

ACROSS the BOARD

Congratulations

A & A Contract Customs Brokers Ltd. has had a busy year. They've raised money and food for **Food Banks** in Surrey and Blaine and donated to the **Canadian Cancer Society** and the **Canadian Red Cross**. Four families have been adopted from the Surrey Christmas Bureau, and will get hampers of food and gifts for Christmas. A & A have also raised funds for an eight year old requiring a partial liver transplant, donated clothing to street youth. Well done A & A. **More info: www.aacb.com/about/community.asp.**



(L-R): Teresa McFadden, BMO Bank of Montreal; Tom Kirstein, Chair and Jane Manning, Vice Chair, Partners in Caring Campaign; Teresa Johnstone, BMO Bank of Montreal.

BMO Bank of Montreal has pledged \$150,000 to the **Peace Arch Hospital and Community Health Foundation Partners in Caring Campaign**. The money will be used to expand and improve health services available at the Peace Arch Hospital. The Partners in Caring Campaign has a goal to raise \$32 million for five priority projects and now has \$20 million received in pledges and donations. **More info: 604.535.4520; visit www.peacearchhospital.com.**



C.J. Sidhu of Sunlife Financial has been elected President of the Financial Advisors Association of Canada Vancouver Chapter. He was previously Vice-President and Director of Professional Development. Sidhu taught in India and joined Sun Life Financial as an advisor in 1990. He has earned designations as Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), Chartered Financial Consultant (CH.F.C.) and Registered Health Underwriter (RHU). **More info: cj.sidhu@sunlife.com; 1.604.572.4200.**

The folks at **Surrey Employment Resource Centre** in Newton have donated \$2000 to the **Surrey Food Bank**. Management and staff took a unique approach. Each offered a service of value for auction to the others, in exchange for a cash donation to the Bank. Directors of the company, Yale and Valerie Shap matched the staff donations. Now SERC has challenged other businesses in Surrey to do the same and help support the Surrey Food Bank. **More info: 604.501.2224; www.serc-n.com; and www.surreyfoodbank.org.**



Mossa International Incorporated's President, Garry Priam, has just received the **National Designation of Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP) Candidate**.

As a result, Mossa International will now be providing workshops in Effective Customer Service in tough economic times, and Team Building, in addition to its core services: Business Coaching, Corporate Consulting and Dynamic Management and Employee seminars. **More info: 778.878.0424; www.mossa-intl.com.**



Members of **Peace Arch Shrine** club present a cheque to Martha Davis, Development Officer for **Peace Arch Hospital and Community Health Foundation**.

In December 2008, members of **Peace Arch Shrine Club** presented a donation of \$8,502 to the **Peace Arch Hospital and Community Health Foundation**. As supporters of the Foundation since 1989, the Club has donated more than \$125,000 to help with the purchase of priority medical equipment. Funds from this donation will be used toward the purchase of a much-anticipated MRI for Peace Arch Hospital. **More info: 604.535.4520; www.peacearchhospital.com.**



L-R: Chris Thornley, Bruce Hayne, Shirley Jensen, Heather Scragg and Brianne Colbert receive a cheque as they help out at Food Bank Day December 17. The one day event raised over \$15,000 and over 2000lbs of food for the Surrey Food Bank. **More info: www.surrey-foodbank.org.**



Michelle Lalonde (Guildford Town Centre Marketing Director), Jane Adams (Foundation President & CEO), Santa, Jacy Wingson (Foundation board chair), Chris Midmore (Foundation Emergency Centre Campaign Chair), and Peggy White (Guildford Town Centre G.M.).

Guildford Town Centre has pledged \$250,000 to **Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation's** \$15 million Emergency Centre Campaign. Part of the proceeds from photos with Santa as well as Guildford Town Centre gift cards will help support the Children's ER that will be built in the new Emergency Centre. **www.smhfoundation.com; 604.585.5666.**



Shoppers Drug Mart representatives Ken Langevin and Ken Dhami present a cheque to the Foundation's Jane Adams and Jennifer McMann.

Shoppers Drug Mart's Tree of Life program has resulted in a donation of \$7,724 to **Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation**. Four Shoppers Drug Mart outlets combined in the effort. **More info: 604.585.5666; www.smhfoundation.com.**

Announcements

Analytic Systems has again been awarded the sub-contract to manufacture the power supply for the US Army's Modern Burner Unit (MBU) program through the **Energy Solutions Division of Teleflex Canada**. Since

the first contract in 2002, over 6000 units are now in use and have enjoyed a less than 0.01% return rate. **More info: 1.800.668.3884; billw@analyticssystems.com.**

Celebrating Women & the Spirit of the Cranes Awards Gala will be held on March 21, 5pm Pacific Inn Resort & Conference Centre, 1160 King George Highway. Tickets are \$65 individual or \$55 for Seniors/students through the Burns Bog Conservation Society, 4-7953 120 Street. **604.572.0373.**

Jan Erickson and Jonathan Romero Montoya have joined **Blue/Edge Technology Solutions**. Jan comes from a strong financial services background and will be taking over management of the accounting department. Jonathan has natural ability in technical services and has previously proven himself as a Help Desk Coordinator. He joins the ranks as a junior technician. **More info: jane@blueedgetech.ca; jonathanm@blueedgetech.ca.**

The Boards of Directors of Community Savings Credit Union and Operating Engineers Credit Union announce that they have completed their due diligence and have unanimously approved their intentions to merge the two credit unions. Together, the credit unions would become a powerhouse within the trade-union movement. As B.C.'s 17th largest credit union, they will have 6 branches, \$350 million in assets, and 11,000 members. **More info: www.comsavings.com.**

Eaglequest Golf Coyote Creek presents Disco Wonderland, a charity event for the **Alzheimer Foundation** on January 24, 2009 at 8 pm. **For tickets, reservations and more info: 604.597.4653 ext #2; events.coyote@eaglequestgolf.com; www.eaglequestgolf.com.**

DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society is holding their **14th Annual Cultural DIVERSEcity Awards for Business** on Wednesday, April 15th, 2009 at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown in Burnaby. Deadline for nominations is Friday, February 27th, 2009. Early Bird tickets \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of 8 before January 31, 2009. Regular price: \$85 each or \$670 for a table of 8. **More info, nomination packages or sponsorship opportunities: 604.597.0205 ext. 1213; cda@dcs.ca.**

Envision Financial has developed a suite of new products to take advantage of the new deposit insurance offered through the recently announced Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation ("CUDIC"). CUDIC now provides 100% deposit insurance protection on all BC credit union deposits. **More info: www.cudicbc.ca, or www.envisionfinancial.ca; 604.592.5832.**

Congratulations

New Member Referrals

Junita Thakorlal

of the Now Newspaper,

For the most successful new member referrals for November 2008

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<p>Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel 604.582.9288 Official event sponsor for the Surrey Board of Trade.</p>	<p>Arts Council of Surrey 604.501.5188 Official artwork supplier for the Surrey Board of Trade office.</p>	<p>Canadian Springs 604.764.0608 Official water supplier.</p>
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Express Computers, with locations in South Surrey, Langley, Abbotsford and Chilliwack is merging with **Compuvision of Chilliwack, B.C.** forming Express Computers - Chilliwack. Lynn Jordan of the Abbotsford Branch will be the general manager of this location and Scott Haugh, formerly of Compuvision, will be on-site Service Advisor. **More info: 604.535.6508; www.expresscomputers.com.**

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. & Yukon is holding their first annual **South Asian Fashion Gala** at the Bollywood Banquet Hall on March 13, 2009 in support of women and heart disease. To join in on this evening of glitz and glam please contact **Caprice Warman or Karen Sidhu at 604.591.1955; events_sur@hsf.bc.ca.**

Kat Sloan Telemarketing has moved to 13680 112A Ave, Surrey and is celebrating its 2nd Anniversary. They have some specials to celebrate. **Contact: Kat Sloan 604.953.1171; <http://www3.telus.net/ksloan/telemarketing.html>.**

Kickstart Communications congratulates **Kristell Clair** on her first trade paperback illustration credit. Kristell has been with Kickstart Communications for over a year and has become an indispensable part of the KickStart team. **www.kickstartcommunications.com.**



Bill Gill joins MacKay LLP

Bill Gill has joined the partnership at **MacKay LLP** as of January 1, 2009. Bill provides accounting and tax services, including personal and corporate tax planning for owner-managed businesses, particularly those involved in real estate construction and development. **More info: 604.591.6181; BillGill@Van.mackay.ca.**



Rob Gallop and Sindy Mangat of MacKay LLP have passed their CA final exams and are now eligible for their CA designations. Congratulations and success Rob and Sindy. **More info: 604.591.6181.**

Starting on January 22, 2009, **Pacific Customs Brokers** starts a new line up of seminars on **NAFTA**. The seminars feature expert speakers on topics critical to your success

in cross border trade. **More info: seminars@pcb.ca; www.pcb.ca/seminar.asp; 604.538.1566.**

Peace Arch Community Services 14th Annual Gala, "Pirates of the Peninsula" takes place March 7, 2009. Sit down dinner, dancing to the Ray Myers band and much more. **More info and tickets: www.pacsbc.org.**

RBC Royal Bank has opened a new **Surrey Commercial Financial Services Centre** at 5455-52nd Street Unit 118. The new centre brings together an experienced team of industry specialists from Surrey and the Fraser Valley into one convenient location. The new design features private meeting rooms, a high tech conference room, free parking and easy access for commercial clients. RBC's investment will help them serve new and existing Surrey customers better. **Contact: 604-575-3380.**

The Rotary Club of Surrey Guildford has created a new women focused, Rotary club in Fraser Heights. The club is looking to expand the presence of women in Rotary and are looking for women who want to make a difference in both the local community as well as internationally. Join them they launch this exciting new club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Surrey Guildford. Men are also welcome as members. The club will meet once per week in the evenings. **For more information or to join the forming committee: Georgia Bekiou cell: 604.613.1546 or home: 604.588.5787.**

South Fraser Community Services Society has a new Board of Directors and a new Executive Director, **Megan Baillie**. In addition, the Society has hired **Sam Mohan** as Director of Health Services and **Shayne Williams** as Director of Homeless Services. The Society hopes to implement fresh, new ideas and strengthening community relations. **More info: 604-589-8678; www.southfraserservices.bc.ca.**

Window to Japan Consulting has started holding "Business & Intuition" seminars. Based on Japanese business techniques, you can learn to use more intuition along with theories and logics in your management and in response to the current financial crisis. **More info: Window to Japan Consulting, info@windowto-japan.ca.**

Artist of the Month

Local artists are on display every month in the **Surrey Board of Trade** office, 101-14439 104 Ave, Surrey. Feel free to come in for a look. For more information on art rentals or purchasing, call the **Surrey Arts Council at 604.585.2787.**

New Members

- Able Irrigation Ltd**
- Country Tire**
- Equamera Consulting**
- ICICI Bank**
- Independent Bankcard Solutions Inc.**
- Indo-Canadian Business Association**
- Innovative Fitness**
- Paul J Trucking**
- Rachid Arab Quality Engineer**
- Royalpage Coronation Park**
- Skynet Computers Ltd.**
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- SWR Marketing Inc.**
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