



## Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club

# Newsletter

December 2016

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### Notices

1. **Christmas Party:** Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm – Potluck! Raffle and 50/50 draw for Big Brothers and Sisters. Bring item for Food Bank. See Executive News for details.
2. **Christmas Decorating Party:** Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon. This is a good time to bring any items for the raffle. Followed by chili-on-a-bun.
3. **Annual VCKC New Year's Day Paddle:** 10.30am on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> January at 10:30am. Bring your own boat or paddle in one of the Club's big canoes. Followed by potluck lunch. See Executive News for details.
4. **VCKC's Annual General Meeting:** The Annual General Meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**, which is the second Tuesday of January. Elections for the 2017 Executive will be held at this AGM.
5. **Paddle for the Kids 2017 is Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>. Kick-off paddle and brunch is Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.**

*NB: see calendar item on website for details; meet at the Clubhouse unless noted otherwise.*

### Executive News

Annual VCKC Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Raffle Donations

Our annual Big Brothers and Big Sisters fundraiser raffle needs your donations.

- Raffle items should be something you would give to a very dear friend or something you would dearly love to receive. (Skip the gifting of less desirable items.)
- If you have items you would like to contribute to the raffle please contact Mavis [mavispillar@gmail.com](mailto:mavispillar@gmail.com),

or bring them to the Decorating Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Decorating Party

Get into the Christmas spirit early by joining the Decorating Party at the clubhouse on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon. (It's a fun way to volunteer!) This is also a good time to bring any items for the raffle.

With cold wintery type weather upon us, please dress appropriately when paddling. Consider an extra piece of dry clothing to add warmth when taking a break out on the water.

### The Christmas Party

#### Things to Bring

1. It's a potluck: make a food donation to bring that you would share with your very dear friend and bring enough to fill you both up with a few leftovers. (If you're lucky, you'll get a taste of main course items and of dessert items.) For those of you who need structure: if last name starts with A to M, bring salads or main dishes, N to Z please bring appetizers, desserts or breads. Please identify possible dietary ingredients such as nuts, eggs, gluten, etc.
2. A libation of your choice (remember to drive safely).
3. Remember to bring an item for the VCKC donation to the Food Bank.
4. Your wallet (for raffle and 50/50 draw). The proceeds of the 50/50 draw and raffle go to support Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Arrive any time after 5:30 p.m., or earlier if you wish to help set up the kitchen. (This is another fun way to volunteer for your club!)

Buy your raffle and 50/50 draw tickets, drop tickets in buckets of your preferred raffle items and visit with friends.

Dinner starts about 6:00 p.m.

Later: Raffle draws and Christmas Carols.

## VCKC's 2017 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Tuesday of January. There will not be a General Meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Annual New Year's Day Paddle

January 1st, 2017 Meet at the Clubhouse at 10.30am on Sunday, 1st January. Bring your own boat or paddle in one of the Club's big canoes – Voyageur or OC-6. The boats will paddle in convoy up the Gorge to Portage Inlet then back to the Clubhouse for a potluck lunch. So bring all your Christmas season food and drink remnants and share them with your fellow members. After lunch, the Club's Christmas decorations will be coming down in preparation for the Annual General Meeting on January 10th, so plan to stay and help with that.

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### Fall Clean-up

Thanks to all of those club members who came out on the first Sat. in November for the fall house and grounds clean up. Threatening rain held off and a good job was done inside and out.

Sandy Rattray

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### Nominations for the VCKC 2017 Executive

Nominations (volunteers) are now being taken for executive positions for 2017. Please think about your interests, skills, knowledge, and determine whether you can support our club this way.

The benefits of being on the executive include productively contributing to the club's future, meeting more club members, and working with dedicated people who are directing the operations of our club.

Executive is actively searching for interested people to stand for the Outrigger Director, Education, Standards & Safety, Director at Large (Marine Trails Rep.), Newsletter Editor and Webmaster positions.

Please contact **Jean Chandler** at 250-727-6923 or [pastpres@vckc.ca](mailto:pastpres@vckc.ca) if you are interested in volunteering or know someone to nominate for any of these positions. If you would like to learn more about what the position entails, contact myself or anyone on the executive with whom you are comfortable and/or familiar.

Elections will be held at the January Annual General Meeting. It would be fun to have some voting for positions that have more than one nominee.

Jean Chandler

## Dragonboat Program Update



The dragon boat team is in its off-season but they haven't been idle. To keep busy they dropped in at Canadian Blood Services again and donated some more blood! After donating to save a life they met other members of the team for dinner and began planning for the 2017 season.



Let us know if you are interested in being part of this dynamic group of paddlers!

Paula Gough and Kim Capson

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## Outrigger Program Update

We now have a tentative date set for *Wake Up the Gorge*: Saturday, April 8th and Sunday, April 9th, 2017.

Our new Mirage OC6 is being built as we speak and we hope to get it early in the New Year. This new boat will certainly make it easier to move in and out of the water. It will feature our club colours and should look quite sharp.

As you probably already know, I am resigning from being the Outrigger Director. I will be able to help with the outrigger program and the new Director. Please consider this position for yourself, or even with another person. (Co-Directors seem to work quite successfully.)

Shawn Hamilton



Fall 2016 Club Cleanup

Photos by Wendy Clapp

## December 2016 Events Calendar

| Sunday                                         | Monday | Tuesday                                                | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 27<br>9:00 AM<br>Outrigger Coaching<br>Clinic  | 28     | 29                                                     | 30        | Dec 1    | 2      | 3        |
| 4<br>9:00 AM<br>Outrigger Coaching<br>Clinic   | 5      | 6<br>5:30 PM<br>Christmas Party-All<br>Members Welcome | 7         | 8        | 9      | 10       |
| 11                                             | 12     | 13<br>7:00 PM<br>Executive Meeting                     | 14        | 15       | 16     | 17       |
| 18                                             | 19     | 20                                                     | 21        | 22       | 23     | 24       |
| 25                                             | 26     | 27                                                     | 28        | 29       | 30     | 31       |
| Jan 1<br>10:30 Annual New<br>Year's Day Paddle | 2      | 3                                                      | 4         | 5        | 6      | 7        |

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