

Union Bay Community Club News Letter
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FEBRUARY 2020

**The 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Union Bay
Community Club and Recreation Society is on
Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m.
in the upstairs dining room of the Community Hall.**

We cannot stress how the success of the Community Club depends on volunteers. If you have given us time before we hope to see you return, if you are new to the community or would like to join a great group please come out. Any amount of time you want to give and the abilities you have to offer will be appreciated.



Thank you to all who worked with us at the Community Club this past year.

The more hands helping, the lighter the load.

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Thank you to the **Fanny Bay OAP** for the donation of a Ping Pong Table.
It is appreciated.

Thank you to **Alex Munro of Raincoast Sea Farms** for their yearly donation of \$300 for their commercial use of the boat ramp. The extra help is appreciated by the Union Bay Community Club.



Pythian Sisters Meat Draw

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 prizes from our supplier, Courtenay's Butcher Block.

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Due to you we have been able to make several significant donations.

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Ideas for new articles are always appreciated. Is there a Union Bay citizen you would like highlighted? A story to be told? Please submit to ub.dbtb@gmail.com

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Submission may be mailed to Box 335, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0 or emailed to ub.dbtb@gmail.com. Alternately, articles could be dropped off with Dave Davidson. To make arrangements or if you have questions please call Dave at 250-335-2317 or Brenda Dane 250-335-1505.

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Remember it is volunteers that keep the Community Club up and running.

They constantly:

- *keep the building and grounds in good shape*
- *organize special events such as Union Bay Family Day, Craft Fairs and many more*
- *keep track of hall and field bookings.*

Please consider joining the Community Club.

You will work beside good community minded people.

Union Bay is a great community!!!!

– get involved – share your skills and talents – volunteer

The Union Bay Community Club offers this opportunity to get to know your community and contribute to the cause. Would you consider offering a small portion of your time?

Volunteer jobs coming up that you may wish to lend your skills and help with:

☒ Craft Fair assistant – three times per year.

☒ Intermittent odd jobs – two hours at a time.

Ideas for new programs are encouraged. Present your plan or idea at a monthly meeting on a Monday of each month. Community Club contact is Dave Davidson at 250-335-2317 or leave a message at 250-335-2500.



UNION BAY COMMUNITY HALL MEMBERSHIP

\$10.00 per person

Your fee helps to support the hall and grounds
Contact Donna McKay at 250-335-2147
or mail to PO Box 132, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0



Make 2020 the year you pay yourself first

Quick question: Did you make any resolutions this year?

Regardless if you did or didn't, we have a suggestion: Make 2020 the year you start paying yourself first!

Just like physical wellness, financial wellness is important. What better way to start the new year than with a plan to improve your personal finances? Whether you're paying off your Christmas spending, trying to take control of debt or planning for your future, now's the time to take action.

Okay, okay, we hear you saying that new year resolutions fail because people can't or don't follow through. But unlike resolving to cut out carbs, so many things to do with finances can be done automatically – and you won't be left feeling 'hangry.'

Paying yourself first by saving 10 per cent of your income for your retirement or directing those funds to eliminating debt is an excellent and easy way to start.

By automatically contributing to savings, RRSPs or additional loan payments, you're becoming wealthier without even having to think about it. Plus, by contributing to RRSPs by the March 2, 2020, deadline, you're not only saving for the future, you're reducing your taxes right now.

December may be the month to give gifts to others, but January can be the month when you give yourself the gift of financial wellness. Come in to your local UBCU branch and meet with one of our staff members to find out ways that we can help make your money work for you.

It's never too late to resolve to meet your finance goals.

REMEMBERING WORLD WAR TWO

2020 marks 75 years since the end of WW2. War began when Germany swept into Poland on September 1, 1939. Britain and France stepped in to support Poland on September 3 and Canada followed September 10. So, as we remember, there will be several articles of life on the home front at Union Bay during those years.



Right away Union Bay boys were anxious to join up. The first three were Andrew Arrol, Buster Geary and Jack McQueen. The Canadian Scottish were recruiting and training in the Natives Sons' Hall. At first the boys lived at home and, in their kilts, travelled to train in Courtenay, but soon the Comox Logging offered Camp 3, and the recruits settled into the bunk houses there.

Charlie Davis was next to join the Irish Fusiliers with many more to follow, totaling over 40 men. Two veterans of the first world war also enlisted. Albert Glover, whose daughter also enlisted and drove truck for the WAC's; George Watt, whose daughter also enlisted and was a meteorologist in the RCAF. The only women to heed the call.

Six families had two sons involved in the war. Bob and Lizzie McKay had three sons in the service. George in the US Army, Robbie in the Navy and Bud in the Army. The Vanyo family had moved from the Prairies to the Bay during the war, and had three sons overseas, all in the tank corps: Frank in North Africa, James was part of D-Day invasion, and Alex fighting in the Pacific.

The daily pay was \$1.30. Each month single men received the full amount. From the married men's pay \$20.00 was deducted and augmented with \$15.00 for their wives who also received \$12.00 for each child. As well, the medical fund of the Coal Company continued to cover the dependents of employees serving in the war.

In April 1942 a national plebiscite was held on conscription. Union Bay voted 162 for & 40 against, echoing the provincial vote of 4 to 1. The draft notice in 1942 included all single, divorced or widowed men between 19 and 25. However most of the young boys could hardly wait for their 18th birthday to enlist. Many travelled to Vancouver to join their favourite service.

by Janette Glover-Geidt

A few notes from THE UNION BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

• **THE JUST FOR JOY SINGERS**, that jolly group of 'seniors', is now looking for more members! We meet each Friday at 2:00 in Union Bay. Our purpose is to take music into the community, e.g. the hospital and seniors' residences and to put on a show each Remembrance Day. If you read music and like to sing, we promise you a very good time. Please call Sandra Carruthers at 250 335 1683.

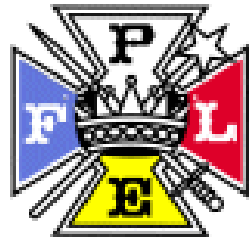
• **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Historical Society will take place March 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Union Bay Church hall. Our special guest will be our founder, Janette Glover-Geidt who will entertain us with a talk on the history of this fair village.

• **ELECTIONS** of officers for the coming year will be held at the AGM. The positions of CHAIRMAN and SECRETARY remain open. If you know of a volunteer for either position please contact Linda McKay at 250 757 9499

• **A HEADS UP FOR THE FASHION SHOW AND TEA!** to take place May 23rd at 2 p.m. in the Community Hall. Never too early to mark your calendar as this is a very popular event.

News from the Pythian Sisters

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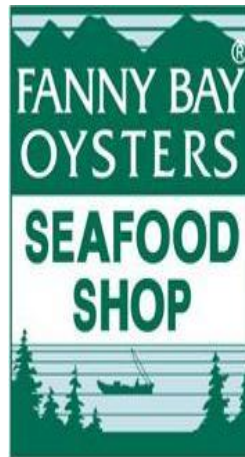
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Tuesday and
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6:30 – 8:00 pm
Wednesdays
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.



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It is mandatory for Comox Valley Regional District (VCRD) electoral area residents to licence their dogs if over six months old.

- The licence fee for a dog that is spayed or neutered is \$5.
- The licence fee for a dog that is not spayed or neutered is \$15.

For more Information call 250-334-6000 or visit comoxvalleyrd.ca/dog-licence.
Licences may be bought at the CVRD offices located at 770 Harmston Av.
Courtenay, BC V9N 0G8



Union Bay United Community Church News

Join us for Sunday Services at 11:00 a.m.

Refreshments following.

Also: Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16th @ 11:30 a.m.
following a short church service.

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