

# YALETOWN HOUSE FOUNDATION

*Friend Making and Fundraising in Our Community*

FALL/WINTER 2008

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*Residents Bill, Pauline and Nina; family members Nancy and John; along with Executive Director Carol Crichton are joined by our two Music Therapists, Stephen and Lyndia, to share their joy and excitement for this exceptionally generous donation from the Radcliffe Foundation.*

## **OVER \$110,000 DONATED IN QUALITY OF LIFE STARTS AT HOME**

### **\$71,000! From Radcliffe Foundation**

The Yaletown House Foundation is very pleased to announce that the Radcliffe Foundation has donated \$71,000 to fund the Music Therapy Area, a key component of our Quality of Life Starts at Home campaign. We are thrilled with this generous gift as it completes the funding requirement for the Music Therapy Area renovations.

### **\$5,000! From F.K. Murrow Foundation**

We are pleased to announce that a gift of \$5,000 from the F.K. Murrow Foundation of Toronto will be designated to the main floor renovations that includes the Music Therapy Area, Exercise Area, Pastoral Care Area, Tavern and Fireside Lounge. Once complete, these locations will provide a more home-like and welcoming atmosphere, while ensuring the therapeutic needs of the residents are met.

*Turn the page for more good news!*



*Yaletown Lions Club Cheque Presentation to Yaletown House: Richard Collins (Yaletown Lions, President), Kim Roberts (Yaletown Lions Membership Director), Evelyn McNulty (Yaletown Lions, Committee Chair), Ardis Julian (Yaletown House Foundation, President), Jan Volker ( Yaletown House Foundation Board Member), Barbara Shishido (Family Member), Carol Crichton (Executive Director, Yaletown House)*

## \$36,000! From Yaletown Lions

Although the Yaletown Lion's first fundraising event was called the Black and White Gala (held June 14 at Library Square), the money raised for Yaletown House was definitely pure Gold. Thanks to the generosity of the Lion's, Concord Pacific, event sponsors and guests, \$36,000 was raised for the benefit of Yaletown House seniors.

Tremendous thanks to Lions Committee Members who shared their expertise, enthusiasm and commitment to making the Gala a huge success. And our gratitude also to the Infinitus Quartet, family member Barbara Shishido, Yaletown House Foundation & Society Board of Directors, and the many donors who contributed to the auctions.

## HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO HAVE SO MANY YALETOWN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS



With the theme, "Compassion into Action" many of Yaletown House's 50 strong plus volunteers were recognized for their tremendous gift of time, dedication and energy in supporting seniors. The event, which was held May 1, included a home-made dinner, musical performances by staff and residents, tribute poems, gifts of bean soup mix and potted herbs (assembled by the residents) and lots of stories of appreciation from everyone. It was a grand time.

## 1,000 DAFFODILS BRIGHTENED EVERYONE'S DAY



*Horticultural Therapist Shelagh and Victor\* share a smile*

\*Victor passed away this summer, our condolences to his wife Priska and our gratitude for allowing us to share this beautiful photograph of him.

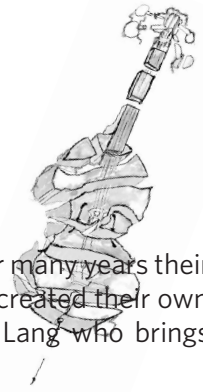
Our thanks to Omicron Total Building Solutions for their generous donation of daffodils in support of Yaletown House and the Canadian Cancer Society. This is the second year that Omicron has selected Yaletown House for this charity event and we appreciate their ongoing consideration.

# VANCOUVER CHAMBER PLAYERS

**"My mother may be forgetful but she remembers lyrics...  
Music is the greatest prescription we can give her."**

- Liz, Family Member

Thank you to Vancouver Chambers Players who have been sharing with us for many years their love of chamber music. These talented musicians are a joy to listen to and have created their own "fan club" of residents, families, volunteers and staff. Special thanks to Peter Lang who brings this professional music experience to Yaletown House seniors.



## RENOVATION UPDATES



*Yoying (Social worker), John and Nina*

### Resident Family Room

We are pleased to announce that the New Resident Family Room is complete. The Resident Family Room, which is adjacent to the Social Worker's office, is an area designed for counseling, personal meetings and will act as a short-stay accommodation for families who are caring for their loved ones during times of palliative care (end of lifecare). New furnishings, wall coverings, floor and privacy blinds have created an attractive, home-like setting for residents and families who need privacy and support. Our special thanks to Dr. Bob Bourne for his generous contribution towards the renovations work and furnishings, and to Dr. Cheryl Anderson, who donated the day-bed in memory of her father.

### Resident Program Lounge

Behind the scenes, the work on the Program Lounges (located on each floor) is in full operation with the wallpaper and lighting installed, the furniture delivered, the benches being constructed off-site and the drapery on order. More exciting news to follow in the next edition!

### Craft Room & Main Floor Washroom

Thanks to a generous grant of \$100,000 from the BC Government's Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, we will be starting to renovate areas on the main floor, which will include the

craft room and washroom. The goal of the craft room is to create a country kitchen feel for programs as well as a designated area for residents and their families to use for special occasions.

### What's Next?



### Fireside Lounge

*Help us make the fireside lounge truly a "Family" Fireside Lounge.*

We want to create a cozy space for residents to read, relax or socialize with family. The Fireside lounge will overlook the beautiful courtyard gardens and will be furnished with book cases, comfortable chairs, a coffee table and an electric fireplace with mantel. Once complete, it will be a special place for residents to welcome their guests or have a quiet moment.

### Resident Rooms

*With 130 rooms to renovate, we need everyone's help to make it happen.*

After two decades of continuous use, our resident rooms require significant renovations which include new flooring, wall and window coverings as well as a bed side table, a dresser and a side chair. This is the resident's only dedicated personal space and we want to make it a place they can proudly call home.

**A \$150,000 grant, recently received from BC Housing has greatly helped our fundraising efforts for the resident room renovations.**



# ROLF PATERSON

## By Lynn Parkin

During my interview with Rolf Paterson, I learned that I had struck gold in Yaletown House history. While Rolf wasn't here the day our doors officially opened in 1985, his tenure as a society and board member dates back to 1988 which grants him the title of longest standing member of the Society. Rolf was introduced to Yaletown House through a friend who was on the Board at the time and asked him to join the Finance Committee. Rolf, who is a Chartered Accountant, became the treasurer of the Society and also assisted in the orientation of the then newly hired Executive Director Shirley Nelson (who retired in 2004). After years of work with the Society Board, Rolf recognized the need for extra program funding and was one of the founding members of the Yaletown House Foundation. Re-directing his experience and expertise, Rolf assisted in helping to establish the Foundation as a separate fundraising entity and raise much needed dollars for the seniors. In those early years, a new van, a big screen TV, a grand piano and parallel bars for a walk to music program were some of the items that were purchased thanks to the generosity of our community. With today's campaign, Quality of Life Starts at Home, the Foundation has evolved and embarked on a \$2.4 million goal.



**“(Rolf) is truly committed to the importance of volunteerism...”**

Rolf grew up in the Vernon/Shuswap area of BC and attended the University of BC receiving his bachelor's degree in Commerce. He is married to Ann and they have two daughters and two granddaughters. Rolf and Ann enjoy traveling and have spent time in Australia, Europe and the US. Later this year, they are visiting Scotland, where Ann grew up. An avid badminton player, Rolf is the past President of Badminton Canada and former Vice-President of Pan American Badminton Confederation. Rolf's interest in volunteerism and sports, lead him to the position of Director on the Finance Committee for the 2010 Olympics. While he is no longer with the Olympics or badminton associations, Rolf remains active in his community as a member of the Yaletown House Foundation Board and recently joined the Lion's Gate Hospital Foundation. In discussing his life long interest in helping others, I learned that he is truly committed to the importance of volunteerism and believes that the legacy that each of us can create through donating our time is paramount to personal fulfillment. Furthermore, Rolf stressed that it benefits everyone to ensure we care for people as they age, especially around issues of quality of life for our seniors. On reflection of the interview, I thought to myself how fitting that we called our current fundraising campaign, Quality of Life Starts at Home. We are so fortunate that Rolf's friend got him involved with Yaletown House as we have benefitted from his expertise.

Since 1986, Rolf has worked as Vice President of Gulf Pacific Group, which is a real estate and property management company. Recently Rolf arranged for Gulf Pacific to purchase a table of 10 tickets for the Yaletown Lions Fundraising Gala held in June. Rolf then donated the tickets back to Yaletown House so that we could invite special guests to celebrate the Lion's successful event. We very much appreciate Rolf's and Gulf Pacific's contribution. As mentioned previously in this newsletter, the Gala raised \$36,000 for the Yaletown House Foundation.

In closing, Rolf expressed good wishes to our campaign and reiterated the Board's commitment to ensuring that Yaletown House residents receive the quality of life programming and services they so richly deserve. Thank you Rolf for your 20 years of service to improving the lives of seniors.

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

Many families and friends choose to make a donation in lieu of sending flowers to the bereaved. You can make a donation to the Yaletown House Foundation in memory of someone very special to you. We will send an acknowledgement of the gift to the appropriate family member(s) and we will also send you a thank you card and issue you a receipt for income tax purposes. As part of our memorial program, the name of the resident is permanently placed on our Memorial Recognition Wall at Yaletown House. Memorial Gifts help us support services that directly benefit our residents.

**Thank you for your kind contribution. For more information, call Lynn Parkin at 604-806-4210 or email [lparkin@yaletown.org](mailto:lparkin@yaletown.org)**

We would like to acknowledge the family and friends of:

- \* Fiorella Wichel
- \* Arthur Tetley
- \* Lillian Pearson
- \* Maria Woods
- \* Richard Lonsdale
- \* Enrique Gonzalez-Calvo
- \* Brian Sigmund
- \* Alexandra Schulz

Yes, I want to be a part of Yaletown House's success.

I would like to contribute with a gift of:

\$50    \$100    \$250    \$500    Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make this gift:

one time    monthly    annually

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like this donation to be anonymous.  
(Do not include me in donor listings.)

I would prefer to donate securities.  
(Donating publicly traded securities is more tax-effective than giving cash.)

You can make a secure online donation using your credit card by following the Donate Now links on [www.yaletown.org](http://www.yaletown.org)

Please make cheques payable to: Yaletown House Foundation.

We respect your privacy and never disclose, trade, or share your private information. We would like to add you to our mailing list to keep you informed of activities, fundraising projects and events.

Please check here  if you do not want to be added to our mailing list.

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Thank you for contributing towards the vibrant future of Yaletown House.



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# SAVE ON TAXES WHILE YOU SUPPORT YALETOWN HOUSE FOUNDATION

Looking for a smart way to support the Yaletown House Foundation or the Quality of Life Starts at Home campaign? Donating appreciated securities is the most tax-effective way to give.

Thanks to a change in the tax laws in 2006, you do not pay capital gains tax on publicly traded securities when you donate them to a registered charity. You also get a tax receipt for the full value of the shares on the day they are given to charity. This means that you will save substantially more in taxes by giving appreciated securities (such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds) than by giving the equivalent in cash. If you own "flow through" shares, the savings are even greater.

Take a look at the illustration below. A \$10,000 gift of stock could cost you just \$3,882 after all tax credits are counted. This is a savings of \$1,748 compared to giving the same amount in cash!

	Sell stock & donate cash	Donate stock directly*	
<b>Capital gains tax</b>			
Proceeds from the sale of shares	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Less: original cost of shares	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Capital gain	\$8,000	\$8,000	
Taxable portion of gain (50%)	\$4,000	\$0	
Capital gains payable (43.7%)	\$1,748	\$0	
<b>Overall tax benefits</b>			
Amount of donation	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Charitable tax credits			
Federal	\$2,900	\$2,900	
Provincial	\$1,470	\$1,470	
Total tax credits	\$4,370	\$4,370	
Value of capital gains exemption	\$0	\$1,748	
Total tax assistance	\$4,370	\$6,118	
<b>Actual cost to the donor of a \$10,000 gift</b>	<b>\$5,630</b>	<b>\$3,882</b>	<b>* A savings of \$1,748</b>

Yaletown House Foundation can help you transfer the shares and explain the process in detail. For a confidential discussion of the possibilities, please contact:

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## CREDIT CARD DONATIONS ARE NOW QUICK AND EASY - GO TO [WWW.YALETOWNHOUSE.ORG](http://WWW.YALETOWNHOUSE.ORG) AND FOLLOW THE DONATE NOW LINK

Canada Helps is a not-for-profit charity portal and a registered public foundation that promote philanthropy through on-line giving. Donors will receive a charitable tax receipt for 100% of their gift to Yaletown House Foundation. Donors can also choose to make a one-time gift or set up a monthly plan. Canada Helps is a secure (donor information is encrypted using Secure Socket Layers) and reliable method of giving and has been approved by The Canada Revenue Agency for issuing electronic tax receipts. All individuals who donate to Yaletown House Foundation will continue to receive a thank you letter and tax receipt.