

# THE SPEAKER



Fellow Alumni,

Thank you to everyone who made the BCYP 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alumni Jubilee Celebration a great success. We had a great cross-section of alumni representing several generations of former Older Boys and Youth Parliamentarians in Victoria on December 27, 2003 for the opening of the 75<sup>th</sup> BCYP Session and the alumni wine and cheese. We also enjoyed remembering old times at the alumni brunch on December 28<sup>th</sup>, the highlight of which was Dan Burnett's "top ten list" on the love-hate relationship between the media and Parliament.

The reunion owed its success to the efforts of dedicated alumni who deserve special mention: Negin Mirriahi (68<sup>th</sup> - 72<sup>nd</sup> BCYP) and Jocelyn Fung (68<sup>th</sup> - 72<sup>nd</sup> BCYP) did a fantastic job creating and mailing out invitations and registration forms; Geoff



Glave (55<sup>th</sup> - 60<sup>th</sup> Sessions) and Ken Donohue (59<sup>th</sup> - 63<sup>rd</sup> Sessions) were instrumental to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and did much of the planning and hard work before and during the event; Kerry Simmons stepped in to help out with the wine & cheese and made it into a truly elegant evening; Sarah Bonner worked hard despite her busy schedule to make all of the arrangements with the Legislature and with the Harbour Towers Hotel for the brunch and room bookings.

When the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee first met we decided that if there was sufficient interest we would love to do another alumni reunion event in Vancouver at the end of the 75<sup>th</sup> Sessional year, possibly in-line with the AGM. Since many alumni had

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Please note the following correction to the ticket order form, as the old version unfortunately did not include my post office box number. The address on the ticket order form should be as follows:

**PO Box 580  
Creston, BC  
VOB 1G0**

Thank you to Jim Mann (Member 1966-1969, past Executive Secretary and Speaker) for bringing this to my attention. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Nicole Stewart  
Minister of Community Fundraising & Public Relations

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family and travel plans during the Session in December there was not a large enough turnout to run an XYP Session, so we decided to limit the event to the wine & cheese and the brunch. Along with other possibilities such as a dinner the Committee is now considering holding an XYP Session for the Vancouver event. If you have any input or would be interested in working on the committee or helping out with the event please email me at <[jasrhon@shaw.ca](mailto:jasrhon@shaw.ca)>.

In addition to the reunion events organized by the Alumni Society in honour of the 75<sup>th</sup> Session, BCYP members are planning an alumni event this summer. Look for details from Nicole Stewart, Minister of Community Fundraising and Public Relations, on BCYP's Sweet Dreams Wine and Cheese Reception planned for June 19, 2004.



Finally, I would like to thank Senate and BCYP for allowing me to serve on Senate for the last six years. As many of you know I have returned to student life at UBC and decided not to stand for re-election to Senate this year. Thank you to Negin Mirriahi and Kerry Simmons for taking on the roles of CRO and Registrar so that I could step aside. I must admit that it was weird to attend Session with no responsibilities; however, I am reassured that the organization is in good hands. Also, thank you to Alan Ip (69<sup>th</sup> - 74<sup>th</sup> BCYP) for taking on the role as Alumni Affairs Director. I have every confidence in Alan and I am sure that he will do a great job of keeping alumni up to date on the activities of BCYP, Senate and the Society. Please note that <[alumni@bcyp.org](mailto:alumni@bcyp.org)> no longer goes to me but to Alan.

Yours in Parliament,  
Rhonda Vanderfluit

**Senate 2004**

Dear Alumni,

The following is the list of Senators for 2004, together with their position, if any:

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| Aniz Alani                                    | Robyn Marshall                           |
| Sarah Bonner (Executive Director)             | Beatrice McCutcheon (Vice-Chair)         |
| Yuk-Sing Cheng ( <i>ex-officio</i> , Premier) | Negin Mirriahi (Chief Returning Officer) |
| Jocelyn Fung                                  | Simon Philp (Secretary)                  |
| Jason Herbert (Chair)                         | Kerry Simmons (Registrar)                |
| Alan Ip (Alumni Affairs)                      | Tracy Tang                               |
| Miranda Lam                                   | Victor Tuomi (Privacy Officer)           |
| Sang-Kiet Ly (Treasurer)                      |  |

They may be contacted through Alan Ip, Alumni Affairs Director, at [alumni@bcyp.org](mailto:alumni@bcyp.org).

**House Leader Elections**

We are pleased to announce the following House Leaders-elect for the 76<sup>th</sup> British Columbia Youth Parliament:

**Premier-elect:**  
***Dorothy Wong***, Richmond

**Leader of the Opposition-elect:**  
***Victor Mung***, Surrey

**Deputy Speaker-elect:**  
***Dora Turje***, Vancouver



**Message from the Premier of British Columbia Youth Parliament**

Dear Alumni,

Thank you all for your continued support! British Columbia Youth Parliament is proud to have celebrated our 75th Parliament in Victoria this past December. Session was a great success, and we can promise you that we have an exciting year of events planned for the year!

Our many projects planned this year include the continued existence of Camp Phoenix, which will be held in August on Gambier Island at Camp Fircom. We are also hosting Western Canada Youth Parliament, an inter-province gathering of youth from the four western provinces to experience debate BCYP style and to meet youth from across the region during the May Long Weekend. Other projects that we are carrying out this year include Regional Youth Parliaments, the Youthspeak Essay Challenge, and of course, our continued commitment to community service across the province. One event we are planning that may be of particular interest to you is our Sweet Dreams Wine

and Cheese Reception, which will be a celebration of our organisation and its over 75 years of history in British Columbia, scheduled to be held at the Vancouver Aquarium in June. Please visit our website at [www.bcyp.org](http://www.bcyp.org) for more information on our planned activities for the year, or feel free to contact me at [yuk-sing.cheng@bcyp.org](mailto:yuk-sing.cheng@bcyp.org).

We hope to see you at one of our many events throughout the year and look forward to strengthening our ties with alumni!

Best wishes,

Yuk-Sing Cheng

Premier

75th British Columbia Youth Parliament

**Sweet Dreams—75th Anniversary Celebration**

British Columbia Youth Parliament invites you to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in style at the Vancouver Aquarium in the Arctic Gallery on June 19, 2004. I have sent each of you an invitation and ticket order form to Sweet Dreams Wine & Cheese Reception. If you have yet to receive this please notify me as soon as possible. Tickets are \$24 per person and \$45 per couple. I am hoping to see many alumni at this event where BC Youth Parliament’s history will be displayed for all guests. Come and relive the Youth Parliament experience under the sea in an evening of elegance, charm and wonderful memories.

from pictures, past newsletters or stories are useful. If you are able to offer any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at the following information:

Address:

5556 Alma Street

Vancouver, BC V6N 1Y1

Cell: 778-773-9906

Telephone: 250-428-2068

Email: [nbaileys@sfu.ca](mailto:nbaileys@sfu.ca)

BCYP’s archives have been helpful but we require the assistance of past parliamentarians. If you have any youth parliament stuff you wish to get rid of or could lend to us for the evening we would be extremely grateful. Anything

Nicole Stewart

Minister of Community Fundraising & Public Relations

75<sup>th</sup> British Columbia Youth Parliament

**Award Winners**

We are happy to announce the following award winners. The awards were presented at Session during the 75th BCYP.

**Donald Fergus Paynter Memorial Award for Leadership:**

*Aniz Alani*, Winnipeg, MB

**Inspiring New Member Award:**

*Elizabeth Tribe*, Courtenay

**Fisi Award for Service:**

*Emilie-Anne Paul*, North Vancouver

**Youth Parliament Bond Shield:**

*William Chow*, Vancouver

# Alumni Update Form / Change of address form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Session/Former Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Your news/ new address:  
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Please mail this form to: **The Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society** Or email me at:  
c/o Alan C.L.. Ip  
2715 Lynbrook Drive  
Vancouver, BC V5S 2C2 **alumni@bcyp.org**

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.

## The Alumni Society Needs Your Support!

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 the Sweet Dreams Auction are of tremendous help to keep initiatives like Camp Phoenix alive, we hope to see you there!

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

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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