

# Newsletter February 2010

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Vancouver Island Branch

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Student Commonwealth Conference, St.Michael's University School, Victoria.

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From the President's Desk

We enjoyed a very musical Christmas luncheon and a productive January general meeting where we introduced a new format of membership for persons unable to attend luncheons. This gives "Friend of the Commonwealth" for a minimum tax deductible \$ 20.00 donation information of events and the newsletter plus supporting our endeavors. This does not include voting & other regular membership privileges.

The Student Commonwealth Conference was very interesting watching the well informed pairs representing their chosen Commonwealth country's views on the subject of "Small Arms Trade" and "Children in Conflict". Having to follow the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) format using consensus to come to agree unanimously using the established rules enforced by last years winners, Kirsten Macleod & Ross Prager. This year's winners are, Eric Protzer & Chris Groot. We have asked them to speak about their May 2-7, Ottawa experience to us upon returning to Victoria. Dagmar & I will be attending the National AGM in St. John's, Newfoundland/Labrador.. Our effort to interest the schools in teaching students about the Commonwealth has had so far only one response. We have no longer an obligation to pay membership fees to London.

## Membership Report

The membership at present consist of 14 regular plus 5 Hon./ Life members.

## Program Report

Commonwealth Day Luncheon will be held at the University Club at the University of Victoria, West Campus Way, parking lot 9, March 8th, 2010, 11:30 for 12 noon, cost \$ 30.00 per person.

Our guest speaker is Sir John Daniel,

President & Chief Executive Officer of "The Commonwealth of Learning" He will read the Queen's Commonwealth Day message & elaborate on the Commonwealth of Learning. In order for the bank to accept the cheques they have to be made payable to: The Vancouver Island Branch, RCS.

Cheques have to be received by Friday, 26th February, 2010.

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In progress

We have worked on our participation in "The Commonwealth Conversations" and submitted our vote on the summations of the findings. There is to be some continuation in some form forthcoming. We produced a new membership pamphlet which needs to be copied for distribution.

## In Memoriam

Long time past president 1985-1992 James W. B. McPherrin passed away Feb. 5th, 2010, at 89 years of age. Past member Gladys Bramley-Moore passed away Feb. 6th, 2010, at 101 years of age.