

**Union Bay Community Club News Letter**  
PO Box 335, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0 250-335-2500

**DECEMBER 2019**

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Merry Christmas to all!

The Community Club would like to acknowledge all the many volunteers that keep this community a great place to live.

Make your New Year's resolutions include time for one of the many groups that could use extra hands. The more people, the lighter the load.

Some groups in the community you could consider volunteering for:

- The Union Bay Community Club
- The Union Bay Historical Society
- The Boat Ramp Crew
- The Union Bay Gardeners



*“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.”*

Spoken by Greek philosopher Aristotle over 2300 years ago, one of the most ancient quotes about volunteering offers proof that giving back to the community is hardly a new concept.

## NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> REMEMBRANCE DAY

**This service was attended by a wonderful crowd.**

We would like to thank:

**Darcy Rainey** – Master of Ceremonies  
**Barb McDowell** – Sound system  
**Ted Deadman** – Flanders Field  
**Dave Davidson** - Remarks



We also thank:

- the volunteers who set up chairs, sound equipment etc and then took it all down
- all those who presented wreaths

We were sorry that the RCAF fly was cancelled due to the weather.

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The **Just for Joy** singers gave a wonderful concert following the November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day service. The theme of the show commemorated the **“Show Business in War Times.”**

The donations received were shared between Union Bay Historical Society and the Union Bay Community Club. Thank you to all of those who donated.

Thank you to all the volunteers involved with these two organizations and participate in the community. ***IT IS TRULY A FRIENDLY PORT.***

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### Thank You Party

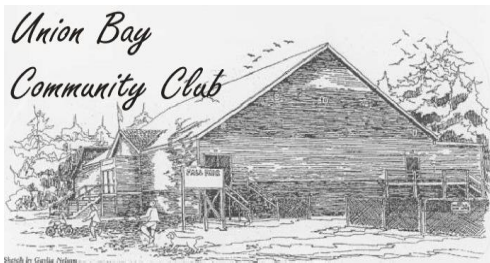
The Union Bay Community Club would like to invite all those who have volunteered their time and efforts to all the events that were carried out this past year.

**It will be held at the Community Hall on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7:00 p.m.**

Please bring an appie to share, and remember to wear that ‘ugly sweater’.

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## CURRENT EVENTS

The community hall is the home of a number of activities and meetings. **For more information about renting space, contact 250/335-1474 or 250/335-2500 to leave a message. Meeting rooms, Dining Room, Kitchen facilities, large auditorium with stage available.**

<b>Aerobics:</b>	Toning exercise to music. Meet three times a week. ▶ <b>Every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.</b>	Inquiries: Lucie 250-335-1607
<b>Cinch:</b>	▶ <b>Every Saturday at 7:30 p.m.</b>	Inquiries: Karen 250-335-2594
<b>Community Club Meeting:</b>	▶ <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thank you social, 7:00 p.m.</b> ✓ December 11 <sup>th</sup> & January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Inquiries: Dave 250-335-2317
<b>Crib:</b>	▶ <b>Every second Friday at 7:30 p.m.</b> ✓ December 13 <sup>th</sup> , January 14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	Inquiries: Mildred 250-335-2894
<b>Line Dancing:</b>	▶ <b>Every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.</b> ✓ Suitable for all levels	Inquiries: Mary 250-335-1748
<b>Pickleball:</b>	▶ <b>Every Tuesday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.</b> ✓ Cancelled Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>	Inquiries: Janice 250-335-0686
<b>Friendly Port Seniors:</b>	▶ <b>For dates please call Mildred 250-335-2894.</b>	

**\*\*\*\*All activities require a current membership to the Union Bay Community Club (\$10 per year) and a fee of \$3 per person is charged each time you attend one of the above.**



### Other dates to note:

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** – Volunteer with the Community Club  
 Come and join the 'Ugly Sweater' Christmas Party. 7:00 p.m.  
 Please bring an appy to share.

**Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020** – Union Bay Historical Society monthly meeting  
 2:00 p.m. at the Museum/Goal House.

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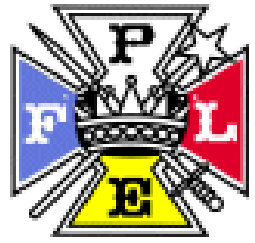
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## News from the Pythian Sisters

For those of you who still haven't joined us on **Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.** at the **Highwayman Saloon** you are missing fun and great meat prizes from our supplier Courtenay's Butcher Block.



## BAYNES SOUND LIONS CLUB THE LIONS ROAR.....

On Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> the Lions did their annual Wheel Barrow Push for the Child Development Centre. More generous people stopped and gave us money than ever before. We fundraise all year to reach our goal of \$10,000. This year we presented the CVCDA with **\$11,623.13** (12% of the total raised).

### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED!

The Baynes Sound Lions are once again offering folks in Union Bay, Fanny Bay, Denman Island and Hornby Island a boost to their Christmas by providing toys for kids and Thrifty Gift Cards to families and singles in need. Please contact Vic 250-702-3344 or Jacquie 250-335-1112 if you need a boost or know of someone that does. Please have the age and sex of children available.

**Deadline is December 7<sup>th</sup> for submissions.**



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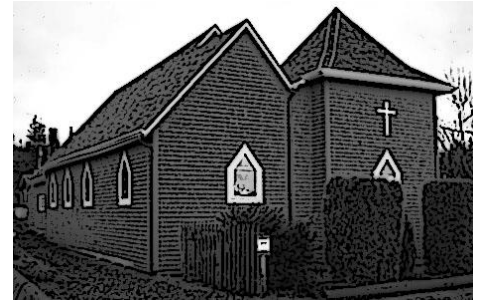
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# Union Bay United Community Church News

Services held at 11:00 a.m.  
Refreshments follow regular services.  
All Welcome.



## YOGA

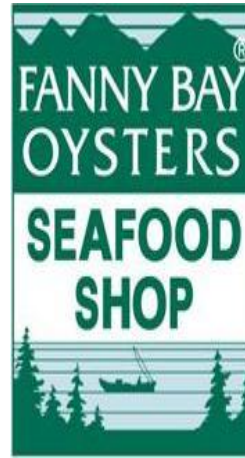
No classes will be held between  
December 19<sup>th</sup> and January 7<sup>th</sup>

### Drop In Sessions

Tuesday and Thursday  
6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Wednesdays  
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.



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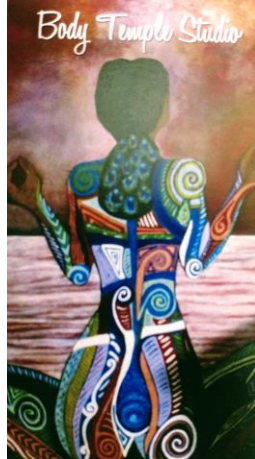
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## Season's Greetings!

At this time of year, our thoughts turn to those who have helped shape our success. Thank you, members, for all your support. Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a fantastic new year!

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**Lighthouse Branch**

t 250.757.8146 | f 250.757.8185

**Hornby Island Branch**

t 250.335.2326 | f 250.335.2370

# CHRISTMAS PAST

In the modern era, Christmas celebrations start earlier every year. As soon as Hallowe'en is over the lights go up, Christmas music is heard everywhere, seasonal decorations appear. In the early days at Union Bay preparations in November meant baking Christmas cake and puddings, which were stored in the cool pantry.



Before 1900 many of the early settlers: the McCartneys, Muschamps, Rays, McKays, Drews, and Cooks when they arrived, lived in the big Colliery boarding house at the head of the Bay. A community Christmas celebration was held there with a decorated tree, the first most of the children had ever seen. Mrs. Drew dressed as Santa Claus and gave each of the children a gift.

After 1906 when the Church was built, all Christmas celebrations were held there. With a fund of \$80 donated by the community, a delegation of ladies travelled on the train to Cumberland to purchase presents for the children at the Christmas tree entertainment. Later, for several years the Sunday School sent the ages of all the children to Woodward's or Eaton's department stores, and a "personal shopper" selected appropriate gifts and mailed them back.

Many families waited until Christmas Eve to buy presents from Fraser and Bishop. More important than the presents were the family get togethers, with bags of delicious food featuring a big tom turkey purchased from either butcher, George Harwood or Billy Bowden. Then in another week, another feast and another turkey for New Years.

New Year's Eve was celebrated by groups of friends "first footing", a custom originated in northern England. For good luck, a tradition demanded that the first to enter the house in the New Year be a dark person. This "first foot" was to carry a lump of coal in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other. The revelers walked and sang through town, knocking at all the doors. They were welcomed with a plate of goodies and a round of drinks. Needless to say, as the night wore on and more homes were visited, the "first footers" began to stagger and their voices to slur. More than one could not face the delicious turkey dinner the next day.



After the Community Hall was built in 1942, New Year's Eve dances were held with balloons and noise makers at midnight. Tickets were sold out early, as people from all over the district wanted to be part of the fun.

by Janette Glover-Geidt

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**New Web Page for UBCC**

Watch for the new web page (ubcc.ca) being developed for the Union Bay Community Club.

Darcy Rainey is busy, busy.



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The ReStore operation of the local wing of Habitat for Humanity is “urban mining” to raise money for its next Comox Valley Build.

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For more information, contact Ken at Habitat for Humanity or email [crrsvin@gmail.com](mailto:crrsvin@gmail.com).

