual presence in the community. The \$50 charity donation provided as a thank you to our speakers works out to \$8 per person annually. The cost of our luncheon is actually 40 cents more than we collect, so that runs a minimum of \$4 per person over the year. Of course, we have stationary, paper and photocopying costs on top. If you are doing the math and wondering how it could possibly work, you can understand why we also have a 50/50 draw during our luncheons. New members can be assured that we are all volunteers. Isn't it lucky that we are so eager to make new friends and learn more about our new homes!

# NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

at Cedar Hill Golf Course

1400 Derby Rd @ 11:30

To make your reservation email [v1newcomersluncheon@gmail.com](mailto:v1newcomersluncheon@gmail.com).

New members and guests always welcome

Speaker for the October Luncheon

Merna Forester



October is Women's History Month in Canada. To celebrate the occasion, Merna Forster will be giving a presentation on "Great Canadian Women." Merna is a Victoria-based author and historian, and her latest book 100 More Canadian Heroines has just been released. She'll be sharing stories, illustrated with some great historical images, of some of the fascinating women in Canadian history.

**Sorry!**

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](mailto:v1newcomersluncheon@gmail.com) by the Saturday before the luncheon. If you fail to cancel by this deadline, please send the Treasurer your \$20.00 cheque to cover the cost of your reservation.

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# NEWCOMERS NEWS

## Activities:

Welcome back everyone to another exciting year of activities, and a warm welcome to all our new ladies! Our activity groups are off to a wonderful start. Out of the 24 activity groups that we are currently offering, we have 22 conveners in place. Thank you so much to all the ladies who have stepped up and offered to convene a group this year, some of you taking on more than one group. Your support and enthusiasm are much appreciated by everyone, and we certainly couldn't do it without you! There is something for everyone and always room for more suggestions. If you have a idea for an activity that is not yet being offered, please see Pam or Agnes, and we can present it to the membership to see if there are others who would like to join you. The conveners will be meeting soon to discuss ways in which the general membership can support them in their roles. We still need someone to convene the Mystery Book club and the Couples Pub night. If you would like to help out in those areas, please contact us. We look forward to another full and active year with lots of opportunities to make new friends.

***The Cycling Group is a new group that we are offering this year, on the 1st and 3rd Thu. of the month at 2:00 p.m. The group plans to meet twice a month, weather permitting, to explore some of the many Victoria trails by bicycle. The group will determine where they would like to cycle and the type of terrain that they are comfortable with. If you are a cycling enthusiast please consider signing up for this group. What a great way to explore Victoria while benefiting from the fresh air and exercise***

Have a great year! Your activity coordinators,

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# October 2011

| Sun       | Mon   | Tues  | Wed  | Thurs   | Fri                                | Sat   |
|-----------|---|---|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
|           |   |   |  |   |                                    | <b>1</b><br><b>Couples Games Night</b><br> |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br><b>Coffee Social</b><br>2-4<br><br><br><b>Golf</b> | <b>5</b><br><b>The Walkers</b><br>9:30<br><br><b>Tearoom</b><br>2:00   | <b>6</b><br><b>Dallas Road Walking Group</b><br><br><b>Ladies Pub Night</b><br><br><b>Cycling group</b><br>2:00                       | <b>7</b>                           | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>11</b><br><b>Movie Night</b><br><br><b>Restaurant Lunch</b><br>11:30   | <b>12</b><br><b>The Walkers</b><br>9:30<br><br><b>Island Hoppers</b>   | <b>13</b><br><b>Dallas Road Walking Group</b><br>10:00<br><br><b>Potluck Lunch</b>  | <b>14</b><br><b>Couples Bridge</b> | <b>15</b>   |
| <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br><b>Butchart Garden Walk</b><br> | <b>18</b><br><b>Golf</b>  |  <b>19</b><br><b>Newcomers Lunch</b><br> | <b>20</b><br><b>Dallas Road Walking Group</b><br>10:00<br><br><b>Cycling group</b><br>2:00  | <b>21</b>                          | <b>22</b><br><b>Couples Pot Luck</b><br> |
| <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br><b>Scrabble</b><br>1:30  | <b>25</b><br><b>Ladies Evening Pot Luck</b>   | <b>26</b><br><b>The Walkers</b><br><br><b>Book Club Last Wednesday</b><br>2:00   | <b>27</b><br><b>Dallas Road Walking Group</b><br> | <b>28</b>                          | <b>29</b>   |
| <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>   |   |  |   |                                    |   |

## **First set of Quiz results, I'll post the rest over the next couple of months**

### **Did you know where our members volunteer?**

- Monterey Recreation Centre
- Foodbank
- Victoria Arthritis Centre
- Victoria Association for Community Living
- Volunteer at a local school
- La Leche League
- Listening to children read
- On the Board of the Youth Empowerment Society
- Fundraising at daughter's school
- Visiting shut-ins
- Sendial (grocery shopping for seniors)
- Fill a Dream
- Royal BC Museum
- Church
- Woodwynn Farms
- James Bay Players
- Soup Sisters
- Babysitting
- Garden Society

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