



Alison Brown

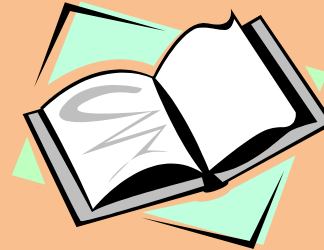
ROSECLIFFE WELCOMES A NEW ROOMMATE

Long-time Sunshine Coast resident Alison Brown will be moving in to Rosecliffe. Tati and Mary will be welcoming their new roommate on Tuesday, February 1st. Many of SCACL's participants have gotten to know Alison over the years as she has been a familiar face at Community Lunch and music programs.

SCACL looks forward to supporting Alison with her goal of maintaining a home on the Sunshine Coast.

If you see Alison out-and-about in community or around SCACL please stop and introduce yourself.

LITERACY

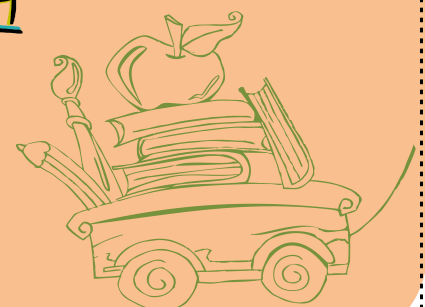


SCACL and Capilano University have partnered together to offer an adult literacy program. The partnership is with the CALL Program offered by Capilano University. The Community Access to Literacy and Learning (CALL) matches volunteer tutors with adults who want to improve their basic reading, writing or math skills.

With this partnership SCACL and Capilano University both hope to increase the options available to adults with developmental disabilities who want to improve their basic literacy skills.

The first series of classes offered under the new partnership will be in March held Tuesday afternoons (March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22 & March 29) at Capilano University. The topic will be "Reading for Dining Out". The class will cover the reading and math skills required to confidently dine out a restaurant.

Individuals interested in participating in this literacy program should contact Christie to complete the registration.





SWEETS AND TREATS

Join Day Program as we celebrate Valentine's Day with sweets and treats. A lunch will be provided.

Monday, February 14th

Noon

SCACL's Mermaid Office

Hosted by Day Program

Bridges participants will start and end their day at the Mermaid Office.

INTRODUCING SCACL'S SELF ADVOCATE REP: Amanda Boghean



Amanda Boghean has taken on the role of representing SCACL's participants at the board level. As part of her job she attends the monthly board meetings and speaks on behalf of the SCACL participants. Amanda is excited about her new role and has brought a new enthusiasm to the board meetings. Participants are encouraged to speak Amanda about any concerns they want brought forward to the board.

VIDEO NIGHT



Video Night will be held February 18th. Video and meal to be determined. Everyone is welcome. If you do not normally attend Video Night and plan to participate please let Randy know you plan to attend

COMMUNITY LUNCH



Just a reminder that you can pay for Community Lunch with a cheque. This method of payment is preferred. This allows participants to pay for the entire month or for a couple months at one time. This means staff do not have to collect money every week. If paying by a cheque is convenient for you please consider paying for lunch with a cheque. If paying with a cheque is not convenient staff will still accept cash.

“DEATH LEAVES A HEARTACHE NO ONE CAN HEAL, LOVE LEAVES A MEMORY NO ONE CAN STEAL”

Tuesday, February 15th would have been Kevin's 32nd birthday. In his memory Community Lunch will be serving Kevin's favorite lunch: Clam Chowder.

JOB CLUB & JET DATES

JET dates for February are:

Feb 7 at 1:00

Feb 21 at 1:00

Job Clubs for March are:

Feb 10 at 10:30

Feb 24 at 10:30

INCOME TAX TIME

Income Tax time is approaching. You should soon be receiving all your required documentations:

- Supported Work is preparing Bottle-Me T4s they will be ready by the end of February.
- Supported Work is preparing statements of earnings for all the contract work.
- The Ministry of Social Development will soon be mailing T5007s for your GAINS cheques.

When you receive these documents please put them in a safe location. Do not lose them.

Doug Baird has again volunteered to do income tax returns for SCACL clients. Details to follow.



NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Back in the fall of 2010 SCACL hosted two Canada World Youth Volunteers – Ayaan and Khanyisa. They are now working and living in Athlone, South Africa. Athlone is a suburb of Cape Town. Ayaan is volunteering at Mustadafin – an agency which feeds 15,00 people per day. Highlights of her time in South Africa included celebrating her first Christmas as she is a Muslim. Khanyisa welcomed in the new year with a “kaap se klompe” – groups of people dressed in bright colors who sing and dance and compete amongst each other while singing and dancing.

RDSP

Many people have come forward requesting more information about RDSP. I am pleased to see that people are looking in to the many benefits of opening an RDSP. If any further information is wanted please do not hesitate to contact me.

