

GREY MATTERS

University of Victoria Retirees' Association

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The President and members of the Executive Board offer. Just as the season means different things to different people so too are the ways we enjoy it. For many it is time for friends and family gatherings to wish each other well and share the joy of just being together. For others it is a time to remember those not so fortunate in life. Time, also, to relax and enjoy the many traditional offerings of the season – perhaps Christmas at Butchart Gardens, a Sing-a-long Messiah – the list is endless. Or, for those with a bit of “bah humbug” in their nature walking the beaches in warmer climes might be just the ticket. Whatever your taste or inclination – good wishes to all!!!

Bits from the Board:

Changes: There is one small change to the executive board. For personal reasons, Virginia Cummings has resigned as Member at Large. Thank you Virginia for your exemplary service to the Association first as Secretary for and then as Member at Large. We will miss you. We are delighted to welcome Sharon Crumly, formerly of Human Resources, as Virginia's replacement.

Privacy: The Board is very conscious of the need for privacy for our members. We do our utmost to protect the information you give us and constantly update our policies to look after your interests. We felt that it was timely to summarize the policy that has been developed over the years on the use of the personal information of a member and specifically how we respond to requests for contact information of a member. The policy is summarized below. A statement of

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Use of Personal Information

The UVRA uses personal information of our members, mainly contact information, gathered on application forms for membership, membership renewal and benefits, exclusively for the purposes of the Association. These purposes include the distribution of the newsletter and other information which may be of interest to members. Occasionally, we provide subsets of our database to campus departments for the purpose of assisting with the organization of social or academic functions that include UVRA members. A list of the names of members, but without contact information, is available to members on the UVRA website.

In addition, names and addresses of members are made available to Johnson Inc., for the sole purpose of distributing information about ENOT to give this information. Instead, the member is informed of the request and the member can then respond as he or she wishes.

New University Identity Management System

The University is introducing a new system for identifying people associated with the University, the Identity Management System (IDMS). This will include the existing personal records of all



June - Day Trip and Lunch,

June - Annual General Meeting

**WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN
THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

*Feedback and/or suggestions for future
events: uvra@uvic.ca, 472-4749.*

*UVRA Events Committee: Trudy Byers, Jim
Currie, Isobel Dawson, Jean Whiffin.*

Masterminds: Mark your calendar for
the 2008 Masterminds Lecture Series. The
following is the lineup of presenters and
their topics:

April 9: Dr. Nicholas Russell, heritage
buildings and their importance to Victoria.

April 16: Dr. Pat Roy, from exclusion to
inclusion of Japanese and Chinese Canadian
citizens.

April 23: Prof Juliana Saxton, reminiscence
theatre, applying theatre techniques to
stimulate memories of life experiences,
family histories, etc.

April 30: Dr. Paul West, pesticides, how to
avoid using contaminants and live with our
bugs.

May 7: Dr. David Sanborn Scott, hydrogen
fuel and climate change.

This promises to be a varied and exciting
program. More info in the next newsletter.

People in the News for 2007-2008

puter science students at the University of Victoria are teaching seniors how to use the Internet. In January 2008,