

# The LogJam

Winter 2020

Girl Guides of Canada Pacific Shores Area

## Lunch with the BC Commissioner

It was a sunny morning on February 8, 2020. Nineteen wonderful volunteers took advantage of the opportunity to have lunch with the energetic BC Provincial Commissioner Diamond Isinger. Each Guider had an opportunity to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns with her. She listened to the guiders as they shared their vision of the future of Girl Guides. One path-finder was brave enough to share her time with many seasoned veterans.

The topics of conversation varied from informative to controversial. The topic of unified banking was discussed. It was assured that there will be training before it is implemented. I asked if she could assist with a letter to take to venue possibilities. One of the greatest challenges is finding a location for weekly meetings. A few leaders asked about finding new leaders, Diamond referred to several studies that have shown that it is personal connection that draws in the most leaders. Leaders stay with units when friendships are created. The very time sensitive topic of unit caps were discussed, many units sharing a variety of opinions. A few other conversation topics included registration reconciliation, EXPLORE (The event in Vancouver) and positions at the Provincial and National level. Pacific Shores Area was very lucky to have this very informal but personal lunch date with the BC Provincial Commissioner.

After lunch, the BC Commissioner presented at the Women's Health and Wellness Expo. Every person who was present to see the slide show was already a member of Girl Guides. It was not the audience she was hoping for. However, the presentation was both motivational and inspirational as it reminded us of the positive impact Girl Guides have on girls, adults, and the community. She outlined the many ways a person could volunteer with Girl Guides. Many ladies left the Expo feeling acknowledged for their hours of volunteer time. Diamond Isinger's message was very clear that every guider makes a deep positive impact on many girls' lives.



*Provincial Commissioner, Diamond Isinger, leads a discussion over lunch in Nanaimo.*





# *Pacific Shores Area Annual Guider Gathering & AGM*

**You are invited to help us celebrate 100 years of Brownies  
and to honour Guider and Girl Achievements**

**Sunday, April 19, 2020 - 11:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**Beban Park Social Centre Auditorium  
2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo**

**\$20.00 per person - Deadline April 1, 2020**

**All Districts and Trefoil Guilds are asked to contribute a basket to be raffled in support of  
CWFF and the Pacific Shores Area Bursary Fund**

**Districts and Trefoils Guilds to send names of those attending and any dietary restrictions to  
Oona & Sue – [psa.hurforddistrict@gmail.com](mailto:psa.hurforddistrict@gmail.com)  
Payment (cheques payable to 'Girl Guides of Canada') mailed to:  
Patti Salewski, 461 Montclair Drive, Nanaimo, BC V9R 7C2**



## 1st Northfield Brownies Provide Warmth over the Holiday Season

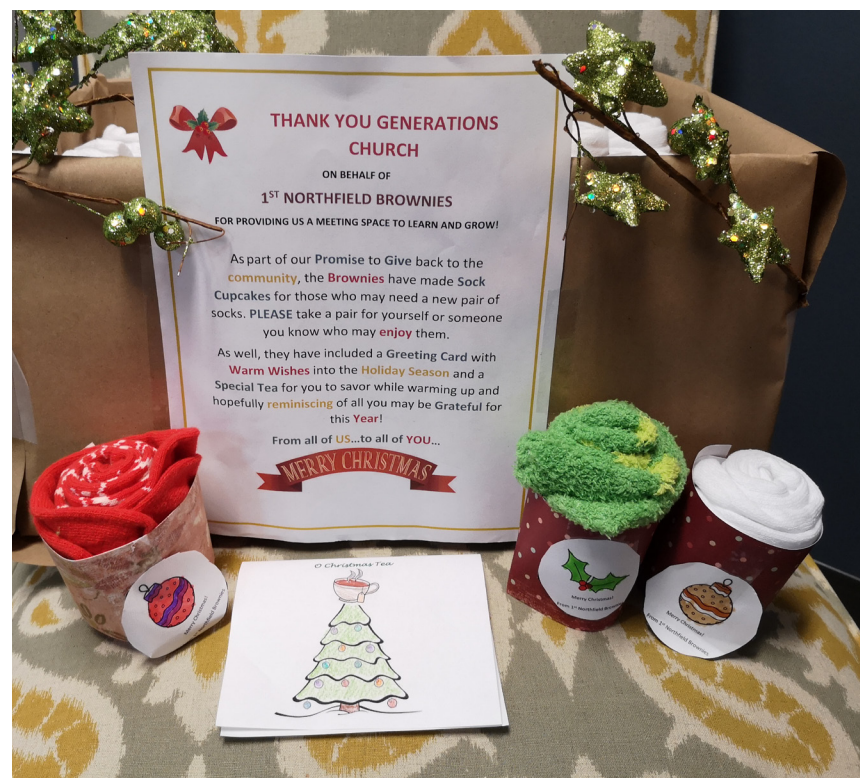
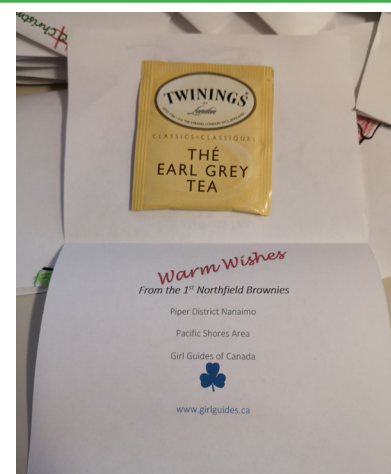
1st Northfield Brownies were proud of their community project just before Christmas. They made cupcake socks and Christmas “tea” cards which they gave to the less fortunate. The church where they meet was hosting a Christmas dinner for the community and they decided to contribute as a thank you for providing their meeting space during the year. 100 cards and over 100 socks were donated in total. It was a great way to help teach about the realities of homelessness, giving, creative crafting and bringing the spirit of the holidays to those who otherwise may not have had anything given to them at this time of year. Plus who doesn’t love a fresh pair of socks and warm tea?!

They also collected food for Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.

*Photo right, a Christmas card with a tea bag to make the wishes extra warm. Below right, a thank you to the church, some of their cupcake socks, and a card. Bottom left, the girls with their contributions to Loaves and Fishes Food Bank*

## Camp Creina Spring Clean Up

Sunday, March 29th, 2020,  
10:00-2:00.







Chemainus Guide Lennon Littlejohn, shows off her dad, RCMP officer Morgan Littlejohn, at the Remembrance Day ceremonies at her school. The young man on the right is her little brother.

## An Anonymous Donation to Cedar Sparks



Cedar Sparks had an anonymous community member buy 19 cases of cookies then turn around and asked if we could donate them to the local food bank!

We had a meeting at the food bank for the girls to learn more about what happened there and what services were offered. It was amazing.

# Everything she wants to be.



## Salt Spring Island's Annual Bridging Event

All Units on Salt Spring Island get together before Christmas each year to make christmas centerpieces and cards for meals on wheels. Two Guiders Gail Temmel and Kelly James got together before the event to cut and peices needed for the crafts.

On Party Day, the Guides worked on the centre pieces while the Sparks and Brownies made the Christmas Cards. The Pathfinders helped out as needed .... using the hot glue guns for one thing.

The pine cones, styrofoam, and corks were all free. We had the pom poms, googly eyes, tinsel pipe cleaners and cotton balls in our craft supplies, and we bought the sparkly decorations, glitter glue and candy canes to add.

The photos are what they created that day.



## 1st Chemainus Brownies meet Kris Kringle!



1st Chemainus Brownies enjoyed a buffet and theatre experience at Chemainus Theatre's production of 'Miracle on 34th Street'. They had a meet and greet with the cast after the show! Here is a photo op with 'Kris Kringle'!



# *What a mess!!! So much Fun!!*

1st Oceanview Pathfinders invited  
their friends in 2nd Arrowsmith  
Pathfinders and 2nd Parksville  
Guides for splatter painting.

No one left clean.  
All left with smiles.



*Molly W, 1st Oceanview Guides*



*Aaliyah A, 2nd Arrowsmith Pathfinders (Parksville)*



*Georgia G and Arielle S,  
2nd Parksville Guides*



*Grace M, 1st Oceanview Pathfinders  
(Lantzville)*



*Mary F, Grace M, Molly W,  
1st Oceanview Pathfinders*