



From Everyone At Clay Tree Society



**We Wish You
All The Best
For 2018**



LETTER FROM THE ED

JANUARY 2018



Happy New Year to all of our members and friends, I hope that you had a happy and restful time over the holiday period.

2018 started at Clay Tree with some sad news at the passing of our dear friend Richard Ollenberger, he will be greatly missed and all are welcome to attend the celebration of Richard's life taking place at Clay Tree in the spring. I hope that you enjoy the tribute to Richard that is compiled in this newsletter. During the fall of 2017 many fund raising activities took place with Art from the Heart followed by the Christmas Craft Fair and Darryl's Head Shave, these were such wonderful events and so well attended. The Gala will be taking place on March 3rd 2018 and will be another star studded event, the Committee have been working non-stop for the past year and the Butterfly Ball looks set to be the best Gala ever. If you would like to donate any items for the silent auction or have any interest in the Gala then please call in and speak with Susan on ext.3.

I would like to introduce you to Craig McCarthy, the latest member of the Admin team. Craig is doing lots of work in reception and in the office, please call in and greet Craig and remember if you need any appointments made he is the person to organize that for you.

The participants Christmas Party took place in December at the Coast Bastion, we wanted to do something that reflected the 60th year at Clay Tree and they were certainly given the VIP treatment. Santa Clause arrived and gifts to all were distributed. Dan Dube and his band provided the music and there were some great movers on the dance floor for the afternoon. The sign language group did Christmas carols and it was beautiful, a really lovely day.

The interest groups have started to broaden their itineraries and also new groups such as the Sports group which are doing serious hikes, hitting the gym and the three months will end with a trip to Mount Washington, please look out for photos on Facebook and in the next newsletter. The new seniors program is finally starting during the next few weeks and Employment is doing well. Music Mix have visited the radio station and had a local well known rap artist Matt "Sirreal" Dunae in to spend time and interact with our participants. The Environmental group, Science and many other interest groups are packed with learning, activities, skills and service which assist our clients to lead full and interesting lives.

Please feel free to drop in to Open Door which is now every day between 3.00 – 3:30 p.m. and remember if you would like to make an appointment to see any of the team just give Craig a call at ext. 0

Here's to 2018 being the best year ever for Clay Tree.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenys".

MEMBERSHIP 2018

JANUARY 2018



Clay Tree Society 2018 Membership Application Form

Are you interested in becoming a member of Clay Tree Society?

We seek your support to help us to continue to provide quality programs and services to people with developmental disabilities in the Nanaimo and surrounding areas, as we have proudly done for the past 61 years.

Anyone can become a member of Clay Tree Society by simply completing the attached membership application form below, along with a contribution of your choice (payable to Clay Tree Society) *\$5.00 Minimum*

Clay Tree Society membership entitles you to vote at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and other special meetings that may be scheduled throughout the year.

* Membership must be in good standing thirty days prior to the date of the AGM in order to be eligible to vote*

Membership can be purchased at any time during the year, however it will expire on Dec 31st.

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Membership Form

2018

Clay Tree Society for People with Developmental Disabilities
838 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo, British Columbia V9R 6A1
Ph: 250-753-5322 Fax: 250-753-2749 email: claytree@shaw.ca

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Tel #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Amount \$_____ (\$5.00 minimum)

Cash or cheques accepted. Please make cheques payable to Clay Tree Society

Thank You
for your Support

BUTTERFLY BALL

JANUARY 2018



Presents

Butterfly Ball Gala Event

at the

Coast Bastion Ballroom
Downtown Nanaimo, BC

*Saturday March 3, 2018
5:30 p.m. - Midnight*

Fabulous Four Course Dinner
Dancing & Silent Auction

Early Bird tickets \$125.00 each
After December 1, 2017 tickets are \$150.00 each

For more information call 250-753-5322

EARTHQUAKE KITS

JANUARY 2018



Thank you!

To those caregivers who have updated and returned the participant earthquake kits that were sent home prior to Christmas.

These kits are a critical component of Clay Tree's emergency planning and preparedness.

For those caregivers who have not yet returned updated emergency kits (also referred to as "Grab & Go" bags) we ask that you do so as soon as possible. Please remember, as part of the Emergency Preparedness Checklist, that your signature is required on the document authorizing the release of the participant into the custody of the person you designate.

Also sent home at the same time was an envelope containing paperwork to update participant information. For those who have not provided the updated information sheets we request that they be returned as well.

If you have questions or concerns regarding either the Grab & Go bag or the information sheets, please contact reception.





Connections

Valentine's Day Celebration

10 AM - 3 PM

Cost: \$5.00

Lunch:

(Loaded) Pork Ribs &
Baked Potato

*Saturday 10th,
February 2018*

Quilting with Paper

Location Change

Please drop off at lower back entrance as we will be using the
Estevan Home Room



**RSVP
DEADLINE:
FEB 5, 2018**

REMEMBRANCE DAY

JANUARY 2018



Branch 10 Legion:



Bill, Chris, and Al from Branch 10 Legion came to Clay Tree to conduct a service for Remembrance Day and to join the participants and staff in the observance of a moment of silence.



Topics included in the discussion was the origin of the poem “In Flanders Field” by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. The background of the author and the reason it has been adopted as the official poem for Remembrance Day in Canada.

MUSIC MIX GUEST ARTISTS

JANUARY 2018



Sirreal is an original hip hop artist bringing hard hitting beats and lyrical talent to every performance. As an entertainer Sirreal knows how much hard work and dedication it takes to be one on Vancouver Islands' best. Born in Comox, BC and currently holding it down for Nanaimo, this hip hop phenomenon takes full advantage of today's technology wrangling his army of fans via internet, music videos, albums, concert promotions and constant hustle.



Bob Davies Swing Band



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Clay Tree Society would like to extend a grateful thanks to Country Grocer for their continued support.

Country Grocer has supported all our programs with generous donations.



Thank you to Slavah and his staff for supporting Clay Tree. The pizzas you donated greatly helped us recover some of our financial loss.



thank
you!



Thank you to our community partners: Boomer & Dave, Doug Cottle, and Gord Fuller for generating large donations to help recover our financial loss.



Richard Ollenberger

It is with sadness that we share the passing of our dear friend Richard Ollenberger on January 10th 2018.

Richard attended Clay Tree for over 50 years and experienced many wonderful programs over that time.

Clay Tree staff and participants wish to extend their heart-felt condolences to his brother Gerald his sister Barb, his extended family and friends.



Clay Tree Society invites you to a celebration of Richard's life on Sunday March 18th from 1pm-3pm at 838 Old Victoria Road.

Although light refreshments will be provided, a sharing plate would be welcome. If you wish to do so. If you would like further information please contact Susan Easter at Clay Tree Society on Ext 3.





Goal Achieved!

Congratulations Pat on obtaining your LifeSaver certificate through St. John Ambulance!



Chris has completed steps 1 thru 7 on her sewing project.

Great job Chris !



CHRISTMAS GALA

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On Monday, December 11/17, Clay Tree Society hosted a one-time only event, the Gala Christmas Party at the Coast Bastion Hotel.

Many individuals chose to dress up for the occasion in anticipation of a formal dinner and knowing Santa would be distributing presents to all those attending. Dan Dube and his band played non-stop and had everyone on the floor dancing. This special event continued to be the talk of town both at Clay Tree and in the community.



Participants enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner with all the fixings. Santa appeared to officiate the handing out of gifts as well as a photo shoot for each with him. It was an event they will cherish for a long time.

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Helping our People Excel

Introducing the New Hope Council...



George



Hannah



Ed



Michelle



David



Janice



Kathleen



Joanna

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 2018



Closures:

- Monday - February 12, 2018 - Family Day**
- Thursday - March 08 2018 - Staff Professional Training**
- Friday - March 30, 2018 - Good Friday**
- Monday - April 2, 2018 - Easter Monday**
- Monday - May 21, 2018 - Victoria Day**
- Monday - July 2, 2018 - Canada Day**
- Monday - August 6, 2018 - BC Day**
- Tuesday - Friday August 7-10th - Summer Closure**
- Monday - September 3, 2018 - Labour Day**
- Monday - October 8, 2018 - Thanksgiving**
- Monday - November 12, 2018 - Remembrance Day**
- Thursday - December 20, 2018 - Last day for Participants**

Events:

- Saturday - February 10 - Connections Valentines Day**
- Saturday - March 3, 2018 - Butterfly Ball Gala Event**
- Sunday - March 18, 2018 - Richard Ollenberger - Celebration of Life**

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