

# The LOG Jam

Winter 2014/15

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

## *A Winter Wish from the Commissioner*

### **Hello Everyone and Merry Christmas!**

Guiding in Pacific Shores Area has gotten off to a great start this fall. Our girl membership has reached the same number as it was at this time last year. That is a very positive sign that guiding in our area is still vibrant and strong. Units are finding their rhythm and the girls are building new friendships while keeping the old. “One is silver and the other is gold”.

Winter is knocking on the doorstep. The air is crisp, the daylight hours are shorter and the night spreads its starry blanket longer. The late November snowfall was a bit of a surprise but a source of delight to children who just wanted to play in it. (Not so delightful for drivers!). Late November was the perfect time to hold an area event for Sparks and Brownies. Aptly named “Frozen” to match the temperatures outside, but the girls were far from cold.

They were warm and cosy inside the Parksville Community Centre in a winter wonderland of activities and crafts that earned them the Alberta Girl Guiding Polar Challenge crest. The food was excellent and plentiful. The girls seemed to have a great time. They were treated to a showing of the hit movie “Frozen” complete with popcorn and snacks. A magical moment came when the song “Let It Go” came on and all 197 girls sang along with the movie!

The holiday season is a time for family and friends. We share gifts, feast on turkey dinners, eggnog and gingerbread. Sadly, for some it is a time of hardship and loneliness. There are folks who need to know that someone cares. This is where Girl Guides really step up. In every district there were girls visiting senior centres with baked goods and Girl Guide cookies. They sang carols and helped make decorations. Some units worked at gathering donations of food and clothing for the needy, and another district knit teddy bears for Janece Place, a home away from home for families with children in medical care in Victoria.(see photo in this issue)

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**Nanaimo Arbutus:** Noreen Keen  
**Waters Edge:** Nancy Quist, Catherine Fritsch, Pat Mahon

*more from the commissioner:*

From Sparks to Rangers, Girl Guides have been sharing acts of kindness in their communities and bringing a bit of light into the lives of others. One of my favourite quotes by Mya Angelou comes to mind:

“People will not remember what you said. People will not remember what you did. But people WILL remember how you made them feel”

I wish you all joy this holiday season and  
Peace on Earth in the New Year.

**Deanie Patten**

*Maybe Christmas,  
perhaps, doesn't come from a store;  
Maybe Christmas perhaps, means a  
little bit more.*

*With my favourite line from my favourite Christmas Story,  
I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas  
and a New Year filled with joy.*

*Lynn Reeve  
LogJam Editor*

***Next Deadline for LogJam  
will be Friday, February 22nd, 2015  
send your submissions to lreeve@telus.net***

## Gone Home: *Anne Treacy*



### Adieu Our Friend And Colleague

A chance to know you better now remains in Vain  
We grieve our loss that you have passed on  
We know not your rite of passage  
A rite of passage we may not comprehend.

Life's journey where does it begin and where does it end?

Earthly wisdom may have earned you the rite of passage  
Or maybe your need away outweighed your need amongst us  
Something that we mortals may not comprehend

Remember us in your new abode  
As we remember you here on earth  
When our time is right, greet us with your endearing smile  
Adieu our friend and colleague until we meet again.

Anne's Guiding influence was her mother who also held many distinguished position in HER carrier as a Girl Guide. Therefore Anne has had a life long involvement with the Guiding movement AND across many countries. She started as a Brownie in Kent in UK. In 1945 they moved to Malta where she continued with Brownies and then on to Guiding. She was presented with her 1st class badge by Lady Baden Powell in Dec of 1948.

In 1951 they returned to UK and she was presented with her Queen's Guide badge by the World Guide , Miss Isabel Crowe. There after they moved to Hong Kong and she again got involved as a leader of a group of Chinese Guides. In her position as a Girl Guide and Guide leader she had the occasion to be present when dignitaries visited those countries. Somewhere along the line she got married and they moved to Canada in 1957. She lived in Toronto and again got involved with the Brownies as a Brown Owl. In 1966 they moved to Vancouver. She had 4 children by then I believe. Here too she continued with the Brownies. I am not quite sure when they moved to Vancouver Island where again she continued her involvement with the Brownies and Guides. She was a founding member of our Dogwood Trefoil Guild which is an extension of the Girl Guide movement. I met Anne in 2001 at a Brownie event in Chemainus after I moved here from AB. that summer. We introduced each others and found out that we both had been Queen's Guides and an immediate bond developed and I joined the Trefoil Guild in that fall, she was my first friend here and we remained friends since. She attended every National Gathering and we have shared many camping trips and have travelled across the country together attending various events, shared a lot of laughs singing and having fun. She travelled to India for a Girl Guide event with 3 other members of our Guild this past Feb. Following this trip she participated in many presentations of their trip with enthusiasm. Her last meeting was on the 23rd of June of this year in Coombes where she was honoured with a cake and flowers for her 20 yrs of being in the Trefoil. I have no doubt that if she is able she is likely organizing a Guild in her new world. We love you Anne and we will miss you dear friend and colleague.

### The poems

are from a book called "A Mind's Eye" A Vision into the Depth of Consciousness by Dr. Kapasi. The first one is dedicated to Anne as our colleague. The second one to Anne's family

### Is That God

In the quiet of my life I see with the eye of my soul  
My mind reaches places my eyes has not seen  
There is bliss in the unknown land  
Diffuse warmth of a different kind  
I am face to face with Him  
His light is in my soul, a million sparks all at once  
I am not afraid As I and He are one for one timeless moment.



The Guiders of Waters Edge have been busy knitting teddy bears for Janece Place in Victoria.

**Arrowsmith Rangers** at their first Service Project of the year, attending TD Tree Days at Humphrey Park in Parksville Sept 21. Pictured are Ginny Padraic, Susan Zutz and Janean Griffith.

They planted a Dogwood tree.



**Nanaimo Piper Pathfinders**

*spent a generally damp day cleaning up a section of Nanaimo roads. Yeh, we know this group shot was taken at the beach ... their assigned road ran along the waterfront.*

*Street cleanup in Nanaimo is not only a service project but also a fund raiser, as Nanaimo (other cities too?) pay groups for street clean up.*



Community Service is an integral part of Guiding. It would be wonderful to be able to do a page or two of service projects in each issue of LogJam. As well as giving recognition to the hard working Girls and Guiders, it may spark service ideas in other districts.

# Waters Edge Revel Rally



*The wonderful things that can be done with paracord.  
Above, making a dragon fly; below making bracelets.*



*Above, a class in self defense while right, girls skip for fun and fitness.*



*These are the orphans* ... photos sent in groups in an email and thus only identifiable by a very generic number put on them by the camera that took them. Some really great photos but sadly as part of a group they couldn't be identified individually.

*Please Please Please* send photos for LogJam, one photo per email.

