

UVRA AGM 2021 Social Events Report

From April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

Since mid-March 2020, we have not been able to meet in groups larger than a few persons due to COVID-19 regulations. This has forced us to cancel our yearly Christmas and Chinese New Year lunches as well as visits to various sites and establishments.

Social events do not lend themselves well to being offered virtually on Zoom, so we relied on our educational events, offered under the name of UVRA- Elder Academy, to help fill the void caused by the pandemic.

A big thank you to John Gunton, the Chair of Elder Academy's Program Committee, who, with the help of his committee members, produced a timely and varied program of events to inform and delight us. (Please see John's comprehensive AGM 2021 Elder Academy Report for more details.)

In the winter of 2021, David Docherty offered UVRA members and their guests an Armchair Visit of Cambodia & Vietnam. He invited other members to share their own pre-pandemic travel experience but, to date, there were no takers.

The post of Social Events Coordinator has been vacant for the last three years, and I sincerely hope that someone will come forward to offer his or her services soon so that UVRA can be ready to offer in-person social events as soon as it is permitted.

If you would like to contribute but are unable to commit to organizing more than one event, please contact the UVRA office (uvra@uvic.ca). If your contribution is to suggest a social event that could be undertaken online, please let the office know. UVRA needs your input and help.

Respectfully submitted by Louise Schmidt, Office Manager