



# Newsletter

Spring 2014

## VILLAGE AT SMITH CREEK IS GROWING

Baptist Housing was awarded a contract by Interior Health and BC Housing to provide 40 funded Assisted Living suites for seniors living in West Kelowna. As part of this contract, 23 new suites are being built in a new building at Village at Smith Creek.

The new assisted living building project is scheduled to open early Spring 2015.

Our Residents are captivated by the action. There are several Residents who enjoy sitting by the patio windows where they have a marvelous view of the machinery and the workers. They are enthralled with watching the progress. Recently a Team Member witnessed one gentleman being tapped on the shoulder by his daughter who arrived to visit. Jacob said to her "I am having a ball watching this," as he grinned at her. What a blessing that the seemingly inconvenient construction process is giving our Residents such joy. ●



## READY FOR FALL!

As we look forward to the fall opening of The Heights at Mt. View, our hardworking Teams on the ground charge ahead. The interior suites in two wings are being painted, the flooring is being laid, and electrical fixtures are being installed from ground floor to level 7.

The country kitchens and living rooms are framed and are ready for the drywall. The exterior cladding is complete on the east and north wings, and the planters are being formed on the east courtyard for our care Residents. As soon as the weather warms up, painting the exterior of the building will begin.

2014 certainly is a great year to celebrate! ●

## THE CELEBRATION BEGINS

The celebrations are officially underway. Team Members, Residents, families and friends are enjoying our 50th anniversary celebrations.

The first residence to blow up the balloons and cut that cake was Grandview Towers. It was a triple treat for Grandview Towers as we celebrated its 40th Anniversary, recognized volunteers and noted the 50th Anniversary of Baptist Housing. Over 80 people joined the January party including Residents, Team Members, volunteers and partners. Baptist Housing's Chair Charlie Nishi and CEO Howard Johnson presented certificates of appreciation to our volunteers for their unconditional effort towards making Grandview Towers a supportive and loving community. Also celebrated were our community volunteers from BACI (Burnaby Association Community Inclusion), Living Hope Christian Church and Langara Nurses. As Team Member Arrabelle shared, "it is a joy to have such camaraderie between everyone while serving our Residents."

Next up was Shannon Oaks - Oak Bay who marked their 7th Anniversary on March 6th. Team Member Leo Martin shared "and what a night it was. Festive blue balloons hung on pillars, beautiful bouquets of daffodils decorated every table, and the positive energy that filled the room was contagious. Residents were dressed to the nines and all were excited for the evening that lay ahead. Marquise laid out an extravagant dinner serving Roast Prime Rib and Baked Chicken Oscar (Shannon Oaks favourites) followed by a lovely triple layered Ice Cream Cake. Team Members wove through tables during the course of dinner conversing and connecting with Residents. The meal was followed by heartfelt speeches from our President and CEO, Howard Johnson, Regional Administrator, Donna Rutten, and Board Chairman, Charlie Nishi who reflected on the past, present, and future of Shannon Oaks. The night was topped off with an engaging performance by the Greater Victoria Police Chorus. Throughout the evening I saw many acts of kindness being demonstrated by both Residents and Team Members through warm exchanges, heartfelt embraces, and laughter that filled the Oak Room. The 7th Anniversary Gala really made me realize how lucky we are to be a part of such a tight-knit community where everyone is welcomed with open arms. The warmth between members of our community is infectious and it was so wonderful to bring everyone together for such a spectacular evening." ●



### Upcoming Celebrations this Summer:

- May 8** Village at Smith Creek Celebration
- June 10** Green Valley Estates BBQ, Armstrong
- June 11** Sun Ridge Estates BBQ
- June 28** Mt. Edwards Court Celebration Tea
- July 5** Central Care Home Celebration Tea
- July 8** Victoria Team Member Picnic
- July 30** Carey Place BBQ
- July** Maple Towers BBQ
- August 14** Sun Pointe Village Car Show
- August 20** Oak Bay Campus Carnival



(top l-r) Charlie Nishi presents David & Emily Kam certificates of appreciation with Howard Johnson

(middle) Shannon Oaks Residents enjoy dinner, and the Victoria Police Chorus.



## OUR NEW VISION

By 2018 we will

- **Build Strong Teams**
- **Achieve Operational Excellence**
- **Expand Ministry**

As we celebrate our 50th year, it seems timely that we also share our new vision for Baptist Housing. We achieved our previous vision of serving 2,000 seniors by 2012. We also had a vision of being a provider and employer of choice, and from the stories we receive it is evident that together we have made progress in these areas as well.

Our new vision statement is supported by our mission and our values:

*Compelled by the values of Jesus Christ, we provide exceptional holistic care as we assist seniors to experience life well in supportive communities.*

As Servant Leaders, we will focus on serving others in humility and grace, demonstrating the character and values of:

- **Compassion** – Showing care, love and sensitivity in consideration of the unique needs of Teammates, Residents, Families and others.
- **Honesty** – Exemplifying fairness, integrity and ethical behaviour
- **Respect** – Treating people with dignity at all times to elevate personhood and person-directed wellness
- **Innovation** – Exercising ingenuity in all endeavors and exemplifying creative courage
- **Stewardship** – Recognizing God's ownership by using resources wisely to preserve the future viability and longevity of our mission
- **Teamwork** – Working collaboratively to achieve our mission in a culture of safety, continuous learning and work-life balance
- **Fun** – Remembering to always have FUN: taking our work seriously, but not ourselves!

## BOOTH AND BALLOONS - THE ZOOMERSHOW

The ZoomerShow was a huge success for our Shannon Oaks Team! We had not anticipated such a positive reaction to our booth and such enthusiasm from the ZoomerShow attendees.

The secret of the success in attracting crowds to the Shannon Oaks booth was a simple balloon/dart game in which every participant, whether they popped a balloon or not, won a prize! The 'whoops' and 'hollers' that emitted from our space drew all sorts of people to the booth wanting to join in the FUN (the kind of fun that is had on a daily basis at Shannon Oaks)! There was a line-up to join in the game.

It was wonderful to have so many Team Members come by and join in the fun. Three cheers to Shannon Oaks! ●



## MINISTRY AT MISSIONS FEST

This January, Baptist Housing had their first ever booth at Missions Fest Vancouver, a missions-focused conference held at the Vancouver Convention Centre. The theme of this year's conference was "Hidden in Plain Sight", and Shawn Wilson, our Administrator of Shannon Oaks Vancouver, led a seminar wherein he discussed the value and importance of a ministry to seniors.

The Team thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to connect with people and share with them what Baptist Housing does, as well as engage with individuals such as student nurses, potential Residents themselves, families who have been connected with Baptist Housing and those interested in volunteering with seniors. ●



## IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS...



Gwen Glew, a Resident at Shannon Oaks Oak Bay, enjoyed the butter tarts so much she asked for seconds, and got more than she bargained for!



Finn O'Flarity (aka Paul Falardeau) shares some Luck of the Irish during St. Patrick's Day festivities at Village at Smith Creek.



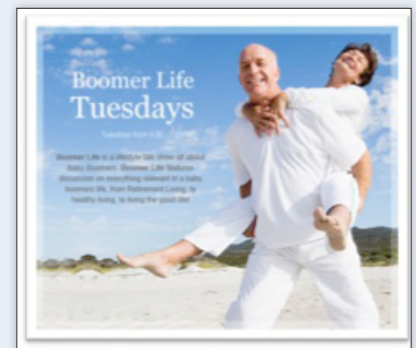
Tom Baylis of BC Seniors Living Association presented the Seal of Approval to Village at Smith Creek, Village at Mill Creek and Sun Pointe Village

## BOOMER LIFE

Tune in each week to listen to Boomer Life where guests join the radio show's host to discuss topics and tips that interest Boomers and their parents.

Once a month, Team Members from Shannon Oaks are guests on the program and are frequently joined by Residents and family members discussing senior living options and wellness programs.

The program airs each week Tuesday, on AM650 at 6:30pm. Podcasts from previous shows are available online at [www.am650radio.com/episodes](http://www.am650radio.com/episodes). ●



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