

Volunteer Nanaimo



Dates to Remember

We are closed
Monday, April 10
HAPPY EASTER

We applaud all volunteers
NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER WEEK
April 16 - 22

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Hours of Business:

Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 2023



Member of the Month:

Old Age Pensioners BC

The history of our Old Age Pensioners Society (OAP) is lengthy and interesting.

The BC's OAP branch is the oldest, most assertive in the province, first joining the program in 1927, it is now celebrating its 90th anniversary.

The first years —the early 1900s following WW1—were challenging. Later, everyone faced very tough times during the Depression and recession - especially Canada's seniors. The Federal government did step in and create legislation based on mandatory retirement with benefits for a mean age of 70. Pension eligibility was stringently defined – recipients had to be British subjects, be a 20-year minimum residents of Canada, had lived five years in our province and not received annual income of no more than \$365.00.

Today, our local chapter of OAP steadfastly continues to advocate on behalf of BC seniors. Here, the OAP has a long-lasting relationship with Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of BC (COSCO) because of shared interests and advocacy. This branch continues to contribute to social activities and seniors' involvement in our community.

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BC Pensioners cont.

Services to our Nanaimo members include:

- Daily activities – shuffleboard, darts, card and board games, exercise classes and coffee groups.
- Twice monthly luncheons and Special Dinners as well as a monthly pancake breakfast.
- A presenter, speaking on topics of interest to seniors is provided at one monthly luncheon.
- Members (and non-members) income tax services – free

Two locations in Nanaimo at Labieux Road and the renovated and newly-built Butter-Tubs Drive house the above activities. The Mission of this organization is: *Seniors Helping Seniors*. Our local chapter is proud of its work and is a very busy service, solely run by volunteers.

Over the years, there has been much discussion over the use of the words ‘Old Age’ in the organization’s name. Yet this topic ‘old age’ is the reason for the organization to begin with, and this needs to be remembered as its reason for being!



ONGOING PROGRAMS

Tax Program

By appointment.
Fridays and Saturdays
until the end of April.
Once a month thereafter.



**Call 250-758-7121 for information
or to make an appointment.**

Watchdog Computer Services

Technical support for non-profit agencies and individuals. Offered by donation – plus costs if parts are purchased.

We welcome donations of used computers – especially laptops – which are refurbished and redistributed to members of our community. **Call us: 258-758-7121**



Hand in Hand Intergenerational Storytelling Project

Are you a senior with a story to tell?
Would you like to record your memories, and have a copy of your story to share with family and friends?

**To sign up for this opportunity contact
Michelle at 250-713-9630**

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention. Oscar Wilde





Happy winners Hudson and Brooklyn

Congratulations

to the winners in our Spring Fling event.

Hudson - VTech Alphabet Train

Brooklyn - Dinosaur

Madison - Scooter

Aaliya - Lego Infinity collection

Thanks to all the families who participated

Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



Youth 20/20 Can is looking for your help.

We throw away lots of things that could get a new lease on life after a simple repair. Knowing how to make repairs is a skill that is often lost.

That is why in partnership with Vancouver Island Regional Library, Youth 20/20 Can is hosting a **Fix-up Factory** on May 27, 2023.

We want to show people how much fun repairing things can be, and how easy it often is.

If you are interested in being a 'Fixer' please email youth2020cannanaimo@gmail.com or call Anni at 250-268-8669

On March 10 Youth 20/20 Can hosted a Wisdom of Trauma Movie Screening and Panel discussion. The event was a huge success. We sold 200 tickets and had an engaging community conversation inspiring an active movement towards a trauma-informed community. We would like to thank everyone who supported the event.

Are you between 11 - 29 years old and want to make a difference in our community? Join one of our 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.

Fix-Up FACTORY

Fix-Up Factory is a Youth 20/20 Can initiative in partnership with VIRL to promote **repair vs. disposal**. We are looking for **volunteer "fixers"** to help community members repair damaged/broken items on

MAY 27, 10:30am-4pm
Nanaimo Harbourfront Library

Share your skills and expertise! Prevent landfill growth!

Interested in being a "fixer"? We have two shifts available:
10:30am - 1:30pm
1:30pm - 4:00pm

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