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**THE VICTORIA
HUMAN EXCHANGE
SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to our world, a world of
Friendship, where every
meeting of persons can be
an exchange of life's gifts -
a Human Exchange

Edition 108

January-March 2016

**YOU are invited to join us for our 24th Birthday Celebration
and Annual General Meeting**



**SATURDAY MAY 28th -
12.00pm to 2.00pm**

**at CHOWN PLACE HALL
3060 Harriet Rd.**

**Thanks to the generosity of the Chown
Place Fellowship**

**If possible, bring finger food & gift for
Gift table**

**As ours is a grass-roots Society, we
want several Directors who personally**

**know the challenges of poverty/unemployment/addiction/ mental illness, and who
have expertise to share.**

If you are willing to serve, please contact us at: Victoria: 778-533-0788 (Brian)

250-920-5056, (Patricia) 250-668-6008-in Nanaimo.

**We have redesigned our web-site—
please visit www.humanx.org to see the changes
and let us know what you think at our new domain email:
vhes@humanx.org**

Frank Hollett asked us to announce the Chown Place High Tea

Saturday May 7th 11.00am – 2.00pm Cost \$8.00

**Which will commemorate his wife Deidre (RIP) who always worked so hard for this
annual Chown Place Fellowship Fundraiser.**

Fran Thibeau House:

Aaron de Yaeger, our generous and friendly landlord, thanks for being so attentive to the needs and condition of your house that we live in.

St Vincent de Paul Conference-- Donna, Peter, Bob & all of our smiling & thoughtful friends.

At the Sidney Food Bank-- Bev & all of her kind & considerate staff/helpers.

Holy Trinity Church-- Val, Thea, Margaret & the members of the parish for making Christmas great for our very grateful Fellows!

Marks Work Warehouse, Doug Bateman, for gifts to the Sidney Houses.

John Bell, Councilman Tim Chad and all the Council members for your interest, concerns & support.

The Officers of the Sidney RCMP detachment for keeping us safe in a very kind manner.

Beacon Community Services-- Trisha, et al, for referring a great occupant to the VHSociety's Sidney men's house.

David S. Facilitator

Judy Thomas House:

Spring has finally sprung !!!! Judy Thomas House is busy, we have a full house and hope certain ones are healing now they live in a warm house, have a place to cook meals and stay clean, and feel a little like 'at home.' We are more than privileged to have a home, which we keep clean and anything that needs fixing we just tell our landord and it's fixed right away.

I would like to give Workwear World,(Doug Bateman) a huge Thank you for your generosity over the holidays—such a great clothing gift to each of us in need.

Also prayers, hugs and blessing for all those from St Vincent de Paul Conference, who went above and beyond, and equipped us with all the fixings of a wonderful Christmas dinner. I have asked them on a couple of occasions for clothing and/or household items, and they have always been there to help with used articles even a lawnmower... wonderful bunch of ladies who always have kind words and love and compassion for us. Thank you as well to Sandy and Jeanette Santarelli for the use of your house....Our home.

Agape Love to everyone involved in helping those who need it and even those who don't feel they are worthy of much. Thankyou Patricia for taking a stand many years ago and never giving up hope. I love you for that. Thankyou too from the bottom of my heart.

Erin B. Facilitator xoxoox💕💕

Many thanks to Patricia Sater, Erin's Mother who lives nearby, for always being there if a sudden need arises. Erin, special thanks for all you do to fill the needs of the women at the House. *Patricia*

SINCERE THANKS TO:

*We acknowledge the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia,
through a Direct Access Grant.*

- **The Sisters of St Ann** for invitation to apply for their funds through the **Victoria Foundation**.
- The **Knights of Columbus** and **Jack M.** for continued support for McGivney House.
- **Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Christian charities fund/operating fund & Gordon Head United Church** for generous annual donation.
- **St Vincent de Paul Society ; Social Concern office** for Christmas gifts for seniors; **Salvation Army Family Services** for toys for children; **Cob's Bakery** for buns and bread and **Country Grocer** for finger food and thank to **Wes M.** for pick for our Christmas Party. **Gordon P.** for many stuffies!! The 3 piece band who entertained us – thanks to **Patti** for arranging this treat and **Stephen Glanville** for travelling from SSI to entertain with his guitar.
- **District of Central Saanich** and **Town of Sidney** for inviting us to apply for funds for 2016-2017.
- **Furniture and household goods** from **Gail and Jon M. and anonymous donors**.
- Financial gifts from **Lois M. and Anonymous** (monthly donations); **Frank Hollett** for funds he raised himself; **Elizabeth O; Rex B.--** in memory of **Betty B.; Aideen L.; Marjorie L.; Ted & Josie N.; Bernadette L. and Saunders Subaru** for supporting our work at Christmas time.
- All who give through **Canada Helps- Mark S., Vikki M., Kathy T., Susan D., and others. Naden Military Band; Superannuates—through United Way. Provincial Employees** through designated **Community Service** funds . Our ID is **DC1077**
- Thanks to **all our generous Landlords**. Appreciation to all our **volunteer Facilitators and Board members and to all those who wrote testimonial letters**.
- **Wes M. & Battery Doctor & Robert L. and mechanis friend** for for assisting with Society vehicle.
- **Paola, Brian, Patti. Shane and Lee** for much work behind the scenes.
- **Frank H. Patti R** for arranging to have a band play at our Christmas Party
 - Thanks to all who use **Thrifty Smile Cards** and so give to us through shopping. Thanks **Thrifty Foods**.

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Go to our Homepage on our web-site www.humanx.org

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Mail DONATIONS to Victoria Human Exchange Society:

709 Yates St, Box 8534 – Victoria Main Post Office, Victoria BC - V8W 3S1

And donate by using the Canada Helps button on the Home page of our Web-site.



HOUSE REPORTS cont:

Plenty to report from **Charlie Pyott** for February...

I am settling in, getting to know the guys better everyday. There was an issue with plumbing in the upstairs bathroom, toilet getting plugged or not flushing thoroughly; that has been resolved with the assistance of Robert Lovely and Kirk. Flushing is back to normal. We also recently dealt with a pest problem in the form of bed bugs. Quickly reported by Robert in Charlie Pyott house and acted upon swiftly to arrange for spraying of rooms and house. All residents prepared their rooms and common areas in ways that exceeded the bug guy's expectations. No Further sightings or experiences of being bitten have been reported. Follow up inspection due on March 3rd. And finally Brian B. has been accepted for housing subsidy through CASH—Housing search.. Another success story!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to fulfill this responsibility as facilitator at Charlie Pyott. Have a wonderful day! Hope I got that right... I also hope you are not still reading at this point. If you are, you can stop now.

Lee

At **McGivney House**, Shane C. is doing great at University with his courses and is not neglecting his meetings. Kevin T. is working part time and going to a lot of meetings. Mark G. is looking for housing and doing well. And George is moving in tomorrow.

I also have a gentleman moving in on the 15th from Treatment on the mainland. Cowboy has done an excellent job painting the whole house. The owner, Ken Gibson, is very pleased with his work. I will be putting in new carpet in Kevin's room this week.

We want to thank Ken for working with us on maintenance tasks at both houses..He will arrange for the outside of the Houses to be painted as they have not been done for 15 years.

Brian.

ACCOUNTANT NEEDED

Our long-time accountant Lina Beaudet is retiring from service in April 2016

We are seeking a qualified person to take over the monthly data processing and creation of Financial statements. The successful person should be familiar with reporting to the Gaming Commission on our use of funds from the Direct Access Grant.

This is a paid position.

Please contact Patricia: 250-920-5056

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IN MEMORIAM:

Yvette Buziak - 1934 -- 2016

Yvette volunteered at several of our Human Exchange Houses in Victoria and on Salt Spring Island.

In recent years she developed Alzheimer's and then stomach cancer which lead to her death on Jan.8th just 2 days before her 82nd birthday .

We send our sincere sympathy to her family and friends in their time of grief. The family will hold a celebration of life on Mayne Island in the summer.

Photo taken at Yvette's 80th Birthday celebration, 2014

