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Kids



By Brian Lee

Kids. Wouldn't you miss them?

Lately I've been considering their contribution.

Children are sometimes a secondary consideration when it comes to developing our community.

Their impact is often overlooked when politicians and business people discuss economic development.

It may be that we assume kids will always be here — but I wonder if we should take that for granted.

For the purposes of disclosure, I should point out that I'm not a parent.

However, despite my deep appreciation of childless evenings and owning a washing machine unsullied by poop, I will say that I like kids.

My friends (with kids) scoff because I can't "possibly understand how busy" (and important) their lives are because of their kids.

Parents tend to be a little selfobsessed about the sacrifices required for soccer and dance and band and birthday parties and sleepovers.

They forget I wash my own dishes and fetch my own wood so, from where I'm sitting, having a few food-dependent slaves around sounds like a holiday.

But we'll continue to disagree on that point.

I've coached kids, uncled kids and messed with their heads long enough to know their contribution to people's lives is significant — and intangible.

Kids say funny stuff and entertain us by wobbling around like drunk pets but they also affect our landscape in ways we might not consider. For one thing, I blame the (boy) kids for the annoyingly common low urinal — the only one available whenever I enter a men's washroom.

And they make up only five per cent of our population, but what would May Day be like without them?

As I write this, the elementary school is feverishly preparing for a performance of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

We will go because it will be entertaining and we enjoy revelling in the community spirit it provides.

Our playgrounds are built for kids and though I don't always play on the swings, when I do, I go for it.

But kids are also an economic generator, creating jobs for teachers, support staff, nurses, swim instructors, dentists and candy sellers.

And they're dwindling away.

As the 2014 Vital Signs report shows (see p. 6), Sunshine Coast schools had 20 per cent fewer students last year than in 2007.

And it gets worse closer to home.

We depend on 48 families to populate our elementary school.

Only 72 students make up seven grades at MPES with six per cent fewer students this year than last.

As this phenomenon continues, consider what a community without kids would look like.

It might sound like a science fiction plot but this year only four students started kindergarten.

That means in 12 years we could see our first empty grad class since Frank White was born.

In terms of demographics and lifestyle, the world will be a very different place in 2027.

But as we enter 2015, here's hoping that this place, not so much.

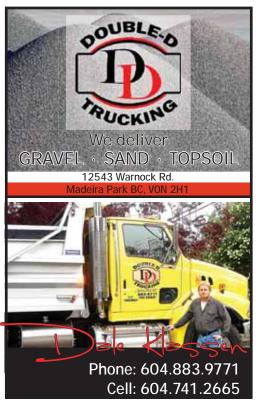
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P. H. ROTARY HOP SCOTCH: Jan. 17, 7 p.m.

The seventh annual Hop Scotch is an evening of great food, specialty beers and unique scotches at the P. H. Golf Course. Tickets are \$99 at Royal LePage Sussex or the Madeira Park Veterinarian Hospital.

EGMONT/PENDER HARBOUR OCP KICKOFF: Jan. 17, 1-3:30 p.m.

The Egmont/Pender Harbour official community plan is set to be reviewed and updated and coomunity members are urged to attend an OCP review kick-off meeting on Saturday, Jan. 17 at the P. H. Community Hall. There will be a brief presentation on what an OCP is starting at 1:15 p.m., followed by an opportunity for the community to ask questions.

P. H. LEGION'S 39th ANNUAL ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT: JAN. 24

Toast the bard. There'll be dinner plus a performance by the Coast String Fiddlers and the Pender Harbour Legion Pipe Band. Tickets are \$30 at the Legion and Harbour Insurance.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS ENSEMBLE VIVANT: Jan. 25, 2 p.m.

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Pender Harbour Secondary School science teacher Jay Wall's award-winning class of Grade 7s (last year), who studied and stood up for the plight of the Sakinaw sockeye salmon, pose with MLA Nicholas Simons during a recent trip the BC Legislature. The trip was postponed from last June because of the ongoing labour dispute between the teachers and the province.

Ruby Lake boat ramp under review

The Sunshine Coast Regional District is reviewing options to repair the only public boat launch on Ruby Lake.

In a staff report presented to the Dec. 11 community services committee, parks planning co-ordinator Trevor Fawcett noted the Ramp Road boat launch will soon require an estimated \$30,000 in upgrades.

At the previous community services committee meeting, Fawcett was tasked with reporting back to the committee about the feasibility of installing a deposit box for users in order to offset maintenance costs.

In June 2003, the SCRD "inherited" the ramp from the Ruby Lake Land Holders Association who had maintained it for 30 years.

The ramp was originally constructed of non-reinforced concrete slabs and gravel and designed for small boats.

In recent times, the ramp has seen increased use by larger boats accessing the lake for water skiing and wakeboarding.

The report indicates that the ramp wasn't designed for this type of use and requires constant maintenance by SCRD parks staff to maintain it.

The Ruby Lake ramp is one of two boat ramps managed by the SCRD with licences of occupation issued by the province.

The other launch ramp is at Coopers Green Park in Halfmoon Bay.

According to the report, the licence of occupation for the Ruby Lake ramp allows for "public boat launch, dock and habitat protection," as well as providing "free and unre-

Correction: Apologies to Dick Hunsche who was wrongly indentified as his son Bill in a photo caption from Remembrance Day in the December 2014 issue.



Brian Lee photo

Though it bustles during the summer months, the Ruby Lake launch ramp doesn't see a lot of traffic during the winter.

stricted use of the boat launch facility by the general public."

The report notes, "Free, in this case, means without charge."

That's not the case at Coopers Green, which is also well used by recreational boaters throughout the year but receives heavy use by commercial businesses as well.

"Commercial use of the ramp is disruptive to recreational users and has, in the past, caused damage to the ramp structure."

The licence of occupation for the

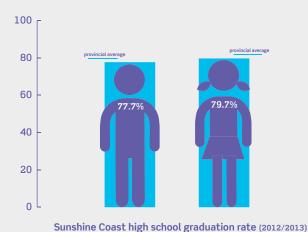
Coopers Green area is granted for "public swimming and recreational boating purposes" and commercial use is not permitted.

If the licence, which expires in September 2015, were amended to include commercial use, the report indicates that the province would then collect rent from the SCRD.

The SCRD would then consider charging commercial users of the Coopers Green ramp "on the condition that all revenues are used for ramp maintenance."



LEARNING



The education system is performing solidly on the Sunshine Coast, with an improving graduation rate, but there is a worrisome number of children and youth at risk.

School District 46 was one of the first in the province to use tests developed by the Human Early Learning Partnership to access data about student vulnerability -- reported below.





Sunshine Coast rankings in the B.C. Stats Composite Index of Education (2012).

Combines statistics on welfare. crime, children in care, infant mortality, graduation rates and test scores from 26 regional districts in BC.



School District #46 continues to shrink.

2006-07: 3,811 students



2013-14: 3,069 students

Class size average (2013-2014)

Kindergarten: PAPA

Grades 1-3:

Grades 4-7: **@@@@@**

Grades 8-12: ()

278 students in SD #46 received 154 bursaries and scholarships in 2014. Total value: \$216.742 (plus one award of four years of tuition.)

More than 60% of Sunshine Coast grads continue on to post-secondary studies, but many wait several years before doing so. Most popular:

27.9% CAPILANO



18.8%



6.7%

Search warrant executed at indoor marijuana grow operation

Sunshine Coast RCMP raided what they called "a large marijuana grow operation" in Madeira Park on Nov. 27.

Offices seized approximately 850 marijuana plants in varying stages of growth, including numerous plants ready to be harvested.

RCMP haven't released the address of the home.

In a press release, RCMP said they have been investigating the property for some time after the home was pegged as the site of an illegal marijuana grow operation.

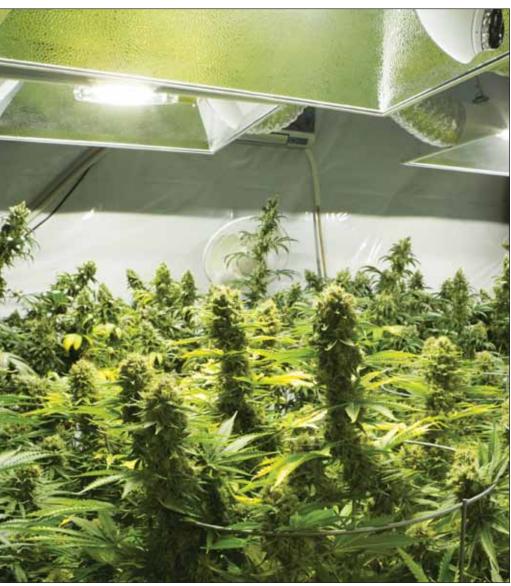
The home was in a residential neighbourhood with numerous homes in close proximity and appeared to be used primarily for growing marijuana.

RCMP said one male was believed to have been living inside the residence and tending the plants, which were located both in the upstairs and downstairs areas of the house.

Several different grow rooms had been built throughout the home.

Sunshine Coast RCMP said no one was inside the house when the warrant was executed but police are continuing their investigation.

Charges may be recommended at a later date.

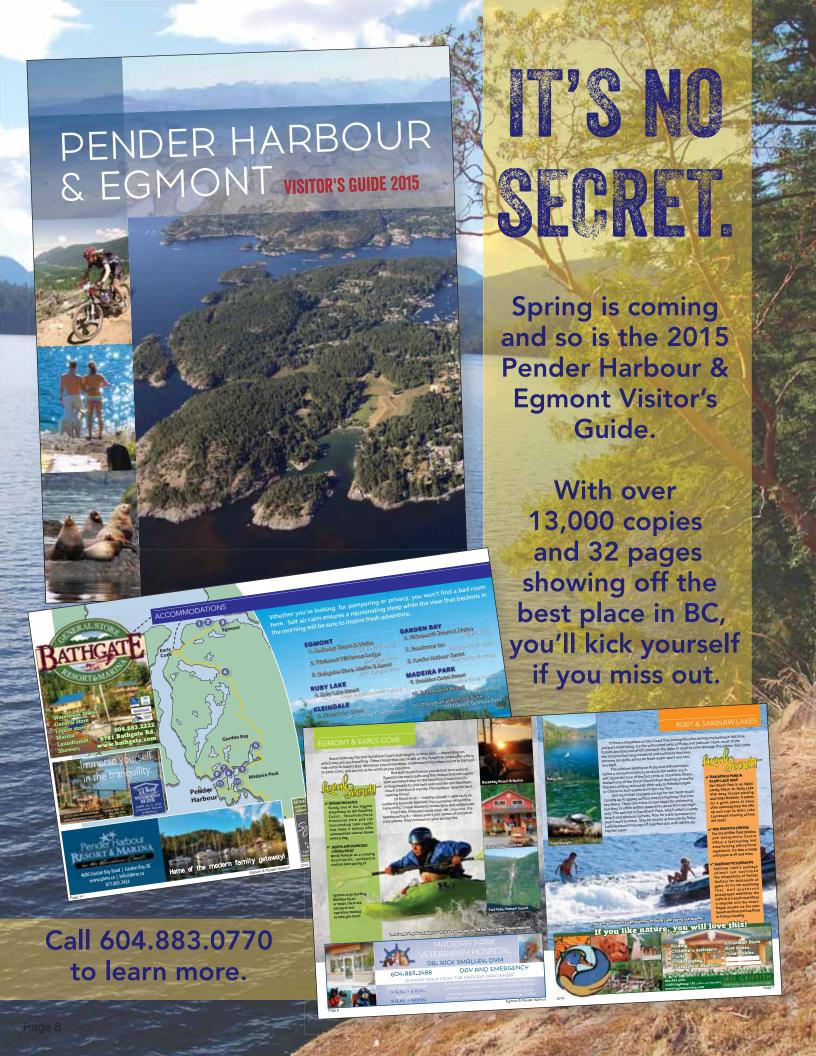


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RCMP executed a search warrant on an indoor growing operation that netted 850 marijuana plants in various stages of growth. Indoor growing operations such as this one use large amounts of electricity to power lights and exhaust fans.









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Baker's Beach Dec. 9: The southeast windstorms of December coincided with some of the highest tides of the year to redistribute local driftwood.

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The Egmont/Pender Harbour Official Community Plan (OCP) is set to be reviewed and updated. SCRD Director, Frank Mauro and Planning Department staff invite you to attend an OCP review kick off meeting on Saturday, January 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Madeira Park Community Hall, 12905 Madeira Park Road.

A brief presentation on what an OCP is starts at 1:15 p.m., followed by an opportunity for the community to ask questions.

Find out how you can get involved in shaping the future of the Egmont and Pender Harbour Area, join us! www.scrd.ca



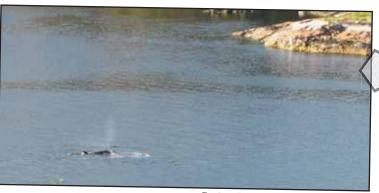
2014 harbour spiel retrospective



JANUARY: Someone used humour to voice their frustration over this chronically flooded section of Hotel Lake Rd.



FEBRUARY: Close to 100 protesters came out to Madeira Park to protest a 3.5 per cent fare hike by BC Ferries.



Gaylene Lueger/Waterfront Suite photo JUNE: A pod of orcas went on a tour through Pender Harbour

on May 20,



JUNE: Frank White telling stories to fans at the P. H. School of Music on May 9, his 100th birthday.



JULY: And then there were none. The 77-year old Kwatna joins former anchor mate Lulu Island on the bottom June 3.



JULY: The P. H. Community School fishing club in Madeira Park was a big hit with local kids this spring.



DECEMBER: Fortunately nobody was killed in this nasty rollover in Middlepoint on Nov. 12.



NOVEMBER: A pod of 70-plus Pacific white-sided dolphins churned up Bargain Harbour on Oct. 9.

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MARCH: Last remnants of the P. H. Hotel were trucked away while the site was prepared for construction of a new building.



MAY: A fish eye view of the PHSS Sakinaws girls soccer team pre-game pep talk at Lions Field on April 17.



JULY: Due to a labour dispute, the PHSS class of 2014 grad ceremony was held at the P. H. Community Hall.



NOVEMBER: The south Pender Harbour water treatment plant was officially opened Oct. 7. January 2015



MARCH: Ron Johnston and Marita Jokela hand off the business they've owned for 32 years to new owners, Natalie and Gary Lee who took over the Garden Bay Hotel on March 17.



APRIL: Mezzo Rose Ellen-Nichols performs the title role in the Margaret Atwood penned opera *Pauline*.



SEPTEMBER: Sunshine Coast Sockeye water polo club hosted their "Summer Classic" at Ruby Lake Aug. 16.



OCTOBER: The Sechelt Indian Band unveiled this longhouse in Garden Bay Marine Provincial Park on Sept. 18.

Bear Bay to Sakinaw Woods hiking route



Recent BC Hydro right-of-way work has resulted in a new local hiking opportunity.

Though it's gated at either end, an access road now connects Bear Bay Road to the Sakinaw Woods area and the gravel road extending past the Pender Harbour landfill.

The four-kilometre return route offers views over Sakinaw Lake and passes some of the giant Douglas firs left standing in the recently logged Bear Bay forest.

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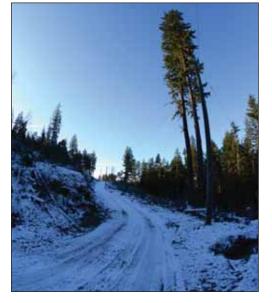
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Park at either end of the gated two-kilometre access road that connects the Sakinaw Woods and Bear Bay neighbourhoods.



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On economic development

Dear Editor,

Look, I understand business folks need people like me to spend my money to keep the economic wheels turning.

But I didn't move up here to mall shop, visit a big box store, or sit in traffic — I moved up here to enjoy the peace and quiet.

Plant a garden, stare down a deer who is munching on my deer resistant plants, enjoy a good book in front of a fire and swim in a lake, every day if possible.

Occasionally, I chat with neighbours and they too, have wondered at this economic push for more development, and promotion.

We like it the way it is. Actually, many of us feel the suburban crawl creeping into our consciousness.

We love our neighbours, but we don't want to see them.

And I suspect, they don't want to see me either, unless they invited me over for supper or a drink.

Now, I get you need advertising to subsist in this barren land, and I enjoy reading your rag, but how much is enough?

We have several subdivisions scattered all over, and once they fill up, we will really lose our peace and quiet.

Now, in the summer, the lakes are overflowing with weekend warriors, boom boxes, and watercraft.

There always seems to be this desire for more and more, until one day, we realize, we have lost what we came up here for.

Melli MacMillan Garden Bay

LETTERS

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PENDER PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC COMES TO AN END...

After 12 years of working with a great team at the Pender Harbour Health Centre, Harbour Physiotherapy is closing its doors on Dec. 31, 2014. Physiotherapist Paul Cuppen has moved to Sechelt and started a new clinic.

Backstream Physiotherapy on Dolphin Street opened in Nov. 2013. After a year of serving both clinics, it was time to complete the transition.

Thanks to all my clients for their trust and commitment, and the staff of the Pender Harbour Health Centre for a spirited, fun and professional collaboration. I will miss Pender but look forward to spending time in my Sechelt Clinic.

BACKSTREAM PHYSIOTHERAPY

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Moving into the next term with a new board



By Frank Mauro, Area A Director

The SCRD board municipal appointees have been announced, with Silas White representing the Town

of Gibsons and Bruce Milne for the District of Sechelt.

The preliminary board orientation has occurred.

As noted in my article last month, one half of the board is new.

At the inaugural board meeting the election for the chair and vicechair of the regional district for 2015 resulted in Garry Nohr continuing as chair and I will continue as vice chair.

Standing committee chairs have been appointed and they are: community services — Silas White; planning

and development — Ian Winn; infrastructure services — Bruce Milne; transportation advisory — Lorne Lewis; policing — Mark Lebbell.

I will be chair of the corporate and administrative services committee and vice-chair of the planning and development committee.

The board has many challenges and goals going forward.

My priorities are:

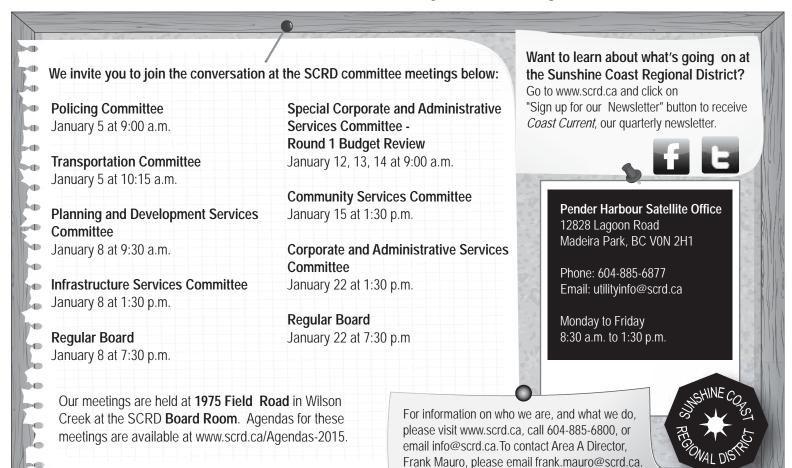
- 1. See that the Area A official community plan revision best reflects the aspirations of the community (more on this below);
- 2. Continue building on our Area's relations with the Sechelt First Nation and work together on land and marine issues common to all of us;
- 3. Continue looking for cost savings and keeping taxes low;
 - 4. Continue working on Coast-

wide regional economic development and support local economic development initiatives;

- 5. Follow up on the water metering program to ensure we find ways to conserve water and to work with First Nations to protect our watersheds;
- 6. See that the construction of the new resource recovery facility in our area meets the needs of the residents and work to ensure that opportunities for recycling are enhanced, and
- 7. See that the walkway project in Madeira Park is completed and complete a project in Garden Bay and in Egmont.

While most of the above-listed items are of greatest interest to our area there are many other board priorities that must be considered.

I will write a future article on the topic.





SCRD photo

The 2015 Sunshine Coast Regional District board of directors (I-r): Chris August (SIB appointee), Bruce Milne (District of Sechelt appointee), Ian Winn (Area F), Mark Lebbell (Area D), Silas White (Gibsons appointee), Frank Mauro (Area A - vice chair), Garry Nohr (Area B - chair), Lorne Lewis (Area E).

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

In this issue you will see an advertisement (p. 9) for the kickoff meeting on Jan. 17, 2015 for the review of our official community plan.

The goals for the meeting are:

- 1. To provide residents and property owners with information about the OCP review process in order to assist them in understanding the issues and describe the opportunities to become involved in the project.
- 2. To obtain public feedback on issues to be addressed, and to identify issues that were not identified by SCRD staff.

The engagement program will seek to involve the permanent residents of the OCP area as well as non-permanent property owners who may not be actively involved in the community, but have an interest in property and the area as a whole.

The terms of reference for the OCP review have been mailed out to many groups in the community for comment.

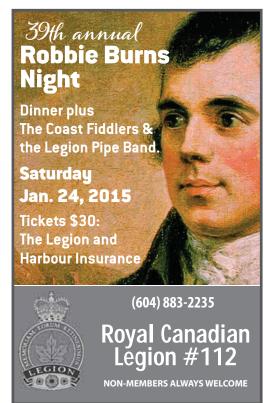
Comments have been received and this will be the first opportunity for all residents to become involved. I am pleased to add that members of the Sechelt Nation will attend the OCP kickoff meeting and that that they will participate in the OCP review process.

Also, they will be announcing at the kickoff meeting a community forum they will be hosting in Pender Harbour on the topics of the Shíshálh history of kápálin (Pender Harbour) and the dock management plan.

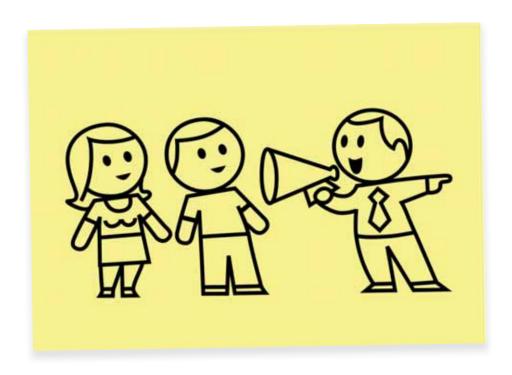
OPEN DISCUSSION

I will be available between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Copper Sky Cafe in Madeira Park to answer questions and to listen to your concerns.

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The Pender Harbour Choir held its Christmas concerts Dec. 5 in Davis Bay and Dec. 7 in Madeira Park. The concerts were well attended and featured striking seasonal music by two composers from Pender Harbour. Kenneth Johnson's 'Christmas Lullaby,' a song from his December stage production, 'Castles In The Snow,' was premiered by the choir and directed by him. Corlynn Hanney's 'Christmas Angel' was also a lovely addition to the program. The 34-member choir is directed by Joy Macleod and accompanied by Paula Seward.

Meet Stacy, Kelsey & Gera

Sunshine Coast Credit Union is proud to support employees in pursuing their career goals by hiring from within whenever possible while providing opportunities and funding for further education. With 26 years of combined financial services experience, we are pleased to announce the promotion of three employees to leadership roles.

Stacy MacDonald, assistant manager at the Pender Harbour Branch, is currently pursu-

As a leader, I'm focused on creating a member experience that is second to none, and that begins with our employees.

ing a management studies designation through the Credit Union Institute of Canada.

Dedicated to staying active in the community, Stacy can be seen volunteering in a variety of SCCU-

sponsored events like Hike for Hospice and the Pender Harbour May Day.



Stacy MacDonald – Pender Branch

Kelsey Dunn – Gibsons Branch Gera Gilroy – Sechelt Branch



Together, we enrich lives.

Books of the year 2014

The Quill and Quire is Canada's authority on the book industry and the following are its top picks of 2014.

(Descriptions courtesy of publishers.)

FICTION



Us Conductors
Sean Michaels
(Random House Canada)

Us Conductors takes us from the glamour of Jazz Age New York to the gulags and

science prisons of the Soviet Union.

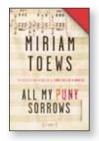
On a ship steaming its way from Manhattan back to Leningrad, Lev Termen writes a letter to his "one true love," Clara Rockmore, telling her the story of his life.

BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of Dec. 7, 2014)

- 1. Whitewater Cooks With Passion by Shelley Adams
- 2. Great Bear Wild by Ian McAllister
- 3. Who We Are by Elizabeth May
- 4. Echoes of British Columbia by Robert Budd
- 5. Live at the Commodore by Aaron Chapman
- 6. The Sea Among Us Edited by Richard Beamish and Gordon McFarlane
- 7. Cardboard Ocean by Mike McCardell
- 8. The Dirty Apron Cookbook by David Robertson
- 9. Raven Brings the Light by Robert Budd and Roy Henry Vickers
- 10. Ice Storm by Bruce Dowbiggin

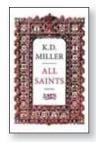
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All My Puny Sorrows
Miriam Toews
(Knopf Canada)

You won't forget Elf and Yoli, two smart and loving sisters. Elfrieda is a worldrenowned pianist.

She is glamorous, wealthy, happily married — and wants to die.



All Saints K.D. Miller (Biblioasis)

All Saints Anglican is one of the loneliest places on earth. It's ugly, it's small, it's overshadowed by con-

dos. The parishioners aren't exactly close.

And yet there they are, every week: the rector with the suicidal wife, the neurotic spinsters, the bluerinses, the seekers and the newlyweds and the cradle Anglicans, all of them yearning for both connection and privacy at once.

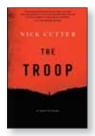


The Girl Who Was Saturday Night Heather O'Neill (HarperCollins Canada)

Gorgeous twins Noushcka and Nicolas Tremblay live with their grandfather Lou-

lou in a tiny, sordid apartment on St. Laurent Boulevard.

They are hopelessly promiscuous, wildly funny and infectiously charming. They are also the only children of the legendary Québécois folksinger Étienne Tremblay, who was as famous for his brilliant lyrics about working-class life as he was for his philandering bon vivant lifestyle and his fall from grace.



The Troop
Nick Cutter
(Simon & Schuster
Canada)

Once a year, Scoutmaster Tim Riggs leads a troop of boys

into the Canadian wilderness for a weekend camping trip—a tradition as comforting and reliable as a good ghost story around a roaring bonfire.

But when an unexpected intruder stumbles upon their campsite—shockingly thin, disturbingly pale, and voraciously hungry—Tim and the boys are exposed to something far more frightening than any tale of terror.



The Search for Heinrich Schlögel Martha Baillie (Pedlar Press)

At the heart of Martha Baillie's fragmentary, highly original new novel is an inexpli-

cable event. In 1980, at age 20, Heinrich Schlögel escapes his West German birthplace to hike Baffin Island's interior. The trip lasts two weeks, but when he returns the year is 2010 and he has not aged a day.



Fire in the Unnameable Country

Ghalib Islam (Hamish Hamilton Canada)

The universe is shaking as Hedayat, the "glossolalist" narrator

of *Fire in the Unnameable Country* is borne on a flying carpet in the skies above an obscure land whose leader has manufactured the ability to hear every unspoken utterance of the nation. He records the contents of his citizens' minds onto tape reels for archival storage.

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The Stonehenge Letters Harry Karlinsky (Coach House Books)

While researching why Freud failed to win a Nobel Prize at the Nobel Archives in Sweden, a psychiatrist makes an

unusual discovery.

Among the piles of papers in the "Crackpot" file are letters addressed to the executor of Alfred Nobel's will, each offering an explanation of why and how Stonehenge was constructed.

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JANUARY ASTROLOGY

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 20):

Capricorn, the 10th sign of the zodiac, is all about hard work. Those born under this sign are more than happy to put in a full day at the office, realizing that it will likely take a lot of those days to get to the top. That's no problem, since Capricorns are both ambitious and determined: they will get there. Jupiter in Leo is in your intimacy sector until mid-August. You will want to have stronger bonds, feel a deep, powerful connection and pursue something that is both emotional and physical. Don't take no for an answer — they'll come around.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 18):

Relaxation, enjoyment and pleasure are emphasized for you now. This is not a time to push yourself or be involved in activities that require intense energy. Co-operative, harmonious relationships are more important to you at this time. Mars moved into into the constellation of Aquarius on Dec. 4 and will stay until Jan. 12. This is your time. Mars will deliver energy, courage, determination and drive — so don't waste it. Focus on giving new ventures and relationships a big push forward because by Jan. 13, your chariot turns back into a pumpkin.

OF JANUARY

MARSALA: PANTONE COLOUR OF 2015

The Pantone colour police have spoken. Marsala, "a gorgeous terracotta red shade," has been named the official colour of the year by the biggest experts in the field, the Pantone Colour Institute.

According to its website, the Pantone Colour Institute "delivers insights that inform the effective commercial application of colour through a range of trend forecast publications, colour research and bespoke consultancy. When 80% of human experience is filtered through the eyes, we understand that the choice of color is critical."

Pantone announced the colour of the millennium in 1999 — Cerulean Blue — and there was so much public interest that Pantone decided to name a colour every year based on their research.

But that was then, Marsala is now. On Dec. 26, Marsala was launched in cosmetic company Sephora's new makeup line to bring the shade to people's lips, lids, and cheeks.

From the Pantone website:

"Much like the fortified wine that gives Marsala its name, this tasteful hue embodies the satisfying richness of a fulfilling meal while its grounding red-brown roots emanate a sophisticated, natural earthiness. This hearty, yet stylish tone is universally appealing and translates easily to fashion, beauty, industrial design, home furnishings and interiors."

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JANUARY WEATHER

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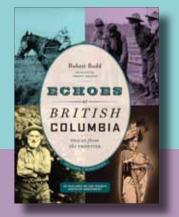
January is our coldest month, with an average daily high temperature of 6 C and low of 2.6 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 4.3 C.The highest January temperature recorded at Merry Is. is 13.2 C (Jan. 30, 1989); the lowest is -7.2 C (Jan. 29, 1969).

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).

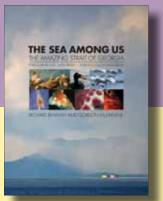
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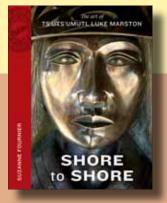
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If you have some spare time and talent, please contact one of the clubs or societies to offer help.



organizations

SCHOOL OF MUSIC COFFEE HOUSE

This month the School of Music Coffee House will run on Friday, Jan 9. Doors open at the Pender Harbour School of Music at 7 p.m., with music starting at 7:30 p.m.

This month's lineup:

Ken Johnson (Pender Harbour) who will play original piano compositions; Robin Atchison from Wilson Creek will play guitar and sing and the Sechelt Youth Talent Show winner, Cameron Peters will sing and play guitar.

Now in its third year, the monthly PHMS Coffee House showcases local Sunshine Coast talent. On the second Friday of each month, volunteers from the Music Society set up tables and chairs, ladies from the choir arrive with fresh baking and put on the coffee pot. Before the show and in the intermission, they offer delectable desserts accompanied by teas and coffee.

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The Coffee House has developed quite a following of local musicians and music lovers and each month the performers bring new audience members. Solo performers or groups, vocals and instrumentals, and all kinds of music from modern pop to oldies, jazz, blues, bluegrass and classical are welcome.

This past year, we have focused on youth in the Coffee House. Several young Madeira Park singers have recently been featured and Nikki Weber, a Sechelt vocal coach and mentor, has brought several young vocalists and instrumentalists to our stage. To perform, volunteer or for more information, call (604) 883-9749 (Joanne) or visit www.penderharbourmusic.ca.



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Amber Kincaide

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Wendy Phillips and food bank volunteers

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Harbour Seals of Approval to all those who donated so generously to the Community Club bake sale Nov. 22. It is very much appreciated.

Muriel Cameron P. H. Community Club

Thanks.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all the people of Pender Harbour and beyond who let me know how they felt about the passing of my dear wife, Mary Ashley, on Nov. 17, and for the comfort they offered me and my family.

I know I live in a good place, but I now know just HOW good and special it is to be part of this community. They are too numerous to name individually, but special thanks must go to P. H. Community Clinic and St. Mary's Ambulatory Care staff, whose kindness and love went far beyond the call of normal duty, and to P. H. Choir and Joy McLeod for so readily being prepared to interrupt their busy schedule to sing at Mary's Celebration of Life. The gifts of soup and other goodies helped out at a difficult time and were very much appreciated. The suggestion that donations be made in lieu of flowers yielded an amazing \$805 and will be sent to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds for use at their sanctuary at Loch Gruinart, Islay, Scotland. Thank you all.

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By Sandra McLean RN

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COPD is a life-limiting, progressive lung disease that affects an estimated 1.3 million Canadians.

It often consists of a combination of chronic bronchitis and emphysema and/or asthma.

These breathing conditions often create inflammation and narrow or block the lungs airways causing obstructed breathing.

The most common symptoms are ongoing shortness of breath and a cough that has gone on longer than three months.

Your chest may feel tight and you may have a cough that keeps you up at night.

Often people with COPD find it difficult to lay flat at night and prefer to sleep propped up or even in a chair.

Often people believe they are just "out of shape" but the breathlessness gets worse with time.

Unfortunately there is no cure for COPD, it is a progressive disease and cannot be reversed.

You may have quit smoking years prior to the onset of symptoms but COPD has an ability to slowly catch up with you later in life.

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Emphysema

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Every Tuesday, she will offer additional support from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to our youth clinic drop-in program for male and female youth.

Annaliese looks forward to partnering with our local community resources such as Women's Connection to identify areas of concern and curiosity pertaining to women's health.

She is interested in offering women's health education days and group health and wellness meetings focusing on interests that arise from the women in our community.

Please join us in welcoming Annaliese to our team of health care providers, and our community at large.

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regular doctor visit.

This test measures the amount and speed of air that can be inhaled and exhaled.

From that point, your doctor or nurse practitioner can determine if further oximetry tests are required or medication regimes need to be added or adjusted.

You doctor will ask you to stop smoking if you haven't already done so and make other healthy lifestyle adjustments.

They will closely monitor other chronic conditions you may have such as diabetes or high blood pressure.

Common treatments include short- and long-acting bronchodilators in the form of inhalers.

Inhaled steroids may be added to your regime for management of episodic flare ups.

As people living with COPD are at higher risk for pneumonia, antibiotics may be prescribed more frequently.

It is especially important for people with COPD to get their flu shots every year, pertussis vaccine as well as the pneumococcal vaccine before the usual 65 years recommendation.



PENDER HARBOUR AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTRE

JANUARY 2015

Swim lessons and drop-in fitness programs begin week of January 5 — registration is now open!

Total Body, Training for Life

NEW! Physical activity, healthy nutrition and strategies for life. Life coach Helga Grout community nutritionist Meghan Molnar are joining the PHAFC team to present a series of education workshops. Mondays, January 19, Feb 2, 16, March 2, 16. 1-3pm. Register by January 12. \$50/5 sessions.

25km Swim Challenge

NEW! Begins Jan. 5. Chart your progress and earn a special edition embroidered PHAFC swim towel. 15 to be won. All ages.

Metre Eater for Kids

Begins Jan 5. Earn your 5000m swim challenge certificate. Win 5 and you could earn a towel too.

Circuit Training

Learn how to create a gym circuit that works for you. 4 sessions. Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 Jan 14- Feb 4. \$30 Register by Jan 7.

Family Disco Dynamo Night

Friday Jan 16, 6-9pm Flashback to the '70s, party fun for everyone. \$2, \$5 family or use your My Pass

Weight Room Orientations

FREE with your My Pass membership or \$15. Take the unknown out of the weight room. Phone us for an appointment.

Personal Trainers/ Weight Trainers

Have a trainer develop a strength and conditioning plan specific to you and your goals. Call us for contact information.

Healthy New Start Maintenance Program

In partnership with the PH Health Centre for previous participants in the Cardiac Recovery or Healthy New Start program. (17 classes) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2pm Jan 20—March 17. Classes led by certified personal trainer Register by Jan 13. \$170





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Training for the Mountain Grind

By Amanda Peterson

Peterson is the co-organizer of the Mountain Grind, a nine-kilometre obstacle race to be held in Pender Harbour on April 26.

Can't find the motivation to train for the race? Maybe you just don't know where to start?

First, try finding a workout partner, or better yet, a team. When training for an event, having a group of friends to train with is an awesome motivator. There will always be days you just don't feel like getting to the gym, or class or going for a jog. But when you have a group to go with, there will always be someone to pick you up and push you along.

Training with your team will build your strength, spirit and camaraderie. You may find you push just a little bit harder in the group training than you would if you were training alone and it will help build your team for taking on the challenges of the Mountain Grind.

INTERVAL TRAINING

Now you have your group together, and you're looking for different ways to train. Try interval training. You may think you need to work on endurance for the 10 kilometres you have to run, and you do, but you will not be running 10 kilometres consecutively. It will be intermittent, with obstacles, so training in intervals is a great start.

Interval training is short bursts of intense activity, broken by rest. You want to be able to maintain the same intensity with each activity. This type of training improves muscular power and cardio efficiency and it is great for burning calories. Push yourself during each interval because the faster you work, the more calories you burn.

Here are some examples of interval workouts: Include a 10- to 15-second rest between each set:

• Sprint: 30 seconds

• Pushups: 10

• Squat and press: 30 seconds

• Plank rows: 30 seconds

Jump lunges: 30Burpees: 10

• Plank: one minute

TABATA

A version of high intensity interval training featuring 20 seconds of hard work followed by 10 seconds rest.

Eight rounds of each exercise:

- Squats
- Mountain climbers

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- Sit-ups
- Skaters
- Reverse lunge
- Jumping Jacks
- Pushups
- Russian Twist

As an example, with Tabata you would do eight rounds of squats 20 seconds exercise:10 seconds rest before moving on to mountain climbers.

WEIGHT TRAINING CIRCUITS

Alternate weight training of six to 10 repetitions with 60-90 seconds of cardio moves:

Bicep press-ups: 8Lateral raises: 8

• Rows: 8

• Skip: one minute (repeat three times)

• Chin-ups: 10

• Weighted squats:15

• Dead lifts: 10

• High knee jog: one minute (repeat three times)

If you look at obstacle course races, you will see climbing walls, things to crawl under, swing on, wade through and balance along. Having the ability to hold your own body weight is key in completing many of the obstacles. Working on chin ups will certainly be a benefit, as well as practising on monkey bars.

Grip strength is highly undertrained and often doesn't even come into account when putting together a workout plan. Grip strength pertains to all the muscles that run from your elbows to finger tips.

Why would you want to have good grip strength? When training, having a stronger grip will allow you to lift heavier weights, but it will also help with your overall endurance. Specifically it will help in many of the obstacles such as rope swings, rope climbs, log carries, monkey bars and helping your friends across creeks and mud pits.

A couple of exercises you could try would be "Farmer walks," which is literally grabbing two large weights, one in each hand, and taking them for a walk. You could start with 40-60 per cent of your body weight and work up. Also, practise "negative chin-ups," which is holding yourself up over the bar, then slowly lowering into a hanging position. Also try finger tip push ups, bar hangs (isometric conditioning), or gripping weighted plates.

If it feels hard, it's working.

PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

JANUARY 2015

Kids Art @ MPES

Mondays: Jan 12 to Mar 2, 3pm-4:30pm \$75 Grades 4-6 Have fun exploring different media and artists with Patti Soos.

Drop in Sports

At PHSS, \$3 Mondays: SPORTS NITE, 7-9pm, ages 12-plus (tbc) Wednesdays: PICKLEBALL, 6:30-8:30pm, all ages Thursdays: SOCCER, 7:30-9:30pm, ages 12-plus, with Michele Mocellin

Computer Café

All ages, Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30pm with Karen Dyck, \$10 drop in, Harbour Learning Centre
Jan 13: Getting Started with iPad
Jan 20: Exploring Third Party
Services
Jan 27: iPad Free-for-All ~ bring all your unanswered guestions

Family Music Night

Friday Jan 15, 6:30-8:30pm, PH School of Music Come join us in a casual night of singing — bring the whole family

IN THE WORKS..

Let us know that you're interested in any of these upcoming activites and we will make it happen!

- Boxing with Barry Krangle: Grades 7 and up
- Creating Email Newsletters
- Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Course
- Ladies Night at the Shooting Range
- Strategic Storytelling as a planning model for non-profits
- Suggest a workshop or presentation

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Will blunders never cease?



By Shane McCune

Thyme once again to reed some of the miss steaks that spell cheques didn't cash in 2014, with a couple left over from 2013. (And no, our spell checker didn't flag anything in that first sentence.)

POLL-AXED?

Since Trudeau was chosen as the federal Liberal leader last spring, the party has risen from third place in the polls, back into first place, slightly behind the Conservatives.

— cbc.ca, Nov. 25, 2013

SO HAS THE CORRECTION, APPARENTLY

Editor's Note: A previous online version of this article incorrectly stated that lawyer Joseph Welch confronted anti-communist crusader Joseph McCarthy at the Army-McCarthy hearings in 1954. In fact, the hearings took place in 1954. This article has been corrected.

— Globe and Mail, Dec. 10, 2013

BUT OUR EDITOR IS STILL MISSING

Police say there were two missing four-year-old boys found at the same time; both have been found.

— Toronto Star, Jan. 6, 2014

YA THINK?

1. Driver that smashed RCMP cruisers could face charges

— cbc.ca, Jan 28

- 2. This will go down as a game of Olympic proportions.
- CBC-TV announcer after women's team wins gold in

overtime. Feb. 20

3. Commonwealth Games end with closing ceremony

— cbc.ca, Aug.3.

IT'S TACKIES TIME FOR MANY FEELS

It's brings up many feels, and is worth the full read.

 Gawker.com obit on Homeland actor James Rebhorn, referring to his self-penned obituary, March 24

THERE'S TOBLER-ONE ON EVERY FLIGHT

A passenger accused of making a hoax bomb threat on a Hong Kong-bound flight wrapped his head in two blankets, waved a chocolate bar "like a sword" and demanded the plane be diverted so he could watch the Winter Olympics, a court heard yesterday.

Armed with a large Toblerone bar, Antti Oskari Manselius, 23, from Finland, informed flight attendants he was "robbing" the plane and demanded the Amsterdam-to-Hong Kong flight be redirected to Sochi, Tsuen Wan Court heard.

— South China Morning Post, April 18

SOME PEOPLE CAN'T CATCH A BREAK

Oklahoma inmate dies after botched execution

— cbc.ca, April 29

MAGESTIC PROSE

Lac-Magentic, Que., residents want rail line rerouted
— Or do Lac-Mégantic residents want the line rerouted
to Lac-Magentic? Sudbury Star, June 26.

FULL FLAP!

BREAKING: Dutch military plane carrying bodies from Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 crash lands in Eindhoven.

— AP alert, July 23.

CLARIFIES: Dutch military plane carrying Malaysia Airlines bodies lands in Eindhoven.

— AP, seven minutes later.

SOMEONE'S BEEN WAITING YEARS TO WRITE THIS HEADLINE

Using a bikini to set a booby trap: insurance company gets creative

— cbc.ca, Aug. 8. Story concerns MPI using fake Facebook account with photo of cute girl in a bikini to lure young man who owes insurer \$9,600. When he clicked on the message it opened to reveal a summons.

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BET HE CAN'T READ THIS ON TV

Barack Obama must — must — spend time daydreaming nowadays about the old rallies, the ferocious belief of his original volunteers, the millions of tiny, happily given donations that added up to such record-breaking sums, the ecstatic stupefaction he was once able to provoke just by walking out onto a stage and standing there, the way he did that January day in 2008 when a languid Caroline Kennedy, backed by her uncle Teddy, endorsed him and not Hillary, and called him the future of his party and of America, expressing something this nation loves to believe, that even the most Gordian political knot can be cleaved with a single moral stroke by a good person, and that that person was him, and that his promise to bridge America's ideological rift was credible, and that even as wars were going calamitously wrong and the culmination of financial rot and corruption was wiping away Americans' wealth on a scale never seen by most voters, he, Barack Obama, could see the nation

to American myth, conquers all.

— cbc.ca, Nov. 19. Neil Macdonald channels James Joyce to reel out a

179-word lede.

through it by inspiring hope, and hope, according

MOST ENJOYABLE, OVER-THE-TOP USE OF

TONGUE IN CHEEK

"Whereas positive superlatives may have become clichéd through overuse, negative superlatives may be more unexpected and intriguing," Alex Bennett writes in just the most depressing, soul-destroying, heartbreaking blog post you'll read all

day.

— Poynter.org

BEST YEAR-ROUND EFFORT: THE DAILY MAIL

• George Clooney's fiancée Amal Alamuddin looks stylish in striking red dress and fetching floral heels at sexual violence summit.

— June 12.

• The brutal ISIS poster boy who is winning hearts across the Arab world: Shakir Wahiyib is the public face of the army threatening to destroy Iraq and is the chief executioner of the ISIS terror group.

—June 15

 Woman, 63, 'becomes PREGNANT in the mouth' with baby squid after eating calamari

> Posh behind bars — but don't worry, it's just Victoria Beckham behind some railings

> > How using Facebook could raise your risk of cancer

 They might be cool and comfortable but flip-flops may 'raise your risk of getting skin cancer'

— Daily Mail, undated

AND THE FISH-IN-A-BARREL AWARD GOES TO:

Rob Ford mayoral debate: Skirting around the crack issue

— cbc.ca, March 27

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

JANUARY

Sun. Jan. 4.....Sunday Jam w/ Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 8...........Harbourside Friendships movie of the month (TBA) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. Jan. 8......Marketplace IGA Customer Appreciation Day - Madeira Park

Fri. Jan. 9.....School of Music Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 11.....Sunday Jam w/ Steve Hinton Band - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

Mon. Jan. 12......Harbour Spiel February issue submission and booking deadline

Thurs. Jan. 15.........Harbourside Friendships swim and lunch - PHAFC/P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Sat. Jan. 17.....Egmont Pender Harbour official community plan review - P. H. Community Hall, 1-3:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 18.....Sunday Jam w/ Simon Paradis - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 22.........Harbourside Friendships' Scotland and Robbie Burns Day - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Sat. Jan. 24......39th annual Robbie Burns Night at the P. H. Legion - P. H. Legion

Sun. Jan. 25............P. H. Music Society presents Ensemble Vivant - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 25.....Sunday Jam w/ Peter Van B3 - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 29.......Harbourside Friendships swim and lunch - PHAFC/P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. Jan. 30............Mama's Japanese Kitchen grand opening - 12808 Madeira Park Rd., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 31......Mama's Japanese Kitchen grand opening - 12808 Madeira Park Rd., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Genius is an African who dreams up snow.

~ Vladimir Nabokov

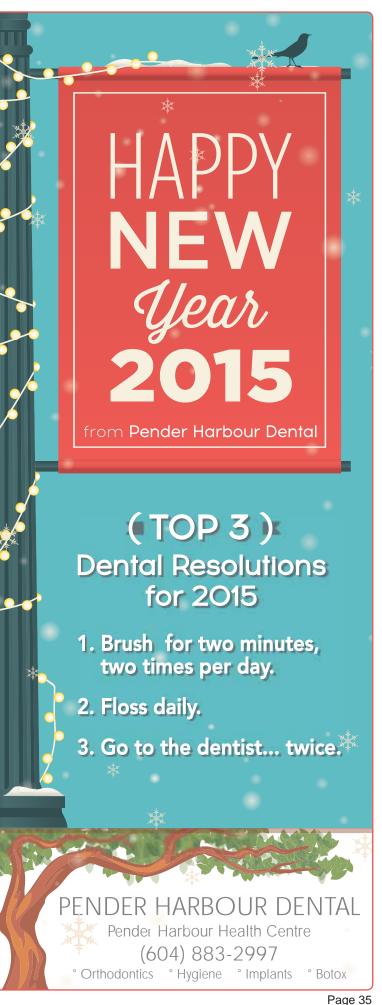
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The Coast Group is committed to continuing the professional and local service that I have been able to provide over these last 22 years. Please don't hesitate to contact The Coast Group's Richard Wilson or Nicole Turlington at (604) 885-2254 if you have any questions.

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