

UVRA 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SOCIAL EVENTS REPORT

September 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019

PEDDER BAY BIRD BANDING VISITS:

Three visits took place in Fall 2018.

Our host was Michael Motek; Jane Milliken was the organizer.

SKY VIEWING VISITS:

Four visits were held: 2 in Fall 2018 and 2 in Spring 2019.

Our host was Karun Thanjavur. Colin Scarfe organized all four visits.

LEVEL GROUND COFFEE FACTORY VISITS:

Two visits took place in Fall 2018.

Stacey Toews, the factory's co-owner hosted the tour and Susan Biederwieden organized these visits.

DIWALI LUNCH:

In November 2018, Jane Birkbeck organized this event with the help of Richard Chappell. The buffet lunch was held at the Royal Spice Restaurant. The after-lunch presentation, by Jane Birkbeck, was about a Canadian academic's experiences when teaching at the University of Madras in India.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

In December 2018, UVRA held its annual Christmas Buffet Lunch at the University Club. This year's after-lunch presenter was Holly A. Tuokko. She spoke about the neuropsychology of cognitive decline. The organizer was Richard Chappell.

CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH:

This event, held in February 2019, was organized by Barry Mah-Ming and Richard Chappell. It was held at the Fountain Restaurant. Charlayne Thornton-Joe, the presenter, who grew up in Victoria's Chinatown, spoke about the "History of Victoria's Chinatown Through the Eyes of Charlayne Thornton-Joe".

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH:

The buffet lunch was held in April at the University Club. The invitees included the UVRA Board members and the members and non-members who gave their time and expertise to our association during fiscal 2018-2019. John Anderson, UVRA's president, thanked us on behalf of the association.

TRI-UNIVERSITY MEETING:

It was UVRA's turn to host the annual UBC, SFU and UVic meeting which, this year, also included Langara College. It was held at the University Club in April 2019. Mark Costales (Johnson Insurance) provided up to-date information on Johnson's newest product (Trip Cancellation and Interruption Policy), Home Insurance, and Johnson's 2019 Scholarship Program.

Respectfully submitted:

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