



SCACL NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY SPRING

SCACL will be closed on the following dates at Inlet Centre, Gibsons Centre and Mermaid Offices.
Good Friday April 14th
Easter Monday April 17th

April 2006 Day Program Schedules

Please www.scacl.ca to view our online activity schedules.

Please note that if Day Program is on an outing with the group – there may be no one at the Inlet or Gibsons Centre. Please call ahead before dropping anyone off at an unscheduled time. Cleo McClarty is the Day Program participant of the Month

April 2006 Supported Employment Schedule

Please visit www.scacl.ca to view our online activity schedules for the Supported Employment Program in both Gibsons and Sechelt.



Music Program - Hello and Goodbye

Bruce Jefferson the music therapist who has been coming to the Sechelt for three years to lead the music program sang his last song with SCACL on March 30th.

A goodbye luncheon was held at Pack Ratt Louies in Gibsons. Many music participants brought Bruce a thank you gift and he was presented with a gift certificate from SCACL. Many Thanks to Bruce!

“Reg and Lynne Unplugged”

Reg and Lynne Dixon will be starting a nine week acoustic music program in Gibsons. The program will be 10:30 am – 11:30 am starting April 4th at our Gibsons location.

Ken McBride to lead Sechelt Music Program

Starting Thursday April 6th Ken McBride will take over the Sechelt Music Program. It will continue at the same time and same location. Ken hopes to add some recording and performing opportunities to the program.

Renovation Update

The mermaid office renovation should be completed by April 15th. The permit has come through for the Rosecliffe renovation and that will begin once Mermaid is complete. Every effort will be made to minimize the inconvenience to residents and staff at Rosecliffe



Special Olympics Update

The Sunshine Coast Special Olympics team did very well at the swim meet in Vancouver on March 12th Congrats to all the athletes who participated.

Bowling and Swimming will continue on Saturdays until April 22nd

Softball starts Thursday April 21st at upper Sechelt Elementary School
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Staffing Updates:

- We have hired two new staff – Welcome to Lousie Utting and Correen Evans.
- Sonja Hugi has become a permanent SCACL staff member and will be working up to 20 hours per week doing accounts payable and finance management and much more for the agency. She has been working as a contractor since September 2005. We are happy to welcome Sonja on a permanent basis to the team.
- Randy Younghusband is the new Vocational Program Coordinator. Congrats to Randy and please contact him with any questions you may have.
- Charis Pincock, Viktoria McNulty and Shannon Durant have all gone on maternity leaves. We wish them all the best and a shower will be planned after the babies are born at the request of the mothers to be.



Sexuality and Health Workshop April 21st

SCACL and Coast Garibaldi Health are co producing two workshops lead by Margaret Newbury Jones a Vancouver educator and trainer who specializes in sexual health. Up to 20 self advocates can attend the morning session 9:30am – 12:00 noon and up to nine staff can attend the afternoon session 1:00pm to 4:30 pm. Both sessions will be held at the Seaside Centre and SCACL will provide lunch for both groups between 12noon – 12:45pm
For information on registration please contact Randy or Xerez.



CLBC Regional Meeting April 24th 5:00pm right here in Sechelt!

Mark your calendar for the first CLBC regional information session. Mary Dowdall and Doug Portfors, the senior management staff in our region will be here in Sechelt on Monday April 24th at 5:00pm. The meeting will take place at the newly renovated Mermaid St. offices and refreshments will be served. Make sure you encourage as many people as you can to attend as this will be an important opportunity to learn the direction CLBC intends to take in providing services to our clientele. Bring your questions and concerns.