



Following the National and Provincial model, we have made significant changes to the structure of our area council. To ensure that all of our Area Members receive timely information we have created this newsletter "SVI News". You will receive one after every area meeting and special editions may be sent over the next months updating our members on 2010 events that will commemorate our 100th Anniversary.

The content will be pulled from the area minutes and reports and will contain time sensitive material. We will email all Guiders with a valid email address. Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to our members who do not have email capabilities.

SVI Area Updates

We are happy to announce our new Area Council Members:

- Co-Program Advisers, Marilyn Maggiora and Tamara Fraser
- Area Camp Adviser, Susan Zedel
- PR Adviser, Lynda Ireland
- Ranger Liaison, Judy Macquarrie
- Camas Co-commissioners, Jenn McFarlane and Cyn Witty
- Pacific Skies, Co-commissioners, Adrienne Blandford, Sandy Fisher and Wendy Halpen



Nominations have gone out for Area Training Adviser and Treasurer. If you would like to nominate someone for any of these positions email svicommissioners@gmail.com.

SVI Area thanks everyone for your efforts in cookie selling this campaign, if you are looking for more cases, Area has 20 available.

The **Legacy Committee** was struck to use the funds from Divisions, now dissolved, which have been accumulated by past and current members to create a project or projects that will be a legacy into the future, and will benefit current and future members of Guiding in SVI. Terms of Reference were approved at the Area meeting. Look to the upcoming issue of the Lamplighter for information on the fund and a form for submission of proposals. This is your opportunity to help create a lasting memorial to our division history here in SVI.

2010 Updates

Memories and More—a motion was passed for SVI Area to provide transportation support to members attending the event. More details to come. **Reminder:** Registrations are due to Province by December 15. Email Noreen.Dragani@ufv.ca then send hard copies by mail (see pipeline for address).



Every Guider in the Area will very shortly receive further information from our Area Liaison Olive Brown at oliveb@uniserve.com to supplement what is in the Pipeline article. Along with SVI detailed SG.1 and SG.2 forms including emergency contact information. Please contact Olive with your questions or concerns or if you choose to contact the Memories and More committee directly could you please copy Olive on the email.



World Thinking Day Food Drive!

OUR GOAL—to have each unit collect 100 non-perishable food items for their local food bank in coordination with the World Thinking

Day theme, *girls worldwide say "together we can end extreme poverty and hunger"*. On February 21, 2010 from 10 am–2 pm here in SVI we will be holding regional food drives at locations in Greater Victoria, Peninsula and Westshore. Details to follow!

SVI Area 2010 Event, September 25, 2010—Area will be sending out a survey asking for your option on whether to make this event a sleepover or a full day event.

100th Anniversary Media Launch, Saturday, January 16, 2010

—our event will coincide with similar ones across the country on this day. Invitations to media and dignitaries will be sent and we hope to have a good turnout of the invited public as we showcase Guiding over the last 100 years. **How can you help?** We are asking for some Guider and girl participation—details are in the Lamplighter. Archives displays will be prominent and there will be some ceremonial speeches, ribbon and cake cutting planned. As much as we would like to open up our Media Launch day to the whole SVI membership, due to space limitations at Guide House, we are unable to do so.





Centenary Community Ad in Times Colonist—We will need help from our membership with our full page Times Colonist promotional page. We will be approaching the many businesses and service providers with whom we associate and asking for their financial support in exchange for a small print ad. If your District has an association with a particular business or company, please let us know and we will include them on our contact list. Please do not contact them yourself as we have a specific letter to send. Or perhaps Guiders or families have their own business and would like to support this venture. Please contact us at girलगuidespr@gmail.com with the details. The deadline for this information to reach us is **December 15, 2009** (this request is also in the upcoming Lamplighter).

Public Relations

Victoria Day Parade, Monday, May 24—100

years? How do we show 100 years of Guiding in a parade or on a parade float? If you have the perfect idea(s)—please email svigirलगuides@uniserve.com.



Vancouver Island Baby Fair—a successful service project but very difficult to recruit volunteers to work at the booth. We needed girls for this project and had only one response from Rangers in spite of requesting in May, August and September. Thankfully, some of the SS Trex girls stepped up and there were several adult members who can always be relied upon to help in a pinch. Thanks to all of them. However, it is a concern that this project cannot continue without significant support from the membership. We are providing a service while promoting to young parents the benefits of membership in our organization.



SVI has once again entered a tree in the “**Festival of Trees**” at the Empress Hotel.

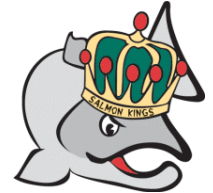
You can visit our tree and Vote for us there!

Royal Visit—this opportunity came up very suddenly (this is apparently the usual procedure with Government protocol) and we had to gather a group of greeters in very short order. Our criteria of having a mix of ages as well as Area-wide representation was met by the deadline we had to set. Our 27 greeters group ended up donning the BC Girl Guides ponchos due to the terrible weather and in the end made a great presence as we took our places near the presentation stage. Our arrival was noted

and subsequently commented upon by the many dignitaries waiting inside the Legislature. We have reason to be very proud of the all participants ~ truly “showed our colours” and thank everyone for their cooperation.

Guide—Scout Hockey Night!—

Join us for the Victoria Salmon Kings vs. Utah Grizzlies game on Friday, February 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Check the Lamplighter for ticketing and crest information.



Disney's **The Lion King** is coming to Vancouver. Group tickets are now on sale. Organize a group of 20+ to receive the following benefits for Girl Guides of BC: Priority seating, special Lion King patch, study guides plus your group will be entered to win fun show merchandise for your entire group. Call today: 1.800.889.8457 or by email canada.groups@broadwayacrosscanada.ca

Camp

Some districts currently do not have a Camping Adviser. We encourage qualified keen Guiders in your districts to consider this role. Camping advisers must have either OAL Path or Trail recognition.

At Camp Jubilee, there has been lots of work being done to repair the damage from the January 2009 storms. The majority of the large jobs have been completed, but there are more repairs and maintenance yet to be done. Jubilee will be ready for camping in spring 2010 and the Jubilee 50 year celebration.

Awards

Check SVI, National and Provincial websites for scholarship application forms and deadlines.

International

International Night was well attended. Wonderful presentations and displays from **Sharon Lohr** (New Zealand), **Carenza Stevens** and **Sara Herbert** (Colors of the World), **Wendy Halpen**, **Melinda deGroot** and girls (Russia/Denmark) as well as **Mary Meyers** and **Linda Callander** (New York)—Thank you to everyone who participated.