



# Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches

## GIFT EXCHANGE

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2011

Issue 63

### Christmas message from Judith at Bittancourt Manor



There is room for one more lady to join our household before the winter sets in. We have been sealing the windows and doors and putting up curtains to make the house snug and warm.

Thanks to **Neddy** and employee **John** for their help..

We enjoyed a "family meal" for Thanksgiving with kudos to

**Thrifty Foods and Copper Kettle** for turkey and all the trimmings.

I have always believed that 'charity begins at home' is a good sentiment, so I recommended to **The Prem Rawat Foundation**- a global group of which I am a member- that they make the **Victoria Human Exchange Society** a recipient of their annual **Golf Benefit** and so it was --with the first year being a great success. Thank you to all who supported this great effort. Thank you also to the **Anglican Church Outreach**; the **CWL** and especially the **Salt Spring Island Foundation** for all the support they have given to us during the year.

**The Blessings of the Season to all our volunteers and supporters.**

See next page for more acknowledgements.

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### GRANDMAS HOUSE

We are most grateful that the **Salt Spring Island Foundation** has offered to assist with the final work being done by the **Land Bank Society** on our renovated Grandma's House so that it will be ready in 2012 to again serve homeless males committed to being clean and sober. The roof and septic tank can now be completed and final work done on the new Facilitator's suite in the basement.

- We need to furnish the House so if anyone has **furniture, including single beds in good condition, or other household linens and items, please let us know by phoning our toll free pager 1-800-691-9366 or 1-250-920-5056.**
- These same contact numbers may be used to tell us that you need housing and would like to be interviewed /do Intake paperwork

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**

Let us know if you can spare time or have any expertise to share (especially financial.)

**Every Meeting of persons can be an exchange of life's gifts – a Human Exchange.**

**Sincere thanks to:**

- ◆ **Saltspring Island businesses** that assisted us in our fund raiser - Annual Golf Benefit.
- ◆ **Judith W.** for all her hard work and liaison with the global charity, TPRF.
- ◆ **Country Grocer** for funds from Grocery Tape program.
- ◆ **Thrifty Foods** meat manager for turkey for Thanksgiving and **Cherie G.** For trimmings!
- ◆ **Cydney of Duncan MHSD** for being so helpful and supportive.
- ◆ **Staff at the SSI Community Services** for active co-operation in referring homeless people.
- ◆ **Margaret B., Emily H., and Irene C.** who are always donating and giving warm support.
- ◆ **Macie P.** for your advocacy work and example of long suffering under adverse conditions
- ◆ **SSI Transition House** and **Teresa F** for networking with us in the cause of abused women.
- ◆ **All churches, businesses and individuals** who have supported us in any way.

**MAYNE ISLAND BRANCH - More Info: 250-539-5310**

- ◆ All who donated to the Silent Auction for the **Canadian Golf Benefit** in September, especially, **Caroline S.** for lovely silk screen; **Wayne T.** for whale and moon wood carving; **Michael G.** for 2 bottles of Wine from his business; **Pam S.**—Tree House for offer of B and B. Also **Jeff.** of **Active Pass Auto and Marine** and **Joyce K.** for both donating to Golf Ball Drop.
- ◆ **Ray and Elaine** for beautiful blankets and sets of linen. **Anonymous** donors.
- ◆ **Pat R.** for more blankets for people in our Esther's House in Nanaimo.
- ◆ **The Mayne Island Thrift store** for *very generous annual donation* and many useful gifts
- ◆ **Sylvia I.** for cukes and dill for pickling, straight from her wonderful garden.
- ◆ Financial assistance from **Yvette B.; Lazlo B.** and **chapel users.**
- ◆ Our Realtors: **Remax** and **Gulfport Realty** for photocopying and mail drop.
- ◆ **ALEA** for generous service when needed; **MonicaWorks** for great work on our Web-site and for hosting it free. **Lina B.** for book-keeping services.

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**FACILITATORS ARE OFTEN NEEDED FOR OUR HOUSES**

**If you or someone you know need low-cost housing (\$325.00) and would like to donate a year or more to living with people in our houses and supporting them on their way to independence, please contact us for an interview and more details. 250-920-5056 or 250-857-3905**

**In the Gulf Islands, Monetary gifts should be mailed to:**

**VHES, Box 8534, Victoria BC V8W 3S1 & memo'd SSI or Mayne Branches**  
Email: [grandmas@saltspring.com](mailto:grandmas@saltspring.com) Outside Victoria : 1-800-691-9366

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