

Volunteer Nanaimo



Dates to Remember

**March 9 is
INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**

**March 21 is
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION DAY**

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Hours of Business:

Mon. to Thurs. 9am to 3pm



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Nanaimo Moose Lodge

The Moose Lodges are active in 1,400 communities in four Canadian provinces, the United States and Great Britain. Of the 20 Canadian Moose Lodges, three are in BC.

The principal mission of the Moose Lodge is support of the famous Mooseheart Child City & School. Situated just outside Chicago on 1000 acres, the school has been active since 1913, providing safety and home residence, and education from K to Grade 12 to children in need who deserve a second chance at life. Mooseheart has provided education and a safe haven to many Nanaimo children in need over the years. The Moose Fraternity also provides care to senior members at Moosehaven in Florida.

Nanaimo's Moose Lodge, begun in 1912, presently boasts 300 active members. This group is comprised of the Fraternity of men and women, all of whom give many hours of their time to voluntary services. These services provide aid to many local initiatives and not for profits and family services.

The Nanaimo Moose Lodge and Women of the Moose-Nanaimo Chapter have directed donations towards noteworthy Nanaimo charities. They raise funds through hard work and fundraisers such as hall rentals, Thursday Meat Draws, Pancake Breakfasts, weekly Saturday night dances and craft and bake sales. About \$20,000 a year of funds raised are donated to not-for-profit organizations and charities of Nanaimo. Local recipients include: Loaves and Fishes, 7-10 Club, Youth Sports, Girl Guides, Vancouver Island Mental Health.

The Nanaimo Paramedics always love to receive the Tommy Moose stuffies that help traumatized children overcome anxiety.



Tommy Moose

The moose, recognized for centuries as a strong majestic being, standing alone.

Moose Lodge cont.



The Nanaimo Moose lodge offers a great array of activities to both individuals and families. It proudly opens its membership to all cultures and religions, and is a non-denomination and inclusive organization.

The greatest benefit of the Moose Fraternity, is the lifelong and steadfast friendships created through its memberships.

**Stop by our Moose Lodge at
1356 Cranberry Avenue**

to learn more about the Moose Family Fraternity and enjoy a full range of member benefits in Canada, the USA and Great Britain.

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Office Phone: 250-754-2853

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Ongoing Programs

Tax Service

This service resumes on March 3 and 4, offering weekly appointments to residents with low incomes, completing and filing income tax returns for the years 2013 to 2022.

To be eligible: Maximum income for single people is \$35,000 pa and \$45,000 for couples - with no additional business income and limited rental income.

**Friday and Saturday appointments
now available.**

Call 250-758-7121



The Watchdog Tech program

Offering technical support to non-profit agencies and individuals within our community.

This includes computer repair, software upgrades, network setup, malware removal, and computer upgrades. Volunteers also provide instruction and advice for technology users.

If you or your employer are thinking of recycling a desktop or laptop computer or a laser printer, please donate them to us and we will try to extend their useful life.



Contact us:

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Volunteer Nanaimo Angel Network presents

3RD ANNUAL

FLING INTO SPRING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Bring your child in to pick up a book and sign up for our Spring Break Activities.

Play Bingo and turn in your card for a family game/puzzle/activity.

Drop by our office at:
E-3148 Barons Rd
Monday - Thursday
9 am - 3 pm

In partnership with

Enter our draw for a chance to win one of these three PRIZES!



Knitters and Crocheters needed...

...to knit squares that will be sewn into blankets for the elderly, children and families needing warmth and comfort.

Use your own sayelle yarn, or drop by our office for supplies and a copy of the square template.

**Call us for more information
250-758-7121**

STORYCRAFT

Understanding and exploring the power of story in fiction, nonfiction, memoir...

A 2-hour Zoom workshop for new, emerging & experienced writers
Saturday March 25, 2023

1 to 3 p.m.

Presented by Lois Peterson
www.loispetersonwriter.ca

By \$10 minimum donation.
All proceeds to VOLUNTEER NANAIMO Angels program

Fundraiser

To register and more info.
loispeterson@hotmail.com

Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



Special Presentation, open to all!

In February, Youth 20/20 Can & Youth Network members volunteered at SPUD patrol, handing out cookies to people experiencing homelessness and hunger. We also visited the Warming Center, where we baked Valentine’s Day cookies and played music.

We appreciate everything these community organizations do to keep our community fed, warm and safe.

This month, we also sang songs with seniors from Oak Tree Manor and volunteered at the Maple Sugar Festival & Coldest Night of the Year.

We have two youth programs at Volunteer Nanaimo: Youth Network & Youth 20/20 Can.

Youth Network members – between 11-17 years old - volunteer at events in the community.

Youth 20/20 Can members – between the ages of 15-29 – co-create projects that matter to them and work closely with community partners to turn their ideas into reality.

To learn more about Youth 20/20 Can and the Youth Network check our Facebook and Instagram pages:

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