

### Editorial

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Coey and I have spent most of my working life at the University of Victoria. I started in the Student Union in the late sixties and over the next few decades, slowly worked my way around the ring, ending up in the Office of the Admin Registrar working on the Undergraduate and Graduate Calendar curriculum changes. Like most of you, I consider the university to be my community and I am happy to help with the UVRA newsletter. Taking over these duties from Helen Kempster is somewhat daunting. All graduating students would have encountered Helen who had been Manager of Ceremonies and Special Events since 1983; she had a reassuring touch at Convocation and her firm commitment to the importance of ceremony made sure graduates and their families knew the value of achievement. Helen's contribution to the University as well as her sterling editing skills for the

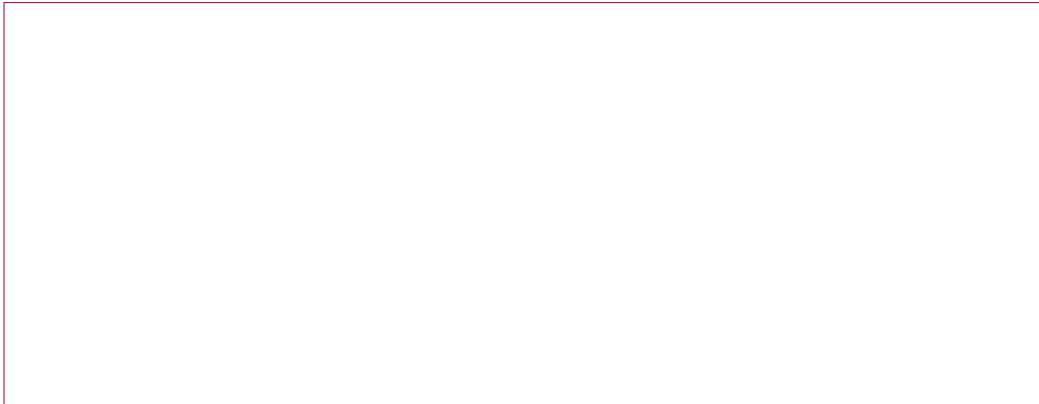
UVRA Newsletter is second to none. Her energy and expertise will be missed but we are fortunate that we can call on Helen from time to time for some updates on her current activities.

### Bits from the Board

Changes: The Executive Board regrettably accepted the resignations of three people who have made major contributions to the UVRA over many years.

**Marie Elliott** indicated her wish to be relieved of her position as Secretary after several years of organizing the office volunteers and keeping the filing, records, organized and up to date as well as keeping members informed. Marie leaves us to focus on writing and planning her fifth and sixth books on the history of British Columbia. We wish her well and great success with her writing and other interests.

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## In Memoriam

### Bill Bender

The first Director of Personnel at UVic, Bill was one of the founding members of the UVRA and author of our Constitution and By-Laws in 1994. Bill passed away on May 15, 2009.

### Oliver Burton Kurth

**Fred Fischer** resigned as Chair from the Benefits Committee having been a founding member and key planner of the benefits currently available to the membership of the UVRA. We hope he will continue as an advisor and consultant to the organization and are saddened to have him leave the board, and wish him the very best with new projects and activities.

**Helen Kempster** asked to be replaced as Webster and Newsletter Editor. Helen has contributed much to the communication arm of UVRA for many years. Most recently, she assisted with preparation of our information pamphlet; Helen was also webmaster and acting chair for the Events Committee. Her insight, sense of humour, attention to detail and skillful writing will be greatly missed. We wish her well with the new projects she is undertaking and hope she will be available as a consultant to incoming board members.

The board is delighted to welcome Elizabeth Coey as the new Editor of our newsletter *Grey Matters*. Similarly, we are very pleased to welcome David Clode who was chosen by the Benefits Committee to be its chair. We are fortunate to have Sharon Crumly, who has agreed to take over the responsibilities of Supervisor of the office volunteers and Wendy Leyland, who has taken over the position of Secretary. Judy Cryderman has very kindly agreed to serve as webmaster and is chair of the Communications Committee. We are deeply grateful to Judy and her committee for overseeing the installation and set up of the new UVRA office computer and website. The website has been

coordinated to be consistent with the new website for the University of Victoria. Members are invited to explore it and make suggestions for the committee to consider.

We are seeking two members at large to fill board vacancies. Names and contact information of anyone interested will be welcomed at [uvra@uvic.ca](mailto:uvra@uvic.ca) or [web.uvic.ca/retirees](http://web.uvic.ca/retirees) or 250-472-4749.

## Board Members (Continued)

### Members at Large

Doug Alexander  
Sharon Crumly  
David Docherty  
Jim Pearce  
Joanne Thomas  
Beverly Timmons (Masterminds)

### Ex Officio Members

Peter Darling

## Items of Interest to Retirees

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research is seeking help in the following: Candrive, a Canadian research program aimed at improving the safety and quality of life of older drivers is now into its sixth year of activity. If you are interested in participating in this project or want more information,



## **Retirees in the News**

Dr. Louis Costa and Dr. Otfried Spreen  
(retired Professors of Psychology at UVic)  
both received the "Distinguished Career  
Award" from the International Neuropsychological Society in  
2008. Only 10 members of the 5,000 plus Society received this



## **2009 Masterminds**

