

Masterminds Lecture Series 2012

Final Report

The 2012 Masterminds Lecture Series, co-hosted by the UVic Retirees Association and the Centre on Aging, was very successful. Over 300 people attended and enjoyed the lectures that highlighted the contribution of UVic Retirees to the community and to UVic.

The voluntary participation of the lecturers: Stanton Tuller, Martin Segger, Elaine Gallagher and Larry Yore, maintained the high quality of presentations associated with Masterminds. We are most thankful for the time and effort that our speakers gave in the preparation and delivery of their speeches. They were very well-received and appreciated by the audience. A *thank you* also goes out to those who introduced and/or thanked the speakers.

The seventh year of Masterminds could not have been possible without the help of many individuals, all of whom have been generous with their time, encouragement, and support. A *thank you* goes to all who participated and added to the success of the series.

Special thanks are due to President David Turpin and his staff, without whom the series would not have been established. Our thanks also go out to Vice-President Valerie Kuehne and Grant Hughes, Director of Community Services for their continued assistance and support of the Series.

The collaboration of the Centre on Aging and UVRA on planning and execution of the lecture series is an essential feature of Masterminds. Many individuals from both groups gave their time and expertise during the many months of planning and delivery of the Series.

Special Kudos goes to Lois Edgar and her excellent staff at the Centre on Aging: Arlene Senft, Leah Potter and Cara Pearson, for their willingness to assist with whatever was necessary.

On the UVRA side, the Coordinators could not have accomplished the task without the dedication of the selection committee, chief welcomer Jim Pearce, and those responsible for external mail-outs: Marie Elliot, Isobel Dawson and Judy Cryderman.

This year, we experienced a series of problems dealing with marketing of Masterminds. Unfortunately, due to several changes in personnel within UVic

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Communication Services, and the appointment of a new UVRA Coordinator, Dave Turkington, several aspects of marketing were overlooked. However, communication between personnel within Communication Services and the Coordinator was very good. It was just a matter of not knowing what everyone was supposed to do. In the past, Maria Lironi was fully aware of the various duties. A special thank you to Patty Pitts, Jean MacGregor and Phil Saunders, for the work they did in promoting the Series. As we plan for Masterminds in 2013, an early planning meeting between Communication Services and the Masterminds Coordinator is needed.

As usual, we obtained outstanding service from UVic Audio/Visual Services, Facilities Management and Room Bookings. Their willingness to help is much appreciated.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the outstanding contribution of Dr. Beverly Timmons in conceiving, establishing and making Masterminds as a very special contribution to the Victoria community at large. The time and effort that she put into this project was enormous. It's been a great pleasure to work with Dr. Timmons during the past nine months, and to understand the time commitment and expertise that she possesses.

During our final presentation, Dr. Timmons was thanked and was presented a bouquet of flowers by UVRA President David Docherty, in recognition of her contribution to Masterminds and UVRA. Without doubt, her dedication to the University of Victoria is exemplary. We need many more like her.

To everyone involved in Masterminds in 2012, *thank you*. See you next year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. David Turkington, Co-Coordinator