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**Welcome to New
Members**

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The 2008 Masterminds Series ended on May 7 with a capacity audience attending to hear Dr. David Sanborn Scott. The topics this year were entertaining and thought provoking including such diverse subjects as what can we do in the event of climate catastrophe, pesticide use reduction and remembering the past through theatre techniques. Dr. Beverly Timmons, Professor Emerita, Faculty of Education, is the “mastermind” behind the series and we owe her a debt of gratitude for her dedicated work in bringing this series together for the third year. Well-done Beverly.

Important date: Just a reminder that our AGM is on Wednesday, June 18 at 10 a.m. in MacLaurin D111 and your Board extends a warm welcome to all members to join us. Included in this issue are extracts from the President’s report and a reminder of the wonderful events organized by the

Events Committee and enjoyed by all during the past year. So why not come along and see what is going on and what is planned for next year—bring your comments and your ideas. Refreshments will be served.

**2008 President’s Report (extracts)
UVic Retirees Association**

The UVRA Office in Room 223 Technical Enterprise Facility (TEF) has proved a convenient location. The Office, staffed by your fellow member volunteers is organized by Marie Elliott. On your behalf, I wish to thank all those volunteers who have enabled us to provide help and service to members.

A subcommittee of your Executive has had very productive discussions with Dr. Valerie Kuehne, VP External Relations, and Ms. Gayle Gorrill, VP Finance and Operations, with respect to the realization of Objective 8 of the University’s Strategic Plan, to

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In Memoriam

Dr. John L. Climenhaga, November 7, 1916 – May 2008. Born in Delisle, Saskatchewan, Dr. Climenhaga was educated at the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Michigan. He taught at Victoria College and effectively advocated for the inclusion of a program in astronomy when the University of Victoria was created in 1963. During his long productive life, Dr. Climenhaga received many honours including the naming of The Climenhaga Observatory on the roof of UVic's Elliott Building, the bestowing of an honorary degree by UVic upon his retirement in 1982, and the naming of an asteroid (Minor Planet 3034 Climenhaga) which orbits the sun between Mars and Jupiter by the International Astrophysical Union. Dr. Climenhaga was predeceased by his first wife Grace and is survived by his wife Ila, daughter Joan and son David and extended family.

Dr. Mary Nixon passed away on May 29 2008. She leaves behind a legacy of teaching that spans three continents, five decades and thousands of students. Dr. Nixon was born and educated in Alberta receiving a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Alberta. After many years teaching in various parts of the world Dr. Nixon came to UVic's Faculty of Education in 1988 and retired this year. Her teaching specialty was educational administration. Dr. Nixon is survived by husband, Donald and son Mark.

engage retirees who are willing and able to make significant contributions in research, teaching and other important aspects of the life of the university. I am pleased to report that the decision has been made to establish a liaison person responsible for retiree relations in the Office of External Relations under Vice-President Kuehne. More opportunities for retirees to be involved in the activities of the University have developed again this year.

Summaries of the many activities of the Association are presented in the reports by the various Committee Chairs.

I wish to thank the Board members for the time and effort they have spent to provide an effective and collegial executive responsible for governing the Association.

Lyle Robertson, President

Events Report

Nine events were held this year, four in the fall and five in the spring.

Each event offered something unique and enjoyable to the participants. The Dunsmuir Buffet with Pat Roy, the Christmas Buffet with Juliana Saxton and the Chinese New Years Lunch with John Adams were very special. However, the trip to Lake Cowichan with Trevor Matthews and John Wiles to see the originating garden of many plants now in the Finnerty Gardens was a true highlight according to the comments received.

October - Glamorgan Farm with Anny

Scoones

November - Dunsmuir Lodge speaker Dr. Pat Roy

November - Empress Tour and Festival of Trees

December - Christmas Buffet speaker Professor Juliana Saxton

February - Chinese New Years lunch speaker Professor John Adams

March - Tour of the BC Legislature
April - UVic's Jeanne Simpson Field Studies Resource Centre at Lake Cowichan speakers Trevor Matthews and Roger Wiles

May - Merridale Estate Winery and Lunch

June - Trip to Piers Island with Trevor Matthews and JimCurrie

Respectfully submitted by,
J. Isobel Dawson, for the Committee
Committee Members:
Trudy Byers, Jim and Helen Currie,
J. Isobel Dawson, Trevor Matthews,
and Jean Whiffin

Thanks for Masterminds:

The 2008 Masterminds Lecture Series by UVic Retirees has been a success. Many people attended and enjoyed the events that highlighted the talents and continuing contributions of UVic retirees to the community and to UVic. The voluntary participation of the lecturers and those who introduced and thanked them was impressive. The Masterminds events could not have been possible without the help of many individuals and groups, all of whom have been generous with their time, encouragement, and support. I would like to thank all who participated, and added to the success of the Masterminds.

Special thanks are due to Dr. David Turpin, UVic President, for the generous support and encouragement without which the Masterminds lectures could not have occurred. The staff of the President's Office, particularly Ludgard De Decker and Shari Winter, were of great assistance throughout the planning and presentation of the lectures.

The collaboration with the Centre on Aging and the UVRA was an essential feature of the Masterminds. Many individuals from both groups gave freely of their time and effort, working together throughout the months of planning and the delivery of the series. I would like to convey my thanks to Elaine Gallagher and the staff of the Centre on Aging and to Lyle Robertson and the Board of the UVRA. Some individuals from the Centre and the UVRA are due particular thanks for their hours of work and dedication to the success of the project. They are Lois Edgar, Lindsay Cassie, Anita Jessop, Marie Elliott, Victor Neufeldt, Helen Kempster, and Judy Cryderman.

Communications Services and Marketing personnel, who provided advertising and advice are due many thanks. In particular, thanks to Maria Lironi who dedicated many hours to assuring that UVic and the Greater Victoria community were aware of the events. As well, the efforts of the personnel of the Alumni Association and the Embrace Aging initiative who included information about the Masterminds on their websites are appreciated.

Also, thanks to UVic Facilities

Management, Room Bookings, and A-V Services. All provided assistance on important aspects of the events.

To all participants—Thanks for the Masterminds!

Beverly Timmons, UVRA
Masterminds Coordinator

People in the News:

Dr. Angus McLaren, History, is one of two winners of a Canada Council Molson Prize worth \$50,000. Dr. McLaren is the first historian from Western Canada to be awarded this honour. And still with historians, The Historical Journal (Cambridge) has recognized the article "Taverns, Coffee Houses and Clubs..." written by Dr. John Money as one of its 20 most influential articles and has allowed special electronic access to these articles. Congratulations!

If you have items of interest to our members for inclusion in the newsletter send them along to Helen Kempster at 592-4748 or drop them off at the office.



Event Calendar

Upcoming Events:
Last event of the season.

June 17 – day trip to Piers Island. \$15 per person.

Registration by June 13.

Volunteers

Academics for Higher Education and Development/ Universitaires pour l'Education et le d'Evolutionnement seeks volunteers. Their mission is to support developing countries build capacity in higher education. It hopes to send college and university academics, administrators and staff as volunteers on projects to the developing world. To find out more about these opportunities visit <http://www.ahed-upesed.org/en/volunteer/> Steven Davis, Chair of the Board and Professor Emeritus, Simon Fraser and Carleton University is the contact person for the organization.