



**University  
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# GREY MATTERS

University of Victoria Retirees' Association

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## New Members:

### Welcome to

Dr. Colin Scarfe (Ann)  
Physics & Astronomy

Mrs. Patricia Anderson  
(Jim) Continuing Ed

Leo E Marnier,  
University of  
Pittsburgh,  
associated with Phys.  
Ed –Cardio-Pulmonary  
Lab

Dr. Gerald Poulton  
Chemistry

Mr. Terence Humby  
Library- Special  
Collections

## Bits from the Board:

UVic retirees will be interested in a report, entitled "Recommendations to the Vice President Academic on Post-Retirement Options and Ideas to Keep Retired Members Engaged and Active at UVic," prepared by the Faculty Association Ad-Hoc Committee on Post-retirement Issues, November 21, 2007. Three member of the UVRA, Tom Cleary, Colin Scarfe and Jan Storch, served on the committee. The report is available on the Faculty Association web site at <http://web.uvic.ca/facassn/postretoptions.pdf> . In the near future, our President and several Board members will meet with President Turpin to discuss progress on the implementation of a liaison office responsible for retiree relations, called for under Objective 8(b) of the UVic Strategic Plan.

## People in the News:

Congratulations to Judy Cryderman and Joanne Thomas, who both received the President's Distinguished Service Award for 2007 at the Presidents' reception on December 12.

Jack Littlepage is co-director of the UVic-led Southern Oceans Education and Development Project, which will develop sustainable shrimp and mollusk aquaculture programs in Mozambique that will at the same time preserve its coastal ecosystems.

## Masterminds A Lecture Series by UVic Retirees

With the generous support of the University of Victoria, the UVic Retirees Association and the Centre on Aging will again present a series

### UVRA Executive Board 2007-08

**President,** Lyle Robertson

**Vice-President,** John Schofield

**Secretary,** Marie Elliott

**Treasurer,** Beth Watton

**Past President,** Victor Neufeldt

**Benefits,** Tom Cleary

**Communications,** Judy Cryderman

**Membership,** George Smith

**Newsletter Editor,** Helen Kempster

**Program,** Isobel Dawson



## In Memoriam

William George Shelton,  
August 10, 1927 –

November 12, 2007.

George was born in Winnipeg and received his education at the Universities of Manitoba, London, England, and Pennsylvania. While in the UK, George developed a love of travel and the cultures of Europe. After teaching History for three years in Dubuque, Iowa, he accepted an offer to teach History at Victoria College in 1961, and spent the remainder of his career at UVic, until his retirement in 1985. His scholarship focused on key figures and concepts from his favourite era, the Age of Enlightenment. In later years his preferred situation, according to his family, was the dining room, library or lounge of a grand cruise ship, a place where he could enjoy all his favourite past times in equal measure. He is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Elizabeth, sons Christopher and Jeremy and two grandchildren.

of five free lectures by UVic retirees from April 9 through May 7, 2008. The lectures will be held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on campus in the Hickman Building, Room 105. Please register by calling 472-4473 and plan to arrive early because seating will be limited. If you do not have a parking permit, there is a charge of \$2.00 to park on campus.

### **April 9, Dr. Nicholas Russell, Paved Paradise for a Parking Lot: Why Victoria's Past is Crucial to Its Future**—heritage buildings and their importance to Victoria

Dr. Nicholas Russell retired as a Professor of Journalism from the University of Regina and moved to Victoria, where he continues consulting, writing, editing, coaching, and periodically teaching in the Writing Department at UVic. He is the author of *Morals and the Media: Ethics in Canadian Journalism*, and has co-authored *Page 1: Fifty Years of Great Canadian Journalism* with Kathy English. Currently Dr. Russell is Senior Editor of a 4-volume series, *This Old House: Victoria's Heritage Homes* and is Publisher of *Media* magazine. He is president of the Hallmark Heritage Society and a volunteer researcher for the Victoria Heritage Foundation. In 2002, Dr. Russell was honoured for his volunteer work with The Land Conservancy and the Ross Bay Villa Restoration Group.

### **April 16, Dr. Patricia Roy, From Exclusion to Inclusion: Canada's Chinese and Japanese Citizens**—the history and ending of discrimination

Dr. Patricia Roy is a Professor Emeritus of the Department of History at UVic. Her research has focused primarily on British Columbia history. Her most recent books are *British Columbia: Land of Promises* co-authored with John Herd Thompson and *The Triumph of Citizenship: The Japanese and Chinese in Canada*, which is the final volume of a trilogy that also includes *A White Man's Province: British Columbia's Politicians and Chinese and Japanese Immigrants* and *The Oriental Question: Consolidating a White Man's Province*. Currently Dr. Roy is president of the British Columbia Historical Federation, and is past-president of the Friends of the British Columbia Archives.

### **April 23, Prof. Juliana Saxton, Reminiscence Theatre: Remembering the Community**—prompting memory and finding meaning through theatre techniques

Prof. Juliana Saxton is a Professor Emeritus of Applied Theatre in UVic's Theatre Department. In 1999, she received the UVic Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award. Currently she serves as an Adjunct Professor for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and as University Orator. She has authored several texts, and is internationally recognized as a keynote speaker, teacher and workshop leader. In 2005, Prof. Saxton was awarded the Campton Bell Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Alliance of Theatre and Education and the AATE Distinguished Book Award for *Into the Story: Language in Action*

*through Drama* (co-authored with Prof. Carole Miller).

### **April 30, Dr. Paul West, Playing It Safe: Keeping Victoria Beautiful without Pesticides**

Dr. Paul West is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Chemistry at UVic. For a dozen years he was Director of the School of Environmental Studies at UVic. Since 2003 he has chaired the Science Advisory Board for Contaminated Sites in British Columbia, and is currently president of the Association of the Chemical Profession of British Columbia. He has been a member of the Saanich Environmental Advisory Committee for the past ten years. As a member of the CRD Roundtable on the Environment, he currently chairs a working group on Pesticide Use Reduction Education (PURE), and has worked to see pesticide use control bylaws introduced in the CRD.

### **May 7, Dr. David Sanborn Scott, Smelling Land: The Hydrogen Defense Against Climate Catastrophe**

Dr. David Scott is a Professor Emeritus in UVic's Department of Mechanical Engineering. He is Vice-President for the Americas of the International Association for Hydrogen Energy. Prior to coming to UVic, Dr. Scott was the chair of Mechanical Engineering and founder of the Institute for Hydrogen Systems at the University of Toronto. At UVic he established the Institute for Integrated Energy Systems. In 2006, he received the Jules Vern Award for his outstanding contributions to "hydrogen physics, hydrogen energy sociology and philosophy". In 2007

he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. Dr. Scott is the author of *Smelling Land: The Hydrogen Defense Against Climate Catastrophe*.

### **United Way Campaign Update:**

Once more UVic has done it in grand style. As of January 18, UVic donations stood at \$252,499, from 658 donors, and the money is still coming in. A heartfelt thank you to all the retirees who participated.

### **Centre on Aging;**

Each year the Centre on Aging marks the United Nations International Day of the Older Person on October 1 with the presentation of the Valued Elder Recognition Awards. Nominations for 2008 must be received by 4:30 pm, Friday, March 14. For more information, contact Lois Edgar at 721 6524 or ledgar@uvic.ca.

### **Christmas Buffet**

The annual Christmas Buffet Luncheon on December 10, 2007, was attended by nearly fifty members. We were delighted by a reading of A.A. Milne's "King John's Christmas" and by the cumulative poem that was started at the Buffet last year by Juliana Saxton. Juliana, a gifted artist, actor, public orator for the university and emeritus professor in the Department of Theatre was requested by the members to return as the speaker at this year's luncheon. We were thrilled when she agreed and encouraged us to reflect on the gifts and blessings of the season.



## **EVENTS REMINDER**

Please remember to include your payment with your registration form for each "Event" you have chosen to attend. Members who pay after the specified deadline cannot be guaranteed a place.

Thank you,

the Events  
Committee.

### **Next Event:**

**February 5, 2008,  
11:30 AM. Chinese  
New Year Luncheon,**  
and presentation by  
John Adams titled "150  
Years in Gold  
Mountain" and special  
guest Charlayne  
Thornton-Joe. Golden  
City Restaurant at 721  
Fisgard St.

Cost \$ 23.00 per  
person. Parking on the  
street or across the  
street in the old Bay  
parking lot.

Deadline to register is:





# *Be a Mentor*

## ICA Host Mentoring Services

**What?** ICA Host Mentoring Services matches internationally trained professionals with qualified mentors in the same or related career field to help them become familiar with their profession in the Canadian context. We match a wide variety of mentors, including: engineers, architects, pilots, environmentalists, computer & IT specialists, geologists, human resource professionals, event planners, accountants ... and more!

**Who?** This mentorship opportunity is ideal for mentors who consider themselves experts in their field and who are interested in helping to build an immigrant inclusive professional workforce. Mentors will:

- Share their professional knowledge and experience from a Canadian perspective
- Provide encouragement and support to a skilled newcomer
- Contribute to the betterment of their trade or profession
- Learn more about the issues facing new Canadians

**When?** Mentoring pairs are matched for a period of 3-6 months and commit to meeting with each other on a regular basis. Matching is available at any time throughout the year.

**Contact** For more information about becoming a mentor, please contact Carla Green at 388-4728 x114 or [vol@icavictoria.org](mailto:vol@icavictoria.org)

