

UVic Retirees Association

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This has been another busy year with many successes and some frustrations. The 50th Anniversary Project, involving interviewing UVic Retirees and recording some transformative moments, was successfully completed and archived thanks to the efforts of Peter Liddell and

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This coming year will see many changes to the Board, but I am happy to report it is more a change of roles, or a caucus shuffle, than people stepping down. Peter Liddell has accepted the position of Vice President, and Walter Muir has kindly offered to serve as a member-at-large. Kathy Harris is turning over the role of treasurer to Rashna Charania. Cled Thomas will be taking on the mantle of Membership Chair. Earlier in the year, Linda Metters assumed the position of Secretary. Winona Pugh has stepped down from the position of Events Chair, but will continue on the Committee, as well as serve on the Board as a member-at-large. We are most grateful to Winona and Kathy for the fine work they did in their roles, and are happy they will continue to make important contributions to the UVRA. Unfortunately, we are losing the services of George Smith who has been our Membership Chair for a number of years as well as the voice of reason. We have also lost the valuable contribution of Peter Zingeler who has resigned from his position as editor of *Grey Matters!* We are indebted to Peter for all the work he has done in conjunction with Mel Klassen, in enhancing the look and content of the newsletter. We are also losing the services of David Turkington, Coordinator of Masterminds. He has done an outstanding job taking over this program from the success of Bev Timmons, and will leave a big gap for us to fill.

The Board has worked hard this past year on behalf of the members of the UVic Retirees Association, and pushed ahead with a number of initiatives. My thanks go to all the Board members for their work and commitment. Also, many thanks to the volunteers who help in so many ways, and without whose valuable contributions we would not be able to operate. We want to do more so if you have ideas about what we can and should be doing, and especially are interested in helping, we would love to hear from you. We are looking forward to this coming year and seeking ways to make the UVRA even more vibrant and active, and to serve you better.

Respectfully submitted.

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