

The 411 Volunteers

Keeping you informed on news & events as they relate to 411 volunteers

Happy New Year!

As much as I hate to leave the holidays behind me, I am grateful to be back in the swing of things. I hope everyone enjoyed his or her holidays and I thank you for helping to keep the centre open during that time.

Many volunteers contributed to our hamper drive this year. You might be interested in knowing that we received approximately 50 requests from seniors and volunteers in need, and were able to satisfy each one. Thank you to everyone who contributed, and who assisted in packaging and delivering the Hampers.

From left to right:
Hazel Muir,
Louise Lewis,
Carrie Belanger,
Dorothy Cerney,
Kris Banerjee,
Diane Doyle.

An Interview with Philip Seitz

“Life is an adventure,” Philip Seitz observed. “There are so many reasons to live. I’m blessed. It’s not my lifestyle; everyone lives an interesting life but sometimes we don’t realize it.”

As an avid reader, he has found his niche in the 411 bookshop where he has been volunteering for almost a year. He started reading in his early youth and reads instead of watching television except for news programs and selected shows. “The people who volunteer and work here are amazing,” he said. “Some people come regularly to the bookshop three or four times a week and visit when buying a book. Other seniors, like any other age group never enter the bookshop.”

“I have done things people only

dream of,” Philip exclaimed. He was born in Toronto and with his brother got into car racing in Eastern Canada and Eastern US for twelve years. He traveled in Europe three times and lived in a variety of cities in the US including Palm Beach, Santa Fe, Las Vegas, Scottsdale, Arizona, Santa Barbara, Montecito, Ventura. When in the US his life work was in the mortgage and car leasing business.

In 2003, Philip came home to Canada. He chose Vancouver because he fell in love with the city when, as a student, he spent a summer working here. “My aunt said bring an umbrella!” He did and still needs it

“I am the luckiest person in the world,” Philip continued. Life has been very good to me and continues to be an adventure. I have so many reasons to live: I am disgustingly healthy, I survived a terrible car accident, I have a nice apartment, volunteer work. I keep busy most of the time.”

A university graduate, Philip says he likes doing what he does – selling books. “I think I am helping the 411 out and they

are helping me out.”

~*Nancy MacLean*

411 Walk of Fame

Robert Faugno, Choices Program

Kathleen McBride, Psychic reader
and former I&R Counselor

Left to right, Remy Quisora, Thrift
Store, Elena Leonard,
Multicultural Choir and Patty
Grah, Thrift Store

Income Tax Clinic

Volunteers Needed

Our income tax season is just around the corner. That means there are volunteer positions which are interesting and short term. Our volunteer screener assists the client with determining if their income tax form qualifies for our service. Hours are one day a week – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the months of March and April.

For those of you who have prepared simple income tax forms, you may be interested in taking our income tax training being held in February. Hours of volunteering would be one day a week – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for the months of March and April.

For more information on these opportunities, please call Joanne at 604 – 684-8171, Extension 227.

Video Lending Library

All volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to borrow videos from the library located in the program ticket office (in the cafeteria, 2nd door on the right). We do ask that you take a moment to familiarize yourself with the procedure of borrowing videos:

1. Videos are distributed, between the hours of 10:00am - 2:00pm, Monday - Friday.
2. Video rentals must be made in person.
3. Videos must be returned

within two weeks of the sign out date.

4. The maximum number of videos a person may have out at any one time is five
5. There is no cost in the rental of videos.
6. A late charge of \$0.50 per business day, to a maximum of five days will be levied on those videos which are returned after the two week lending period.
7. After five business days a recovery fee of \$5.00 is levied. If these charges are not paid, the person's video borrowing privileges may be reviewed and revoked.

Thanks for helping us keep the videos available for everyone. Enjoy!

411's Standard of Behaviour

The 411 Seniors Centre is committed to providing a meeting place where everyone is safe and is treated with courtesy, dignity and respect. Behaviour which is discriminatory, violent or threatening, will not be tolerated.

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