

QUARTERLY



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE WHERE WE HAVE CHOSEN TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY LIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE LEKWUNGEN-SPEAKING PEOPLE, KNOWN AS THE ESQUIMALT, SONGHEES, AND WSÁNEĆ FIRST NATIONS.

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Lynn Hillaby,
VENC
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Dame Vera Lynn, a much-loved British singer, recently passed away at age 103! One of her most popular songs, the one that touches me most, is 'We'll Meet Again'. This song really embodies our COVID life. We've all paused our lives and sheltered in our homes because it's what is best for our community. For some of us, this separation hasn't been too difficult but for others, especially newcomers already feeling a certain amount of isolation, life has been miserable. I wish I could tell you that our regular activities will resume soon, but I don't think anyone can accurately declare when. ✿ So... with everyone's health and safety in mind, our club is restarting very slowly. We will only arrange activities for small groups when it is prudent, and when leaders and hosts feel comfortable doing so. Meanwhile, we'll continue to socialize online and stay in touch. I encourage you to log on to our website, look at the membership list and reach out to one of us if you need anything. Catching up, sharing news or finding out what someone else is reading or watching can be a great break in a long day. Please don't be shy. We all joined this club to connect with people and make friends that we can reach out to when we really need them.

✿ In the beautiful words of Dame Lynn remember,

*We'll meet again
Don't know where, don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day
Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away.*

Sincerely, Lynn

Reminder

MEMBERSHIP EXTENDED UNTIL
AUGUST 31, 2021!

Due to COVID-19 curtailing most of our activities this spring and summer, the Executive has extended your membership to the end of August 2021. Subject to guidelines from Dr. Bonnie Henry, we may resume some limited activities in the coming months. In the meantime, the Executive will continue to meet via Zoom, the website will be updated as needed, and the Quarterly will continue to publish.

AGM RESULTS

Thanks to the 68 members who participated in our AGM by email. This is equivalent to the attendance we usually had at our traditional dinner meetings. The results of the voting were as follows:

- 1 Carried: Motion to accept the 2019 AGM Minutes
In Favour: 68 Against: 0
- 2 Carried: Motion to approve the change to Bylaw 11
In Favour: 66 Against: 2
- 3 Carried: Slate of Candidates for the 2020-2021 Executive
In Favour: 68 Against: 0

Subsequent to publishing the AGM agenda, the VENC Executive continued to recruit for vacant positions. We welcome Lynn Hillaby, who has volunteered to serve as President for the coming year.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Below are recent updates on the members website

- Job descriptions and list of Executive members have been updated. As a volunteer organization, serving on the Executive is a role that most members will perform, sooner or later.
- List of Activity Groups and Activity Group Leaders has been revised.
- The Quarterly menu choice displays the most recent edition, in the same format as the email distribution. If you prefer to use a PDF version, it is posted simultaneously in the Newsletter Archive, which can be opened from the pulldown menu.
- FAQ was updated to explain how to stop receiving Evites when you are away for an extended period.
- Bylaw I-1 has been updated, per the AGM vote.

IF YOU HAVE PARTICULAR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE FORWARD THEM TO VENCWEBMASTER@GMAIL.COM.

focus on activity groups

The **Leisurely Walking Group** has polled their members via Evite, and is planning an innovative way to restart their walks this summer. The **Potluck Group** has been enjoying virtual dinner chats using Evite. For more details about adapting these techniques for another group, please contact VENCCcommunications@gmail.com.

Update on Culture Seekers, Foodies and Travel & Getaways
Victoria and the Southern Island areas have lots to offer in the way of local food products, cultural activities and day trips or longer excursions.

Thank you! to departing Activity Leaders who helped members explore these opportunities:

- Emma Rickard & Lynda Wilson
Culture Seekers
- Christy Strach & Cathy Brighton
Foodies
- Carolyn King
Travel & Getaways

Unfortunately, these groups will not continue in the next year, unless you consider leading or co-leading one of them. Get the inside scoop from the former leader then contact the Activity Coordinator, Marianne Smith (250-208-5778 or VENCACTIVITY@GMAIL.COM) who will take it from there.

Want to start a new group? IF YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA FOR A VENC ACTIVITY, WHY NOT TAKE THE LEAD? SEE WHAT'S INVOLVED IN THE VENC WEBSITE ON THE ABOUT TAB. SELECT JOB DESCRIPTIONS>MEMBER ROLES>ACTIVITY LEADER. THEN CONTACT THE ACTIVITY COORDINATOR, MARIANNE SMITH (VENCACTIVITY@GMAIL.COM OR 250-608-5778).

