

THE UPDATE

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The World Health Organization (WHO) has chosen "Time to Act" as the theme for World AIDS Day on December 1st, 1993. It is a rallying call for urgent action against the HIV/AIDS pandemic -- not only on World AIDS Day itself, but on every day of the year. The goal of WHO and AIDS service organizations worldwide is to slow the spread of HIV and to care for those living with HIV/AIDS. The Time to Act is now. In BC, there have been 6,842 recorded cases of people living with HIV.¹ Worldwide, an estimated 13 million men, women and children have been infected with the virus. Every day, an estimated 5000 people are newly infected. Without urgent action, the current total may rise to 40 million by the end of the century.²

As part of World AIDS Day in Victoria, Stages Dance Theatre Society will present **Celebration of Life**, Victoria's second annual AIDS Benefit, a gala event at the Royal Theatre starting at 8:00 p.m. **Celebration of Life** is sponsored by Stages Dance Theatre Society, Monday Magazine, 100.3 The Q, and CHEK Television. Featured artists include Alma de Espana!, The Broadstreet Dancers, Dance Streams, Doc & the Doo Wops, April Gilason (Filadosa), Kidco Dance Company, Miles Lowry, Duncan Meiklejohn, Sally Braswell courtesy of Pacific Opera Victoria, Stages Dance Company, Suddenly Dance Theatre, Lynda Raino, Jennifer Sanders, Morry Stearns, and The Commonwealth Games Youth Touring Show. **Celebration of Life** will present the talents of many of BC's finest artists and performers dedicated to the AIDS challenge. Tickets are \$18.50 and are available at the McPherson Playhouse, Royal Theatre, Tourism Victoria, Langford Pharmacy and University of Victoria Box Office. For more information, please call Stages Dance company at 384-3267.

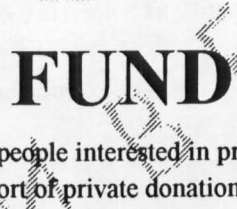
¹ BC Centre for Disease Control-October 1993

² World Health Organization

DAY WITHOUT ART

Another important event happening on December 1st is **Day Without Art**, a day of awareness presented by the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and local participating arts organizations. **Day Without Art**, which will be held between 1 and 5 pm, aims to mourn the loss and celebrate the achievements of individuals who have been involved with the arts in Canada and who have died of AIDS. By covering pieces of artwork created by artists we have lost to AIDS, and by distributing red ribbons, the symbol of AIDS awareness, the arts community will promote the hope that there will soon be a cure. **Day Without Art** is national in scope and is part of the international effort of arts/AIDS awareness projects conceived by Visual AIDS in New York City. Entry is by donation. More information, can be obtained from the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria at 384-4101.

THE HOLIDAY FUND

In recent years, AIDS Vancouver Island has been fortunate to work with many people interested in providing for a better holiday season for People Living With HIV/AIDS. Through the generous support of private donations from members, over \$2,000 was raised last year and distributed to 50 people in the weeks before Christmas and Hannuka. AVI is once again working to ensure that this opportunity is in place for PWAs across Vancouver Island. If you would like to become a part of this year's Holiday Fund, please send your tax-creditable donation to: The AVI Holiday Fund Suite 304 - 733 Johnson Street Victoria, British Columbia V8W 

HELPLINE: 384-4554

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WORLD AIDS DAY 1993: "TIME TO ACT"

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Observed every year on 1 December, World AIDS Day is the culmination of months of activity around a given theme. In 1991, it was "Sharing the Challenge"; in 1992, "A Community Commitment". With "Time to Act", WHO seeks to add a sense of urgency to both these ideas. Every community and every individual should realize that it is high time to take up the challenge of HIV and AIDS.

In 1993, as the pandemic continues to spread, it is...

Time to...fight denial, discrimination and complacency among governments, communities and individuals. With no cure or vaccine in sight, prevention and education must remain absolute priorities.

Time to...bridge the deepening resource gap. WHO's Global Program on AIDS calculates that US\$2.5 billion per year needs to be spent on AIDS prevention in the developing world: 20 times the current sum.

Time to...reduce the vulnerability of women to HIV infection by improving their health, their education, their economic prospects, and their legal and social status.

Time to...provide the young people of this world with the knowledge and means to protect themselves from infection. Education in and out of school should be complemented by easy access to condoms.

Time to...set up strong prevention and education programmes in the workplace, and for business leaders to support wider AIDS activities in the community.

Time to...ensure that humane care for people with HIV and AIDS is available everywhere, and not just in the developed world.

World Health Organization, Geneva

EDUCATION

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Tempus fugit. It's hard to believe that December is upon us and that it is soon time to turn the page on yet another year. Although our agency must currently operate within a tight budget, this past year has provided us with much growth and many high points. Below you will find a few of them.

Much has been accomplished in the Education Department since January 1993. First, there is our Speakers' Bureau which has been coordinated admirably under Barb Chester. With Barb's infusion of heart and hard work the bureau has flourished to the point where we now have 15 volunteer speakers; this is about 10 more volunteers than one year ago! Most of our talks and displays these days are presented by these committed women and men. We have held 3 Speakers' Bureau Trainings in '93, one of which took place up in Courtenay with the volunteers of the North Island AIDS Coalition (NIAC). Moreover, a fourth training session is scheduled for early December in Victoria. Our reports to November show that volunteer speakers have delivered 147 presentations and displays and have reached a total audience of 6717. The array of speaks has improved dramatically, too, starting with AIDS 101, through to Living with HIV/AIDS, AIDS in the Workplace, Women and HIV, AIDS Proofing Your Kids, and Thinking AIDS Globally. I feel fortunate about the high calibre of our speakers and the selection of topics that AVI can now offer the public.

The AIDS Helpline/Reception is another vital component of AVI. Here, too, real strides have been made. I would characterize the mood these days by 3 C's: coverage, camaraderie and customer service. By COVERAGE, I mean SOLID, as in during the past three months over 90% of our Helpline/Reception shifts have been staffed by a volunteer (that translates to something like just one unfilled shift per week). Further, the word CAMARADERIE leaps to mind: this is to emphasize the prevailing mood in our monthly meetings, which from September onwards have been very well attended. In fact, October's meeting certainly set a 1993 -- and perhaps an all-time -- record with 11 volunteers present!

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THE UPDATE

The Update is published monthly as a service to members. One-year subscriptions are available for \$15.00. Typed submissions and letters to the Editor are welcome, c/o AVI #304-733 Johnson Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 3C7. The Update will print no sexist, racist or homophobic copy and will cover issues and events from perspectives which will initiate positive change in the work done by and for AIDS Vancouver Island. The appearance of any advertisements, treatment information or letters to the editor, do not imply endorsement by AIDS Vancouver Island. Submissions may be edited for conciseness and grammatical correctness. AIDS Vancouver Island will not be responsible for errors or omissions.

Anne B., Didi M., Frances H., Lols M., Holly N. Photography by Brent McTavish

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This positive spirit and mutual support also carries over to the day-to-day CUSTOMER SERVICE that I'm pleased to see. The professionalism and warmth with which our switchboard is answered, the manner in which clients and visitors are welcomed into the agency, the cool heads that volunteers maintain when others aren't (not naming any staff names!), etc. In general, the last 3 months have averaged 1100 total calls per month to our switchboard: 92 % were business, whereas 8% were Helpline calls.

Our Resource Centre (formerly the Library) has also experienced a rebirth over the past 12 months. It has come out of the closet and into the foyer, had its vertical files cleaned up in impressive fashion and has undergone a healthy but steady growth. The number of volunteers reached a high of 5 in October, up from one committed soul last year (Lincoln, wherever you are in Vancouver, your efforts in 1992 are appreciated!). I am very gratified to see the emergence of a regular volunteer Resource Centre shift per week, with peer teaching going on between volunteers. We have purchased about 20 new titles this year; due to a budget freeze no new purchases will be made for now. The road ahead in '94 may have its obstacles, but I am buoyed by the sense of enthusiasm that I feel from this group.

Island Outreach Project is one of the more exciting new projects undertaken during the past year. Operated out of the Comox Valley, its purpose is to provide support services and education to residents infected and affected by HIV/AIDS on the mid-island. Shari Dunnet, the Support and Education Worker, has been coordinating this ambitious program and has made enormous inroads. She has worked closely with the local AIDS groups, be they in Duncan, Courtenay, Parksville or Nanaimo to draft short and long-term plans; she has been a key player in the planning stages of Campbell River's new needle exchange; and she has been busy co-facilitating workshops in the high schools and with professional audiences. The upcoming "Thinking AIDS Globally" workshop in Courtenay on November 26-28, geared to high school students, is but one example. Shari also spends a good chunk of her time supporting Persons Living with HIV/AIDS and their families up-island. We're very lucky to have her on staff!

A final piece in the Education Department is Community Outreach. We have seen real strides in this area, too, with the Women and AIDS Project and the Men's Project both being launched in 1993. The Women and AIDS Project continues to meet on a biweekly basis, and is currently fashioning its goals and objectives. The Men's Project, after a short hiatus, has begun meeting again, and is looking at garnering support within the larger community for its program.

Moreover, AIDS Awareness Week went very well: a PWA workshop, safer sex nights, very effective use of the media, and a day of education sessions and fundraising on Salt Spring Island all occurred. World AIDS Day will arrive soon and a few key events are planned too.

Well, there you have it. It's been a challenging, fun, and at times, difficult year. I'd like to give a warm thank you to the many enthusiastic volunteers (and supportive staff!) who have made such a difference in our being able to deliver the range and high quality of service that we do.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to the New Year, and to going back east (and seeing some snow) for awhile. May good health and happiness be yours.

RESOURCE CENTRE ON THE MOVE!

Some real excitement has happened in this division at AVI over the past few months. The vertical files, which house newspaper clippings and scientific articles relating to HIV/AIDS, have been masterfully cleaned up by our Resource Centre Volunteers.

The articles have all been given the once-over and only those dating from 1989 to the present have been retained. In addition, they are now filed in reverse chronological order so that the most recent articles are placed on top. This should make doing research work alot easier (now if only someone would like to help us add more scientific rigour to our files!).

The vertical file cabinet now has a fresh feel to it, and is a pleasure to use. A giant thank you goes out to: Debbie K., Evelyn M., Shawn J. and Elizabeth S. A fond farewell is sent to Mark S. for all your help and leadership and zany jokes during the past year.

Aaron Severs

Coordinator of Education Services



Education workers from left back: Nico W., Shane J., Kathy T., centre: Bill D., Didi M., Chris C., front: Craig S., Hannah C.

WHAT DOES AIDS HAVE TO DO WITH DEVELOPMENT?

In Canada:

About 50,000 people have been infected with HIV.

About 8,000 Canadians have AIDS

but...

In Uganda: About 1.5 million people are HIV+.

About 34,611 Ugandans have AIDS.

In Cité Soleil, Haiti: About 16% of healthy adults are HIV+.

In Benin: One-quarter of urban prostitutes are HIV+.

In Burundi: 8% of blood donors have tested HIV+.

In Mbeya, Tanzania: 12% of pregnant women are infected.

Around the world...

1993: About 13 million people are HIV positive. 80% of them live in developing countries.

2000: About 40 million people will be HIV positive. 95% will be in developing countries.

The spread of HIV/AIDS is very uneven.

The vast majority of people living with HIV/AIDS live in underdeveloped countries.

How do we cope?

Thankfully, \$1.5 billion gets spent on AIDS prevention each year.

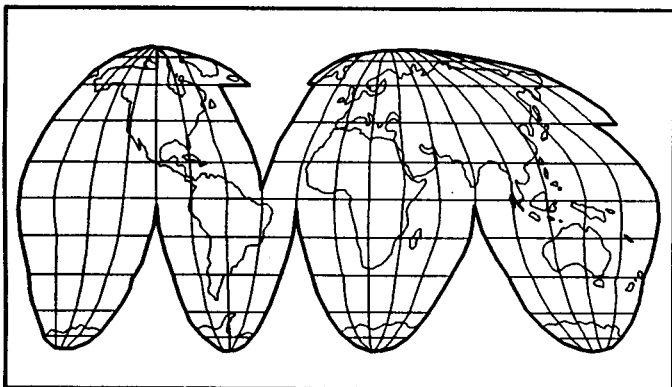
Yet, only \$200 million (13%) is spent in developing countries.

Developing communities bear the brunt of HIV/AIDS pandemic. Why? Because poverty fuels the spread of HIV/AIDS, and HIV/AIDS fuels poverty.

The impact of HIV in developing countries must be understood in the context of their critical socioeconomic problems: famine and food shortage, inadequate sanitation, clean water and health care, the subordination of women and economic policies that allocate insufficient resources to the social sectors.

We must focus our HIV/AIDS prevention-care strategies on the poorest and most vulnerable people in our communities... Then we may achieve a day without AIDS!

World Health Organization, Geneva



VICTORIA BUSINESS COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AVI

I would like to take this time to thank several Victoria businesses that go above and beyond the call of duty to provide goods and services to AIDS Vancouver Island. Foremost of these is the law firm of **Randall and Company** who recently donated five computers to this office and **Alliance Consulting** who provides networking consultation to AVI. **Wolf Alex** at Alliance coordinated this contribution.

In the financial end of AIDS Vancouver Island, **Wendy Holmes** at the **Bank of Montreal** helps us keep tight controls on our bank account while still allowing us the flexibility we need in certain circumstances. Verifying our receipts and expenditures, we have been lucky to have had the services of **Jill Scott, CGA** from **Austin, Chan & Wallace** as our auditor for the past two years. I learn a lot from her whenever she is in the office.

Peta Alexander from **Safeguard** systems provides us with professional looking forms.

Whenever we have out of town guests, **Kit Mainguy** from **Crow's Nest Bed & Breakfast** provides a convenient, relaxing and reasonably priced place to stay.

These businesses help me in my job by providing hassle-free services. I would recommend them all without hesitation.

James Austin

Coordinator of Administrative Services

A WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT ON DECEMBER 2?

Yes indeed! On December 2, the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria's Young Associates group will commemorate **DAY WITHOUT ART** with a programme at the gallery beginning at 7 pm. The Young Associates is a group for people aged 20 to 40 (or so) with an interest in visual art. The programme will feature a premiere of Michael MacLennan's play Wake No Clocks: A Celebration of Loss, which will be followed by a performance by Mosaic, a choir of lesbians, gays and allies. HIV+ Vancouver artist Joe Average will send a message on AIDS and the arts via his mother, Victoria artist Sylvia Tebbutt. Admission is by donation, and proceeds will be donated to AVI.

Holly Nelson

Special Events and Communications

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

On November 17th Anne Brander interviewed Brent McTavish for Update

Anne: How did you become involved with AVI?

Brent: Dale Weston was interested in including photographs in the Annual Report and asked me if I would work with AVI on this. I spent about a month off and on documenting AVI activities with staff and volunteers. Eventually, some of these photographs will be used for advertising in the form of posters - as well as in the Update and of course the Annual Report.

Anne: How long have you been involved in photography?

Brent: Since early childhood. When I was seven or eight years old I started using a neighbour's dark room. In high school, I was always the guy with the camera organizing everyone to create a different kind of photograph. However, I really got serious during a four month visit to India in 1987. I've been back to India twice since then and have put on two public slide shows. More recently, I held my first one person show - "Imagine India" - at the Banana Belt Cafe from August 31 to October 31 this year. It was well received, which has happily resulted in a number of sales. Several of my photographs have been published in magazines: Victoria's Boulevard, Summer 1993; the Alberta Potters' Guild Magazine; and MuscleMag International, June 1993.

Besides my interest in ancient temples and the people of India, which was the focus of "Imagine India", I enjoy working with artists of all mediums. I've documented the work of Gary Merkel, a local ceramic artist now living in Montreal. I also do Physique photography, which is the photography of body builders posing during contests and in the studio. I have a personal interest in body building and have explored the body building traditions in India, which was the focus of the MuscleMag International article. I teach photography to teenagers at New Dimension School, an alternate program sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Victoria. I am currently a semi-professional photographer and work part-time through B.A.M B.A.M Photographics. It is my intention to become a full-time photographer in the near future.

Anne: Where do you find inspiration?

Brent: People whose work has inspired me include George Platt-Lynes, an American fashion photographer who was prominent from the 1930's into the 1950's. His work includes an extensive private collection of portraits of well-known individuals including Salvador Dali and Somerset Maugham. In his private fine art work, Platt-Lynes drew on mythology, particularly Greek, and has some marvelous images of the New York City Ballet in their 1948 performance of the Story of Orpheus.

I'm also fascinated with the work of Thierry Mugler, a French fashion designer and photographer who locates his models in superbly dramatic settings in special places all over the world. Evergon, a contemporary Canadian photographer, is doing experimental work with giant polaroids in dimensions up to eight feet by three feet with the cameras built to his specifications by the Polaroid company. His work is characterized by rich colour, mythological themes, and an intense interest in humanity.

Photography is all about images and light. I like to use textiles and jewelry in my more avant-garde portrait work. The emphasis is always the quality of light playing with its direction.

Anne: Thank you, Brent, for all the time you have given to AVI, and for your generosity in sharing your talent with photography and your ideas.



JoAnn (staff) in back with Walter Q.;
from right: Kit M., Adrienne M., Grant S.

THANKS MARIANNE

Marianne Alto was a board member for just under a year. She was particularly effective at the decision making and planning processes needed at the board level. Marianne has had to resign her position as a Director due to new work commitments within the provincial government. Many thanks Marianne for your hard work and best of luck in your new job.

With a vacancy on the Board of Directors, current members who are interested in a decision making position within the agency can contact Bart Wittke, Vice President and Chair of Nominations at 479-2782. Please call after 11:00 a.m.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit agency that provides nutritionally balanced meals to those in the community who need support. Our emphasis is on providing a service that assists in maintaining a person's independence by allowing them to stay in their own homes for as long as possible. Meals on Wheels serves residents of Greater Victoria and the Saanich Peninsula, who because of age, disability or illness are:

- *unable to prepare an adequate meal for themselves.
- *have no one to prepare meals for them.
- *have health and social needs that are defined by local doctors, hospitals or health and social services requiring nutritional support.

Referrals can come from concerned friends, families and personal requests plus doctors, health and social service agencies. A doctor's referral is not necessary.

In addition to the nutritional benefits available through this service, provision is made for:

- *social contacts for seniors, handicapped and ill people living alone.
- *the security of knowing that a friendly volunteer will check on their well-being on delivery days and respond quickly if an emergency arises.
- *a means for seniors, handicapped and ill people to retain their independence in their own homes.
- *short term convalescent help, and on-going assistance for the chronically ill.

The meals are delivered by volunteers between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Extras may be ordered to cover for the weekend. The cost is \$4.40 per meal, billed monthly. Meals on Wheels has a dedicated team of over 350 volunteers who deliver approximately 425 meals each day to 500 clients.

If you are interested in learning more about Meals on Wheels please call 598-4470. We are very proud of our service and we are always pleased to provide information and accept referrals.



A United Way Member Agency

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Holiday Office Hours

AVI's offices will be closed over the Holiday Season beginning at noon on December 24th. The office reopens on Tuesday, January 4th at 9:00 am. Support staff will be on call over the holidays and a pager number will be listed with the answering machine.

New Office Phone Number

AVI's office numbers have gone through a change (slightly, that is.....).

Since November 1st, the five office numbers have been reduced to a single exchange: 384-2366. Each department no longer has a separate number and instead can be reached through the main switchboard by calling this number. If you inadvertently call the old numbers, they will still ring through to the switchboard for the immediate future.

The fax number remains 380-9411, the Helpline remains 384-4554 (1-800-665-2437 if long distance), and Island Outreach in Courtenay remains 335-1171.

Salt Spring Island Benefit Raises \$2300

"Too much talent in too little time" pretty much sums up the feeling by over 300 people who packed the Salt Spring Activity Centre in Ganges to raise money for the Financial Assistance Fund during AIDS Awareness Week in October.

The evening concert began with the appearance of local artists Barb Slater & Kevin Wilkie, Kate Bragg & Ian Van Wyck, and newcomer Sue Bowler. Their jazzy/bluesy/harmonizing kinda tempo kept pace in setting the stage for featured performer Shari Ulrich who was accompanied by Morry Stearns on keyboard.

Three solid hours later, people left satisfied with the turnout, the incredible talent of Shari Ulrich, and knowing they raised over \$2300 for the Financial Assistance Fund for People Living With HIV/AIDS.

The Conscious Living Benefit Concert & Workshop Series is produced annually by Salt Spring volunteers Liz Forrest and Gloria Valencia.

Combined December/January Issue

This month's Update will feature a combined December/January issue because of the holidays. Limited volunteer resources during this very busy time of year and an ever watchful eye on the purse strings means that time and money will be saved by joining forces. Watch for your next Update in late January.

PERSONS WITH AIDS SOCIETY Victoria Branch

OFFICE and LIBRARY: 613 Superior St. Open 12:00 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Phone 383-7494.

SUPPORT MEETINGS: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for all HIV positive persons and their primary support partner. We share information and experiences related to our common condition.

PEER COUNSELLING: available Thursday afternoons. Drop-in or appointment. One-on-one with a trained HIV+ counsellor.

TREATMENT INFORMATION PROJECT: Wednesdays (other days by appointment only). One-on-one discussion (without endorsement) of options and standards of care from published sources.

COMMUNITY BASED TRIAL: in conjunction with a local physician we are facilitating a pilot study of thyroid hormone as an immunomodulator. Wednesdays by appointment only. Please bring a copy of a CD4 lab report taken within the last three months.

DEEP RELAXATION/MEDITATION GROUP: an ongoing, weekly, facilitated, deep relaxation/meditation group for HIV+ persons. Tuesdays 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Call Grant Tuesdays (during office hours) for details.

LIFE SKILLS/ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING SUPPORT GROUP: an ongoing, professionally facilitated life skills/assertiveness training/support program. Participation is limited. This program requires a regular commitment. Tuesdays, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

MASSAGE & SHIATSU: Wednesdays by appointment. By Frank. Claire LeBlanc is back with her unique blend of bodywork/healing. Your choice. Donation basis.

REIKI: Wednesdays by appointment by a second degree Reiki practitioner. Free.

ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC: by Dore Vanden Heuvel, Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine, on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. Waiting list available for new clients. By donation.

ENTERTAINMENT: a limited number of complementary tickets are available to our members for local theatre productions.

CLOTHING: lots of clean useable clothing available free.

WELFARE PROBLEMS: Roshni Narain of AVI will be in the office December 8 and 22 to provide local advocacy with Social Services and support counselling. Drop-in and appointments.

HAIR CUTS: Joe the Barber will be in Tuesday, December 21. By appointment. Free.

FOOD BANK: orders in by Wednesday 4:00 p.m.; pick-up or delivery on Thursday afternoon.

KUDOS: to Howie Siegel, local entrepreneur, for providing complimentary tickets to the HIV+ community for the Canadian premiere of "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me" held at Theatre Inconnu.

KUDOS: to RUMOURS and CLUB 1325 for raising \$350.00 for the PWA food bank. Many thanks.

WE ALWAYS WELCOME DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND CLEAN REUSEABLE CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. WE ALSO WELCOME ALL VOLUNTEERS.

BEAUTIFUL CHARACTER SUITE

Available January 1st, 1994

1 Bedroom plus den in a beautiful character home, large, landscaped backyard with large covered sundeck, extremely large suite with vaulted ceilings, available for rent for January 1st. \$850.00.

10 minute walk to Legislature!

5 minute walk to Thrifty's!

2 minute walk to ocean!

Cat ok.

Call Janine for viewing: 356-1144 (w) or 361-1784 evenings.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Anyone interested? Classes starting now. Also taking names for January classes. For more information or to enroll, please call: 381-2386, Elizabeth.

OVER 40?

Prime Timers Victoria is a social, recreational, and educational organization for gay and bisexual men over 40. We meet on the third Sunday of each month at James Bay United Church, 511 Michigan Street, starting at 3 PM. Come on down and check us out, or feel free to contact us at 384-2423.

WANTED

Thanks for the fridge Doug!

One simple touch tone phone

One large area rug

Call James at the office: 384-2366

IT'S PARTY SEASON

The AVI Holiday Party (in recognition that both Christmas and Hannukah are celebrated within the AVI membership !!) will be held on Saturday, December 11th.

Kit and Dene Mainguy will once again provide the beautiful surroundings in their heritage home at 71 Linden Avenue. As usual, the decor and atmosphere will be spectacular.

The evening is potluck (including your personal choice of beverage) and begins at 7:30 p.m.

Dress is as formal as you wish with the hope that people (including Dale) will leave their high heels at the door so as to protect the beautiful hardwood floors throughout the house.

So that organizers have an idea of the numbers expected, please leave your name with reception at 384-2366 by Wednesday, December 8th.



Enjoying the patio, from left: Curtis (staff), Colin B., Nancy B., Frank M., Shari (staff), Gary H.

VANCOUVER ISLAND AIDS SOCIETY

(non-profit registration # 0756957-11-28)

MANDATE

"AIDS Vancouver Island shall confront Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, prevent its spread through education, support all those affected by the disease, and advocate on their behalf."

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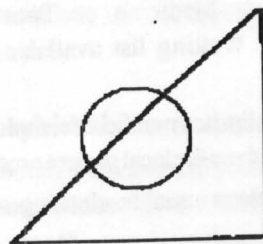
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AIDS Vancouver Island

January 1994

S/S	M	T	W	T	F
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22 23	24 Support Volunteer Meeting @ 5:00 pm HIV + Men's Support Group 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	25 Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm	26 Family Friends & Lovers Support Group @ 7:30 - 923 Burdett Street	27 Gay Men's 12 - Step Support Group 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	28
29 30	31 HIV + Men's Support Group 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Living Room drop-in hours (unless booked) are as follows - Monday 2 - 5 Tuesday 1 - 5 Wednesday 12 - 3 Thursday 1 - 5 Friday 1 - 5			

LOCATION OF EVENTS

Those in *italics* are scheduled for the Living Room 305 - 733 Johnson Street. Personal services require appointments - please sign up on the Living Room bulletin board.

All other events, unless indicated otherwise, occur at AVI's main office 304 - 733 Johnson Street.

DIRECTORY

AIDS INFO LINE
(VICTORIA)
384-4554

TOLL-FREE INFO LINE
1-800-665-2437

ADMINISTRATION
EDUCATION
SPECIAL EVENTS
SUPPORT SERVICES
VOLUNTEERS
384-2366

FACSIMILE MACHINE
380-9411

ISLAND OUTREACH
PROJECT (COURTENAY)
335-1171

ISLAND OUTREACH
PROJECT (FAX)
335-1178

STREET OUTREACH
(OFFICE)
384-1345

STREET OUTREACH
(PAGER)
388-6275 - #1542

LOCATION OF EVENTS

Those in *italics* are scheduled for the Living Room 305 - 733 Johnson Street. Personal services require appointments - please sign up on the Living Room bulletin board.

All other events, unless indicated otherwise, occur at AVT's main office 304 - 733 Johnson Street.



AIDS Vancouver Island

December 1993

S/S	M	T	W	T	F
...buy your tickets to December 1st "Celebration of Life"					
<i>Living Room drop-in hours (unless booked) are as follows - Monday 2 - 5 Tuesday 1 - 5 Wednesday 12 - 3 Thursday 1 - 5 Friday 1 - 5</i>			1 WORLD AIDS DAY <i>Women's Group</i> 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm <i>Women & AIDS Project</i> 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm <i>Family Friends & Lovers</i> Support Group @ 7:30 - 923 Burdett Street	2 Young Associates Event Art Gallery of Greater Victoria 7:00 pm <i>Gay Men's 12 - Step</i> Support Group 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	3
4 5	<i>Massage Therapy - 6</i> <i>LaDonna</i> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm <i>HIV+ Men's</i> Support Group 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	7 <i>Support Services</i> Committee @ 6:00pm	8 <i>Family Friends & Lovers</i> Support Group @ 7:30 923 Burdett Street	9 <i>Gay Men's 12 - Step</i> Support Group 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	10
11 12	<i>AVI Holiday Party</i> <i>Massage Therapy - 13</i> <i>LaDonna</i> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm <i>HIV+ Men's</i> Support Group 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	14 <i>Joe the Barber</i> 1:30 - 4:30 pm <i>Board Meeting</i> @ 6:30 pm	15 <i>Women's Group</i> 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm <i>Women & AIDS Project</i> 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm <i>Family Friends & Lovers</i> Support Group @ 7:30 - 923 Burdett Street	16 <i>Gay Men's 12 - Step</i> Support Group 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	17
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OFFICE CLOSING					
support services staff on call 384-4554 and leave message					
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Starbucks Supports

AIDS Vancouver Island

Starbucks Coffee Company is pleased to announce the opening of its first Victoria store. Located in the heart of the city at 801 Fort Street, Starbucks looks forward to becoming part of this community, providing beans and beverages to their new neighbours.

You are invited to our pre-opening celebration in benefit of AIDS Vancouver Island. Please join us Tuesday, March 8th from 7 - 9 p.m. for an evening of great fun, great taste, and great aromas with delicious pastries, coffee and espresso drinks.

All proceeds from the raffle of Starbucks products will be donated to AIDS Vancouver Island. Admission is free. Please RSVP early as capacity is limited, and please present this invitation at the door.

We look forward to meeting you!

Please RSVP to The AIDS Helpline by Monday, March 7 at 384-2366.



United Way
GREATER VICTORIA

304-733 Johnson Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3C7 (604) 384-2366, 1-800-665-AIDS, FAX (604)380-9411

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