

## Hello Everyone (please scroll down)

### SVSS and the District of Saanich



SVSS staff and board member, Brian Vermeeren attended a Saanich Council meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed telling the Mayor and Council about our invaluable volunteers and services that we offer. A special thank you to Haji Charania for supporting SVSS during public input.

Mayor Fred Haynes dropped by on March 6<sup>th</sup> to look at the shed adjacent to the McRae house for potential community use.

### Welcome Peggy!



#### **Peggy Hancyk – Our New Client Services Outreach Worker**

Peggy has been involved in senior care in many ways for over 28 years. She has been a volunteer with SVSS for almost 10 years. We are pleased that she has joined our team and will be working with Linda to expand our client services.

### SVSS Income Tax Programs



**Taxpayers' ombudsman**, Sherra Profit from Ottawa stopped in at the McRae House on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to meet with our income tax volunteers and to check in on our CVITP program.

SVSS is running three tax programs this year under the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP): Income Tax clinics at Cedar Hill Rec Centre (Mar 1 – Apr 29), Senior Housing and Care Facilities and at Home Service. SVSS does taxes all year round and will do past years as well.

### Drivers and Receptionists Workshops #2



**Monday, March 25 10am-12pm** - Refreshments provided.

We have rescheduled one of our workshops for drivers and receptionists to meet each other and share ideas on how we work best together, as we cancelled our Feb date due to snow.

Please call into the front desk to reserve your spot. 250-595-8008.

## Do You Have Friends With Spare Time?



### Drivers

We are looking to increase the number of drivers as our client numbers expand.

### Receptionists

Our wonderful receptionist, Jan Crampton, is retiring and we need someone to work Tuesday mornings. We also need subs when are receptionists go on holidays.

### Gardeners

Spring is here! We are refreshing our list of volunteer gardeners.

**Tell your friends to call us at 250-595-8008.**

## Fundraising Cards – over \$1000 raised last year



We have Thrifty Smile cards and Peninsula Co-op gas cards at the office for pick up. You can help us raise a lot of money.

When you spend money using these cards, SVSS gets a small percentage of the monies spent. Last year SVSS received over \$1000. Thank you to those who use these cards to help us raise funds.

## Send in Your Stats!

**February Volunteer Hours and Kilometres are due.**

Most people have sent their stats in. Thank you.

Our volunteer hours and kilometres form should be back on our



website soon. Our goal is to have it up and running by April 1.

Please send in your March hours and kilometres as soon as you can. We will be processing the final quarter Jan-Feb-Mar in early April.

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