

University of Victoria Retirees Association

Events Committee

Annual Report, 2014-2015

From October 2014 to May 2015, in addition to the annual volunteer recognition lunch held on April 15, 2015, the Events Committee organized seven events. Other members of the Events Committee were Kathy Harris, Linda Metters, and Rashna Charania. Sharing the organization of these seven events with these very enthusiastic and creative women has been fun and resulted in well-attended, enjoyable occasions for UVRA members and their guests.

- **Royal BC Museum Viking Exhibition**, followed by a second tour of the Legislature Building and lunch in the Legislature dining room. Within two days, the original date was oversubscribed, and our expert tour guide, Dr. Erin McGuire from the UVic Department of Anthropology, graciously agreed to another. In all, 48 people attended this event on October 17 and 24, 2014.
- A tour behind the scenes at the **Empress Hotel**, followed by an optional lunch at The Spaghetti Factory, November 13, was enjoyed by 21 members.
- The annual **Christmas luncheon** was held at the University Club on December 9, with 52 people attending.
- **Reaching Blue**, a documentary about the Salish Sea and presentation by Ocean Network scientist Dr. Richard Dewey and Andy Robertson took place at UVic on January 16, 2015. The audience of 35 was enthralled by the haunting beauty of the undersea world and the stories about UVic research taking place in the waters around our island.
- **Chinese New Year** was celebrated with lunch at Don Mee on February 24, with 34 people entertained by the stories of Chinese immigrants and culture in Victoria from noted historian, John Adams.
- Thirty-four members visited **Pearson College**, March 19, where they toured the campus of this international school and met with students from around the world over lunch.
- On May 7th, 22 members climbed to the top of the clock tower at **City Hall** as part of a tour of this historic building and Victoria's archives. Lunch followed at The Mint.

With several members stepping down, please consider joining this committee. If you enjoy coming to these events, you might as well join in the fun of making them happen. The process is easy; just call the UVRA office and volunteer. If not, at least pick up the phone and convey your ideas for interesting places we might visit and new things we can learn.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Milliken