

The Speaker

The Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society's Official Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

This issue of *The Speaker* marks the end of another successful year for BC Youth Parliament. Highlights of the year included Session at the Legislature in Victoria; Camp Phoenix, held at Camp Miriam on Gabriola Island; and SummerFest, a new project held for the first time at New Brighton Park in the East Side of Vancouver.

Plans are now well underway for the 74th BC Youth Parliament, and the Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. I would like to encourage all alumni to come out to the AGM, to hear more about Parliament's activities over the past year, and its plans for the upcoming year. I would also encourage any alumni who are interested in contributing to the Board of Directors of the Alumni Society (Senate) to contact me, at 604-643-2928 or jherbert@davis.ca, or the Vice Chair, Sang-Kiet Ly, at 250-480-3527 or sly@kpmg.ca, for more information.

Hope to see everyone at the AGM!

Jason Herbert
Chair

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, December 8, 2002 10:00 am

Room 222 Kerrisdale Community Centre

5851 West Boulevard, Vancouver (West Boulevard & 42nd Ave)

The following resolution will be decided at the AGM:

THAT the Constitution be amended by the addition of section 4:

Upon winding up or dissolution of the Society, the assets which remain after payment of all costs, charges, and expenses which are properly incurred in the winding up shall be distributed to such charitable organizations or organizations registered under the provisions of *the Income Tax Act* (Canada) as may be determined by the members of the Society at the time of winding up or dissolution. This provision shall be unalterable.

Dear Alumni,

As BCYP's most recent past Premier, it is my pleasure to share with you some highlights of the 73rd Parliament. Ninety-five members were selected to participate as members of the first Session of the millenium. Members committed themselves to an ambitious agenda of service activities and major projects including BCYP SummerFest and Camp Phoenix.

BCYP SummerFest was a family carnival held on July 13 at New Brighton Park in Vancouver. The event was sponsored by BC Gas and was attended by alumni, friends, community groups and open to the general public. Guests enjoyed a variety of midway games including a nine-hole miniature golf course. Entertainment was provided by a number of local bands as well as a fortune teller. In true carnival style, SummerFest was also well-stocked with ice cream, hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy! Members from all regions of the province contributed to this ambitious project by staffing the carnival, building midway games, attracting community groups, enlisting the support of sponsors, and making countless other arrangements to bring SummerFest into fruition. This was BCYP's first attempt at organizing a public event of this nature and one which could benefit greatly from continued alumni support.

BCYP's 34th Camp Phoenix was held at the Miriam camp site on Gabriola Island from August 26-31. 48 deserving campers from the Greater Nanaimo area were treated to a week of fun and excitement. The theme at Camp Phoenix 2002 was "the Olympics" and each cabin represented a fictitious country developed throughout the week's activities by the campers. Special thanks to **Ken Millard** who served as this year's Camp Director, and the Camp Steering Committee for their guidance and support towards this project.

Throughout the year, members also participated in several service projects throughout the province. Pre-Sessional workshops were held in Vancouver, Victoria, Kamloops, Williams Lake and Creston. There were also three Regional Youth Parliaments held for students aged 14-18 in the areas of Vancouver, the North Shore and the Kootenays. BCYP sent a delegation to the Western Canada Youth Parliament held in Winnipeg, Manitoba during the weekend of May 17-20. Among the many experiences shared in the past year, BCYP'ers participated in a Christmas Parade, adopted a street, nourished many at numerous bake sales and hot dog sales, dressed as mascots at the BC Children's Hospital ChildRun, volunteered at hospices and soup kitchens, cleaned beaches, practiced carpentry and painting at SummerFest game-building workshops, and ran as a team in the Vancouver Sun Run. Members also set records for individual fundraising through donations, which made it possible for BCYP to fund its many activities this year while raising a healthy year-end surplus.

Youth Parliament continues to flourish as a worthwhile organization that serves both its members and youth in general extremely well. For this I thank all members for their involvement and the many alumni who have been an invaluable resource throughout the year. BCYP can continue to do great things while developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility in its members. To those of you who have shared in this experience offered by Youth Parliament, I entreat you to consider contributing to the legacy of BCYP by sharing your knowledge and skills as active alumni. I look forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming Annual General Meeting or even, perhaps, at future Senate meetings!

Yours in Parliament,

Aniz Alani
Premier & Attorney General
73rd British Columbia Youth Parliament

Walter S. Owen Fund

At the Annual General Meeting there will be a discussion of a fundraising campaign conducted by the Society. The following information provides a background to this initiative.

As many of you will recall, the late Walter S. Owen, Premier of the First Older Boys' Parliament, bequeathed \$5,000 to the Society for the basis of a trust fund. Between 1991 and 1993 the Society led the Walter S. Owen Fundraising Campaign and with the generous support of Alumni, service organizations and corporations the Society raised \$75,000. The Vancouver Foundation matched this amount and the Walter S. Owen Fund in the amount of \$150,000 was established. The present market value of the Fund is approximately \$177,000.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide the Society with financial security so that a youth parliament can be maintained in British Columbia. Between October and December of each year, the Society receives the income from the Fund which is allocated in accordance with the "Proposal for the Use of the Walter Owen Endowment Funds", a proposal adopted by Senate in 1994 after extensive discussions among Cabinet, Senate and former Senators.

The Proposal contemplates an annual distribution between Senate (to subsidize Session and reduce the Registration Fee) and BCYP (to defray member's travel costs). The priorities for allocation of the income are as follows:

1. subsidizing the operating costs of Session
2. offsetting the travel costs of BCYP members travelling to BCYP events
3. assisting the funding of BCYP projects
4. special activities and expenses proposed by BCYP members or Senators upon application to Senate but only if there is money available after the above priorities are addressed.

The allocations to date are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount BCYP</u>	<u>Society</u>	
1994	\$ 8,396.90	\$0.00	\$8,396.90 reinvested in WSO fund
1995	\$11,792.75	\$2,709	\$7,583.75 plus \$1,500 to Reserve Account
1996	\$11,508.71	\$2,509	\$7,499.71 plus \$1,500 to Reserve Account
1997	\$10,905.49	\$2,405	\$8,500.49
1998	\$ 8,655.03	\$2,500	\$6,155.04
1999	\$11,955.33	\$0.00	\$11,955.33
2000	\$16,488.00	\$4,588	\$12,000.00
2001	\$12,752.00	\$0.00	\$12,752.00

As these numbers demonstrate, the Society has deemed it necessary to retain the entire amount in two of the past three years to subsidize the cost of Session and keep the Registration Fee at a reasonable level. Without the revenue from the Fund, the Registration Fee, the only other substantial source of revenue for the Society, would increase dramatically. The present Registration Fee is \$220.

The Society operates within a very tight budget. There is little room for increased costs incurred for Session or for new costs to support membership recruitment efforts that must be made in 2003.

The Board considers that it would be prudent to embark upon a further fundraising campaign. We call upon the Alumni to volunteer to plan and execute this campaign with us. You do not need to become a Director on the Board to contribute your time and work to this endeavour.

Thank you,

Kerry Simmons
Chair, Fundraising Committee

If you are able to assist, please attend the A.G.M. or contact Kerry Simmons at:

250-380-2761, kerrysimmons@hotmail.com

or

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Victoria, B.C.
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Alumni Update:

I received the following update from John Morton in response to the Spring 2002 Speaker. There was a photo attached but unfortunately I could not open the file.

Ashley Morton, 23, of Bella Coola was recently elected president of the University of Toronto Engineering Undergraduate Society for 2002-2003. Ashley, who attended NES & SAMSS before obtaining an International Baccalaureate from Lester Pearson United World College in 1998, will be entering his final year of Electrical Engineering in September at U. of T. In the past year, Ashley was the starting winger on the Varsity Blues rugby team; and with teammate Crystal Wong won the Ontario Universities engineering debating championship.

Recently, Aniz Alani, Premier of the 73^d BCYP received a letter from Reg Foote who was a member of the First Boys Parliament held in January '23. He wrote:

“It would be interesting to know if I am the last surviving member of the 1923 session. My birthday is January 3, 1907. The majority of people do not make it to their '90s. I take DHEA (Dehydroepiandrosterone). I think the Government banned it because, if everyone took it, it would cost millions of dollars in pensions. The United States passed an act that allows it to be sold. I expect to be around for 5 or ten years. I still play the piano for residents in Retirement homes and enjoy a game of poker once a week.”

Reg attached a photocopy of the section of his memoirs related to Youth Parliament. Here is what they said:

"It was through the Tuxis and the Churches that I was nominated as a member of the first Boys Parliament in Victoria. I took the train to Sicamous and after a long wait, transferred to the Main Line train to Vancouver. The train was absolutely full, with not one seat available. Fortunately, for me, one of the Hardwoods had two seats on which he was sleeping. He invited me to lie down with my feet on the seat where he had his head. Due to the long wait in Sicamous we were late getting into Vancouver. Someone was supposed to meet me but because of the long wait, he didn't show up. I sat in the waiting room for a long time. Everyone had left except for two rough looking fellows across the room from me. As there was no one else, I walked across and asked them if they could direct me to the Y.M.C.A. They started to growl a reply when a woman took my arm and said that she and the man accompanying her would show me the Y.M.C.A. Where did they come from? Had I seen them in the waiting room I would have asked them. I realize now that they were my guardian angels. Had I gone with the old bums I would have likely been robbed and murdered.

The fellow in whose home I was billeted in Vancouver, was very apologetic. We went to his home, his sister and a friend were there and insisted I play the piano. I was dead tired so after playing a couple of pieces, I told them that I would like to go to bed. The bed was a mattress on the floor of the attic. It was January 3, 1923 [his birthday] and if you check back in the records, you will find that was one of the coldest nights ever experienced in Vancouver. I was so cold I put on my overcoat and went to sleep. I had just dropped off to sleep when the fellow came up

and banged on my door. He asked if I wanted to go to church. I thought it must be morning but it was the 8 p.m. service. I told him I was too tired and was finally allowed to go to sleep.

The next day we took off for Victoria by boat. I had reserved a room and the purser took me to it and opened the door. There was a young lady sitting on the bed taking off her stockings. To my disappointment (just kidding), I was too young to be having bad thoughts, the purser took me to a room in which two other boys were getting ready for bed. I had to share the lower bunk with one of them. In Victoria, I was billeted at a very nice home on Jarvis Street. The name of the people was Jeeves. Mrs. Jeeves always saw that I had a good breakfast before I left for the Parliament Buildings.

Our Premier was Walter Owen, who late in life became the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. Walter died years ago. One other boy went from Vernon-- Harold Galbraith. I think Harold must have taken to drinking too heavily. He committed suicide by jumping out of a hotel room in Chicago."

Reg also enclosed a copy of the sessional photo copied into the memoirs along with a list of who was sitting where in the photo.

Thank you to John Morton and Reg Foote for their submissions. If you would like to update the alumni please fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter.

Missing Alumni:

I was hoping that you all could help me update some addresses. Our "lost alumni" list is growing and I was hoping for some help. Thank you to those people who responded to my email. I was able to take at least ten people off of the missing list; however, could you also take another look at the list because the list in the email was incomplete.

I know that many of these people are still around but I do not have their current mailing address. Could everyone please take a look through the following names and forward their current address to me if you have it. Please feel free to pass this email on to other alumni who may have these addresses and can forward them to me. Also, if you know that someone has passed on or wishes to have their name removed from the alumni mailing list could you also pass that information on to me as well.

To update the information, please fill out the alumni update/change of address form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to me at the address indicated on the form. Alternatively, you can either phone me at 604-646-6623 or email me at jasrhon@shaw.ca

Thank you,

Rhonda Vanderfluit
Alumni Affairs Director

LIST OF MISSING ALUMNI

Allan, David	Guise, Tammy	NORTH, DAVID
Amanovich, Andy	HALL, ROBERT	Norton, Francis
Astbury, Graham	Hambley, Nancy	OXLEY, KEVAN
AXENTY, RON	Heal, Thomas	Partridge, William
Azmudeh, Alireza	HOADLEY, MARK	PATTISON, STEPHEN
BABCOCK, CLIFFORD T.	Hodgins, Dale	Paul, Gordon
Barichello, Richard	HODGINS, ROGER	Pooley, Robert E.
BARTON, DOMINIC	Holmes, Roy	PRINGLE, H.S.
Bates, Tiffany	HOLROYD, CARIN	RAMAGE, RODNEY
BENTLEY, DR. KEN	Holtby, Robert	Rowntree, Gordon
Beranek, Connie	HUESTIS, JANE	Rykta, Ross
BETHUNE, STEPHEN	Hunter, Susan	Schwartz, Paul
Bissett, Matthew	HWANG, MICHAEL	SEYMOUR, WILLIAM
BODEL, DONALD	James, Sarah	Sinclair, Michael
BUZZARD, PEGGY (née Kemp)	JAY, G.J.	SIZER, GAIL
CASEY, BRIAN	Kapustra, A. J.	Slade, G.R.
Castner, Ronald	Kennedy, Kevin	SMITH, DAN
CHALK, CYRIL	KING, REV. BERT	SOMMER, IAN B
Cheema, Chamkaur	Kirk, H.	Sommer, Karen
Clay, Dr. Graham	KITCHEN, ALFRED	SORKO, STEVEN
Clegg, Grant	Klinkhammer, Maurice	Stark, A.H.
COLE, COLLEEN	KONGUS, SARAH	Tabata, Suzanne
Colwell, David	Kuin, Rachel	TASSIE, MEG
COOK, NORMAN	LAMB, ERIC	THOM, MURRAY
CROWE, MICHAEL	Lloyd, Gordon	Tory, Peter
DAVENPORT, MICHAEL	LOUIE, TINA	TURMELL, WAYNE
Davies, Lyle	Lovely, Dave	Turner, Chris
DAVIS, MALCOLM	LOWE, AUDREY	TURNER, MARK
Dawson, Evelyn	Lozej, Andrea	Valcourt, Sue
DEMIDOFF, ANDREA	LUMSDEN, BARB	VERWOLF, DINAH
Deppisch, Stephen	MacDonald, Bree	Wade, Nichola
DUNBAR, JACK	MACDONALD, SANDRA	WALDEN, FRANKLIN
Edgecomb, James	MacKenzie, Ian	Wallace, D. H.
EDWARDS, SHANNON	MACLEAN, DICK	WALLACE, DR. ROBERT
Eidt, Chris	MACLEAN, Dr. J.B.	Wallace, Dr. Scott
FERGUSON, DUNCAN	MACLEOD, DAVID	WALLACE, REV. ROBERT
Ferris, Joe M.	MACLEOD, STUART	Washington, Gerald
FETTER, TOM	MACNEIL, BRIAN	WATT, ROBERT
Fields, Donald	MAXWELL, JACK	Wellburn, Steven
FLETCHER, BERT	MCAMMOND, DR.	WICKS, LYLE
Forsythe, Jean	MCCABE, BRIAN	Wilkinson, Andrea
FOTHERGILL, ROSS	MCCAULEY, D	WILLIAMS, BILL
Fowler, Stephen	MCDERMID, NEIL	WILLIAMS, J.D.
Freeman, Carolyn	MCGUIRE, BRENDA	Williamson, James L.
Goodwin, Barry	MCMILLAN, THOMAS	WILLISTON, RAY
GRANT, ANNE	MCMORRAN, WALLACE	Wilson, Andrew
Grant, Darryl	MILLS, MEDIA	WOHLFORD, R.L.
GREEN, H.C.	Mort, N	WRIGHT, JOHN
Gregory, Hadden	NEEN, WILLIAM	Yost, Laurie
GRIER, BRIAN	Nicholls, Leonard	

Alumni Update Form/Change of Address Form

Name: _____

Session/Former Position: _____

Your news/new address: _____

Please mail this form to: **The Youth Parliament Alumni Society** or email me at:
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#502 – 819 Hamilton St
Vancouver, BC V6B 6M2 **jasrhon@shaw.ca**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

For decades, the Youth Parliament Alumni Society has provided valuable support for BCYP. As the official sponsor, we organize and resource the annual session for youth from across the province. It provides a valuable opportunity for youth to gain leadership experience, and encourages a spirit of volunteerism and community responsibility through individual and group service projects.

In this era of increasing government fiscal restraint, our grants have decreased. Additionally, our operating expenses for the session, including transportation and accommodation for members have continued to rise. We are attempting to keep session fees at reasonable levels to encourage a diverse group of participants, and are actively pursuing alternative fundraising opportunities.

Alumni contributions to BCYP, such as participation in SummerFest are of tremendous help to keep initiatives like Camp Phoenix alive, we thank those of you who attended!

We would also ask at this time that you consider donating to the Alumni Society to help us make this year's session a success.

Making a donation to the Youth Parliament Alumni Society ensures that young people from around the province can participate in an organization that benefits not only themselves but also their community.

Yes, I want to help support the Alumni Society sponsor BCYP! Please send your donation along with this card to:

The Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society
c/o Sang-Kiet Ly, Treasurer
2546 Scott Street
Victoria, BC V8R 4H7

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount: \$ _____