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editorial

The answer to fantasy questions



Brian Lee

For some reason, we like to entertain ourselves by asking fantasy questions:

What would you do if you won the lottery?

If you could marry a Spice Girl, which would it be?

Here, we also fantasize about what it would take to make our community economically self-sustaining.

What single entity could deliver year-round employment and reverse our schools' declining enrollment?

A penitentiary?

A tram up to the Caren Range, like the one Squamish recently built?

Maybe large-scale marijuana facilities or the headquarters of a tech company?

As with the lottery question, everyone has a different answer when it comes to what that shot of economic Viagra might be.

Until now.

The riddle has been solved with the Ruby Lake Lagoon Society's PODS marine research station.

Work is underway to secure the Irvines Landing marina property.

Now a derelict site, it was once the centre of commerce for a fledgling community.

But even now, 100 years later, our community is still struggling to find its way.

Despite an uptick in a real estate economy and the frenetic pace of the summer season, many businesses still can't cut it through the winter.

A local cafe recently announced it will shutter four days a week because of anemic winter sales.

Pender Harbour and Egmont seem to lack the momentum to spark a transition from seasonal economies.

The proposed Pender Ocean Discovery Station will change that with a world class pull for students and visitors.

And with jobs.

PODs will require administrators, biologists, groundskeepers, lab technicians, cleaners, servers and cooks.

Someone will maintain a fleet of boats, others may be hired to operate them.

The \$10 million or more in construction costs alone will help fill schools and empty seats in winter coffee shops, and PODS is projected to be profitable by year three.

It will also put this area at the forefront of marine research to interpret some of the changes taking place in our ocean.

If nothing else, a few more smart people in town could provide a welcome boost to the local gene pool.

But to appreciate how thoroughly PODS will impact this community is to understand how it will become the symbol and brand of Pender Harbour.

Not only will PODS provide a visual first impression for visitors arriving to Pender Harbour by boat, it will provide continued media exposure to the rest of the world.

It will be what we are known for.

Site and business plans are in place, and support has come from a long list of influential people that includes the lieutenant-governor of BC.

So, it's time to stop asking fantasy questions about what our Hail Mary might be and recognize that it's here now, and we need to catch it.

As one local shopkeeper interviewed in the "PODS Away" video said, "It's a game-changer."

When PODS opens in 2020, imagine your family's pride in finding their name listed with others who contributed to its necessary first step — the purchase of the land on which it sits.

spiel picks

WINTER: January to March

Christmas is over, the snowbirds have ditched us and year-round locals are reminded once again about how eerily quiet this place is after the holidays. Luckily, there are a number of excellent dining options, and the pool and fitness room offers a bright and cheery space to convince yourself that you really are getting back in shape. There's also pickleball in the PHSS gym on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., music lessons on Mondays starting Jan. 16 at the P. H. Community School and yoga classes for seniors at the P. H. Community Hall on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. So, venture out.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS DAWN PEMBERTON: Sunday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m.

When Dawn Pemberton's CD *Say Somethin'* was released in 2014, critics lined up to call her Canada's new queen of soul. In 2015, she was part of a talented band, The Harpoonist and the Axe Murderer, that won Western Canadian music awards in three categories for their release *A Real Fine Mess*. Thanks to her strong vocal technique and true emotional connection, Dawn's voice is a perfect fit for the complementary music worlds of R&B, gospel, funk and jazz fusion.

P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY PRESENTS "LIVING WITH ALTERNATIVE ENERGY": Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.

Lorne Berman of Halfmoon Bay has contentedly lived off grid for over 35 years. He shares his views at the wildlife society's monthly meeting at the P. H. Secondary School and will discuss advancements that have made alternative electricity increasingly more available, affordable, efficient and reliable. Joining him is Richard Starling of Olson Electric's Alternative Power Systems. He will comment on what is coming in the future. All are welcome.

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Thirteen Madeira Park Elementary School students submitted entries in this year's Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day poster contest. Posters from Branch 112 were submitted to compete against others from across Canada. Winners will be announced in the new year. Flanking the students (l-r) are Lyn Charlton, MPES principal Glen Smith, Judy Carson and Bill Charlton.



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Ruby Lake Lagoon Society kicks off its push for PODS

With their eye on a property and a conceptual design for it in hand, the Ruby Lake Lagoon Society officially kicked off fundraising efforts to build the Pender Ocean Discovery Station.

As reported last month, the society is pursuing the purchase of the Irvines Landing marina property.

At an invitation-only event held at the Painted Boat Resort on Dec. 3, Michael Jackson, executive director of the RLLS, premiered a new promotional video laying out the project.

The five minute “PODS Away” can be viewed at www.openpods.com.

Afterward, Jackson cited recent statistics showing a decline in younger people on the Sunshine Coast to explain why the project is so important to the community.

“It’s very worrying when there is virtually no post-secondary education here on the Sunshine Coast,” said Jackson.

“So, we see PODS as a way we can start to reverse that trend because when you have a centre of excellence, where you bring in universities and students and people from all over the world, you’re sure to attract more young families and we need that to keep our schools going.”

Jackson said the RLLS is close to signing a memorandum of understanding with Simon Fraser University.

He also announced plans to resurrect a diving school to be run out of PODS — the Jim Rossi School of Diving.

Jim Rossi ran Capilano University’s diving school, now closed, and was an RLLS director until he died earlier this year.

Jackson described Rossi’s death as a great loss for his friends and students.

“He was such a brilliant mentor and such a fascinating man,” said



Brian Lee

Architect Jeremy Deutscher shows off conceptual artwork for the proposed Pender Ocean Discovery Station in Irvines Landing.

Jackson.

“He just encouraged people, kids in particular, to take up a whole new role in life and he changed the lives of so many young children.”

Jackson then introduced architect Jeremy Deutscher of Deutscher Architecture Inc.

Deutscher is responsible for the conceptual design and artwork for PODS.

“A good chef can’t cook a great

meal unless he has great ingredients and that’s one thing we have to give a round of applause to Michael (Jackson) for because he gave me the great ingredients,” said Deutscher.

“The first one was a research centre.

“The next is a strong connection to nature and he said that time and time again, that this building, when people come there, they have to feel recon-

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nected to nature in a new way.

“He also wanted something iconic — he told me he wanted the Sydney Opera House for the Sunshine Coast.”

Deutscher said he had a mentor who instilled in him a passion for “sustainability and looking to architecture to really inspire people and push towards a carbon-neutral future.”

Deutscher showed a building he designed at UBC built with cross-laminated timbers and structural wood panels.

“It can go up four times faster than concrete and is moving us away from a resource that is very carbon-demanding,” said Deutscher.

“When Michael first came to me it was all about innovation and CLT was the first thing that came to mind because it is such an innovative product and you’re using something that is renewable and abundant in BC.”

But PODs will be more than just an iconic building.

“We didn’t just want this to be an aquarium,” said Deutscher.



Brian Lee

The Restaurant at Painted Boat, packed with PODS supporters on Dec. 3.

“For this to survive on the Sunshine Coast, it needs to be flexible and it needs to take on different roles.

“So, a restaurant, musicals, aquarium, day camps for schools — it needs to be flexible.”

It also still needs to be built and it’s no coincidence the premiere of “PODS Away” also kicks off what must be an intensive fundraising campaign if it is to be built by 2020.

Diana Rae is the treasurer of the RLLS and, as number cruncher for PODS, it fell on her to make the “ask.”

“We all love this idea but what we

really need now is to make this happen, and we need money to do it,” said Rae.

“So if you know anybody.”

Rae has lived in Pender Harbour since 1980 and thinks PODS would revitalize the community.

“I’ve seen the ebb and flow but I’ve never seen such a downturn in my 35 years here,” said Rae.

“It’s always been a commercial fishing and forestry and tourism-based place but this has the potential to make this a whole new way of living here that would benefit all ages of people.”

Jackson ended the evening by congratulating the board for getting this far and describing the level of support he’s received for PODS.

“There are so many people interested in helping to get this thing off the ground that, honestly, I don’t think \$10 million is that much.”

By early 2017, the society must raise over \$2 million to purchase the property.

If that is accomplished, completion and possession is set for March 31.

Jackson said they have raised 20 per cent of the amount so far.

For information on donating to PODS, visit www.openpods.com or send a cheque, payable to the Ruby Lake Lagoon Society, to Box 8, Madeira Park, BC, V0N 2H0.

New Testing and Disposal Requirements for Materials that May Contain Asbestos Now In Effect

A wide variety of building materials in the home may contain asbestos. These materials are not hazardous if left intact, but if disturbed, they can release asbestos fibres into the air which are a serious health hazard when inhaled.

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To protect worker safety, new asbestos testing requirements (and disposal procedures should material contain asbestos) are now in effect.

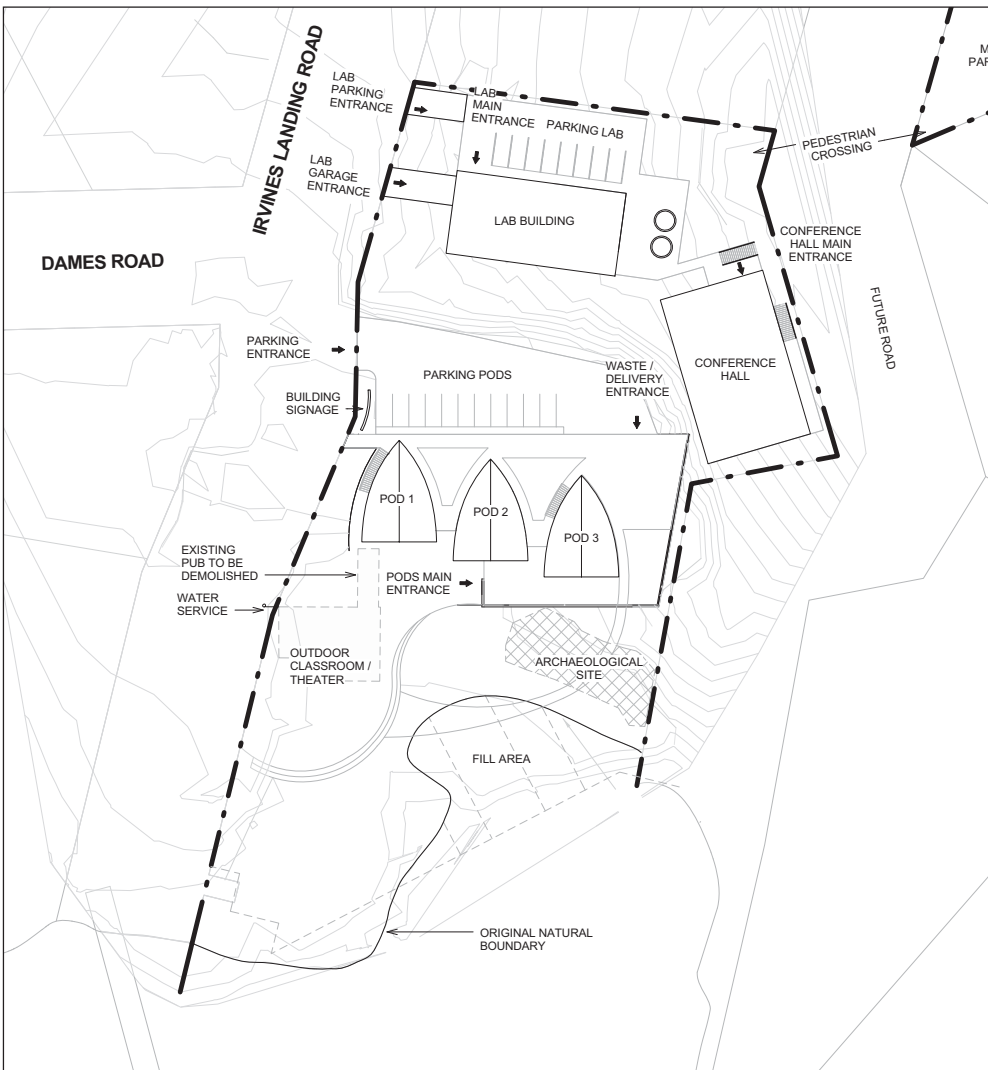
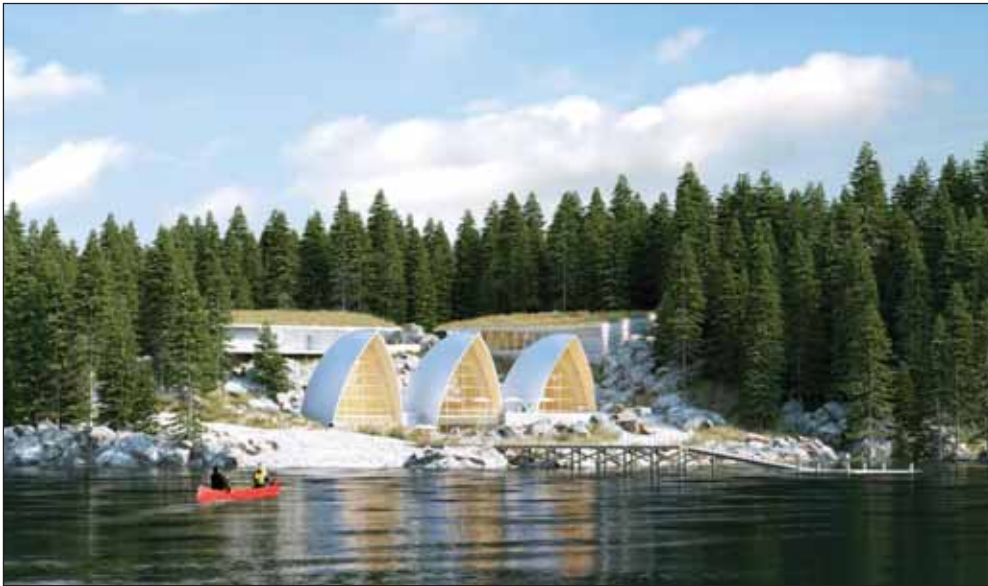
Asbestos testing is now required for the following materials: **Ceiling tiles, Cement** (Transite) panels, **Drywall joint compound** (testing already required), **Fire retardant cement board, Flooring:** vinyl tiles and linoleum sheet flooring; flooring adhesive, **Stucco,**

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If materials test negative, deliver to Sechelt Landfill or Pender Harbour Transfer Station accompanied by negative test results within 6 months of test. If materials test positive, special preparation and disposal requirements are required. Contact a qualified company before work commences.



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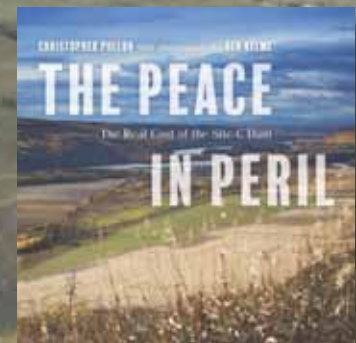
Conceptual artwork and site plan for PODS in Irvines Landing.

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JANUARY: The Sunshine Coast Regional District completed its planned closure of the Pender Harbour landfill.



FEBRUARY: Garden Bay resident Anne Clemence received the Governor General's Caring Canadian award.



JUNE: The Gunboat Bay Challengers, Trina and Kira M'Lot, celebrate after winning this year's April Tools final.



JUNE: Truck carrying 'treated human waste' from Powell River tipped over at the Ruby Lake S Bends April 28.



JUNE: The May Day parade theme for 2016 was 'Animation throughout the ages.'



JULY: Egmont Day parade, June 4.



John McDonald

DECEMBER: Local volunteer fire crews rescued a woman trapped in her car in flooded Haslam Creek Nov. 23.



OCTOBER: An early morning house fire on Sept. 1 left nothing for one Francis Peninsula resident.

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Peter Robson

MARCH: The entrance to GRIPS on Jan. 23, two days after a major flooding incident.



MAY: Bluesman Brandon Isaak played the P. H. School of Music April 17.



JULY: Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre staff show off new mobility assist equipment.



SEPTEMBER: The 32-metre *Bellissima* struck a rock off Daniel Point but was saved by local RCMSAR crews.

January 2017



Robin Millar

APRIL: Large tides combined with strong southeast winds to create high-water events like this one at P. H. Resort March 10.



MAY: Curt Sample's entry into the Pender Harbour boat building/fusion catalogue.



AUGUST: An endowment in his name honoured Barrie Wilbee for his many years of volunteer work with Community Futures.



SEPTEMBER: A non-toxic algae bloom was responsible for changing the colour of the ocean from blue to jade green.

2016 SCRD year in review



*Frank Mauro,
Area A Director*

It is astounding how quickly time seems to pass these days.

2016 was an eventful year; here is quick look back at a few of the major events.

AREA A OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

Our very strong review committee released the first draft of the revised official community plan in September and a community information session was held in November.

The approximately 80 people who attended thought the revised plan was well presented.

Several constructive comments were received and will be considered by the committee before presentation to the SCRD board and the subsequent public hearing scheduled in early 2017.

DOCK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Barry Penner report issued in February provided a balanced, thorough and reflective view of the concerns raised regarding the draft dock management plan for Pender Harbour.

The ministry said it will undertake further environmental and archaeological studies related to Pender Harbour before finalizing the draft dock management plan.

These studies may take up to a year to complete.

Existing Pender Harbour dock

tenures have been extended for two years while the environmental and archaeological studies are undertaken.

I continue to communicate with the ministry as it is important that the province follow through on their stated commitment to inform and engage further with the public and Shíshálh Nation before finalizing the plan.

LOOKING FOR COST SAVINGS AND KEEPING TAXES LOW

While there were some unavoidable costs during the 2016 budget, we managed to hold the average overall tax increase for the entire regional district to 1.5 per cent.

This translated to an average regional residential tax decrease of 0.73 per cent.

Area A fared better than the aver-

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Planning and Community Development
January 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
January 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Regional Hospital District
January 12 at 3:00 p.m.

Infrastructure Services Committee
January 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Policing Committee
January 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Transportation Committee
January 19 at 2:45 p.m.

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee
January 23, 24 and 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Corporate Services Committee
January 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
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age with a smaller overall tax increase (0.14 per cent) and, for the first time in a long time, a residential tax decrease of 2.73 per cent.

The coming year has presented a whole new set of cost pressures so the challenge will continue.

COAST-WIDE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Sunshine Coast regional economic development organization has been formed, a board of directors has been appointed, they have incorporated as a non-profit society and they have been meeting to set up the structure of the organization.

The three municipalities on the Coast and the SCRD have approved funding of about \$300,000 per year.

SCREDO has released its strategic to the public so the organization is now up and working.

WATER ISSUES

While we were comparatively fortunate in our area with respect to the drought conditions this past summer, the residents on the Chapman supply system, who make up approximately 85 per cent of the residents on the Sunshine Coast, were faced with stage 3 restrictions for a time.

Much work was done in planning projects and strategies including an

AAP, loan authorization, and environmental studies to enable further drawdown at Chapman Lake, land expropriation to allow access to the intake structure, investigation of other water supplies, and the installation of universal metering to conserve water.

WALKWAY PROJECTS: MADEIRA PARK, GARDEN BAY AND EGMONT

Significant work has been done on the Madeira Park project, and the walkway along the lake between the clinic and Lagoon Road at Lily Lake Village has been completed.

With great co-operation from the landowners at Lily Lake, the last piece, connecting Tyner Park and the lake walkway has just been finished.

Work on the Madeira Park business area roadsides and the Garden Bay and Egmont walkways has been halted at the end of the engineering stage due to a technical issue with the Ministry of Transport regarding the use of SCRD gas tax funds.

Hopefully the issue will be resolved soon, enabling work on those sections to proceed this spring.

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In closing, I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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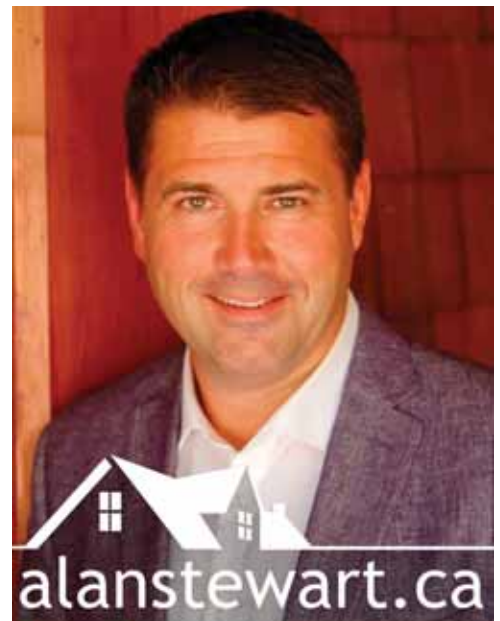
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Diaper dumping in Mixal creek

Dear editor,

(Re: Dec. editorial, "Who's looking out for the fish?")

Shortly after moving into our new home on Bear Bay Road, we discovered Mixal Creek.

As a qualified streamkeeper (Byrne Creek in Burnaby), I looked forward to the coho run, seeing what a clean creek could do for the fish.

Byrne Creek had been devastated by industry and road runoff and was in poor shape, though progressing at the

time I moved here.

Imagine my surprise when Peter Robson and Chris Watson asked me to help clear up a potential disaster here in Mixal creek.

I met up with my neighbours on the Mixal creek bridge.

Robson pointed straight down from the bridge at three garbage bags, one of which was ripped open.

Further investigation found that the bags were full of dirty diapers.

We rebagged the loose diapers

and hoisted them up to the bridge where we looked, reluctantly, in the bags for any clue as to who would have been cretinous enough to do this.

Unfortunately, nothing was found.

So, no flaming bags of diapers on their front lawn, whoever they were.

It was a disgusting thing to do to a vital creek in our area.

May karma bite them for this.

Rick Harmer
Garden Bay

LETTERS Letters to the editor should be of local interest, exclusive to the *Harbour Spiel* and include your full name, address and daytime phone number for verification. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. editor@harbourspiel.com

obituary

George William Grout

SEPTEMBER 17, 1927 — NOVEMBER 21, 2016



Christine.

He also leaves behind three great grandchildren: Brendan, Laila and Tyler.

As well, there are many relatives and friends who will fondly remember and miss him.

George was born in West Vancouver and built his life there until he moved to the Sunshine Coast.

As an active citizen in his community he owned and operated Grout Motors of West Vancouver with his brother Jack Grout.

George loved many things in life, and was always active in sports, soccer, curling, boating, fishing and later golf.

It was the fishing that brought him up to Pender Harbour in his retirement years in 1975.

Always on the go and ready for a project, when the fish stopped biting he decided to take up golf.

However, there was no golf

course, so he got together with a bunch of other folks from Pender Harbour and set out to build Pender Harbour Golf Club.

George loved to keep busy and the golf club provided more than enough work and play.

He was always at the ready to fix, improve and roll up his sleeves to organize a work party.

If you needed something done, George was your go-to person.

The family will host a celebration of life for George, Shirley and Glen in the spring of 2017.

It is only fitting that it be at a place that might include a bit of golf and some good camaraderie as that is how George would have wanted it.

In lieu of flowers you may wish to make a donation to the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

The family thanks the staff of Totem Lodge for the wonderful care they gave to George and Shirley.

It is with sadness that the family of George William Grout must say good-bye.

George was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Shirley Grout (May 13, 1926 - May 30, 2016) and Glen Grout.

George is survived by his son Wayne, daughter-in-law Helga and their three sons and partners Tony and Wendy, Adam and Jenna, Paul and

Shirley “Joyce” Fowler

AUGUST 21, 1929 — NOVEMBER 22, 2016



Joyce passed away at Lynn Valley Care Home at the age of 87.

She was predeceased by her husband Les Fowler (2013) and is survived by son Stirling and daughter Carrie, as well as grandson Jesse.

She also leaves behind her step-children Keith, Karen and Shannon and their mother – a very dear friend – Lorna.

Joyce was born in Vancouver and worked at the News Herald and BC Hydro before completing her teaching certificate and meeting Les Fowler.

Together they built the 42-foot

sailboat *Chimo-Chimo*, cruising locally before setting permanent roots in a home they built in Pender Harbour.

Her mind was second to none, as she was driven by curiosity and keen desire for learning.

She devoured books of all sorts, particularly nonfiction and was an astute conversationalist on a wide area of topics except — as she would defeatedly admit — sports.

She embraced the computer age with vigour but also enjoyed gardening, playing her flute and alto sax in the local community and dance bands, as well as singing in the P.H. Community Choir.

She devoted much of her time to other community organizations like the P. H. Legion, P. H. Jazz Festival, P. H. Music Society, community policing, garden club and reading room to name but a few.

She enjoyed her many years substitute teaching at the Madeira Park Elementary and P. H. Secondary School.

Her twins often joked they only needed Dad in the classroom to complete a family quorum.

Teaching resonated deeply with her and she was fascinated by geography and maps.

CBC radio was a fixture with her

and tuning into its programs of worldly affairs, culture, art, politics, science and humour became an integral part of her daily routine, so much so that the sound of CBC conveys a sense of home to her children.

Joyce was a compassionate soul and loved her animals and garden.

Joyce's home was her sanctuary and became an even more treasured gift during her slow decline with dementia.

The family thanks the community of Pender Harbour who, by extending tremendous care and support to her, enabled her to live in her home for as long as possible, giving her a sense of inclusion and security.

Special thanks are graciously extended to the P. H. choir members and director, IGA, HCC, volunteers, extended family as well as the countless friends and neighbours.

In keeping with Joyce's wishes, a cremation has taken place.

No memorial service will be held but a private family gathering will be arranged at a future time.

A toast to her with eggnog (her home-made version was sinfully scrumptious) would be a festive tribute.

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MAY 8, 1943 — NOVEMBER 27, 2016



Uncle Wally left us suddenly, in his home on the family property, where he had known a lifetime of memories.

Although his health was not 100

per cent over the last couple of years, he kept his chin up and his passing was quite unexpected.

Born in 1943, Wally was the youngest of nine children of Andrew (Bill) and Sarah Silvey.

His first home was also his last.

He always loved children and animals and they always loved him.

Wally was an avid fisherman who always shared more of his catch than he ever kept.

He spoke enthusiastically of hunting and was a prolific hunter; though in his later years he preferred to shoot animals with his camera.

Wally was a commercial fisherman and logger most of his life but he spoke most passionately of the travels

involved with a job he once had installing industrial-size water tanks.

Among his other interests were tending to and sharing his cacti and other plants, boating just to enjoy the scenery, playing pool, hosting pig roasts, making beautiful paddles and, of course, having coffee with friends and appreciating the true meaning of “Egmont Time.”

Wally was predeceased by his parents and half of his siblings while being survived by his best friend Shadow, sisters Barb and Sally, brothers Gene and Steve, numerous nieces and nephews (both blood and “adopted”), countless friends who called him brother and Linda, his close friend of several years.

photojournal



Brian Lee

Gates like this one (across the access road to the hydro lines off the McNeill Lake Forest Service road) are fairly common on local forestry roads when they are needed to temporarily close areas during active logging. But, like this one, they're not necessarily locked, so please don't park in front of them as this person did on Dec. 4.

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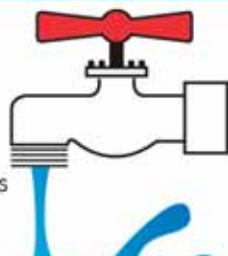
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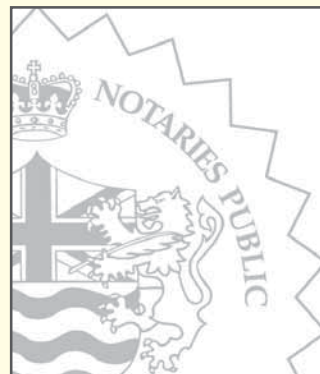
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whisky

Rotary Club of Pender Harbour's ninth annual HopScotch

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour's December fundraiser, Hop-

Scotch, mixes fine whisky and beer with a parade of tasty appetizers.

A record 56 tickets were sold for this year's event.



Ladies enjoy excellent odds at HopScotch.



This table is to be commended for the being the only one to resist heckling the photographer.



Rotarian auctioneers Richard Massullo and Dave Milligan perform the Bee Gees' hit 'Stayin' Alive' during the auctioning of one of the remaining bottles.



Table three learned too late that the live auction was for real



Table four was missing some of their people for this photo but they insisted 'all the good looking ones' were present.

Harbour Spiel



The guests of honour at this year's Rotary Club of Pender Harbour HopScotch.



First rule of Hopscotch? There are no dumb questions.



money.



By the time this photo was taken of the volunteer hosts, even the camera was finding it difficult to focus. l-r: Bill and Lyn Charlton, Reg Stowell, Kerry Milligan, Richard Massullo and Dave Milligan.



Table five didn't win much in the live auction but rebounded to take "best pose."

January 2017



An enjoyable evening with friends. Cheers.

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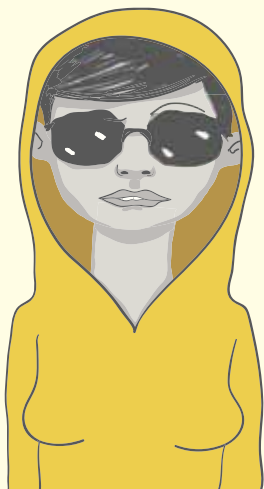
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Pender Harbour fire protection turns 50 in 2017

Jim Cameron

With the coming of 2017, the Pender Harbour fire protection district and the Pender Harbour volunteer fire department will mark the 50th anniversary of their founding.

Prior to this, Pender Harbour had been well served by the Pender Harbour volunteer fire brigade.

At a meeting on May 15, 1967, the PHVFB voted to dissolve and turn over its assets to the newly formed Pender Harbour fire protection district.

Back in 1962, it had become obvious that Pender Harbour needed a fire truck and a new source of funding would have to be found.

In the past, funds had been raised by going door to door but the department did not want to spend all its time raising funds to operate.

The earliest firefighting vehicle was the nearest boat that a portable pump could be placed on.

As most places in Pender Harbour were built along the waterfront at the time, this was a workable strategy.

If the fire was inland the first available car became the fire truck.

A portable pump was borrowed from the Columbia Coast Mission along with a few lengths of hose.

It was decided to investigate the process of incorporating a fire protection district and in May, 1967, the Pender Harbour fire protection district



submitted

The original Pender Harbour fire hall, now the Bargain Barn.

and volunteer fire department were formed.

The PHVFD looks forward to celebrating its history in 2017.

It should be noted that a lot of this history has been put together by reviewing old minutes, photo albums, memorabilia and old newspapers.

Some interviews have been conducted but, unfortunately, many of the

original Pender Harbour firefighters are no longer with us.

We have also lost contact with many former members.

If you are a former member and would like to be kept up to date with what's happening, please contact us at phfire@dccnet.com or (604) 883-9011.

We would also be grateful for any stories or photos you may have.



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Harbour Seals of Approval to **thank all the known and unknown angels** for their generosity; the ongoing support of local businesses, organizations, local churches and support groups that made this Christmas such a community success. Thank you.

Joka Wright

Pender Harbour Food Bank

Our heartfelt thanks and Seals of gratitude to all **our first responders** for their dedication, bravery and selflessness in risking their own lives to save others.

They are all truly, our unsung heroes and we are blessed to have them in our community.

Lyn and Bill Charlton

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Ron Minch** and **Jessica Graham** of Garden Bay who rescued a juvenile snow goose from the shore of Garden Bay Lake.

The bird was wandering in the area for days after losing touch with its migrating flock, and many residents were concerned for its safety.

After a number of attempts, Ron succeeded in restraining the bird with a salmon net, and Jessica drove it to the wildlife rehabilitation centre in Gibsons. It will be taken to the Reifel Bird Sanctuary in Ladner.

Elaine Park

A very big Harbour Seal of Approval to our servers, pourers, drivers as well as the bidders and patrons at the 9th annual Rotary Hopscotch event **Ann Munroe, Kerry Milligan, Lynn and Bill Charlton** and **Reg Stowell**.

And a special thanks to **Karen and Rick King** who really made all smile with a very generous donation to the club that will all go back to this community.

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- Jan. 9 ~ **Arhea Howitt**, **Mario Lowther** and **Amanda Mayo**.
- Jan. 10 ~ **David Pease**.
- Jan. 11 ~ **Randy Cummings**.
- Jan. 12 ~ **Lisa Duncan**, **Mary Ebert** and **Ryan Logtenburg**.
- Jan. 13 ~ **Tia Haase** and **Betty Wray**.
- Jan. 14 ~ **Dominic De La Canal**, **Norman Edwardson**, **Karlee Legge** and **Alannah Nichols**.
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- Jan. 22 ~ **Starr Harding**, **Lil Higgs**, **Leanne Legge** and **Troy Brown**.
- Jan. 23 ~ **Taree Bathgate** and **Kelly Kammerle**.
- Jan. 24 ~ **Carolyn Ireland**, **Don Murray** and **Warren Dunaway**.
- Jan. 27 ~ **Leona Colebank**.
- Jan. 28 ~ **Vanessa Fielding** and **Ikuko Kishimoto**.
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- Jan. 30 ~ **Lyle Forbes**.

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JANUARY ASTROLOGY



CAPRICORN: DEC. 22 – JAN. 19

Capricorns often experience hardship early in life, but their resourcefulness makes them survivors. Sometimes hard to get to know, they are loyal, responsible and down-to-earth. Spiritual compatibility will become the focus for all relationships this month and into the New Year. Atheists will be like salt on your wounds so wipe them off with warm water and move on with renewed energy. Focus on having a baby by any means available — it is your time; it may require a little deception to pull it off.



AQUARIUS: JAN. 19 - FEB. 18

Aquarians are original, independent, humanitarians who shy away from emotional expression. This often makes them seem uncompromising and aloof. Though good listeners Aquarians generally don't appreciate people who disagree with them. The Moon and Venus are conjoined in Aquarius to begin 2017. Personal interactions will be warmer leading to new friendships. Beware upsetting the celestial order of your social circle — new friends bring clashes with old ones.



WORLD HISTORY

72000 BC

A volcanic super-eruption takes place on the island now known as Sumatra in Indonesia. DNA testing indicates the human population was reduced to possibly less than 3,000 people.

1879

Thomas Edison filed a patent for an electric lamp with a carbon filament.

2.5%

Percentage of the American population who died during the American Civil War (1861-1865).

2,000

Estimated number of people killed at Pompeii by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79. (Pompeii's population is estimated to have been 11,000 at the time.)

12.5 million

Africans kidnapped and sold into slavery in the United States, Caribbean, and South America between 1525 and 1866.

1918

White Canadian women were granted the right to vote federally. Asian men and women gained suffrage in stages after the Second World War while First Nations waited until 1960.

18-55 million

An estimate of the number of people who died during Chairman Mao Zedong's "Great Leap Forward" in China from 1958-1962.

1914

The Panama canal was formally opened on Aug. 15, 1914, with the passage of the cargo ship *SS Ancon*.

~various sources

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5. 9:15am +L, 4:42pm -M
6. 10:02am +L
7. 10:52am +L
8. 11:46am +M
9. 7:56am -S, 12:43pm +M
10. 9:29am -S, 1:40pm +M
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28. 12:12pm -M, 4:25pm +M
29. 12:49pm -M
30. 1:24pm -M
31. 2:00pm -M

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JANUARY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES

January is our coldest month, with an average daily high temperature of 6 C and low of 2.6 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 4.3 C. The highest January temperature recorded at Merry Is. is 13.2 C (Jan. 30, 1989); the lowest is -7.2 C (Jan. 29, 1969).

PRECIPITATION

We have an average of 46.2 hours of bright sunshine, 17 days with rain and three days with snow in January. Our average monthly rainfall is 116.3 mm; snowfall, 11.2 cm. The record daily rainfall recorded at the Merry Island weather station is 78.2 mm (Jan. 18, 1968).

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• Women's Outreach Services	741-5246

organizations

P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society presents "Living with Alternative Energy," on Tuesday Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Pender Harbour High School. We will hear the perspectives of a longtime enthusiastic user of solar, wind and microhydro-generated power as well as the views of an electrician who installs the systems and knows what all the numbers mean.

Lorne Berman of Halfmoon Bay has contentedly lived off grid for over 35 years. He shares his views and will discuss advancements that have made alternative electricity increasingly more available, affordable, efficient and reliable.

Richard Starling of Olson Electric's Alternative Power Systems specializes in assessing and installing systems, both off-grid and grid-tied. He will comment on what is coming in the future.

Questions and lively discussion are encouraged during this presentation, which is free and open to everyone. Refreshments will be served. For updates, email info@penderharbourwildlife.com.



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The solar panel array on Lorne Berman's Thormanby Island home.

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The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society has long maintained a collection of local artifacts, photographs, maps, drawings and other records.

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The PHLHS recently acquired museum-quality software, Past Perfect, to catalogue its growing collection and invites the public to visit its website at www.penderharbourlivingheritage.ca.

To find the archived material, visit “collections” at the top and then “digital collection.”

Options allow for random viewing or a “click and search” function, both easy ways to start.

If you don’t see an item which you have loaned or donated to the society, chances are it has not yet been catalogued.

Check back often as items are catalogued weekly.

If you can identify any “unknown” people, places, dates or find any errors, please let the society know.

The digital collection was made possible through the support of many people who have contributed items, time and/or money.

The P. H. Women’s Connection group initially helped get the book, *Women of Pender Harbour: Their Voices, Their History*, underway.

Published by the Pender Living Heritage Society in 2010, the book provided the start of what later became the PHLHS archives.

All proceeds from sales of the award-winning book were used to preserve history in the Harbour.

This museum-quality database is the result of some of those proceeds.



PHLHS #2013.6.30

Martha Rouse Warnock with a 40-pound salmon in 1959.

The living heritage society appreciates everyone who has loaned or donated artifacts relevant to Pender Harbour history.

Please contact the society if you or your family members have items of

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Our volunteers offer friendship, a listening non-judgmental ear or a break for the caregiver to get out of the house and know their loved one is safe.

Some people seek out hospice only after a loved one has died and they want to talk to someone who has been through a similar experience.

There is such a relief in meeting with others who have experienced something similar to you, where you don't have to pretend that everything's OK, or worry that you're "not moving on fast enough."

Caron Hawrychuk and Sharon Halford lead an eight-week grief group in Pender Harbour.

While most of us want to die at home surrounded by our loved ones, this is not possible for many families.

The Sunshine Coast Hospice



Society offers two hospice rooms at Shorncliffe in Sechelt, which provides a home-like environment with the benefit of 24-hour nursing care, where family and friends can be with their loved one in those final days.

Hospice volunteers offer respite for families at this time so their loved one is not alone if they don't want to be.

You probably know some or all of our hospice volunteers in the Pender Harbour area: Caron Hawrychuk,

Sharon Halford, Krista Maurer, Wendy Haddock and Sharon Crawford.

Perhaps you'd be interested in exploring being a companioning volunteer?

Our next course starts Apr. 28.

For more information about hospice support, call the Pender Harbour Health Centre at (604) 883-2764 or the Sunshine Coast Hospice Society in Sechelt at (604) 740.0475.

May you live all the days of your life.

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CARPET BOWLING: Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25

Wednesdays at the P. H. Community Hall 1-3pm Drop-in \$3. Join us for a fun game!

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursdays

Thursdays at the P. H. Community Hall at 10:30. Lunch served at noon. \$10 drop-in.

Jan. 5 – Discussion: "What's on your mind?"

Jan. 12 – Speaker on Mental Health: Kathleen Thomas RN (geriatric mental health nurse).

Jan. 19 – Exploring puzzles.

Jan. 26 – Book Exchange: Bring your books to trade for new ones.

YOGA CLASSES: Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Drop-In \$3

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Learning about Facebook: Mondays, Jan 9, 16, 23 from 11:28am to 12:28pm (PHSS)

Documenting stories: Thursdays, Jan 5, 12, 19 from 11:28am to 12:28pm (PHSS)

Wrap up for both events: Thursday Jan 26 from 11:28am to 12:28pm (PHSS)

Seniors Programs for January!

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Announcement! HARBOUR LEARNING CENTRE

The Harbour Learning Centre will be extending hours starting in January. The Community School will now be open four days/week, Tue-Fri, 9am to 4pm. If you have an interest you'd like to explore or share – please come in and talk with us!

Announcement! WWW.PENDERCOMMUNITY.CA

Check out our improved website! Program listings, Community School news, community resources and information, events and more. Register online — and make donations too!

WORKBC ~ OPEN DOOR GROUP

Employment services are available every third Thursday, 9:30am to 4pm. (Next is Thurs. Jan 19.) Check out the job board or call 604.885.3351 to set up an appointment with Crystal.

PICKLEBALL

Drop in every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm, beginning again Jan 4. Come and see how much fun people are having ~ imagine a cross between tennis and ping-pong! \$5 drop in fee.

MUSIC LESSONS: DRUM, BASS, GUITAR

Mondays after school starting Jan 16, for all ages and levels. Interested? Call for more details 604.883.2826.

INTER-GENERATIONAL STORYTELLING

A collaboration between students at PH Secondary & seniors of Harbourside Friendship Group and Seniors Initiative. Mondays & Thursdays in January.

COMPUTER HELP

If you would like some help with basic computer skills, let us know. Call 604.883.2826

***Balandra's* journey: A heritage yacht sails to a new future**

Shendra Hanney

Readers first met *Balandra* and learned of her genesis at the 2008 Pender Harbour wooden boat show (*Harbour Spiel*, July 2008) after which she was to be donated to the SALTs (Sail and Life Training Society), in Victoria.

She was built by the late Collin Hanney and launched in 1945.

Unfortunately, the SALTs's Heritage Shipyard proved to be inundated with boats, and the spars of the tall ships crowded the shed for their maintenance.

SALTs manager at the time, David Eggert, suggested *Balandra* be restored at A&G Boats in Brentwood Bay on Vancouver Island.

And so it was that *Balandra* arrived at the 2009 Wooden Boat Show, fully restored.

I expectantly outlined her future following the boat show in an article, "*Balandra's* Journey: A Metamorphosis and Safe Haven" (*Harbour Spiel*, June 2009) documenting her return to Brentwood Bay to be part of the sailing fraternity there.

Unfortunately, circumstances evolved that prevented that from happening too and I brought her home to Bargain Bay in late 2010.



Shendra Hanney photos

Balandra on her cradle on Sept. 16, awaiting launch day.

Now, six years later, it is hard to describe the wave of euphoria that swept over me, when out of the blue, the opportunity arose for *Balandra* to sail to a new home and a new career.

At the age of 71, she is to be the flagship of a newly-evolved sail training program.

The timing could not have been more perfect as I would soon undergo hip replacement surgery and planned to be immobile.

The program is ran by Pacifica Paddle Sports which operates out of Brentwood Bay on Vancouver Island.

Coincidentally, Brentwood Bay is where *Balandra* was first restored in 2009 by A & G Boats.

Peter Harris, CEO of Pacifica Paddle Sports, has a keen interest

and appreciation in heritage sailing vessels and he intends to instil that appreciation into sailors of this generation as they learn to sail a classic yacht.

Balandra will be based at the Canoe Cove arm of Pacifica Paddle Sports on the Saanich peninsula.

A website will be set up for the sail training program which will allow others to follow *Balandra's* new adventures.

Serendipitously, I met Peter Harris to discuss the transfer on Collin Hanney's birthday, Aug. 30.

Without any conscious planning, one month later, *Balandra* sailed for her new home on Sept. 27.

That would have been mine and Collin's 40th wedding anniversary.

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Collin built the whole system for her winter storage in 1969 — the rails, her cradle, a block and tackle system for re-stepping the mast and a power winch to haul the load.

Would it still be strong enough to safely launch her?

Balandra had rested here, sheltered under a carport for six years.

Like magic, sailor friends — old and new — came to help.

Don McLaren stepped up first to expertly check the engine and repair the water pump.

Peter Robson enthusiastically offered his help, first with repairing the concrete supports for the rails, and then going on to become an integral part of the mast re-stepping team, along with Zorro Szabados, Charles Manisto, and Cathy Jenks, and then to be part of her launching.

On Sept. 16, Charles and Zorro were on hand, along with neighbour Julian Craddock, as we eased *Balandra* down her tracks to wait for high tide that evening

Strong southeasters were predicted for the next day.

After her launch, I slept aboard that night and toasted Collin with a glass of champagne to our 30 years of sailing memories before he passed away in 1997.

Peter Harris and crew Sandra arrived on Sept. 26.

Peter Robson and Bill Charlton were on hand to tweak the details of the anchor winch and sails in prepa-

January 2017



Peter Harris and Sandra wave good-bye as they depart for Saanich in *Balandra*.

ration for departure the next day.

Just before Peter and Sandra boarded for take-off, we three hugged.

It was a symbol of the exchange of stewardship and a moment I'll hold in my heart forever.

As euphoric as I was for *Bal-*

andra's future, I was equally euphoric about my hip surgery which has released me into a pain-free future allowing infinite possibilities and adventures to unfold.

As I watched her sail away, I mused that *Balandra* and I were both at a pivotal point in our life journeys.



Balandra under sail and heading for southern Vancouver Island.

community calendar

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to editor@harbourspiel.com by the 15th of the month.

JANUARY

Sat. Dec. 31.....New year's Eve Party - P. H. Legion, 7 p.m.

Mon. Jan. 2.....PHSS Grad Bottle Drive - Door to door collection starting at 9 a.m.

Thurs. Jan. 5.....Harbourside Friendships "What's on your mind?" - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. Jan. 12.....Harbourside Friendships (speaker on mental health) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Jan. 15.....P. H. Music Society presents Dawn Henderson - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.

Tues. Jan. 17.....P. H. Wildlife Society presents Living with Alternative Energy - PHSS, 7 p.m.

Tues. Jan. 17.....Polar Bear Night - P. H. Aquatic and Fitness Centre, 5-9 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 19.....Harbourside Friendships "Exploring puzzles" - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. Jan. 20.....41st annual Robbie Burns Night - P. H. Legion, 6 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 26.....Harbourside Friendships "book exchange" - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. Jan. 27.....Winter Wellness Series kicks off with "Blood sugar balancing" - P. H. Aquatic Centre

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10:25 a.m. - Daily
12:35 p.m. - Daily
2:45 p.m. - Daily
4:50 p.m. - Daily
6:50 p.m. - Daily
8:45 p.m. - Daily

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6:30 a.m. - Daily except Sun.
8:25 a.m. - Daily
10:25 a.m. - Daily
12:20 p.m. - Daily
4:55 p.m. - Daily
6:55 p.m. - Daily
10:30 p.m. - Daily

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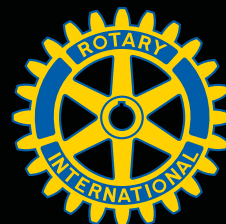
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