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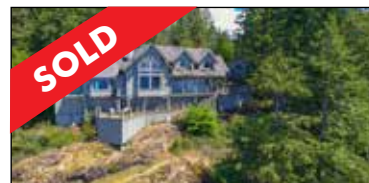
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Garden Bay Pub burns, Nov. 26.
(Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

Timidity still reigns at regional district



Brian Lee

On Dec. 10, the SCRD board voted to request another extension to comment on a provincial referral regarding the Shíshálh Nation's application to change the official names of Madeira Park, Saltery Bay and Wilson Creek.

A board recommendation that was largely in favour of the Shíshálh application but carried an exemption for Madeira Park still made Gibsons Mayor Bill Beamish squeamish:

"We shouldn't be second guessing the names put forward by our First Nations partners on the naming of places."

Beamish added later that, "it appears to be non-supportive in my view."

"I don't see how in terms of a provincial referral, how the interests of the SCRD are affected."

As I formed the words, Area A director Len Lee ripped them from my mouth.

"I don't know who is supposed to gather the community's thoughts and then comment if it's not the SCRD," said Lee.

After some squirming (Shíshálh Chief Warren Paull was also present in the Zoom room), the board voted to request another year of dialogue.

What more needs to be said about this absurd application?

Madeira Park isn't a geographical feature, it is our community and our identity.

That alone should be enough, but there are also 1,165 "Madeira Park" postal addresses — a consideration that does not apply to Saltery Bay (Powell River) or Wilson Creek (Sechelt).

There is nothing in "BC's Geographical Naming Principles, Policy and Procedures," to suggest the band's application could possibly gain traction.

So, it's time to call it, not kick it down the road and provide opportunity for timid officials to bungle it further.

SCRD indecision is why the Lower Coast suffers an ongoing water shortage and why we have gone from two operat-

ing landfills to none in less than 10 years.

Historically, the board's favoured tools of avoidance have been to hire expensive consultants to use as a shield or request more "consultation."

It's been my experience that when our representatives drop buzzwords like "dialogue," "conversation" or "consultation" on controversial issues, you can be assured they hope to change your mind.

But when that doesn't happen, they understand they will be justified in any subsequent decision simply by pointing to all the good consultations they did.

Despite massive opposition, this was all the SCRD board needed to snuff Pender's landfill in 2009.

Perhaps Beamish might speak up if the community facing this threat wasn't little Madeira Park but his own.

Gibsons is named after British colonizer and military man George Gibson, who in 1887 pre-empted the site of a former Squamish village, Ch'kw'elhp.

Surely the name "Gibsons" must sit like a festering sore for the Squamish.

Would the residents of Gibsons be so reluctant to offer an opinion on the renaming of their home?

What Beamish appears to conveniently forget is that his job is not to opine about who he might offend but to represent the SCRD's interests.

Sometimes that includes second guessing other levels of government, including First Nations.

What else do we need them for?

Most of the services our regional district provide, like water, waste and parks, can all be purchased.

Honest representation is an essential part of what an effective board should aspire to — not fumbling for the path of least resistance.

I challenge the provincial government to rule on this application.

If they green light it, then anything is on the table and every non-First Nations person in BC should be concerned about their position in our society.

But let's get on with it.

covid-19 emergency contact details

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Brad Clarke

Whiskey Slough, Gerrans Bay or Leaky Boat Basin? Whatever you call it, it has become a popular site for unattended boats. The latest casualty of Gerrans Bay's calm waters is a vintage Chris Craft called the *Chukanut*. Like drunks at closing time, here the *Chukanut* is held up by two staggering friends. 'This cluster of boats has had the ire of local residents for many years,' Gerrans Bay resident Brad Clarke told the *Harbour Spiel*. 'When people lived on it, neighbours often observed excrement and toilet paper floating up on beaches.'



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Thieves damage dozens of mailboxes in December spree

A series of recent mailbox thefts has left customers of Canada Post with lingering questions about the security of their mail delivery.

According to the Sunshine Coast RCMP, from Dec. 2 to 17, 28 separate mail box thefts have occurred at locations in Halfmoon Bay, Pender Harbour and Ruby Lake.

In an email, Sunshine Coast RCMP spokesperson Const. Karen Whitby told the *Harbour Spiel*, "I have had one report of a cheque being altered and cashed after being stolen from a mailbox."

"All of them have happened overnight when it is dark and the large majority of these community boxes are in rural areas with very limited oversight from neighbours or traffic."

Whitby said that it appears the thieves are accessing the boxes by either brute strength using pry bars or drilling out the locks.

"As a result of these incidents, a number of community mailbox compartments are not operational," a CP spokesperson told the *Harbour Spiel* in an emailed statement.

"They will be repaired as soon as possible."

Affected customers were asked to pick up their mail at the Garden Bay or Madeira Park post offices.

Then, overnight on Dec. 9, a thief gained entry to the Canada Post Office in Garden Bay.

According to police, the suspect pried open all of the post boxes but it is unknown what had been stolen.

"Customers who have not received an expected parcel should inform the sender, who may initiate a claim with Canada Post Customer Service," said Canada Post.

"Customers concerned about identity fraud should contact the Ca-



Brian Lee

Mailboxes at Oyster Bay Road and Garden Bay Road Dec. 7

nadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1 (888) 495-8501.

"We are constantly monitoring and evaluating community mailbox sites, but as you can understand, we don't divulge specific security measures or broader information related to our equipment publicly as doing so would hamper their effectiveness," said Canada Post.

A quick search of the internet reveals Pender Harbour isn't the only site of mailbox thefts this season.

Recent mail box thefts have been reported in 100 Mile House, Sylvan Lake, Grand Prairie and Yellowknife.

In a Dec. 7 story, the Toronto Star reported that, according to RCMP

statistics, over 1,000 mail thefts were reported in Alberta in 2018.

In 2019, it jumped to 4,000.

"The top items are government cheques, parcels and presents as they have resale value, and Christmas cards, as chances are higher, they will contain cash."

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Fire guts historic Garden Bay Hotel Nov. 26

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(with files from Carol Howie and Cathy Jenks, P. H. Living Heritage Society)

The future of the historic Garden Bay Hotel property is uncertain after a fire gutted the building on the morning of Nov. 26.

“We were called out shortly after 7:10 a.m. and on arrival, the fire was through the roof and transferred through the whole roof system,” said Don Murray, chief of the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

“It was very difficult to extinguish primarily because of the metal roof which makes it almost impossible to get the water inside.”

Murray said the fire was made more challenging because the whole interior was made of cedar, “so there were fires everywhere.”

Murray said his crews were on scene until after 1 p.m.

The business has been inactive since 2019 and Murray said no one was inside the building at the time of



Brian Lee

Then and now. Garden Bay Pub and Restaurant as it looked on a quiet March morning in 2014 when Ron Johnston and Marita Jokela sold the property and business; and then on Nov. 26. (See p. 18 for more photos of the fire.)

the fire.

When asked if there was any indication of where the fire started, Murray could only speculate.

“The main fire coming through the roof, the largest volume of it, was in the end where the kitchen and office were located,” he said.

“I’m not aware of anything that would indicate that it was deliberately set and there is no known obvious cause.”

Murray said that because of COVID and the risk of an infection in the department leaving them without a response crew, the PHVFD hasn’t held physical practices for a number of months.

“We do some online training but no physical practices while we’re all together because we have a huge concern about somebody getting COVID and exposing the whole hall.

“It would really hamper our response.”

Despite that, Murray praised his crew.

“We were a little bit rusty getting started because of lack of practice, but I think they did really well,” he said.

“It was a long, hard day but we had lots of water and it went as good as it could.”

EARLIER DAYS

For perhaps thousands of years, the footprint of the Garden Bay Hotel was almost certainly occupied as part of the Shíshálh village of séxw?ámin.

Since 1932, the Garden Bay Hotel has served as Pender Harbour’s social hub, eatery, boater destination and live music venue.

But unlike other prominent local landmarks, like the neighbouring St. Mary’s Hospital which opened in 1930, there is relatively little record of its early history.

Much of the very early history of the property is recorded thanks to research and conversations undertaken by the P. H. Living Heritage Society with Deana Brynildsen, granddaughter of Brynild and Mattie-Marie Brynildsen.

In the late 1920s, the Brynildsens moved to Pender Harbour and bought a block of land at the head of Garden Bay from Henry Darling, who owned the entire district lot (DL 1397, block

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Ralph Linnman

Taken from Sunshine Coast Resort, this photo shows the Garden Bay Pub fully ablaze at 7:26 a.m.

14).

According to research by Carol Howie of the PHLHS, around 1928 Brynild built a house (which later became the Garden Bay Hotel), a cafe, badminton courts and the Garden Bay Store (where the RVYC clubhouse is currently located).

“The store didn’t do very well as the front faced into Garden Bay and the only people living in the bay at that time were Dan Johnson and his family on the Garden Bay reserve.

“Everyone else had to travel by boat around Garden Peninsula to get to the store.”

Documents show an application for a beer licence was taken out by Birger Brynildsen (son of Brynild and Mattie-Marie) in Oct. 1932.

The Brynildsens sold the business not long after to Gil and Ed Haskamp.

According to a Feb. 21, 1939 story in the *Vancouver Sun*, Fred and James McWhinnie purchased the property from the Haskamps for \$25,000.

Besides the hotel, the sale included nine cottages, a wharf and a store on 36 acres.

“The Columbia Coast Mission Hospital, adjacent, is served by what Robert Ripley has published in his *Believe it or Not* feature as ‘the shortest government-owned road in the world.’”

This 100-yard road was built by Brynildsen to connect the government wharf in Hospital Bay to his former store along the northeast side of the lagoon.

In *Women of Pender Harbour*, Marni Davis describes the Garden Bay Hotel during the 1940s when Gordie Lyons owned it:

“The Garden Bay beer parlour



P. H. Living Heritage Society (008.012)

The Brynildsen family home in 1930. Two years later it would receive a beer licence and become the Garden Bay Hotel. It has never been an active hotel but the name was simply a device to get around BC’s archaic liquor laws.

had a fireplace at the east end and a divider down the middle.

“It was ‘ladies and escorts’ on one side and men only on the other side.

“During the war, one could buy a pail of beer.

“There was an attic room available in case someone was too tipsy to

leave but, otherwise, the hotel had no rooms — it still doesn’t.

“Originally, when the Haskamp family owned the hotel, they built rental cottages.”

The Garden Bay Hotel hosted a variety of enterprises over the years.

Women of Pender Harbour also

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An aerial photo of Garden Bay, Aug. 23, 1949. The Garden Bay Hotel is circled.

Fire guts the GBP (cont.)

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notes that around that time, Janet Lyons opened a dress shop in the west end of the hotel building and Mary Woodburn had a hairdressing shop there also.

Phyllis Brown (née Reid) grew up on the shore of Sinclair Bay.

She admitted to the *Harbour Spiel* that she has been going to the pub since she was 16.

Now 80, Brown lives in Sechelt but for many years she lived a short walk from the pub.

The Garden Bay Pub became her family watering hole, restaurant and the focal point for community socializing.

“We used to have a ball down there,” said Brown.

“I can certainly remember going down there with my friends.

“We’d get up on the table and dance and there were darts and shuffleboard teams.

“And we used to bet on the colour of the condoms that came out of the machine in the men’s room.”



Brian Lee

A weekly Rotary Club of Pender Harbour meeting in the restaurant, Oct. 2009

Brown recalls music was mostly supplied by a jukebox.

“But somebody in there would probably play a guitar or Norman Brown would play his accordion or something.

“Everybody would sing along.”

Brown said folks either walked or took a boat to the pub and doesn’t remember there being a deck then.

“Before my time of being able to go in there, when Gordie Lyons (circa

1940s) owned it, on New Year’s Day there was always free beer.”

Brown doesn’t recall a restaurant then, she thinks it was added on later, but you could purchase traditional pub snacks like pickled eggs from behind the bar.

“They had the shuffleboard right in the pub and we always had a drink or two that evening,” she said.

“The darts were over where the restaurant came later.”

The July 22, 1970 edition of the local newspaper the *Peninsula Times* carried photos of a new dining lounge added on to the Garden Bay Hotel by “Mr. and Mrs. Bev Robertson.”

The *Peninsula Times* also noted that the two operated a coffee shop in the building.

“I didn’t go in there and drink — I was home with my little kids.

“Harry (Brown’s late-husband) would have been able to tell more stories,” Brown said with a laugh.

Added to the long list of past owners are two 1960s-era NHLers.

In a column of informal news briefs in the March 29, 1968 issue of the *Province* newspaper, the author noted the following:



P. H. Living Heritage Society

An ad in the *Vancouver Sun*, Feb. 4, 1982.



Brian Lee

In 2014, Ron Johnston and Marita Jokela (l) sold the Garden Bay Hotel and Marina to new owners Natalie and Gary Lee (r).

"I heard that Bert Olmsted, manager of the Oakland Seals in the NHL, is the major shareholder in the Garden Bay Hotel at Pender.

"Oddly enough, this hotel is one of the few in BC that has no guest-rooms attached."

Another clipping from the sports fishing section of the *Oakland Tribune* (Oct. 5, 1967) lists Big Jim Bedard, former defencemen with the Chicago Blackhawks, as co-owner of the Garden Bay Hotel with Bert Olmsted, coach and general manager of the NHL's California Seals.

In 1982, Ron Johnston and Marita Jokela purchased the property.

They would run it for the next 32 years before retiring in 2014.

In an April 2014 story in the *Harbour Spiel*, Johnston said he and Jokela gutted the place when they bought it.

The two installed a new kitchen to replace the small home-kitchen and "completely changed the bar around."

Soon after that, the two helped cultivate a thriving live music scene in the pub by hosting weekly Sunday Jams and providing a key venue for the popular Pender Harbour Jazz Festival and Pender Harbour Blues Festival each year.

When Johnston took over the business, he said he was handed a "barred" list with over 60 names on it.

"When we moved here, anyone with the name Brown was barred," he laughs.

"But it probably took about two or three weeks and the Browns became best friends."

On March 17, 2014, the two sold the business to current owners Gary and Natalie Lee.

Attempts to reach the Lee family were unsuccessful by press time.



Brian Lee

Tom Keenlyside steps out onto the packed deck of the Garden Bay Hotel for some fresh air and to take a solo at the 2007 Pender Harbour Jazz Festival.



Brian Lee

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To better co-ordinate the question period, and to help guide the direction of your association in the coming year, we ask that you please email us ahead of the meeting with what you see as priorities for PHARA and what we can do for the community. Please send emails to: board@phara.ca

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Pender Harbour Music Society cancels spring 2021 program

The Pender Harbour Music Society recently announced it has cancelled all remaining concerts planned for spring 2021 “due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in compliance with the BC Health Officer’s guidelines.”

The not-for-profit society had already cancelled its fall 2020 program but had hoped the remainder of their 2020/2021 program could run.

From a PHMS statement:

“Although it’s a very disappointing time for all us, our board continues to meet virtually and plan hopefully for the reopening of the school of music and the return of live music to our intimate little theatre.”

CANCELLED CONCERTS

- Meagan and Amy (Jan. 31);



P. H. Music Society

Despite not having hosted a concert since February, the Pender Harbour School of Music is looking good as ever with a fresh coat of paint.

- Ranger and The Re-Arrangers (Feb. 21);
- James Campbell and The Lafayette String Quartet (March 13 and 14);
- The Fretless (April 18), and
- Dawn Pemberton (May 9).

The PHMS assures the community that the Pender Harbour School of Music was being well-cared for.

“Board members are overseeing minor maintenance indoors, the cleaning and painting outdoors and care of the gardens and lawn.”

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IMPAIRED DRIVING

On Nov. 19, police attended a single vehicle accident in the intersection of Dubois Road and Highway 101, Kleindale after a witness reported a vehicle in the ditch with a possible impaired driver inside.

The driver exhibited signs of possible intoxication from alcohol and tried to have the driver provide a breath sample but the driver refused.

After the driver continued to refuse, she was issued an administrative driving prohibition and the file is still under investigation.

THEFT

Overnight on Dec. 7, a thief broke into two vehicles parked at the end of Sakinaw Lake Road.

The suspect smashed a window and damaged a door frame on the first vehicle and stole a pair of jumper cables and some alcohol.

The suspect gained access to a second unlocked vehicle and stole a box of fishing flies, a tool bag containing a torch, two Dewalt Batteries labelled “PS,” hand tools, three hunting knives with aqua-coloured handles and a Makita tool bag with a Dewalt jigsaw.

Anyone with any information about these incidents is asked to contact Sunshine Coast RCMP, reference police file numbers 2020-8406 and 2020-8408.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

On Dec. 10, a witness reported a possible impaired driver on Malcolm Road, Madeira Park.

Police located the suspect driver inside the parked vehicle and noted the driver was exhibiting signs of possible intoxication from alcohol.

The driver said he’d been consuming alcohol all day and failed two roadside screening tests, was issued a 90-day roadside prohibition and his vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

*Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society
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Regional district contends with landfills and land use



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

GARBAGE NEWS

Because the Sechelt Landfill is expected to reach capacity by early 2026, we are attempting to extend its life by various measures including recycling and waste diversion.

An average Area A household garbage bin contains 21 per cent recyclables and 26 per cent organics, so we could help ourselves immediately by taking our recyclables to GRIPS.

By April, we plan to collect organics at our transfer station where they will remain separated from garbage.

Both practices are planet friendly and will extend the landfill's life.

In October, the SCRD contracted Tetra Tech Canada at a maximum cost of \$101,577, and a budget of up to \$175,000, to assess future waste disposal demand and options including:

- New landfill development;
- Waste export;
- Waste-to-energy facility development, and
- To-be-determined solution.

BACKGROUND: FIRST NATIONS LAND

Around 1763 the Crown recognized Aboriginal title in Canada, acknowledging property must be purchased by the Crown prior to settlement; and provincial governments have since negotiated a few treaties with First Nations that "ceded" land to the Crown (unceded lands are those never signed away by First Nations).

Reserves have been created since 1637 by governments, religious orders, individuals, and First Nations, with lands typically acquired by a government Order in Council or private-land purchase; the 1876 Indian Act codified methods of governing First Nations' status and reserves.

First Nations have rights over their traditional territories according to common law, treaties, and other agreements and reserves may or may not be within ceded territory.

SHÍSHÁLH FOUNDATION AGREEMENT

The 2018 Shíshálh foundation agreement, which is years away from final implementation, is essentially a rights-and-title treaty including land transfers to expand Shíshálh reservations and other fee-simple land trans-



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Infrastructure Services Committee

January 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

January 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Special Infrastructure Services Committee

January 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Planning and Community Development Committee

January 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Policing and Public Safety Committee

January 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee

January 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

January 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

January 28 at 2:00 p.m.



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fers within the Shíshálh traditional territory.

DOCK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The DMP is a pre-treaty agreement between the Crown and Shíshálh Nation, with the foundation agreement defining organizations and processes to manage existing foreshore leases, approve new ones, and update the DMP as appropriate.

Discussions involving these groups and a local community group are ongoing.

DUAL NAMES PROJECT

As specified in the foundation agreement, some features within Shíshálh territory were given dual names or renamed, as accomplished with updated highway signage (unfortunately without public and SCRD input).

MADEIRA PARK RENAMING

The renaming portion of the agreement now underway resulted in an invitation from the province for comments on the proposed renaming of Madeira Park to “Salalus.”

Local governments and organizations understand both the importance of name reclamation or restoration in the reconciliation process, and community apprehension about the impacts of the renaming.

With that focus, the SCRD unanimously passed a Dec. 10 motion requesting a deadline extension from December to December 2021 for community dialogue including a town hall meeting hosted by the province, and accepting UBCM funding for a community-to-community forum.

LAND USE PLAN

The Shíshálh Nation and the province, in collaboration with local

governments, the public, and nearby First Nations, are in the early stages of developing a Shíshálh-BC land use plan for Crown land portions of the territory, in accordance with the foundation agreement and including management of biodiversity, watersheds, resources important to Shíshálh and economic development.

Visit landuseplanning.gov.bc.ca for more information and to complete, by Jan. 31, a questionnaire.

OLD IS NEW AGAIN

The SCRD approved a development variance permit to allow new owners of Halfmoon Bay General Store, a couple with a child, to conduct a substantial rebuild of the 1937-era buildings and add new structures while retaining the historic ambiance.

They will have their home on the property, making them on-site owner-operators.

It's good news for Area A residents that the store will remain, with a café, waterfront sundeck, and wash-

rooms, so we can take a short road trip to enjoy a meal and change of scenery, much like many Halfmoon residents do in Pender and Egmont.

The parking and traffic to and from the store and government wharf remain a problem with neighbours, who raised these and other concerns while acknowledging they liked many aspects of the business.

With control over our streets, we could increase on-street parking, add speed zones and speed bumps, and more, but now we can only hope that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure answers the bell and does what should be done.

Rural area residents are aware of challenges posed by commercial businesses in rural areas, but we lack the ability to do effective community planning — one reason why municipalities are formed.

In the meantime, enjoy the Halfmoon Bay General Store experience; it is increasingly rare in our modern world.

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Frank Thomas Beale

APRIL 14, 1950 — NOVEMBER 6, 2020



Frank Thomas Beale died on Nov. 6, 2020 at age 70.

Beale was predeceased by his parents Pat and Chuck Beale of Egmont, his brother Gord Beale, sister Patricia Beale and wife Charlotte who died in 2008.

Charlotte was the love of his life and he was lost without her.

Beale is survived by his three children Patti (Guy), Tom (Patrinia) and Gary (Lucinda) as well as 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchil-

dren.

He is survived by his two sisters, Cora Menzel (Donald) and Dietta Edwardson (Norman), and many nieces and nephews.

Beale worked at logging camps, commercial fishing and carpentry while living in Egmont, Madeira Park, Squamish, Pemberton, Kelowna and, lastly, Spirit River, Alta.

A celebration of Beale's life is planned for the first week of July, 2021 in Madeira Park.

Branko Per

MAY 15, 1944 — DECEMBER 3, 2020



Branko Per died on Dec. 3, 2020 at 76 years of age.

Per came to Canada from Croatia in 1963.

It was here he met his wife, Angela, and began his career as a builder.

Per built homes, but he also built relationships and friendships with neighbours and colleagues.

He is predeceased by his son, Glen (Jacqueline), his sisters Maria (Anton), and Ada (Ive).

He is mourned by Angela, his

loving wife of 54 years, his children, Richard (Lisa), Martha (Kevin), his grandchildren Katrina (Evan), Andrew (Haley), Eric, Michelle, Maria, Brandon, Tristan, and his brother Josip (Franiča), sisters Anna (Romano), Daniča, and many other relatives and friends in Croatia, Italy, and Canada.

Per passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and son, Per will be greatly missed.



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Karen Lee Bernadette Theresa O'Leary (née Taylor)

AUGUST 29, 1940 — NOVEMBER 1, 2020



Karen O'Leary (née Taylor) died Nov. 1, at the age of 80.

She left behind four children — Steven, Dawn, Samantha, Tony and their partners.

She is also survived by granddaughter Aurora, brother Tom, sister-

in-law Kate, her nieces and nephews and their loved ones.

Also left behind are countless cherished friends... and some not friends.

O'Leary was born and raised in Ontario but it would be British Columbia that she loved and would call home.

From Vancouver to Madeira Park, from Parksville to Kamloops, she never entertained living anywhere other than in BC.

O'Leary's children were her driving force, pride and joy.

Through example, she taught them to be caring, loving and independent adults.

Her other great source of pride and joy were her big brothers Don and Tom.

These two men always made her laugh and loved her for being her and

for that they both held a special spot in her heart.

O'Leary's husband, love, friend, and confidant Cy O'Leary died before she did, and it was a blow from which she never fully recovered.

After his death, she moved from Vancouver Island to spend her last years with her daughters Samantha and Dawn in the Kelowna and Kamloops area.

A dear friend of hers described her as a force of nature, but even nature's greatest forces have a finale.

O'Leary's finale was long and drawn out but, true to her nature, she never complained and fought to the end.

With her family's blessings, their thanks for every selfless act and lesson taught, and their unyielding love, O'Leary's spirit is free to wander wherever she so wishes.

seals



Note your seal of approval or disapproval.

By email only: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

Harbour seals of gratitude to the **IGA team, the Oaktree Market and the Madeira Park Liquor Store** for their generous donations, aiding us to meet the needs in our community.

Also, to **Renee Leech and Josiane Meili** for their magic busy fingers, **community groups** and **Pender Harbour at large** for generous monetary gifts and to the **10 brilliant volunteers** that carry the load and make it all work.

Joka Wright
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Where is it?



- ☐ a. Earls Cove
- ☐ b. Garden Bay
- ☐ c. Madeira Park
- ☐ d. Langdale



- ☐ a. Garden Bay Lake
- ☐ b. North Lake
- ☐ c. West Lake
- ☐ d. Ruby Lake



- ☐ a. Mt. Drew
- ☐ b. Mt. Arthur
- ☐ c. Mt. Daniel
- ☐ d. Mt. Churchill



- ☐ a. Nelson Island
- ☐ b. Thormanby Island
- ☐ c. Jedediah Island
- ☐ d. Texada Island



- ☐ a. Cecil Hill
- ☐ b. Pender Hill
- ☐ c. Caren Peak
- ☐ d. Mt. Daniel



- ☐ a. Shark Lane
- ☐ b. Francis Peninsula Rd.
- ☐ c. Claydon Rd.
- ☐ d. Bowsprit Rd.

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

How's your house number signage?

Editor,

Because we are a bit obsessive about privacy, in 40-plus years we have not had a visible house number.

Our "street," which is very short, has never had a road sign either.

We have been well-hidden.

Then a CPR course was held at the P. H. School of Music, conducted by one of our local paramedics.

She described the frustration emergency service providers experience on their call-outs, trying to find houses in Pender Harbour which are built at the end of unnamed dirt roads and without any number signs at all.

Having reached our mid-80s, it was time to have proper signage.

Canadian Tire provided some big numbers which were screwed onto a sturdy board, and this was nailed onto a cedar tree (although rather obscured) among the branches.

Then, a short while ago, we had an emergency and called 911.

We waited and waited — for nearly an hour.

The Garden Bay firehall is less than five minutes away so it was hard to understand why the first responders were taking so long.

When help finally did appear, it was not the firefighters but the paramedics in their ambulance.

There were two reasons for the delay.

One was COVID-19.

In order to avoid the possible risk of exposure to the virus and the possibility of quarantine and leaving the community with no fire protection, local volunteer fire departments are now called out by the 911 dispatcher only for critical emergencies.

The second reason for the delay was, of course, that they were unable to find our house.

The ambulance crept along our narrow roads (no street lights) but found another house nearby with the same number with no one home.

It took them a very long to find us, all adding to the 20 minute trip from Madeira Park to Garden Bay.

When the dust eventually settled, we were determined to get a proper, reflective address installed.

Neither RONA, nor GBS, nor the Dept. of Highways had such signs so I finally resorted to Google, entering "Street signs Sunshine Coast." Bingo.

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Barbara Nield



Reni Ducich

Self-isolation is making people weird. This guerilla art installation recently appeared at the trailhead to Mt. Daniel.

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JANUARY: Shíshálh Nation Chief Warren Paull spoke at the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour's meeting on Nov. 22, 2019.



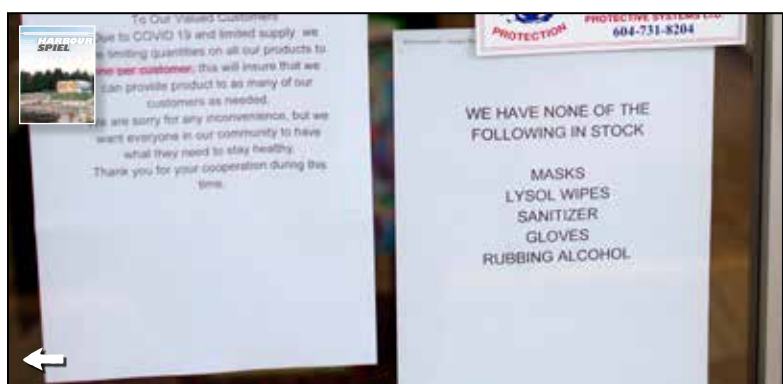
Brad Clarke

FEBRUARY: Brad Clarke received the first dock approval in Pender Harbour under the 2018 dock management plan.



Brian Lee

JUNE: May Day didn't happen but one local tradition persisted. Sydney Curtiss, 2020 May Queen.



Nigel Horsley

MAY: Back in April this all seemed so new... and temporary.



Brian Lee

JUNE: A historical sign was installed on the P. H. Community Hall by descendants of Portugese Joe Gonsalves May 11.



submitted

JULY: Christine Fearn, founder of 'Friends Wear Masks to Save Friends,' can sew a face mask in 2.5 minutes.



Brian Lee

DECEMBER: This record number of witches took to Garden Bay Lake for a pre-Halloween SUP on Oct. 30.



Robin Millar

DECEMBER: Storm surge and 16.4-foot high tides made John Henry's Store look like a floating barge Oct. 17.

2020 harbour spiel review



Glen Bonderud

FEBRUARY: Snow, icy roads and hills yielded predictable results in January.



Sam Beaton

APRIL: A shot of a Northern abalone in local waters. Tasty are these, but very illegal to harvest.



Sunshine Coast RCMP

AUGUST: Someone threatened P. H. Secondary School's totem poles July 9.



Florian Luskow, UBC

OCTOBER: This invasive species of freshwater jellyfish (*Craspedacusta*) is found in local lakes and a focus of study.

January 2021



Brian Lee

MARCH: Long-time aquatic director at the Pender Pool, Deb Cole (seen here teaching her last class) retired.



Richard Massullo

APRIL: The Oak Tree Market made light of the unnecessary rush on toilet paper in March due to COVID.



submitted

AUGUST: Scavengers, human and otherwise, took advantage of this prawn truck mishap south of Madeira Park July 11.



Neil Whittaker

OCTOBER: A rare local sighting of an ocean sunfish in Madeira Park's Welbourn Cove Sept. 9.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 1 ~ **Dave Steppell, Paul Wharton and Cheryl Thompson.**
- Jan. 2 ~ **Bill Hunsche, Vince Perreca and Salem Taylor**
- Jan. 3 ~ **Colton Landry.**
- Jan. 4 ~ **Crystal White and Avril Maveety.**
- Jan. 5 ~ **Sue Lee, Betty Wenman and Taylor Phillips.**
- Jan. 8 ~ **Sue Natall, Jodi Godkin and Destiny Wallbaum.**
- 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.**
- Jan. 15 ~ **Curtis Sample and Ron Kushner.**
- Jan. 16 ~ **Cody Angus.**
- Jan. 17 ~ **Tashina McLean.**
- Jan. 18 ~ **Vanessa Lanteigne.**
- Jan. 19 ~ **Arieanna Henderson.**
- Jan. 20 ~ **Gerald Mackie, Les Dornbierer and Hazel Jay.**
- 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 Smith and Ikuko Kishimoto.**
- Jan. 29 ~ **Jordan Field, Glen Scoular, Lorne Campbell, Alfie Lajlar and Tanya Bernier.**
- Jan. 30 ~ **Lyle Forbes.**

JANUARY ASTROLOGY



CAPRICORN: DEC. 22 – JAN. 19

Capricorn is a sign that represents time and responsibility, and its representatives are traditional and often very serious by nature. Capricorns often experience hardship early in life, but their resourcefulness makes them survivors. They will learn from their mistakes and get to the top based solely on their experience and expertise. Sometimes hard to get to know, they are loyal, responsible and down-to-earth. This month, you don't even want to know. Just hide.



AQUARIUS: JAN. 20 - FEB. 18

Aquarians are original, independent humanitarians who shy away from emotional expression. This often makes them seem uncompromising and aloof. Aquarians are thoughtful listeners but they rarely tolerate someone they disagree with. They are able to see without prejudice, on both sides, which makes them people who can easily solve problems. Although they can easily adapt to the energy that surrounds them, Aquarius-born have a deep need to be some time alone and away from everything, in order to restore power. This month, you don't even want to know. Just hide.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Dec. 12, 2020

The BC bestseller list uses sales data from over 80 independent bookstores in BC representing sales of BC published books released within the calendar year.

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- 2. Vancouver Exposed: Searching for the City's Hidden History** by Eve Lazarus (Arsenal Pulp Press)
- 3. Raven Squawk, Orca Squeak** by Robert Budd, Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing)
- 4. The E. J. Hughes Book of Boats** by Robert Amos (TouchWood Editions)
- 5. Crossing the Divide: Discovering a Wilderness Ethic in Canada's Northern Rockies** by Wayne Sawchuk (Creekstone Press)
- 6. Birds of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest (2nd ed.)** by Richard Cannings & Tom Aversa (Heritage House Publishing)
- 7. When We Are Kind** by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt (Orca Book Publishers)
- 8. Bisous and Brioche** by Laura Bradbury & Rebecca Wellman (TouchWood Editions)
- 9. Blue Sky Kingdom** by Bruce Kirkby (Douglas & McIntyre)
- 10. Field Notes from an Unintentional Birder: A Memoir** by Julia Zarankin (Douglas & McIntyre)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC



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18%

Percentage of Canadian adults who are active enough to reap health benefits. The recommended amount is 150 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity per week.

74%

Percentage of Canadians who say they enjoy being active.

No. 4

Physical inactivity is the fourth leading risk factor for death worldwide.

42%

Percentage of Canadians who struggle with getting motivated to be physically active.

88%

Percentage of Canadians who consider the solution to inactivity is up to the individual.

56%

Percentage of Canadians who think that the daily grind (i.e., commuting, busy schedules, screen-use and excessive sitting) gets in the way of being physically active.

54%

Percentage of Canadians who think there's no good excuse for not being physically active.

\$6.8 billion

The amount physical inactivity costs the Canadian economy each year.

~ Participation Health Report 2018

JANUARY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES

January is our coldest month, with an average daily high temperature of 6.3 C and low of 2.9 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 4.6 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 118 mm; snowfall, 9 cm. The record daily rainfall recorded at the Merry Island weather station is 78.2 mm (Jan. 18, 1968).

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES

JANUARY

DATE-TIME-SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large)

EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechelt Inlet).

1. 1:24 PM -S
2. 2:04 PM -M
3. 3:44 PM -M
4. 3:26 PM -M
5. 9:01 AM +XL, 4:08 PM -M
6. 9:41 AM +XL
7. 10:24 AM +L
8. 11:11 AM +L
9. 12:03 PM +M
10. 8:58 AM -S, 12:58 PM +M
11. 10:12 AM -S, 1:55 PM +M
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16. 2:15 PM -M
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28. 11:44 AM -S, 3:40 PM +S
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Elsie Turner (Fred Brooks collection)

Calder and Dusenbury Island (circa 1945-47)

This photo looks to be of the gap separating Pender Harbour's Calder (l) and Dusenbury (r) Islands taken from what was a trail along the waterfront of Francis Peninsula from Donnelly's Landing. It is a spot familiar to anyone who walks the western Francis Peninsula Road loop now. The photo was taken between 1945 and 1947 by Elsie Turner, a teacher at the Irvines Landing School who boarded with the Brooks family at their home on the tiny point on the eastern end of Joe Bay.

Just visible on the north end of Dusenbury Island is Hiram Dusenbury's machine shop. According to *The Encyclopedia of Raincoast Place Names* (Harbour Publishing), "Ex-boxer and mechanical genius Hiram 'Harry' Eugene Dusenbury (1873-1953) showed up at Pender harbour in 1905, bought this island and built a machine shop and boat repair business there." Dusenbury drowned off his property a few years after this photo was taken at the age of 79.



Brian Lee

Pender Hill, Pender Harbour Landing and the Skardon Islands from Francis Peninsula on the morning of Dec. 3.

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Dementia and the effects on the caregiver

*Linda McKinlay, Pat Wenger
and Kym Harris*

People with dementia may have behavioural changes that evolve slowly and are hard to notice.

These changes can be mistaken for simple aging or reaction to circumstances.

As the disease progresses and behavioural changes are more pronounced, we come to the realization that a more serious shift has occurred.

With some people the changes are subtle and quiet, while others can become uncharacteristically aggressive.

An individual's personality may become exaggerated with the advancement of dementia.

They may also lack capacity to reason or rationalize decisions and may be a risk to self or others.

Caregiving can be challenging with dementia patients, and caregivers can feel overwhelmed at times with a myriad of emotions.

It is an isolating time as they grieve their previous life and learn to cope with the new reality of an altered relationship.

Caregivers are always having to adapt to changes.

Pender Harbour is striving to become a "dementia friendly community" and with that in mind, the health centre started a dementia caregiver support group in June 2019.

The group meets every third Thursday at 1 p.m. in the boardroom of the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

The support group is co-led by two dedicated volunteers with experience, and leadership.

The focus is on peer support with information and resources provided by the facilitators.



Everyone can share in confidence.

Topics have included transportation access, household downsizing, home maintenance support, financial and legal issues, self-care, and much more.

It helps to know you are not alone, that others are going through similar challenges.

It helps to learn more about the disease and to learn new coping skills on the caregiving journey.

Support groups offer an opportunity for caregivers to come together in an informal way, to be with their peers and exchange thoughts, feelings, information, and resources.

Being part of a caregiver support group can help meet some of these needs.

If you are a caregiver, we encourage and welcome you to join us at the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

Please call the program co-ordinator Kym Harris for further details.



This year, the Pender Harbour Literacy Crawl is moving outdoors! During the last three weeks in January, you will notice colourful letters posted all around the community – on storefront windows and along your favourite hiking trails. Participants are invited to get out, explore their neighbourhoods, and search for the ‘Words in the Woods’. Letters are posted in the six areas listed below.

Here’s how it works:

- Locate and write down the letters found in each area
- Unscramble the letters to form a word (each area has one word)
- When the words from all areas are collected, you’ll discover a phrase
- Complete the Entry Form for a chance to **win a draw prize!**

JANUARY
11 to 29

EGMONT

___ Bathgate General Store
___ Egmont Heritage Centre
___ Skookumchuk Trail
___ Egmont Book Nook
___ Egmont Community Hall
___ Backeddy Pub
___ SC Trail @ Egmont Rd
___ Egmont Post Office

Word = _____

GARDEN BAY

___ John Henry’s Marina
___ PODS @ Irvines Landing
___ Mt. Daniel Hiking Trail
___ Royal Van Yacht Club
___ Sarah Wray Hall
___ Garden Bay Post Office
___ Katherine Lake
___ T-Dock
___ Flying Anvil Studio

Word = _____

KLEINDALE

___ Lions Park
___ Pender High School
___ Fibreworks Studio
___ Mountainview Gas
___ PH Golf Club
___ PH Aquatic Centre
___ Make Space Storage
___ Grasshopper Pub
___ Grips Recycling

Word = _____

MADEIRA PARK

___ PH Community School
___ PH Community Hall
___ SC Credit Union
___ IGA
___ Marina Pharmacy
___ Bargain Barn
___ Euspiria Café
___ Millennium Park
___ PODS Earthfair Store
___ Madeira Park Post Office
___ PH Reading Centre

Word = _____

FRANCIS PENINSULA RD

___ Lily Lake Trail @ the clinic
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___ Forest View Cemetery
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___ www.harbourpublishing.com
___ Labyrinth @ end of Fran Pen

Word = _____

SC HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

___ Rona
___ Steph’s Beauty Boutique
___ PH Health Centre

Word = _____

PHRASE = “ _____ **”**

This community event is being organized by the Pender Harbour Community School, Seniors Initiative, PH Aquatic and Fitness Centre, PH Health Centre, Egmont Book Nook and PH Reading Centre
Thanks to all the sponsors and to MPES art-class students and their teachers for creating the letters



2021 Pender Harbour Literacy Crawl “Words in the Woods”

ENTRY FORM

Solve the phrase (or just get as many words as you can) and send it with your name and phone # by email phcs@dccnet.com, by phone 604-883-2826, or drop this form off at the Community School.

Phrase: _____
Name: _____
Phone #: _____

Entry deadline: Fri, Jan 29

Winners announced: Fri, Feb 5

Thanks for participating

A chance to get out, enjoy this fun (covid-friendly) community event & win prizes too!



Happy New Year from your Community Recreation Team



Pender Harbour Aquatic & Fitness Centre

The centre is OPEN! Pre-registration is required for all activities:

- Go to www.scrd.ca/pender-harbour-aquatic-fitness-centre or call 604-885-6801
- Please expect changes to what you may be used to and familiarize yourself with the changes before visiting us. Visit www.scrd.ca/recreation-restart to view updates.



Pender Harbour Community School

The Community School re-opens from the holiday break on Tuesday Jan 5th. We continue to offer after-school and nutrition programs and our Youth & Family Support Program. The Harbour Learning Centre hours are Tue, Wed and Fri, 9am to 3pm. Please call ahead 604.883.2826 or email us at phcs@dccnet.com or visit www.pendercommunity.ca



Pender Harbour Seniors Initiative

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and stay safe. Better times are coming. Harbourside Friendship, Carpet Bowling & Chair Yoga are suspended for the time being due to Health Regulations. Please stay connected with each other and or with Marlene either by phone 604 883-9900 or email marlenecymbalist@gmail.com

Stay well, stay in touch, stay active!

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

COVID-19 has made planning difficult. Check with organizers for updates regarding scheduling for events.

Fri. Jan. 1.....New Year's Day

Mon. Jan. 4.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup (all clients) - P. H. Community Church, noon

Thurs. Jan. 14.....SCRD infrastructure services committee meeting - SCRD website, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. Jan. 18.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup (all clients) - P. H. Community Church, noon

Wed. Jan. 20.....SCRD special infrastructure services committee meeting - SCRD website, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. Jan. 21.....SCRD planning and development committee meeting - SCRD.ca, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. Jan. 21.....P. H. Health Centre dementia caregiver support group meeting - 1 p.m., PHHC boardroom

Wed. Jan. 27.....P. H. Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting - via Zoom, 12 noon

Thurs. Jan. 28.....SCRD corporate and administrative services committee meeting - SCRD.ca, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. Jan. 28.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD.ca, 2 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 31.....P. H. Area Residents Association town hall meeting - via Zoom, 2 p.m.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1.a 2.b 3.d 4.b 5.d 6.a



FERRY DEPARTURES

~ Effective to May 2021 ~

Masks are now required to be worn at all times at terminals and on board vessels.

Check www.bcferries.com for service updates due to holidays and COVID-19.

Crossing time: Langdale 40 min./Earl's Cove 50 min. Ticket sales end 10 min. before sailing for foot passengers, 5 min. before for vehicles.

HORSESHOE BAY

7:30 am - Daily
9:45 am - Daily
11:55 am - Daily
2:10 pm - Daily
2:40 pm - Dec. 23, 26, 27, Apr 1, 4 only
4:20 pm - Daily
5:30 pm - Daily
7:50 pm - Daily
10:55 pm - Daily

LANGDALE

6:20 am - Daily
8:40 am - Daily
10:50 am - Daily
1:05 pm - Daily
3:15 pm - Daily
3:50 pm - Dec. 23, 26, 27, Apr 1, 4 only
5:25 pm - Daily
6:40 pm - Daily
8:55 pm - Daily

EARLS COVE

6:35 am - Daily except Sun
8:25 am - Daily
10:25 am - Daily
12:25 pm - Daily
4:55 pm - Daily
7:00 pm - Daily
8:50 pm - Daily
10:40 pm - Daily

SALTERTY BAY

5:40 am - Daily except Sun
7:30 am - Daily
9:25 am - Daily
11:20 am - Daily
3:50 pm - Daily
6:00 pm - Daily
7:55 pm - Daily
9:45 pm - Daily

To comment on ferry service, contact MLA Nicholas Simons:

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On behalf of all those who have received your generous support over this holiday period and over the upcoming year, please accept our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.



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