

BUCHANAN BUZZ

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NOVEMBER UPDATES

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Long Service Award

It is our distinct privilege to announce the following staff who are being recognized for long service at Buchanan Lodge.

People are the most important part of our organization. Their commitment to providing compassionate care and service to our residents and others helps us to achieve our mission. These people are valued members of our team.

10 Years' Service

Patti Cumberland

Rosa Go

Sang Tran

Rupinder Chatha

Alma Cunanan

15 Years' Service

Dawn Israelson

65 Year Anniversary

Please join us on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 2:00pm in the Multipurpose Room for our ***65th Anniversary Celebration!***

Community Care Pharmacy

This month you will be receiving a letter and form from our Pharmacist, Community Care Pharmacy. The form is for pre-authorization for medications not covered by BC Pharmacare. If you elect pre-approval for medications, then the Pharmacy will not call you each time there is a new order of medications.

- You may elect to pre-approve all medications under \$15.00 in cost.
- You may elect to pre-approve all medications over \$15.00 in cost as well.

If you have any questions please contact Doris Harris, our Clinical Care Coordinator

@604-636-3651

Please return the signed forms to our receptionist. Thank you.

Christmas Project

Each year we receive donations from families supporting a specific Christmas Project.

For our Christmas project this year, we have decided to purchase some snow removal equipment. We are looking to purchase an all-terrain vehicle that will be equipped with a proper snow blade and storage container supplies like salt.

For many years, our staff have labored extensively to remove snow. We have also spent a lot of money on contracting for snow removal. It is vital that our driveways and sidewalks are cleared for emergency purposes and that we provide safe access for families and visitors. There is also a New Westminster City bi-law that requires sidewalks be cleared by 10:00am - 10:30am daily.

We are so grateful for the support of families throughout the years in helping us with various projects.

Your donation is tax deductible and official receipts will be issued from the Accounts Office.

Please visit our web site at:

www.buchanan-lodge.com

If there is anything we can help you with, please email us at admin@buchanan-lodge.com.

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Executive Director

35 Years Service
Mohan Hoonjan (Care Aide)

Mohan moved to Canada from India when she was 12. Later on when she was married and her first son was only three months old; she agreed to work for a friend on weekends at the Lodge while the friend was on maternity leave. She was hired as a kitchen assistant but as she soon realized, she also would assist with medications, cooking and recreational activities for the 36 ladies living at the Lodge. Her shift was a split shift from 7-2pm, then 4-6pm each Saturday and Sunday. However, within a short period of time she found herself as the regular full time weekday kitchen assistant.

Mohan recalled the first day that she arrived at the Lodge for work. When she entered the front door there was no one in sight! She searched the main floor and finally found an older woman who worked the night shift, sleeping in the end lounge. After waking the lady, Olga, showed Mohan around and gave her a quick orientation in the kitchen including where the breakfast supplies were kept and told her she would be on her own until the next person, the cook, arrived around 9am. Mohan then went about her way and made porridge for the 36 women who lived there.

While working at the Lodge in the beginning years, Mohan, along with the cook and housekeeper and some of the women living at the lodge, completed all the work that needed doing during the day. Mohan says that they were “jack of all trades” and shared in the household responsibilities. Once all the work was completed, the staff as well as the ladies, would have time to gather in the Chapel area or living room and play games, dance or put on plays for each other.

Over the years, Mohan said that there were many changes that occurred. Eventually a nurse, dietitian and other care staff were hired to assist in the home.

At one time the Salvation Army officers lived at the lodge as well but, eventually an apartment close to the Lodge was rented for the officers to live in. She eventually took courses to complete her Care Aide certificate as more care was being required for the ladies living at the Lodge. The Lodge formed the Hospital Employees Union in the 80's as well. The home had only women living there for the first 35 year but ,in the 80's, men were permitted to move in as well. However this did not work out at the time and the home went back to accommodating women only again until the move to Royal City Manor in 1994.

Some of Mohan's fondest memories include, sitting around the kitchen table eating a meal the cook cooked for the all the staff on special occasions. As well, she says the Brigadier always kept cookies and goodies in the house for the staffs' children that came to visit. While waiting for their mom to finish work, the Brigadier would invite Mohan's kids into the kitchen and serve them cookies and milk. On Christmas Eve, after dinner, the staff and ladies would gather in the living room to sing Christmas carols and drink eggnog. On Christmas day, the staff would forgo any work that wasn't necessary and spend the day with the ladies that remained at the Lodge and have Christmas dinner together.

Now as Mohan looks towards retirement in the next few years, she has many wonderful memories to take with her. As she moves on to the next phase of her life she plans to remain on as a casual Care Aide for the Lodge and take some time to enjoy cruising to Mexico and Alaska with her husband.

Buchanan Lodge would like to thank Mohan for her many years of Service to the ladies and gentleman who live here and for sharing her story with all of us.

Thank you, Mohan!

Employment Opportunities

Casual on-call Nurse (RN/RPN)

Incharge Night Nurse

Extended hours: 1900-0700

BCNU Wage Rate



**“Successful” candidate[s] will be required to have the following documents.
Documents must be current [within the last 2-3 months prior to hire date].
Cost is borne by the employee.**

The employer requires the “Original” copy of each document.

- ◆ Criminal Reference Check (original)
- ◆ “Fit-to-work” note from physician (not a physical)
- ◆ TB Test

Volunteers

Join our team on chapel days! Helping assist the residents from their homes to the chapel, helping with turning pages for the songs and assisting with safety will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Ruth Courtney @ 604-636-3654

Chapel Times:	Tuesdays	10:00am
	Thursdays	10:00am
	Sundays	10:00am

RECREATION AND VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

New Volunteers

Please welcome our new volunteers:

Melisa Hernandez-Paccagnella and Cassandra Manuel

Chinese Dinner Party

Thursday, November 10th

5:00pm

Multipurpose Room



Menu

Almond Chicken

Pork fried rice

Sweet and Sour Boneless Pork

Egg Rolls

Chicken Chow Mien

Beef and Broccoli

Coffee, tea, punch and green tea

Dessert

Ice cream and cookies

Cost: \$16.00 per person

Entertainment

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2 Hits and A Miss

Saturday, November 5th

2:00pm

Willow Creek

Dixieland Band

Monday, November 7th

2:00pm

Multipurpose Room

Jubilee Band

Wednesday, November 23rd

7:00pm

Multipurpose Room

Dogwood Songsters

Thursday, November 24th

2:00pm

Multipurpose Room

RECREATION AND VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Bus Trips

Vancouver Zoo

Wednesday, November 6th

2:00pm

Dessert Drive

Wednesday, November 16th

1:30pm



Family Movie Night

The Movie "UP"

Wednesday, November 16th

6:00pm

Multipurpose Room



Game Nights

Thursday, November 3rd

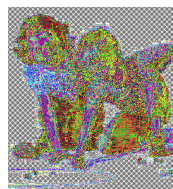
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Willow Creek

Thursday, November 15th

6:30pm

Willow Creek



RECREATION AND VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



BIRTHDAY TEA

Wednesday, November 30th

2:00pm

Multipurpose Room

Entertainment

“Old Friends”



Dorothy	Nov 10, 1940	Marcia	Nov 22, 1931
Vera	Nov 12, 1919	Thomas	Nov 24, 1918
Margaret	Nov 20, 1920	Tula	Nov 24, 1933
Angela	Nov 22, 1916	Richard	Nov 26, 1926

Christmas Candlelight Services



Camelia Park and Willow Creek

Tuesday, December 20th

at 6:00pm

Rose Garden and Magnolia Grove

Wednesday, December 21st

at 6:00pm

Special Christmas music, Christmas buffet and Santa gifts to follow!

2012 Entertainment Books!!

The 2012 Entertainment Books are now on sale

Each book helps support the Resident Council

Just \$46.00 for tons of great savings!



Pick up your book today at
Reception and/or Ruth Courtney.

Purdy's Christmas Fundraiser



Please submit orders by **November 7th** to Reception or Dianna Widmer.

Make cheques payable to Buchanan Lodge.

Our Biggest Resident Council Fundraiser of the Year!



The Fall Fair



Saturday, November 19th

10:00am—2:00pm

Multipurpose Room

It's almost that time of year again and the fall fair is fast approaching!

There will be a variety of vendors and Resident Council tables.

Vendors

Pampered Chef

Princess House

Published books by authors

Avon

Tupperware

Silent auction baskets

Individual Crafts

Baked goods

Zebra crossing children's back packs and bags

Ceramics

Hand made silver jewelry

Hot dog concession

Buzz Devotional

New things keep happening and each day brings new opportunities and challenges. We can face each day with the outlook of the young child, with no worry but wonder.

Recent happenings for us in Buchanan Lodge have been the retirement of Chaplain Jolie Boyarski and the un-retirement of Chaplain Darlene Mollard. It is good to have a constant connection with someone familiar. Chaplain Darlene has inspiration and insight to share with her blessings to give to each one living and working in Buchanan Lodge.

Soon will be the Remembrance Day Service for our families, especially those who have memories of their service in active duty or war service employment. We have veterans and "Rosie the Riveter" living with us. A staff member's son has just finished school and has now started a new career in the Armed Forces. We pray for his purposes to be strong and true for the rights of all mankind and pray for his safety in future assignments.

Ultimately, each new day can be supported by the goodness of God. Consider for your own experiences how you can be guided and fulfilled with the blessings of the Lord. The Doxology in Romans chapter 11 says, "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!" One song that matches the declaration of faith says, "I know not how God's wondrous grace to me he did impart, but I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him until that day!"

Keep looking for new things to happen as we work together and wait also for all blessings to guide us each day. Candlelight Services will be held on December 20 at 6:00pm for Camelia Park and Willow Creek and December 21 at 6:00pm for Rose Garden and Magnolia Grove resident families.

Major George Evans