



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.

All issues of the SVI News can be found on our website ([www.svigailguides.bc.ca](http://www.svigailguides.bc.ca)) under "Guiding in SVI".

## SVI Area Announcements

- **Susan Zedel** has accepted the position of Area Camp Adviser
- **Teri Craig** was offered and accepted a two year extension to her Area International Adviser position
- **Judy Macquarrie** has accepted the position Area Ranger Liaison
- **Adrienne Blandford, Sandy Fisher and Wendy Halpen** are Co-commissioners for Pacific Skies District
- **Jen McFarlane and Cyn Witty** are Co-commissioners for Camas District
- **Selina Kuyp** received second place for the 2009 National Photo Contest

## World Thinking Day Food Drive



Locations have been booked and contact people are in place! Join us as we raise food for our local food banks.

How can you help? Your unit can raise food and bring it to one of the events listed below; your unit can put the word out to family and friends to bring their food to the location; you can contact one of the locations below to come and help out for a while at the location. Area will be circulating an information sheet that can be sent home with the girls.

Location	Guiding Contact
<b>Village Foods and Western Foods, Sooke (Harbours District)</b>	Gillian Hurwood <a href="mailto:ellhurwood@shaw.ca">ellhurwood@shaw.ca</a>
<b>Millstream Centre Mall, Westshore, Pacific Skies District</b>	Wendy Halpen <a href="mailto:w-halpen@shaw.ca">w-halpen@shaw.ca</a>
<b>Royal Canadian Legion on Station Rd, Langford (Straits District)</b>	Trudine Wilson <a href="mailto:tandwcampandcomish@shaw.ca">tandwcampandcomish@shaw.ca</a>
<b>Sidney Lions Food Bank, (Peninsula Shores/ Woodwyn Districts)</b>	Jacky Stevens <a href="mailto:careenza@telus.net">careenza@telus.net</a>
<b>Tillicum Mall</b>	Teri Craig <a href="mailto:tericraig1@shaw.ca">tericraig1@shaw.ca</a>
<b>Hillside Mall</b>	Darcy Wyllie <a href="mailto:drkwng19@shaw.ca">drkwng19@shaw.ca</a>
<b>Mayfair Mall</b>	Tanya Wyllie <a href="mailto:aynat141@hotmail.com">aynat141@hotmail.com</a>



## 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.

## The Lion King

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](mailto:canada.groups@broadwayacrosscanada.ca). Your District Commissioner has a handout all the information.



## Exciting New Team Wants YOU!



There is a new Team in SVI and we're looking for individuals to join us. Not looking for commitment? How about joining for a couple of months, taking on a "joblet" then taking off? If this

sounds like a dream come true then you need to be part of the Area Special Events committee! This year our main focus is on 2010 events, especially our September 25 finale where we need Guiders or Districts to take on program activities, provide music and entertainment, MC the event and coordinate food and site services. We meet casually once a month over appy's. If you'd like some information contact Nancy Pryce at [nancy.pryce@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.pryce@gmail.com).

## Memories and More

Applications for bus transportation arranged by SVI Area will be circulated by email in the next week.

## Awards

Check SVI, National and Provincial websites for scholarship application forms and deadlines. If you would like a Merit award presented at this year's AGM you must have your application in by March 1, 2010. Send to Awards c/o Guide House.



## Quickstart Membership Guide

A new Quickstart Membership Guide has been created, your District Commissioner has hard copies as well as an electronic version.

## Fundraising Form and Guidelines

A new fundraising form and guidelines were created at the provincial level and all fundraising requests must be submitted on this form to the parent council for approval before any fundraising has started. Please ask your District Commissioner for a copy before requesting permission for fundraiser.

## Gift of Guiding

The Gift of Guiding Fund was created in honour of the former BC Provincial Commissioner, Judy Maurice to provide support to those girls and women who require financial assistance. To date, nine Members have received funds. The funds have gone towards registration fees, camp fees and uniform.

An Information sheet and application form were distributed to Area Council. Your District Commissioner has copies.

## Birthday Certificate

A special certificate will be produced for members turning 100 this year. District Commissioners are asked to advise their Area Liaison of anyone in their district that this applies to so that the certificate can be created at National. Birthday date and name will be needed.



## Window Clings

Window clings were launched at the Guiders at the Guider Conference in early November. They were distributed to your District Commissioners based on the number of Guiders in the area (in iMIS).

## Facebook



Units that have Facebook pages should not identify the girls on the pages. This includes "tagging" the girls in pictures.

