

The Log Jam

Winter 2017

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area



A Message from Barb Wood, our Area Commissioner

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone enjoyed a bit of a break from Guiding over the Christmas period and that you had the opportunity to spend it with family and friends. I also hope that you were able to spend some time enjoying the beauty of nature, especially as snow spread a blanket of white over the majority of our Area.

Our initial numbers are out and, with thanks to each of you, our registrations are up significantly! I am delighted that more and more girls are able to participate in the exciting programming being offered by our Guiders. We are heading into a busy time as the girls finish up their programs, work on challenges, and prepare for sleepover and camping activities. We have approximately 200 girls travelling to SOAR and our patrols are busy fundraising for this adventure in Smithers! I look forward

to meeting all of these girls at our Pre-SOAR Camp scheduled for the May 5-7th weekend at Camp Creina.

Our Annual Area Guider Gathering this year will be held on April 23rd at Vancouver Island University. It will be an honour to acknowledge the achievements of our Canada Cord and Gold Chief Commissioner's Award recipients, our bursary recipients, and our Guiders.

I have had the opportunity to attend several District Council meetings and a Trefoil meeting and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting more of the Guiders in our Area. Each individual's contribution to Guiding and their dedication is an inspiration to me. Thank you so much for all you do!

As I continually strive to improve communications within the Area I look forward to hearing from many of you on what we could be doing better. Our Area is a dynamic group of talented women and I love working with many of these women on Area Council. As we continue to evolve, I look forward to welcoming new members onto our Area Council as we look to replace District Commissioners for Campbell River, Malaspina Strait, Nanaimo Arbutus and a Co-Commissioner for Comox Valley; our Camping, Training, and Public Relations Advisers; and one of our Co-Property Advisers by June 1st.

2017 will be the year that we revise our Area website and we will be looking for your input on how to make this a dynamic site. The website survey will be distributed at the end of January and I encourage every Guider to participate so that we can improve its image and usefulness.

As Thinking Day approaches, I am sure many of you are busy planning activities to celebrate this special day in our organization. I will be attending the Provincial celebration at Guide House on February 19th and I look forward to seeing some of you there. Our Chief Commissioner, Pamela Rice, as well as members of BC Council, will be in attendance. Our organization has a rich heritage and a world-wide presence and this is a wonderful opportunity to share it with our girls.

Once again, my thanks to each of you for all you do to promote Guiding in Pacific Shores Area. It is my sincere hope that you continue to find personal value in your contribution to this wonderful organization and that your interactions with our girls bring you moments of joy and laughter!

Cumberland Pathfinders,

Adopt a Grandparent

Our 1st Cumberland Pathfinders Unit participated in a wonderful community service project led by third year Pathfinder Breanna Brosko. She organized an Adopt-A-Grandparent Christmas Tree. She connected with two seniors' homes in the Comox Valley and ended up with a list of more than sixty seniors who would otherwise not get a gift at Christmas. She made up tags for these seniors with a few gift ideas and placed them on a Christmas tree located at A&W on Cliffe Avenue in Courtenay. People could come and choose a tag for a specific senior and bring back a wrapped gift. Breanna picked up all of the gifts and the 1st Cumberland Pathfinders delivered them in time for Christmas!

It was an amazing experience that was well embraced by the community, the seniors, and the girls. They are excited to continue the project next year and beyond!

Powell River's multi-branch group,

from Kelly Creek, sang Christmas songs for the residents of a seniors' home in Powell River. Several of the Guides baked goodies and served them to the residents. The Sparks and Brownies made small gifts to give to the residents.



The Funseekers Trefoil Guild

Another year has come to an end with many memorable events. We always remember the unfortunate people especially in winter and around the holidays. Fun Seekers spent time in the fall to make scarfs, Wendy knitted over 50 pairs of slippers, for the less fortunate. We gave these out on December 3rd at the weekly distribution sponsored by the Manna Homeless Society.



Port Hardy Guides had a World Centres camp held at the North Coast Trail Backpackers where they earned the BC World Centres Crests, learned about Hosteling, met some German hostellers and also went to the beach to do some Land Art. At Halloween the Guides organized a party for our joint Sparks and Brownie unit. They baked goodies, made invitations and decorations and planned the games.



Beach Art In Port Hardy

The Arrowsmith Pathfinders & 2nd Parksville Guides

took part in TD Tree Days Oct 22/16 at Grandon Park in Qualicum Beach. Together with the Scouts and TD employees, we planted approx-500 trees and shrubs and plants at the park. Some of the items planted were maple trees, salmonberry bushes, salal bushes, cedar trees, ocean spray spirea and a few others I can't recall right now.



Arrowsmith Pathfinder Keira Holman
with her freshly planted maple tree at
Grandon Park in Qualicum Beach

Nesta Maude Ashworth, Silver Fish

A Guiding Life

Nesta Maude Ashworth was born August 13th, 1893. She had 2 older brothers and soon learned that girls were not as important as boys. She spent the rest of her life challenging that. If boys could ride their bikes recklessly, so could girls. If boys could be Scouts, so could girls. She joined the boy Scouts in 1908 and was one of the handful of girls who attended the rally at the Chrystal Palace ... the handful of girls who sparked the founding of Girls Guides.

She continued to challenge the notion of male supremacy and drove trucks during both World Wars. She came to British Columbia in 1950 and continued to be involved in Guiding.

Nesta's daughters, Margaret Spencer and Mary Ashworth, edited their mother's memoirs and had them published last year. Proceeds from the sale of the book go to the BC Provincial Council.

The book is available from a variety of on-line sources and at a variety of prices (all seem to be under \$15. Indigo has it in e-format. "May we suggest you Google it."

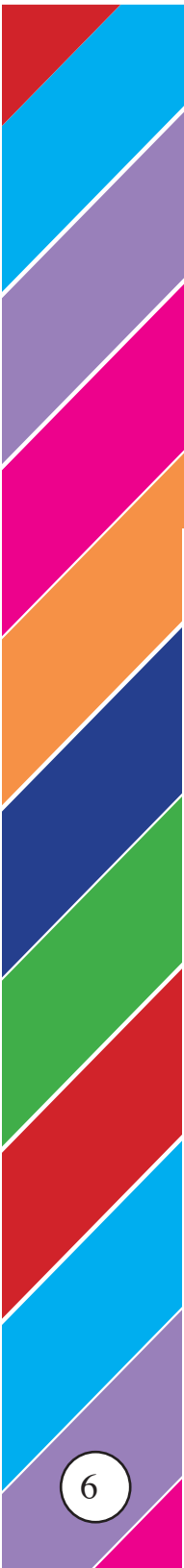


Margaret Spencer displays a copy of her mother's memoirs. "A really good read!!" seems to be the consensus of those who have read it.

3rd Wellington Guides Travel the World

This year the 3rd Wellington guides have a theme of "Guides Travel the World". Each activity/event is planned around a different country. As each girl participates in the event, she receives a stamp for her passport, which is the flag of that country. For example our enrollment was England, our Halloween party Mexico, our first sleep over Africa, and our Christmas party Germany, Russia, USA and Spain. For each event the girls learn some information about the country and do a craft/activity/game native to that country.





Rainbow Revelry

Michelle LeBrun said “there is a community meeting at Lighthouse Community Centre you should attend” and sent Cst. Scott Munro . He was a good sport, he went to all the stations and took crafts back to the detachment, and of course, a box of GG Cookies for making sure we were all safe J

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Brownie Adana Backe

Brownie Kate Anderson

TMBR Janean Griffith

Guide Olivia Moore

Spark Payton Duncan

Cst. Scott Munro

Pathfinder Keira Holman

Guide Ainsley Uren

Guide Cieara Bennett

Guider Cherryl Hossack



Deadline for the Spring Issue of LogJam will be Friday March 24th

Send your submissions to Lreeve@telus.net

Photos must be JPGs

Text can be in Word, Pages, or text

PDFs will not be excepted.

But don't wait for deadline send things in as soon as you have them. We don't forget as much that way LOL

1st Nanaimo Piper Pathfinders, Erin Murphy and Jordan Handlen, honouring our Veterans at their Remembrance Day School Assembly.

1st Wellington Brownies held a Career Night!!

Thought you might be interested in taking a look at our 1st Wellington Brownies "Career Night" as we continue to work on the Key to My Community.

From an Artist to a Gymnast, a designer to a Lifeguard - us Brownies had a successful evening.

Hopefully these girls will grow up to have careers as much fun as they look to be having here.



The Boomers' Trefoil Guild went Bowling

at Brechin Lanes, Nanaimo one cool, dry evening in November. Some bowled 2 games, some only 1 and some came just to cheer! We even got some STRIKES! Good fun for all!

Boomer Bowlers are: Back: Margaret-Rose DePagie, Iris Symon, Lori Collier, Lee-Ann Knight, Joy Mar, Jeannette Brooks, Deb Baker, Roberta Peterson; Front: Sylvia Buchner, Candace Tarr, Deanie Patten & Deb Keating.

