

# UVic Retirees Association

## Communications Committee Report to 2013 AGM

Communications is the “heart” of an organization. No matter how hard some committees of the UVRA have worked to plan social events for our members, or to plan the Masterminds series for a wider audience, or to produce our quarterly newsletter, it’s necessary to communicate their efforts, if the events are to be judged as being successful.

Thanks must go to those at the “hub” of communications, especially Sharon Crumly, throughout the whole year, and more recently, Linda Metters, and, of course, to Peter Zingeler for the *Grey Matters!* newsletter. Thanks, too, for Sharon’s “crew” of volunteers who are in the UVRA office every weekday afternoon.

Inside the UVRA office, to enhance communications, there have been some “technology” upgrades:

- UVic Network Services replaced the “plain old telephone service” (‘POTS’) by a “Voice-over-IP” (‘VOIP’) service that piggy-backs on the UVic computer-network;
- UVic Printing Services provided a previously-used high-speed Kyocera laser-printer;
- A new (and very speedy) “UVic Standard” desktop computer was purchased from the UVic TSC (‘Technology Support Centre’), with Microsoft Windows 7 and Microsoft 2010 included (replacing Windows XP and Office 2007), to become the “primary” computer;
- The “previously-primary” computer was upgraded from Windows XP to Windows 7, and was re-purposed to replace the older/slower computer that was located beside the volunteers’ desk;
- The TSM (“Tivoli Storage Manager”) centralized file-backup service, managed by the UVic Systems department, is now installed, to leverage the UVic computer-network to daily save a copy of all the files on the “primary” computer that changed since the last backup.

Keep in touch with us:

- check the UVRA web-site: <http://web.uvic.ca/retirees> for news and events;
- if you move, communicate your new address/telephone info to the UVRA office;
- If you change E-mail providers, send us an E-mail: [uvra@uvic.ca](mailto:uvra@uvic.ca) so that we can keep you informed;
- If you go somewhere interesting, write an article for the newsletter, and send us some pictures.

Communicate – “just do it”.

Respectfully submitted,

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