



SCACL

**“Looking forward
to what the next
day will bring”**

-Bob Gibson

EASTER HOLIDAYS

All programs that operate out of the Mermaid Centre will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday – Friday, April 22nd and Monday, April 25th

Wishing everyone a great Easter holiday.

READING FOR EATING OUT

Nine students recently completed the “Reading for Eating Out” course and Capilano University. The completion of the course was celebrated with the entire class going out for lunch.

This class was a partnership between SCACL and Capilano University. Stay tuned for future literacy classes being offered by SCACL and Capilano University.

Congratulations to all the students who participated and worked hard on improving their reading skills.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS UPDATE

Spring sports have started for the season. Bocce has been added to the list of sports offered during the spring. Softball, soccer, track & field and golf return to the lineup of sports being offered. Hoping for a fun season of sporting this spring.

RENOVATIONS

Recently Mermaid underwent renovations – a beautiful bathing room was constructed (where a storage room and rest room were previously located). This roomy bathing room is lift equipped with a hydraulic bathtub, stand alone shower and toileting facilities.

What was once the bathing room is now a bedroom that can be used for respite services.

Funding for this renovation was made possible by moneys from MCFD. The purpose of the project was to expand respite capacity on the Sunshine Coast for youth with high medical needs.

PLANT SALE

Don't forget to place your orders for the spring plant sale.

Orders are being accepted until Wednesday, April 20th.

Hanging baskets, planters and geraniums are available. The plants are of excellent quality.

Most SCACL participants have an order form and would gladly take your order. In addition you can contact Lorna or Patty at (604) 885-7455 to place an order.

Plants will be available for pick-up on April 29th. Perfect time for Mother's Day.

INTRODUCING.....



LORNA McBRIDE

Lorna has worked for SCACL since 1995 – only 4 current employees have worked at SCACL for a longer period of time. She currently works in SCACL's Supported Employment Program.

Unable to tolerate the Winnipeg winters Lorna moved to British Columbia in 1979. She moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1994.

Lorna is married to Ken McBride. If that name sounds familiar it should – Ken facilitates the SCACL music program on Wednesday mornings in Gibsons. Her older children Shawn and Melanie are all grown-up and live in the Vancouver area. Lorna is excited about her role as Mother of the Bride at Hillary's upcoming wedding on Aug 7th. Lorna has 5 grand-daughters – and though you would never guess it – the oldest are turning 24 this year. Lorna's two border collies, Rex and Molly, round out her household.

Lorna graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1972 with a B.A. – studying English, Sociology, and Psychology. She continued her studies at Douglas College graduating as a Child/Youth Counselor in 1983. After graduating she worked with troubled youth until 1989. Since 1990 she has worked with individuals with mental challenges.

Lorna has many talents including playing the accordion. She loves all Asian food but Japanese is her favourite. She is a big fan of the Beatles. Lorna didn't get her driver's license until she was 40 years old. Before that her bike was her primary mode of transportation. Anyone who has rode in a car with Lorna can attest that she has become an excellent driver.

In addition to working in the Supported Employment Program Lorna also provides weekly respite to one of SCACL's residential clients.

Lorna embodies the ideology of Community Living. She encourages all of SCACL's participants to enjoy and participate in their community. She frequently, when not working, takes it upon herself to escort SCACL participants to community events.

You are likely to see Lorna out and about at community events – stop and have a chat.