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**Next WRA Meeting**  
7.30 pm Tuesday  
January 18th 2011

Gleneagles Golf Course, Community Use Room,  
6190 Marine Drive,  
West Vancouver.

All local residents are welcome to attend.

## A Year to Remember..

by Christie McPhee

...and an even more exciting one to look forward to! For the residents and businesses of Horseshoe Bay, 2010 was certainly a landmark year in terms of coming together as a community – both to enjoy social activities and to start making some visible improvements around the Bay.

Just in case you were wondering, here's a recap of what the Horseshoe Bay Business Association (HBBA) did over the last 12 months. In December of 2009, we held our first annual Christmas Carol and Lantern Parade ending with a bonfire and hot chocolate down at the beach. (And yes, we are going to be doing it again this year on December 14<sup>th</sup>... watch for posters!).

Next, the hugely successful Olympic Torch Relay and Pancake Breakfast was held with close to 1,000 turning out! In April, we subsidized a flower-basket program to cheer up local storefronts. Then the ever-popular Taste of the Bay was enjoyed by over 600 partygoers. In July, we participated in the Canada-wide Shore Clean-up Day. August saw our first Movie Night which was sponsored in part by The Boathouse Restaurant.

In September the HBBA participated in the Park Royal Block Party which helped to raise visibility for all of our local businesses. The HBBA also donated the funds to have the whale repainted in the park as part of the recent playground upgrade.

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## Scrooge playing at St. Monica's.

December 11th, at 2 pm and 6 pm, and December 12th at 4 pm. Carol Coulson Productions presents "Scrooge". Come out and support Community Theatre at its best. This original adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale of "Scrooge" is being performed at St. Monica's Church, 6404 Wellington Avenue in Horseshoe Bay. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 children. Available at the door, at Starfire Studio or email [scrooge02@gmail.com](mailto:scrooge02@gmail.com).



## Christmas Magic in Horseshoe Bay.

Tuesday December 14th come out and enjoy some "Christmas Magic", join your neighbours for this second annual event. The Lantern Parade starts at 6pm at St Monica's Church and ends at Horseshoe Bay beach for a beach-side bonfire with carol singing and festive treats.

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Not so visible but equally important, we work closely with the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and continue to develop a good relationship with the WRA and the District of West Vancouver. We have produced a full-colour business directory for visitors' information and are currently in the process of developing a website.

As our association is evolving, we are realizing that our best contributions to the community lie in the areas of sponsoring events, lobbying the District for village improvements, and raising the awareness of Horseshoe Bay as a destination to help grow and preserve the vibrancy of our village.

Special thanks to Holly at Troll's, Megan at Sewell's, Alf at Blenz, Kim at The Troller Pub, Bree at the Horseshoe Bay Motel, James and Chris at The Boathouse Restaurant, Brian Bull and Kathleen Seiler at the Gleneagles Community Centre, and Mary Bayes of the WRA for their willingness and energy to keep the drive alive! Watch for some new events in 2011, starting with a Fashion Show, slated for February 10, 2011 (and at the same time, the dedication of the Commemorative Plaque for the Torch Run).



## St Monica's Church Update

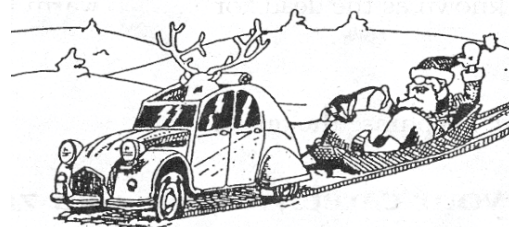
A special thank you to all who came out and supported our Community Harvest Dinner. The Church Hall was full to the rim as we all enjoyed an amazing homemade turkey dinner. There was a buzz of conversation, laughter and children playing. A truly abundant evening. It was our first official event in the newly renovated church hall.

For those who haven't seen them, our floors have been restored to their original beauty, the lighting is soothing and the whole hall has a spectacular new look. If you are interested in renting out the hall please contact Celeste Whittaker at the church 604 921 9112.

St Monica's is holding a special Christmas Evening Service this year. Come out on Christmas Eve and enjoy a Community Carols Service starting at 6:30 pm. This year's special service will be given by the Rev. Angus Stuart. Hope to see you there!

Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Feliz Navidad, Gesëende Kersfees, Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan, Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun, Nadelik looan na looan blethen noweth, Cristmas-e-shoma mobarak bashad, Froehliche Weihnachten, Mo'adim Lesimkha, Chena tova, Shub Naya Baras, Buone Feste Natalizie, Sung Tan Chuk Ha, Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva is Novim Godom, Hristos se rodi, Vesele vianoce, Maligayamg Pasko, Masaganang Bagong Taon, Nadolig Llawen and Seasons Greetings!

*From the "Editorial Staff" of The Westerner.*



## What is the GCCAC? by Dave Patrick

The Gleneagles Community Centre Advisory Committee was established to assist in planning new programmes and events for people living in the western part of our municipality, and it is growing by leaps and bounds. The committee consists of representatives from the Horseshoe Bay Business Association, the Western Residents Association, the Horseshoe Bay Residents Association, St. Monica's Church, Parents Advisory Council (from both Rockridge Secondary and Gleneagles Elementary schools) and other interested people.

The committee is spearheaded by Brian Bull and Jill Lawlor from the District of West Vancouver. A lot of creative thinking and energy ensues from the group prompting one member to suggest that we draft a calendar of events as the activities were "overpowering". It is encouraging and exciting to see so many people from different associations working together so positively for the benefit of us all, and our thanks go out to them. Stay tuned.



The painting above, by Sarah Pickingford, of Whytecliff Lodge was taken from a photograph circa 1935.



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## The Westerner publishing schedule and deadlines for 2011

Issue #32 Spring (April) Deadline March 14th  
 Issue #33 Summer (July) Deadline June 13th  
 Issue #34 Fall (October) Deadline Sept 12th  
 Issue #35 December Deadline Nov 14th



Larson Station Restaurant, within the Clubhouse on the Gleneagles Golf Course in West Vancouver offers a tranquil setting with sweeping ocean and fairway views. The venue with it's multipurpose rooms is open to the general public and is suited for a simple meal with friends and family, as well as:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Weddings                        | Private functions |
| Golf tournaments                | AGM's             |
| Corporate functions             | Fashion events    |
| Celebration of life / memorials | Filming projects  |
| Conferences & meetings          | Dance events      |
| Fundraisers                     | among others...   |

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Restaurant. We also met with Brent Leigh, Deputy CAO, District of West Vancouver, and Assistant fire Chief, Martin Ernst. John Weston, our local Member of Parliament, gave us an interesting perspective on our Federal Government.

Bruce McArthur has continued to act as a liaison with BC Ferries, Mary Bayes & Dave Patrick have represented us at meetings of the Horseshoe Bay Business Association. We have worked with the business association on several successful events: the Taste of the Bay, Bonfire and Carols, and Movie Night.

Unfortunately, one of our most rewarding and enjoyable events, the monthly Nifty Thrifty sale at St. Monica's Church, had it's final sale in June and is greatly missed by the community. Special thanks to Karen Hardie, Dave Patrick and the many volunteers who worked very hard raising money so the WRA could continue our programs

We are fortunate to have lots of other opportunities to wear our new 'badges' which identify our members as they volunteer in our community. Of course, the WRA is not all work and no play. Our two main social events of the year, the Christmas Dinner and year end BBQ in June, were great successes.

We would like to thank Mary Bayes for organizing the events and Ya Ya's & the Gleneagles Community Centre for hosting the events. We can't forget our monthly members Pub Night which keeps us in touch with our neighbours and local events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Directors and members of the executive. Without your enthusiasm and hard work, not to mention the endless Directors' meetings on Saturday mornings, the WRA would not be able to do its work of advocating and representing the western part of West Vancouver.

### The Urban Chef's December Recipe!

Andrea, The Urban Chef, 604-603-0334

Beets with Mint and Lime juice. Beets are a beautiful colour and have a rich smoky flavour. Lucky for us, they are in season until December. This dish will brighten up any plate, whether it is your quick side or a centerpiece for your upcoming Christmas menu. Whatever the occasion, these beets will have everyone at your table humming.

You can find this recipe on our website: [www.thewesterner.ca](http://www.thewesterner.ca) (Publishers note; this has become a new family favourite!).

## AGM Annual Report

by Ali Brown WRA

The Western Residents' Association has had another busy year filled with new activities as well as continuing popular activities from past years. As always, we have worked to develop a sense of community in the western end of the District of West Vancouver and to represent our community to the Mayor and Council. Many of our members work directly with Councillors and District Staff on working groups and through other community organizations.

We have all recently received a copy of the colourful, thirtieth edition of 'The Westerner'. The Editor, Chris Adshead, and Mary Bayes, advertising manager, keep us informed about community events and issues and publish historical photos reminding us of the community's past. This year, Chris has taken on the job of creating a website for the WRA so we can keep up to date online at [www.thewesterner.ca](http://www.thewesterner.ca)

We have had some very interesting speakers at our general meetings throughout the year, Garth Rowlands, Manager of the Blue Buses, reported on current service and ideas for the future of public transit in our area. The new operators of the facilities at Gleneagles Golf Course, Bernd Rohde and Enzo Taffara, described their plans for the Great Hall and Larson Station

## Dangerous Intersection Crossing

Three recent incidents at the intersection of Keith/ Rosebery and Marine Drive, by Gleneagles School have been brought to our attention. All involve vehicles ignoring the green pedestrian crosswalk signal. Fortunately, in these recent incidents no one was hurt. While this crosswalk is not a new safety issue for pedestrians in Horseshoe Bay, it continues to cause concerns.


First, a Jeep stopped eastbound at the Stop sign with a solid red light. Then as a pedestrian stepped off the curb to walk across on the green Walk light, the Jeep drove straight through the intersection! Next, a 250 bus ran through the solid red light! Apparently, this is not the first time this behavior has been observed. Finally, as a pedestrian was just about to step off the curb to cross on the green Walk light, he was almost hit by a bicycle which did not stop. The pedestrian shouted "Red Light!" to the rider who, shouted over his shoulder, "F\*\*\* you p\*\*\*\*!!! Can't you wait a second?". Clearly the rider had not understood that the "Stop" sign means "stop" and the Walk sign gives the pedestrian the right to cross.

This badly laid out intersection has an Elementary school beside it. It is a very high traffic area with poor visibility, badly placed traffic lights that are difficult to see from most angles and no stop line for the traffic heading west on Marine Drive.

At a recent WRA meeting it was decided to ask readers for their experiences and opinions. Have you been almost run over or had problems at this intersection? How do school children cross safely? How can this dangerous intersection issue be mitigated?

Please send your thoughts to Barb Pettit at [pettit@portal.ca](mailto:pettit@portal.ca) The WRA will be including some of them in a letter to Mayor and Council which will be sent in the New Year.

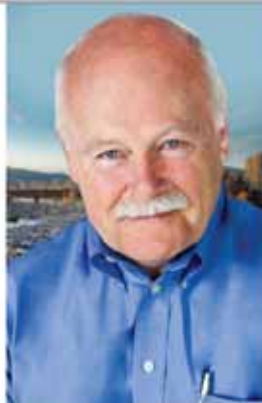
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## Here's some of what's on at the Kay Meek Centre!

### A Rock 'n' Roll Christmas Friday. December 10, 2010 8:00PM

Hall of Fame DJ Red Robinson says, "Zachary Stevenson's portrayal of Buddy Holly is dead-on accurate and has that same authentic Holly quality. He seems to match if not replace, for a moment, the legend himself. For those few hours, Stevenson was Buddy Holly. He's simply fantastic." You can see Zachary Stevenson as Buddy Holly along with Larry Branson as Roy Orbison, Kenny Wayne as Fats Domino and Ben Klein as Elvis Presley in a special Rock'n'Roll Christmas Concert. Don't miss it!



### With Thanks: A Night to Celebrate, A Gift of Music. Monday, December 13, 2010 7:00PM

You are invited to a gala celebration to bid farewell to Superintendent of Schools Geoff Jopson. Tickets for the gala celebration are by gift donation. Your ticket includes, reception, Champagne and Appetizers, Gala Performances: Featuring our most talented children and youth, as well as special guests, including VSO Music Director Bramwell Tovey. Proceeds from this event will create a legacy fund in Geoff Jopson's name to support music education in West Vancouver public schools.

### VSO Presents a Traditional Christmas. Saturday, December 18, 2010 7:30PM

The Lower Mainland's most beloved Holiday Music Tradition! This season, Music Director Bramwell Tovey leads the orchestra in a celebration of the Holiday spirit, with carols, heartwarming Christmas music and plenty of audience sing-a-longs! Christopher Gaze narrates.

**Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra. Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:00PM** Canada's award-winning orchestra on period instruments, was founded in 1979 and under the leadership of Music Director Jeanne Lamon since 1981, Tafelmusik has achieved international stature, performing over 50 concerts a year at home in Toronto, touring extensively around the world, and producing numerous award-winning recordings. Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra has eighteen permanent members and is expanded as the need arises. All members of the orchestra are specialists in historical performance practice. Their collaboration results in a delightful transparency, vitality and richness of sound, which has garnered them acclaim around the world. In April 2000, Gramophone Magazine described Tafelmusik as "one of the world's top baroque orchestras."

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## Blenz in Horseshoe Bay is Putting Smiles Back Onto Children's Faces!

by Alf Haley

The holiday season is coming up – a time to give, share, and celebrate. Blenz is getting into the holiday spirit by celebrating their Holiday Classics drinks and helping put smiles back onto children's faces by raising funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of BC and Yukon.

The Foundation's mission is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions, enriching the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of BC and Yukon was the first Canadian Chapter of the Foundation. Since 1983, they have granted more than 1,350 wishes for children in their region. This year they hope to grant over 100 special wishes and this winter you can join Blenz for the second year in a row in helping make these wishes come true.

Come visit Blenz Coffee in Horseshoe Bay and try one of the Holiday Classics: EggNog Latte, ChaiNog Latte, Gingerbread Latte, Mint Mocha, and Belgian Hot Chocolate. All drinks are hand-made with premium ingredients by expert baristas. While you're there it's your chance to put smiles back where they belong by donating \$2 to Make-A-Wish Foundation and writing your own wish on a paper star. Also if you're looking for that perfect holiday gift Blenz is donating \$5 for every gift basket sold! Blenz Coffee is a leading Canadian specialty beverage retailer of premium coffees, organic loose leaf teas and other innovative beverages. They operate an expanding network of franchise locations in British Columbia and abroad, including Japan and the Philippines. Find out more about Blenz Coffee at [www.blenz.com](http://www.blenz.com)



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## ***In Brief.....***

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**Operation Red Nose** is a free volunteer driving service during the holiday season. From 9 pm to 3am on Nov. 26 and 27 and Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, & 31st, volunteers working in teams of three people, will be the designated drivers to escort car owners and their cars home safely. The service is FREE, but donations are welcome. All you have to do is call 1 877 604 NOSE.

**The recent Oktoberfest** at Gleneagles Community Centre was a great success! A big thank you to Brian Bull and all his wonderful volunteers who made it such a successful event. The food was great and the music of Al Pichler and the Alpiners perfect. Looking forward to a rerun next year!

**It was magic!** The recent Oscar Nieto Tribute Night, AKA Flamenco Fiesta, held at Larson Station/Gleneagles Golf Course was wonderful. The team from Larson Station created the perfect blend of Livingroom meets Cabaret in the Great Hall. The lighting, music, dancing & friendliness of the event combined to make a very special evening. We look forward to more such great gatherings in our recently renovated Great Hall. A big thank you to all at Larson Station.

**Santa says, "reduce holiday waste"**. As most store bought wrapping paper, including tissue paper cannot be recycled in West Vancouver consider using fabric bags which can be used over and over.

Consider gifts that are an experience, (eg. tickets to an event at the Kay Meek Centre) and shop locally. Both Horseshoe Bay and Caulfeild have a variety of stores and Galleries, with lots of great gift ideas!

**Need a Christmas Tree?** Howe Sound Lions Club are selling trees until Dec 24th 9am to 8 pm in Ambleside Park.

## ***Did you know?***

**That the Horseshoe Bay Motel** is offering a special winter rate for West Vancouver, Lions Bay and Bowen Island residents and their guests. Call 604-921-7454 for details.

**That you can recycle batteries, cell phone and cell phone batteries** at the Gleneagles Community Centre. For more details check out: [www.call2recycle.ca](http://www.call2recycle.ca)

**That 2011 will be** Troll's 65th anniversary and Sewell's 80th anniversary.

**That we now have a full service bakery** in Horseshoe Bay. Welcome to Flour Bakeshop at 6363 Bruce Street phone 604 925 2101.

**That Starfire Gallery** 6607 Royal Ave now offers "previously-loved clothing".

**That Barks and Treats** at 6410 Bruce Street carries a range of high quality dog and cat food, plus toys and treats.

**That in Haywood Park at the foot of 17th Street** there is a showcase with historical photos of West Vancouver. The current selection is historical photos from the west end of West Vancouver.



December dog walk - Richard Newton