

LAKESHORE LINES

June, 2013

Free – and worth every cent!

Rev. Tracy Fairfield Called to Deer Lake

By Garry F

The congregational meeting held after worship on Sunday June 2nd brought an end to the uncertainty that Deer Lake has lived with since the resignation of Rev. Scott Turnbrook a year ago. To briefly recap the past year:

- On May 13th 2012 Scott resigned from Deer Lake effective July 29, 2012.
- On June 5th a search committee (Janice C, Bob C, Gloria F and Don S) was formed to find a minister for a short-term appointment.
- From July 28th to September 2nd services were led by a mix of ordained, student and lay ministry.
- On Sunday September 9th Rev. Tracy Fairfield began her ten-month short-term appointment at Deer Lake.
- On November 20th a Joint Needs Assessment Committee (Bob C, Elizabeth C, Barb D, Garry F, Cathy Milne and Trish S, plus Presbytery reps Rev. Leenane Shiels and Roger N) was struck to identify our requirements for a permanent minister.

- On January 27th 2013 the Deer Lake congregation accepted the JNAC report and recommendations, followed by Presbytery approval on February 12th.
- On February 24th at our AGM a Joint Search Committee (Janice C, Elizabeth C, Barb D, Trish S, Don S

and Tony W, plus Presbytery reps Rev. Leenane Shiels and Roger N) was approved to search for a permanent minister.

- On June 2nd a congregational meeting was held to hear and

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The Fourth Dimension steals the show at the April 26th fundraiser. (No, they're not calling Tracy.) See page 7 for more pictures.

Vision Statement

Deer Lake United Church welcomes you into a Christian community for all ages that explores and expresses spirituality through:

- worship and music
- fun and fellowship
- caring and outreach
- involvement and growth

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consider the recommendation of the JSC.

Approximately 70 people attended the congregational meeting on June 2nd. JSC chairperson Don S and his team eloquently summarized the background and process followed, and described the recommended candidate's traits. Anticipation rose until at last Don announced the name of the candidate unanimously recommended by the JSC: Rev. Tracy Fairfield.

The sanctuary erupted in applause. After a few questions, proceedings quickly moved on to a secret ballot vote on whether to accept the call and terms of employment. The voting process was very efficient and ensured that only full members of Deer Lake participated. Coffee time was interrupted shortly thereafter by a call back to the sanctuary for the result of the vote: Tracy would become our permanent minister.

It was a joyous and moving scene as Tracy thanked those gathered for their support. It was made even more special by the presence of her parents, visiting from Ottawa.

Congratulations, Tracy. Welcome as a permanent member of our Deer Lake family. May we all grow closer and stronger in faith as you lead us on our spiritual journey.

Rev. Tracy Fairfield surrounded by members of the Joint Search Committee.

From left to right:

Tony W, Rev. Leenane Shiels, Trish S, Rev. Tracy F, Barb D, Elizabeth C, Janice C, Don S.

Thank You from Tracy

Dear friends,

It has been a great ten months journeying with you all. There have been baptisms, funerals, dinners, games night, barbecues, garage sale, camping, retreats, communion, songs and lots more fun. It's been great! I seem to be using that word a lot lately, but it's the right word; things are great. It's also great news that you accepted the recommendation from the Joint Search Committee and voted that I stay on as your permanently called minister! I am delighted to stay with you and make our family connections even stronger.

From day one you've welcomed me, Penny, Tyler and Hunter without any reservation and with the utmost respect and enthusiasm. Some of you have helped keep the boys busy before church as I have a lot to do; some of you have kept the boys engaged after church, as I have a lot to do. Many of you have chatted with Penny, before and after church, as again, I have lots to do. You are friendly and welcoming and inclusive and authentic. This is why I feel called to stay here. Thank you.

I have enjoyed getting to know people better and getting more familiar with the community and the Burnaby churches. It's been hard commuting from Ladner, but it's exciting to see things fall into place. We are moving on June 24th to a house we've rented in North Burnaby, up the hill towards SFU. The boys are registered for school at Westridge. Penny's job moves from Richmond to Burnaby in the summer. Daycare has worked out and we bought a new car. Truly I must say the Spirit has a way of making things work out. My family is truly blessed. We are happy to make Burnaby our home and put down some roots.

Thank you so much for everything you've done so far and I look forward to the future we have together. So many ideas are percolating in my mind and I have a keen energy to move forward with enthusiasm and wonder. I hope we're all up for the journey.

Thanks again for your care and compassion over the last few months during the stressful time of deliberations and decisions. Now we can all breathe easy. Please enjoy the summer! It's a lighter time of year. I will be away a few Sundays with vacation and study leave, but rest assured, I will be back and I'm here to stay! AMEN! May it be so!

Peace,

Rev. Tracy



Youth Retreat

By Evan P

Over the weekend of May 3rd, numerous people from ages of 11-17 all came together at a wonderful place called Camp Jubilee. The Westminster Presbytery Youth and Young Adult Facilitator, Mary Nichol, brought many people together all throughout the Westminster Presbytery. Three children from Deer Lake United Church went: Andrew H, Erica McN, and Evan P. Camp Jubilee is located in Indian Arm, and is only accessible by a 20 minute boat ride from Deep Cove.



It was loads of fun, with group activities such as kayaking, outside games, bonding activities, and archery. Everyone got along quickly and found who to hang out with, and what cabin they were in. The Westminster Presbytery Youth used about 3 cabins. There were numerous areas to go to, such as the campfire area, the games room, which had tables where you could sit down and play games, the volleyball court, your cabin, and just a general area where we could all participate in activities.

Everyone there was friendly, and knew mostly everyone by name on the end of the first day. We had some funny times, nicknames, and games that we all played, and I would highly



Andrew, Erica, Evan and friends at Camp Jubilee

recommend it for any other youth from Grade 7 to 12 that would like to have a weekend getaway with fun and games. They had amazing food, great leaders, fantastic staff, and unbelievable people to have fun with. We all made friends pretty quickly and established a connection with our friends. We got contact information in case we wanted to talk after we went home, so we could keep in touch. Generally, everyone is in the range of Vancouver to Port Coquitlam, so we are all in that area.

Mary Nichol did an excellent job of organizing this whole trip for the youth, and finding such a wonderful camp that we could all have fun at. Everybody felt at home and that they could be with anyone and would have a great time with each other, because we were all very friendly and open to talking to new people. In the end it was a great place and I would strongly recommend that people from Grade 7 to 12 go there. Also, if you enjoy leadership, you can become a leader if you are around Grade 10 and up. We all had an excellent and enjoyable time there at Camp Jubilee.

Clarification on Wedding and Funeral Fees

By Garry F

In light of a concern that was brought to the Board last month, I would like to clarify the recent change to Deer Lake's wedding and funeral fees. As reported in the March 2013 issue of *Lakeshore Lines*, the fees for members and non-members are now the same. Previously, members paid a lower fee than non-members. The rationale for the change can be found in the March article.

Please be assured that members are paying no more than before the change. The funeral fee merely recovers staffing costs; The wedding fee, on the other hand covers staffing costs and adds a small additional amount to help pay for church operations. Instead of paying a higher fee for funerals, non-members are now given the opportunity to make a donation to the church.

Tracy and the rest of the Board would like to assure members that in the case of funerals, spiritual and emotional support for the family is of utmost importance. Deer Lake members have always been charged funeral fees but only to cover expenses.

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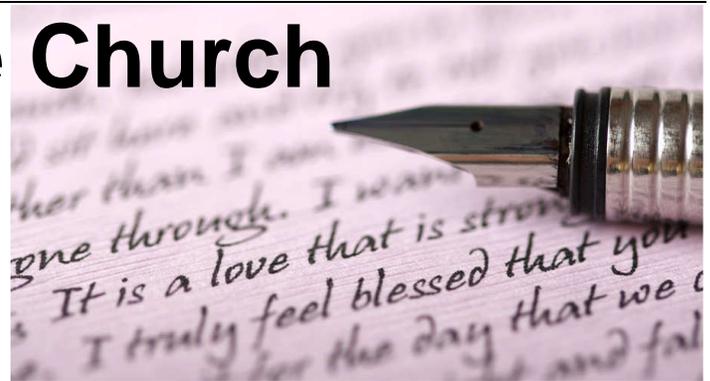
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or contact Garry F or Ernie C
to set up an appointment.

Love Letter to the Church

On Sunday June 9th, we celebrated the Union of The United Church of Canada, 88 years ago. The theme of worship was "love letters" and how we would express our love for The United Church, for Deer Lake. We took time to write our own "love letters" that we collected and then randomly distributed after worship. We also heard from Declan and we heard from Tony, as well as from myself. I got this idea of "love letters" from BC Conference, at the Celebration of Ministry in May. They used the format that I used. One young man shared his "love letter" to the church, and he has willingly agreed that I can share it all with you. I encourage you to think about what would be in your "love letter" to the church.

Jake Highfield, 20 years of age, read this "love letter to the church" on May 25th, 2013 at the BC Conference Celebration of



Ministry service. He is an active member of the United Church of Canada in all four courts of the Church. He lives in Salmon Arm, BC, and will be attending Okanagan College in the fall.

Rev. Tracy

To my dear and loving UCC,

If ever there was a place I felt I belonged, it was in your embrace. You picked me up when no one else could. You showed me love unending. You've given me purpose, and showed me I have meaning. For this I am eternally grateful.

When I was a scared teenager, afraid to show myself to the world, you found me. You took me inside, gave me coffee and cinnamon-raisin bread, and really got to know me. Under your guidance I blossomed. You nurtured me, talked about the big issues in life, and really pushed the limits of what I thought was right and wrong. You challenged me to see in new ways, and to open up to you and God, and without that I would be a very different person than I am today. You gave me the strength to show my true colors, and to speak up about the things that mattered to me. You showed me that it's okay to be different, and that I should appreciate myself.

Although some people say you're a little indecisive at times, I think it's good to be open to anything. You're one of the most accepting people I've met. Lord knows you accept me for my many flaws. You've always been so good at caring for those around you, and having a presence in places others are afraid to go. You're a model for others like you.

I have heard you say of yourself that you are too "bulky", and maybe more than a little clumsy (sometimes you feel like you're all over the place), but don't worry, we'll Review that later.

And besides, I love you just the way you are! You're so positive, despite all the people who've left you in the past. You never let people bring you down! It's truly inspiring to watch you stand up for what you believe, regardless of what the rest of the world wants to hear. You're not afraid to be the quirky one in any situation, and that's one of the many reasons I love you.

As I spend more and more time with you, I've grown very attached. It's got to the point where I'm spending time with you every single day, and I joke to others that you're 'taking over my life'. Of course I mean it in jest, but on some deeper level I know it's true. Over time I have grown to realize that I want to spend the rest of my life with you, and these feelings are getting stronger and stronger every day.

Although, I must admit, I haven't always been thrilled with everything you've done. You haven't always made the best choices in your past. But everyone makes mistakes, and not everyone realizes they're doing bad when they're doing it. I believe that you have matured over the years, and I'm willing to look past some of your poor decisions, as long as you promise to work with me to help those that you have wronged.

My love, you're beautiful. You really are. You've brought light to so many people's lives! The things you accomplish are astounding! Your work with organizations all around the world is impressive, and your commitment to bettering mankind is noble. But you're getting old, and your pocketbook is not as bountiful as it once was. Something's gotta change or we might not be able to keep this up for much longer. But don't worry, I want our relationship to last, and I'm here to support you. Going forward, we might have to approach things a little differently, but you and I can figure it out together. I'm here for you, and I know you're here for me. I might not be able to do much, but when people work together amazing things can happen.

I have an energetic hope for the future, and I just know you'll be a part of it. I can't wait to see where things take us. You'll always have a special place in my heart.

Yours forever,
Jake

God Gathers His Flock



We have shared worship, fellowship, and fun while doing God's work, but we have also shared a few tears over the last few months as we said goodbye to friend after friend.

Gordon H – born on November 20, 1923, died on January 11, 2013, memorial service at Deer Lake United Church on February 23, 2013

Herb S – born on January 20, 1936, died on March 6, 2013, memorial service at Deer Lake United Church on March 23, 2013

Ken H – born on February 6, 1931, died on April 29, 2013, memorial service at West Burnaby United Church on May 11, 2013

Bert W – born on March 22, 1923, died on May 1, 2013, memorial service at Columbia Howell Funeral Home on May 9, 2013

Shirley C – born on April 19, 1943 died on May 29, 2013, memorial service at Henderson's Dignity Funeral Home in Langley on June 6, 2013

The dedicated help from all the people in the congregation was greatly appreciated as we were responsible for the catering of all the services, except for Shirley Corbet's. There was plentiful food, support and fellowship. We truly have a caring and compassionate community that extends their love in a variety of ways. It has been a busy few months, but we are held in God's loving embrace and the tender, caring hands of one another.

God bless.

Kathy Y Celebrates 100 Years

By Jim Young

On June 3, 2013, Kathy Y turned 100 years old. For the most part, she still has her marbles! She was born on a farm in Caterham, England (just south of London). As a young woman, she worked as a maid for a wealthy family who lived not far away.

Kathy loved to dance and when World War II broke out in 1939, she spent many evenings dancing with Canadian soldiers, one of whom became her husband in 1942.

Kathy and Ken's first child, Jim, was born in England in 1943. A daughter Gill was also born in England in 1944.

In March, 1945 (the war was still on), Kathy immigrated with her two babies to Canada and joined Ken who had recently been discharged and was living in Vancouver. Life for Kathy in those early years wasn't particularly easy, what with getting acquainted with a new family and experiencing a different culture with two babies.

In 1951, another daughter (Patti) was born in Vancouver. Kathy was a stay-at-home mom until around 1960 at which time she started working at the Army and Navy on Hastings Street, then Woodward's. She stayed there until she retired in the early 70s.

Her husband Ken died in 1969.

Her passion for dance was rekindled when a friend introduced her to square dancing. She danced up to four times a week and even went with her troupe to England for a two-week tour.



Fiercely independent, she lived on her own until she was 97 when she fell and broke her arm. It was time for Kathy to move to Augustine House in Ladner. Until that time, she regularly attended Deer Lake United, but since she's moved to Ladner she is happy to watch the various services on T.V. on Sunday mornings.

She currently has six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She is so much younger than her years and is still an excellent crib player. There is every reason to believe that Kathy will live to see many more birthdays.

Kitchen Counters?

No, Mary doesn't need new kitchen counters, but she does need counters to collect, count and deposit the offering on the occasional Sunday. Volunteers work in pairs. It takes only an hour or so to count the money and make the deposit. Training, help and printed instructions are available. An Excel spreadsheet is also available if you would prefer to use a computer to complete the counting sheet. Please see Mary if you can help.

A CSI Easter

Our youth featured prominently in our Easter service this year, dramatizing the CSI's investigation of the resurrection of Jesus.



Go, Go, Girls!

Burnaby Gogos is a group of passionate women who are part of a growing movement in solidarity with hundreds of grandmothers groups across Canada and in sub-Saharan Africa. We challenge ourselves and our community to raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic in Africa and to generate funds to support grandmothers and the orphaned children in their care. Proceeds of our fundraising are sent to the Stephen Lewis Foundation which works with grassroots projects in 15 African countries.

Members of Burnaby Gogos (*gogo is the Zulu word for grandmother*) meet monthly to have fun and find ways for our African sisters to have the resources to provide dignified and sustainable lives for themselves and the children in their care. Our penny drive, "Change for Change", is ongoing. We will pick up and roll coins from Burnaby residents, businesses and schools. New members are welcome. You don't have to be a grandmother to join, you can be a grandother.

Please email burnabygogos@gmail.com or phone [Claire S.](mailto:Claire.S)
Please visit www.greatervangogos.org for more information.

Praises Pour In for “WEATHER (You Like It or Not!)”

It was a sell-out crowd on the evening of April 26th, and the crowd was having a good time. The program and performers were certainly varied, even though all of the acts shared the same theme: weather. There is no doubt whatsoever which act everyone was talking about for weeks afterwards. I don't even have to tell you. Just check out the pictures. If you don't already know, you'll figure it out. The concert and silent auction raised \$2,413 to reduce the church deficit and \$623 for Dixon House.



Graces

I was recently asked by a member of the congregation for some ideas for graces for mealtime. This person also suggested perhaps sharing some in the newsletter, so here you go! I found some off "Google" and some in books, and some from my own personal experience. May they be of some use to you; feel free to tweak and modify and make them your own.

Peace,

Rev. Tracy

Dear God, Thank you for this day. Thank you for this food and the hands that prepared it. Amen.

(Great for small children, said holding hands.)

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Father, We thank you for this food. Bless a portion of it to your use and our souls in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Bless this food to our use and us to thy service. Amen

✝

For sun and rain, for fruit and grain,
For friends we love so dearly.
For gentle moments and kindly hearts,
We thank thee, Lord, sincerely. Amen.

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God is great,
God is good,
Let us thank Him for this food.
Amen.

✝

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you, God, for everything.
Amen.

✝

Dear Jesus:
Thank you for this food.
Bless us all.
Keep us from harm.
Guide and direct us,
through all the way.
Amen!

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Thank you Lord for the food we receive
and for the sun and rain that helped it
grow.

Thank you Lord for happiness
from the sharing and caring you show.

This is a Boy Scout grace. (*Raiment* means clothing):

For food, for raiment,
For life, for opportunity,
For friendship, and fellowship,
We thank thee o' Lord,
Amen.

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And this is an Irish grace:

Bless us O' Lord as we sit together.
Bless the food we eat this day.
Bless the hands that made the food.
Bless us O' Lord.
Amen.

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A seven year old boy says this blessing at each meal:

God bless our food and Family and Friends. Amen.

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Dear Lord...
We beg you fortify us with this gift of food
That we may stronger strive to work for good,
That we may be empowered from above
To toil steadfastly, nourished by your love.
Amen.

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Let us not, amidst our cases, and our causes,
And our haste to fight the whole world's wrongs in one swift blow, fail to give thanks for water so sweet to drink and simple food – both do we need to fortify our lives that we may stronger grow, and so sustain our efforts for the common good. (Margot Arthurton)

✝

Dear God, We know that the food we eat and drink is grown by people far away. Even though we will never meet them, help us to care for their needs as well as our own. (Christian Aid)

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Blessed are you, Almighty Father, for giving us our daily bread. Blessed is Jesus, your beloved Son, who continually feeds us on the Word of Life. Blessed is the Holy Spirit who unites us in love at this table. We thank you for this food we have to eat and ask that, in your goodness, you will provide for our sisters and brothers who are hungry. Amen.

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O Loving Creator, We ask that you bless this time together for fellowship and food and bless all those who offered time and talent in preparing this meal. Amen.

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Thank you Lord for the fellowship around this table, for the good friends, for the hearts of love that manifested themselves through hands that prepared this wonderful feast. Bless us as we eat and bless us as we fellowship. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

✝

We give thanks to God for our turkey and dressing
For without Him there would be no blessing;

We give thanks to God for bringing our families together
For we are creating memories that will last forever;

We give thanks to God for the freedom to pray
For we know one day it could be taken away;

We give thanks to God that we will all be here next year
for celebrating the holiday with love and cheer. Amen.

Women's Retreat – 2013

On May 3rd, 4th and 5th, eighteen women from Deer Lake spent a weekend of fun, fellowship, discussion and reflection in the beautiful setting of Rivendell Retreat Centre on Bowen Island. Our theme was "The Lord Wants Me To Do What?" based on the hymn "What Does the Lord Require of You?". Together we explored what "seek justice", "love kindness" and "walk humbly with your God" meant to each of us, and how we might make these guidelines a part of our lives.



Pedicures: kindness to oneself and others



New hats: Supporting the local economy



Outreach Committee Events

Naked Tree: Thanks to the generous donations by the congregation, we were able to provide a large collection of socks, gloves, toques and toiletries to Progressive Housing in January for Burnaby's homeless.

Hope for Families: We supported three families and two seniors again this year through the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. Your generous donations to this fund made a big difference to many families and children this past Christmas.

Another **Lunch on the Run** was held on Sunday, March 10 and raised over \$330 for The **Youth Hub**, formerly known as Edmonds Youth Centre. Thank-you to all who participated in providing a **Christmas Lunch at the Youth Hub on Friday, Dec. 21.**

On the Wednesday preceding the fourth Thursday of each month, Deer Lake provides 70 bag lunches to homeless people in Burnaby. Helpers are always needed to prepare these lunches. Upcoming lunch-making sessions will be at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays June 26, July 24 and August 28

The Outreach Committee would like to thank all at DLUC who provide their support for this work.

The 37th Annual Men's Retreat - 2013

By Don S

It was a dark and stormy night. Torrents of rain beat madly on the roofs and window panes of all those good Deer Lake men. They lay sound asleep dreaming of peace, bocce and Bob's Barbie (Bob's Barbie...!!??) - unaware of the West Coast flood that awaited them in Sechelt. For it was the night before the Men's Retreat.

Then to the amazement of all, the early morning clouds parted, the sky cleared and the blazing sun warmed the earth. Was it our dear Tracy's prayers, or Rev George's goodwill from above? Although that's hard to know, what *is* certain is the flood dried up and the promised deluge became an absolutely classic Sunshine Coast weekend away.

And so it began.

Twenty-three (23) Men – from 20'ish to 70-something - made the trek across to Gibsons, then up the coast to Tony and Peggy's little slice of Heaven in Sechelt. They started arriving at midday Thursday and by Saturday morning the men of Deer Lake – including Hully, Starbuck and the Marmalade Man – gathered for the annual tradition of celebration and prayer, good laughs and great beer. It was a first for five of us – our youth: Thomas and Demmery and Mitch, as well as Kevin and Roger (just ask 'em all about 'oysters'!!!)



The theme for the weekend was helping our young people prepare for tomorrow's world. It was a discussion that would extend well beyond Saturday morning's formal presentation.

Greg N spoke on the challenges of teaching within the confines of an imperfect education system in our secondary schools. It is a system with as many varied challenges as there are kids –

including ESL, academically inclined, trades inclined, and so many, many, many more.

Paul O'C talked about readying our youth with the 'higher learning' experience. He contrasted a broad liberal education with specific job training. A question that burned in my mind: Is the education we're paying for of real value, or is it just "bums in seats"? Certainly, the moral is to gather as much info as possible and to go in with *your eyes wide open*.

Andrew W shared real life lessons learned after university, in Fort McMurray, Northern Alberta. Just out of school he spent (almost) 2 years in Fort Mac – just ask him the number of days - and experienced much. He spoke of the opportunities and challenges, of the technology and the focus on job safety, in a resource town.

Kevin E shared his insights on life-long learning and the future job needs of our country. He spoke of apprenticeships and of true mentoring – of older workers sharing their knowledge with a younger workforce – passing on the real, hands-on "tricks of the trade" knowledge to our youth.

And although this weekend is assumed by many as strictly a time of reflection, education and prayer, we actually managed a bit of fun as well. A hike into Skookumchuk Narrows was beyond awe inspiring as we witnessed 20 miles of inlet water rushing for the sea at a slack tide through a narrow few hundred meter wide passage. Was that really a 14 foot wall of water?

At night the fire makers took turns. The first night our seasoned vet, Larry put on an unprecedented show of his fire building technique. His fire construction was so compact and efficient that a single match and one piece of paper ignited a beachside inferno that went up in seconds. The next night a second fire was built, this time with the exuberance of youth – this time a little more gangly perhaps, but did it ever take off!! We heard reports that it was mistaken for a beacon off the coast of Maui. And all the while Demmery's wicked guitar riffs filled the evening air with melody.



And how do you beat the food? Doug, who planned and oversaw food prep, also crafted his mouth watering seafood chowder. Bob and his crew barbecued everything from eggs and pancakes (really!?) to steak and salmon. Yum!

Sunday morning saw a worship-filled agape service prayerfully planned and led by Ernie with a little help from his friends. It was a seaside worship of giving thanks for our time here and for all that the Lord has shared.



So when Arnie, a seasoned veteran of 30-some retreats, says this is probably the best he's been to, well, you just have to know it was something very special. And it was. Now you just wait until next year..!!



Don and Dorothy W

By Pat Y

I recently enjoyed a delightful couple of hours with Don and Dorothy W, and was rewarded with detailed history of their lives together.

My visit began with a fun ride up their stairs in a "Stair-rider chair", which has been installed for their convenience, as they age gracefully together in their own home. The Wrigley home exudes their history, beginning with a colourful photograph of the Carousel at Burnaby Village Museum; but I could be putting the cart before the horse here. However, I will mention that the hall is lined with certificates of gratitude and accomplishment for lives well lived in the service of their community.

Don and Dorothy will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on July 10th this year. And what an eventful and satisfying life they have led together.

Both of them were born in Liverpool, England: Don on May 26th and Dorothy on June 25th 1925. That makes them both 88 years young this year. Their memories were vivid as they each recounted times, places and favourite people in their lives over the years.

In 1943 the war was still raging in Europe, and young men were being called to serve their country. At age 17, Don joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve; preferring to volunteer rather than be conscripted into another arm of the forces not of his choosing. However before the war was over, Don was medically discharged into a sanatorium with suspected tuberculosis. The doctor didn't hold out much hope for a long and healthy life...but thankfully he was wrong, as Dorothy was just around the corner! As most of the men were still away at war, Don had the "pick of the bunch" of the ladies at home and as he recuperated he began looking around for "a bit of talent" (British colloquialism).

In early 1944 they remember meeting in Wesley Guild Methodist Church. Don was a member of the Youth Club, and Dorothy sang in the choir. "She was a lovely looking lady, and one day she winked at me," said Don. "No I didn't", claims Dorothy, "as I was about to sing a solo, I winked at the choir director, to tell him I was ready!" Ah, but a spark had been lit.

Soon they met up for a bicycle ride in the country and down to the seaside with the Youth Group. Dorothy caught his eye again when she displayed her acrobatics on the beach, turning flips and hand-stands (she was a gymnast). Don was smitten.

Later he was invited to her home to meet her mother, however "No dating sailors" was the house rule, so mother certainly was not impressed! It didn't help that Don was only receiving a £2 a week invalid pension. Don worked hard in a four year apprenticeship with Lamb Bros, timber importers. Dorothy worked at gaining her teaching certificate at Pitman's Secretarial College. At 20 years of age she became the principal of the secretarial college in Chester, England. Around that time Don

and Dorothy spent many happy vacations cycling through Europe on their tandem bike.

Finally at age 23, they were in a financial position to make future plans. Don had waited long enough and gave Dorothy just minutes to say yea or nay, after he proposed at the gate post. He was an impatient man. The beautiful photograph of their wedding day says it all, on July 10th 1948 the couple wed with much pomp and ceremony.



It was in 1952 that Don was first introduced to Canada, when he sailed on the Canadian Pacific SS Empress of Scotland, from Liverpool to Quebec, working as the engineer's writer. It was on this short voyage that Don received a most important telex. "YES, ...love Dorothy" was all he needed to know to confirm he was going to be a father!

In 1953 their daughter Lynda was born, followed by their son Clive in 1956. By this time Don was itching to leave England and start afresh in a peaceful new country. In 1957 Don bought the passage tickets. He was to sail first and set up home. The family's tickets were for three months later. Dorothy was told "you can come if you want to". Don showed me several letters that four year old Lynda had written after he had sailed away. One assured him she was being a "good little girl", another asking if he had found a house and car yet. With two little ones, Dorothy wasn't sure she wanted to sail 3000 miles across an

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Don and Dorothy

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ocean to set up home, but that spark was still there. So sail she did, with two excited little children.

Initially Don worked at the Macmillan Bloedel plywood plant on Marine Drive, and then many years later as export sales manager in a new remanufacturing mill, until he retired in 1982. They lived on Nelson Ave and as a family they attended West Burnaby United Church. Their second move was to Main St. at 54th (approx.) where they attended a United Church on Fraser St. Their next move was to a duplex on 10th Ave in Burnaby. Their fourth and final move in 1963, was into the home where they now live on Allman St. in Burnaby. They purchased the land and had their house built, with Don offering to do some of the cleanup work on evenings and weekends to save costs. Interestingly, back then, the BC Government gave a \$500 grant to those who built in the winter time, so encouraging winter-time work.

Along with her secretarial accomplishments, Dorothy had left behind a budding acting career in England. In the early years she began acting again with the Vagabonds in New Westminster, and continued to teach acting to children which she just loved. Later, Dorothy's significant career in Canada included being the Executive Secretary to four of Burnaby's Mayors, until her retirement in 1986.

All this time, Don and Dorothy were guided by their faith, and supported by their church communities. They had met and married in the Methodist Church, in England, then felt welcomed and embraced by the United Church in Canada. They

attended Sixth Ave United Church for many years, until Don met up with Arnie B again. Arnie invited them to DLUC, and so around 1992 after an initial few visits and conversations with Rev. Scott, they transferred to our church. Personally, I have very much appreciated Don's help and support with our new church garden these last few years; he is an inspiration to us all, and a very active member of the Garden Group.

Don initially made his mark in Burnaby by spearheading the rescue and renovation of the Carousel we see today in Burnaby Village Museum. In 1989 as chairperson of the Burnaby Museum Association, he began working incredibly hard to raise the money to acquire, restore and house the 1912 Carousel. The \$330,000 was raised through pledges, from a few dollars in a child's piggy bank to \$10,000+ donations. He recalls seven well known NDP councilors including Mayor Bill Copeland, who sponsored the renovation of a \$5,000 horse, and named it Tommy D. The exquisite Carousel was completed in time for the 1992 Burnaby Centennial Celebrations, thanks in part to the dedication of Don and Dorothy Wrigley and a host of volunteers. The Carousel Pavilion was completed the following year. For more information on this colourful chapter in the life of the couple, you can read the book "A Carousel Is Magic", which may be found in all of the Burnaby libraries.

And where will the happy couple celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary? Why with close friends and relatives of course, in the Ice Cream Parlor in Burnaby Village Museum.

Congratulations to you both, you are indeed an inspiration to us all.

Jardine Bequest

May 23, 2013

The United Church in BC has become a primary beneficiary of one of the largest charitable donations in BC history.

The late **Judith Jardine** left close to **\$35 million** to the Vancouver Foundation to establish the W. E. Jardine Memorial Fund. That money will be invested in perpetuity, with one half of its annual income, estimated to be approximately \$700,000, to be given each year to the British Columbia Conference.

The other half of the income is for the benefit of the Vancouver Foundation itself. As Canada's largest Community Foundation, Vancouver Foundation supports the charitable sector in British Columbia.

Other beneficiaries of the estate are the School of Medicine at the University of BC (\$6.4 million) and the Vancouver School of Theology (\$50,000).

The President of BC Conference, the Rev. Jenny Carter, stated, "This is an amazing, hugely generous, and unexpected gift. I am heartened to know that the United Church of Canada was such a part of Judith Jardine's life, and that she wanted to contribute to the life of the denomination as we continue to help nurture the faith lives of others."



Judith Jardine, born October 1924, died May 2006.

Assistance with planned giving to the United Church in general and Deer Lake in particular can be obtained by contacting Jane Harding, United Church Gift Planner at 778-574-0423 or jharding@united-church.ca.

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