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Inspiring Times

The Newsletter of the Canadian Club of Victoria

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Welcome to the first-ever issue of “Inspiring Times!”

How times change. Just a few years ago, our membership was small enough that good old-fashioned word-of-mouth kept everyone connected. Today we have almost one hundred members and we see many new faces at every event. While this is a sign of the club’s relevance and growing popularity, it also means we need to find new ways to see everyone knows about the club’s activities and feels a warm sense of belonging to a unique organization.

That’s why we’ve decided to launch the “Inspiring Times” newsletter and plan to issue it several times a year.

We welcome your thoughts and ideas. Is there an issue or topic you’d like to know more about? A speaker you’d like to hear? Do you have a suggestion about how the club could provide members with a more meaningful, rewarding experience? We’d love to hear what you think. You can share your ideas by phoning a member of the board of directors, chatting with us at an event, or by sending an email to: contact@thecanadianclubofvictoria.com

We hope you enjoy this issue!

A look ahead at an exciting program for 2019

We’re thrilled that **Tom Williams** has agreed to become our Vice President and Programme Director. The position has been vacant since last summer, so this marks a giant step forward in putting together an engaging, exciting program of speakers and events for the months ahead. Just a sampling:

Tuesday March 19 Luncheon - **Bruce Williams** may have disappeared from

our television news, but he hasn't been idle. As Director of Engagement for the South Island Prosperity Project (SIPP) he's been on the team working to see Victoria become a national and international smart city leader. He'll bring us the latest on just how much SIPP has accomplished, in a very short time, and what it means for our future.

Wednesday April 17 Dinner & Cultural Evening - We're surrounded by the ocean in Victoria, but few of us are fortunate enough (or courageous enough) to set out across the sea. We'll all become "armchair sailors" and share the adventures of **Anita & Michael Hadley**, author & editor of 'Spindrift, a Canadian Book of the Sea' while enjoying a lovely dinner in the comfortable surroundings of the Uplands Golf Course.

Tuesday May 21 Luncheon – Many of us have noted her byline in the Times Colonist under her insightful Sunday columns, so we're looking forward to hearing **Charla Huber** present a thoughtful look at the topic of "Indigenous Relations: How Not to Tick the Boxes."

Tuesday June 18 Luncheon – We always conduct a brief AGM in June, and this year we'll move along at an especially brisk pace. Our featured speaker is **Dr. Perry Kendall**, former BC Provincial Health Officer, and we want to give him the most time possible to present his thoughts on what lies ahead for our health care system.

Special November Event – **Dr. Andrea Walsh** is curator of a remarkable exhibition of creativity and resilience in children's art from Indian residential and day schools. Dr. Walsh will be the featured speaker at our November 19 luncheon, then on November 26 will lead a tour to the Museum of Vancouver to experience the "There is Truth Here" exhibition first-hand. Stay tuned for more details, including group discounts, in the coming weeks.

Last-minute reminder: Don't miss our Tuesday, February 19 luncheon with **Rhiannon Moore**, one of Canada's 'Top 30 under 30 Sustainability Leaders.' Rhiannon is presenting the latest research on "Microplastics & Marine Life." Reserve by Friday, February 15 - call (250) 370-1837 or visit www.thecanadianclubofvictoria.com and go to Events to find the link to Eventbrite.

Meet Your Executive



Back, l to r: Vice President **Tom Williams**, Archivist **Brian McMullen**, Director at Large **Naz Rayani**

Centre, l to r: Secretary **Marilyn Schick**, Communications Director **Carolyn Stout**, President **Susan Haddon**, Treasurer **Lynn Larsen**

Front, l to r: Director at Large **Marie McKee**, Membership Director **Sharon Apsey**, Director at Large **Pam Shemilt**, Past President **Ellen Stensholt**

Missing: President Emeritus **Irene McDonald**

Did you know?

- The Canadian Club of Victoria was founded in 1906, so we are now in our 114th year.
- Our honorary patron is Her Honor the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia
- We support the Camosun College Foundation with our Bursary Fund, which helps deserving students achieve their educational goals.
- In addition to offering individual memberships for \$60 a year, we offer double memberships for two members of a household for \$100 a year.

Win a \$25 Gift Certificate from Fairfield Plaza Heart Pharmacy!

We're always delighted when someone new attends an event, but it's even better when someone signs up as a member. Continuing membership growth is vital to the Club's success. This year we're launching a program to reward our members for being good ambassadors. When you encourage a friend or relative to join the Club, Naz Rayani, who is the "heart and soul" of Heart Pharmacy, will present you with a \$25 Gift Certificate to redeem for (almost) anything your heart desires at Fairfield Plaza Heart Pharmacy.



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