

SFU Retirees Association

Mini-Newsletter 2008

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To SFURA members,

We are taking this opportunity to send you an update of SFURA activities along with the mailing of nominations forms. Our January Newsletter went to press before some changes and additions to the schedules were made.

Communication:

We try to keep our members informed about SFURA events and about many SFU events in which they might be interested. We send email frequently to those who do use email, but there are about 50 members who do not use email. The Newsletter has been our only means of communication to them, so in order to address this problem, Elizabeth Michno has agreed to take telephone calls from members who would like the occasional update. You may call her at: 604-461-1945 during reasonable hours.

Annual General Meeting and Tenth Anniversary Celebration:

The Annual General Meeting and election of the Executive Board for 2008-2009 will be held Wednesday May 7 at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Club. A celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the SFURA will be held at this Dinner Meeting. The Founders and Executive Boards of the SFURA will be honoured at the celebration. You will receive dinner registration forms and other appropriate AGM papers near the end of March.

Seminar Series:

The snow closure at SFU on January 29 required changes to the Seminar Schedule. A new date was added and speakers shifted around. The new schedule is:

Tuesday February 19, 2008; Bruce Alexander: Globalisation of Addiction: A Study in Poverty of the Spirit.

Tuesday March 11, 2008: David Huntley: Tides of Ice: The Story of Ice Ages and Sea Levels

Wednesday March 26, 2008: Leigh Palmer, Al Gore says "The science is settled". Is he being truthful?

Tuesday April 8, 2008: Larry Albright: Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Finfish Aquaculture

All seminars are held in room 126 Halpern Centre at noon. The seminars are listed in SFU News, in the Events page of the SFU Calendar <https://events.sfu.ca/> and on SFU Burnaby TV monitors. Members who wish to have SFU News mailed to them at home can do so by contacting Media & Public Relations office at (778-782-3035) or a written request to the Media Room SH2200 SFU, 8888 University Drive, BBy, BC V5A 1S6

Members who wish to join a no-host lunch for the speaker should notify Evelyn Palmer evelyn@sfu.ca or 604-299-3731 in advance of the seminar.

Social Events:

Wednesday March 12: The Ides of March Celebration at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Club from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. This is free to members and a donation is suggested for partners of members.

Remember: Your 2008-2009 Membership Dues of \$ 20.- are due by April 1, 2008. Please send a cheque to Marg Jones, SFURA, c/o Recreation and Athletics, TC 2002, University Drive, Burnaby V5A 1S6, or pay her at the Ides of March Celebration.

Volunteers Needed:

Several times each year a group of members are needed to prepare the newsletters and other papers for mailing to all members. Work parties of 3-5 people can complete each job in about two hours on an occasional basis. We are also looking for a work party to organize our office space in AQ 3048. Please Email or telephone Evelyn Palmer evelyn@sfu.ca or 604-299-3731 if you can help.

Interest groups:

SFURA interest groups are being formed. If you can chair a group, such as music, food, golf, genealogy, books, stamp collecting or any other, please contact Bob Horsfall, - horsfall@sfu.ca <604-524-5546>
Leigh Palmer has formed a computer interest group. He can be reached at leigh@sfu.ca.

Artists wanted:

The Anniversary Committee is sponsoring a contest for the best work of art representing SFURA members. It can be a cartoon, drawing, painting or other imaginative work. The contest is not limited to SFURA members. We would like to display the first offerings at the Ides Celebration March 12, and have set a deadline of March 28 for all submissions. Please contact Evelyn Palmer if you plan to submit a work of art. A prize will be given at the AGM on May 7.

Summary of upcoming events for the SRURA

Monday Feb 25 Writing Interest Group, 10am, 3046AQ. First meeting. Call Tom Poiker (604-936-3767) for more information.

Tuesday Feb 26 Computer Interest Group, 1:00—3:00pm at the home of the Palmers, 6588 Deer Lake Ave., 604-299-3731, or leigh@sfu.ca

Friday Feb 29th or Tuesday Mar 4 Ismaili Jamatkhana and Centre tour 10am

Wednesday May 14 Talk by Barbara Winter