



Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club

Newsletter

January 2017

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Notices

1. **Time to renew VCKC membership and pay for storage spaces!**
2. **Annual VCKC New Year's Day Paddle:** Sunday, 1st January at 10:30am. Bring your own boat or paddle in one of the Club's big canoes. Followed by potluck lunch.
3. **VCKC's Annual General Meeting:** Our AGM will be held at **7:30** on **January 10th**, the 2nd Tuesday in January. This is an important meeting that all members should attend.
4. **Paddle for the Kids 2017 is Saturday April 1st. Kick-off paddle and brunch is Feb 19th.**
5. **Parking:** Please observe the signs near the club, especially the 4 spots near the **children's play area**.

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

Membership Renewals for 2017

All members should have received a reminder that 2017 renewals can now be processed, and how to login to your membership. When doing so, you can review the information you initially provided and make changes as necessary. Also this is where you read and acknowledge the waiver of liability, check off both boxes, and "save". Members renew the waiver each year.

Even if you wish to make your payment by cheque, please login to acknowledge this waiver. Otherwise you will need to fill in and sign a paper waiver to accompany your cheque. The cheque cannot be processed without the waiver.

For members who have a locker and/or boat storage, invoices will be issued soon and due forthwith.

Thanks, Muriel

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### VCKC 2017 Executive

Elections will be held at the January Annual General Meeting. Consider being on our 2017 executive. All executive positions are held for one year, although re-electing incumbents is often desirable.

Contact **Jean Chandler** at [pastpres@vckc.ca](mailto:pastpres@vckc.ca) or 250-727-6923 if you wish to volunteer or know someone to nominate. To learn more about a position, contact myself or any executive. (*See last page for positions*)

Jean Chandler

### Executive News

**AGM:** Key items are

1. Everyone must be a paid up member to vote, so renew one's membership on-line beforehand or come early to renew it at the meeting.
2. Items on the agenda will include approval of 2016 AGM, review of 2016 financial statements and approval of 2017 budget.
3. There will also be nominations and election of VCKC's 2017 Executive. All Executive positions, apart from that Past President, are up for election.

It was a full house at this year's Christmas Party. Excellent food, good cheer, and top-notch Sing-a-Long led by our own **Molly Hamilton**, and **Peter**, whom many will remember from previous years. Thank you to them both, to **Mavis Pillar** for organizing the club decorating party beforehand, the Raffle and 50/50 Draw which together raised \$428 to pass on to Big Brothers and Big Sisters. To **Wendy Clapp** and **Anne Ardiel** who organized the kitchen and all those who helped serve, wash up and all the bits and pieces that have to be done to put on functions for the rest of us to enjoy! Thank you to Wendy too for the photos (see below)!

It has been an interesting and enjoyable year as President. I have received a lot of help and support. I would like to thank all members of the club who volunteered in any capacity to help run the club.

Without you the club would not function. I'd also like to thank the Executive who, in their elected positions, have taken on extra responsibilities for the running of VCKC. Many are standing for re-election so that they can continue the work they've started in 2017. Some, however, will be stepping down: Joe Boyd (*Vice President*), Bon Lee (*Treasurer*), Jean Chandler (*Past President*), Shawn Hamilton (*Outrigger Program Director*), Tim Marks (*Voyageur Program Director*) The number of hours the four of you have put in for VCKC during your time on the Executive must be enormous. Thank you for all your hard work.

Thank you to Ron Crabtree (*Newsletter Editor*) and Victoria Mann (*Webmaster*) for trying to keep us well informed and computer media savvy.



We have donated \$1,797.00 to **Big Brothers and Big Sisters!** This money was raised from the Canada Day rides, the Christmas Party Raffle and 50/50 Draw, and Bottle Returns.

As well, we collected 110 lbs of dry goods at the Christmas Party; all provided to the **Mustard Seed**. Well Done VCKC!

I look forward to staying on the Executive for 2017 as Past President and to welcoming the new President.

Linda Thomson

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New Societies Act

At the December Executive meeting, Edmond Duggan, gave a succinct and clear summary of what the Executive will need to do to comply with the regulations in the new Societies Act for Non-profit Organizations that came into effect on November 28th 2016. This will require some rewriting of our Constitution and Bylaws, and will be a task for the incoming Executive. Thank you for your guidance, Edmond.

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## 2017 Canadian Voyageur Brigades

In celebration of Canada's 150th, VCKC is planning to participate in one or more Voyageur Brigades. Two of the most attractive Brigades are:

1. the Fort to Fort Brigade traveling from Fort St. James to Prince George on June 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>; and
2. the South Wind Brigade going from Kingston, ON to Ottawa June 24<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Planning for the Brigades has started, with details about river experience requirements, camping facilities etc. to follow. At this stage we need to know if you are

interested in one or both of these Brigades. Please self-register and be added to the mailing list by going to the home page of the website, under News.

Check out <http://voyageurbrigade.org/> for more info.

Jim Brackett and Joe Boyd

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Barkley Sound Trip

As an alternate to all the Big Canoes heading East this coming summer anyone looking for a real west coast experience should sign up for the ***Dancer's Barkley Sound trip!***

Plans are being formulated for a one week trip July 2-9 to include the Broken Islands and the Deer Group, including Bamfield. We are looking for 10 crew (hoping some GPS-capable... foggy days possible). The Pacific Dancer canoe is 35' long and super cool. It belongs to School District 61 but I am arranging to borrow it.

Park fees are waived next year on account of Parks Canada 150th celebrations so the cost of this awesome adventure should be minimal but there will be a \$100 deposit to secure your seat.

There will soon be a sign up available on the VCKC web site. For more info contact me.

Tim Marks

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## Outrigger Program Update

Please remember to dress warmly these days when paddling and carry spare dry clothing in a water-proof container.

Portage Inlet is seeing a fair bit of ice these days with the weather being so cold which makes it easy to damage the boats when trying to go through it. Please do not try to paddle through the ice.

I would like to say that the last two years as your outrigger director has been quite interesting and busy. I've had a lot of fun and learned a lot. As my term comes to an end, I would like to say thank you to everyone that has volunteered and made my job much easier than it might have been.

The New Year will bring some courses for the outrigger program, so read your emails, VCKC newsletter and club calendar.

Shawn Hamilton



## January 2017 Events Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                                            | Wednesday                                                  | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| Jan 1  | 2      | 3                                                  | 4                                                          | 5        | 6      | 7        |
| 8      | 9      | 10<br>7:30 PM<br>VCKC Annual General Meeting (AGM) | 11<br>5:30 PM<br>Voyageur program<br>PFTK planning meeting | 12       | 13     | 14       |
| 15     | 16     | 17<br>7:00 PM<br>Executive Meeting                 | 18<br>7:00 PM<br>GWI Steering Committee Meeting            | 19       | 20     | 21       |
| 22     | 23     | 24                                                 | 25                                                         | 26       | 27     | 28       |
| 29     | 30     | 31                                                 | Feb 1                                                      | 2        | 3      | 4        |
| 5      | 6      | 7<br>7:30 PM<br>VCKC General Meeting               | 8                                                          | 9        | 10     | 11       |

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