



VANCOUVER NEWCOMERS CLUB

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIR

by Lori Jamison

Dear friends,

We are living in unprecedented times. Needless to say, all VNC Activities are cancelled until further notice. We look forward to a grand party when we can gather face-to-face again; until then, please keep in touch with one another electronically or by phone. And may we all come out of this situation a little kinder and wiser about taking care of ourselves, each other and our earth.

Warmest wishes to you and your families -

Lori

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way—better
for each other
because of the worst.

LAURA KELLY FANUCCI

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Victoria Scudamore



Birthdays of the Month

NEW MEMBERS

Julia Ware
Irene York



WHILST AT HOME

1. [Enjoy free online Canadian Symphony Orchestra virtual performances](#)
2. [Virtually look around some beautiful international gardens](#)
3. [Host a Virtual Happy Hour](#)

Text your friends, arrange a time and date, open a bottle of your favourite tippie, then conference call, using your smartphone to connect a few of you! (tip - four or less people is best, so everyone can talk)

pleasantries, touch the Add **Call** icon. The Add **Call** icon is shown. ...

3. Dial the second person. ...
4. Touch the Merge or Merge **Calls** icon. ...
5. Touch the End **Call** icon to end the **conference call**.

4. [Check out the CBC Life website, for lifestyle, exercise, recipes and more](#)
5. [Start a free online learning course with MOOC](#)
6. [Stream live HD Opera](#)
7. [Exercise your brain with sudoku](#)
8. [Bake a treat](#)
9. [Join Vancouver City Digital Library and download an eBook](#)
10. [Listen to VSO concert streaming](#)

INTERESTING FACT YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT VANCOUVER

On June 13 1886, the Great Vancouver Fire burnt down the city and only a few buildings survived. Originally started to clear land near Main Street, the fire destroyed nearly everything in its path!



RELIABLE INFORMATION ON COVID-19

There are many false news stories going around on social media about COVID- 19. Please use government sources for your information. Here are some reliable ones;

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

<https://bc.thrive.health/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

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Have you checked out the VNC website lately?

to see updated information on activities,
photos from past events and more!

THE VNC ENJOYED SOME ACTIVITIES LAST MONTH...



Happy Hour - Honey Salt, Smithe Street



Special Event - Rennie Museum



Knit Wits - Geri Colter's home



Marsha Mah Poy has been creating window hearts with her family, for the Hearts in the Window Movement - spreading warmth and reassurance in the time of COVID-19



Anne Crawford is keeping busy with a lovely giant jigsaw, virtual visits with family abroad and having virtual happy hour with her martini group.



Heather Johnston and her husband retired to their cabin in the mountains for a change of scenery



Paddy is in her home studio on the Sunshine Coast, not worried about toilet paper as long as she has paint and wine!

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“Women Welcoming Women”



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