



## Esquimalt High School Alumni Association NEWSLETTER

### Annual General Meeting:

by Brenda O'Connor

I am writing to invite you to attend the EHS Alumni Association Annual General Meeting followed by the AGM of the EHS Advancement of Education Funding Society on **Monday November 20 at 7:00 pm** in the school theatre. Membership in the Alumni Association is not a requirement to attend these meetings so feel free to bring your spouse or school friends to enjoy the informative and fun evening.

Tammy Reynard, the school principal, will arrange to have some music students perform in the lobby before the meeting and light refreshments including the famous cooks training program chocolate chip cookies. Come and see what our students are doing and how the school has changed.

The executives of your Alumni Association and the Funding Society have continued to work hard this past year on your behalf carrying out many activities to support the students and are excited to share all that has been accomplished both recently and over the past 10 years. Details of our activities will be given at the meeting on November 20.

### Buccaneer Days & Esquimalt RibFest:

by Dave Allen

The Esquimalt Alumni Association coordinated the efforts of its members along with students from the Esquimalt Leadership Class and volunteers from the Rainbow Kitchen to run a very successful community booth at both Buccaneer Days in May and the Esquimalt RibFest in September. Last year these two weekend events saw a total of over \$9000.00 raised and this year a similar amount was collected. The three groups participating have each received over \$6000 for their organization. The financial return is only part of the good news.



The three groups provided 14 to 18 volunteers to work at each event to prepare and sell fresh Langos (better known as beaver tails to some) along with pop and water. The positive interaction between all volunteers is the real story behind the success. A further benefit is that the students and Alumni members have developed better understanding about



the great work that is undertaken at the Rainbow Kitchen. In fact, some of the students have chosen to do some of their required school volunteer hours at the Kitchen. We expect to see this three way partnership continue at both these community events next year.

If there are any Alumni members who are interested in helping next May or September please contact us

by e-mail at [esquimaltalumni1959@gmail.com](mailto:esquimaltalumni1959@gmail.com).

Your support at these events is very much appreciated and we hope to see you next May and/or September.

### Scholarships:

Two more scholarships will be given to deserving EHS students at the AGM of the Alumni Association on November 20. This will bring the total to 20 scholarships that the Alumni Association has awarded over the last 11 years. Starting with \$500 scholarships the first few years the amount now awarded is \$1000 for each student. Over the 11 years of this program \$15,500 has been provided to young people for their post-secondary education. The members of the Alumni Association have generously donated funds to the scholarship account which now has about \$29,000 in it. The Alumni Executive at their last meeting voted to increase the number of awards next year to three scholarships of \$1000. A big thank-you to all those members who have assisted with the development of this fund and if you wish to make a contribution this year there is a donation form contained in the AGM material attached to the newsletter. All donations over \$20 receive a tax receipt and are very much appreciated.



### Merchandise:

Currently we have t-shirts available for sale for \$10 and scarves for sale for \$15. Email to find out how to get yours



*Alumni Association and Funding Society Bylaw & Constitution Changes*

by George Copley

The BC Government enacted a new Societies Act on November 28, 2016, which updated and modernized the Act and provided that all documents in the Registry MUST be filed electronically. One consequence of this new Act is that the constitution and bylaws of every society in BC (some 25,000 societies large and small) have to be refiled electronically to replace the old paper files. Failure to do so within the two years allowed (ie by November 28, 2018) will result in the delinquent society being struck from the Registry and no longer having legal status.

A subcommittee of members of the Board of the Alumni Association and the Board of the Funding Society has been working over the last year to prepare the constitutions and bylaws of both societies for electronic filing. This has presented an unique opportunity to modernize and revise the bylaws and change the name of the Funding Association to a simpler name, the Esquimalt High School Alumni Association. In order to carry out these revisions several special resolutions will be introduced at the AGM's on November 20, 2017.

*School Sale of Victoria Royal Hockey Tickets:*

**December 8 - Teddy Bear Toss** Night vs Kootenay Ice 7pm

**February 24 - Pink in the Rink** vs Portland Winterhawks 7pm

The school is selling \$15 tickets for this event. Please call the school office at (250) 382-9226 if you like tickets or drop by the office Monday to Friday between 9:00am-3:30pm. The proceeds from the ticket sales will go towards supporting school activities. Both these games will be sell outs so get your tickets early, will make great stocking stuffers.

*Summary of Our Fundraising:*

Since our incorporation the Alumni Association has raised \$90,000 from donations from members and events held by the Alumni Association. Here is a list of some of the projects that we have supported for the school and the community:

- Scholarships (5 years of 2-\$500, 3 years of 2-\$750 and 3 years of 2-\$1,000)
- Theatre Upgrades (Floor, seats, speakers, sound system, microphone, lighting board, back curtain)
- Choir Risers (Music Department)
- Trophy Case (Athletic Department)
- Electric Drum Set (Music Department)
- Bricks for Esquimalt Municipal Centennial Walk
- Tree Project (Leadership Project)
- School Bus (Help coordinate fundraising)

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- Cops for Cancer (Leadership Class)
- RibFest (Leadership Class)
- Rainbow Kitchen (Funds raised at “Buccaneer Days” and “RibFest”)
- Scarves sold for Basketball Team
- Remembrance Day Wreaths
- Archive Material

### ***Upcoming Events:***

#### **Esquimalt High School Alumni Association**

Annual General Meeting

November 20, 2017

EHS Theatre at 7:00pm

Every Third Monday in November

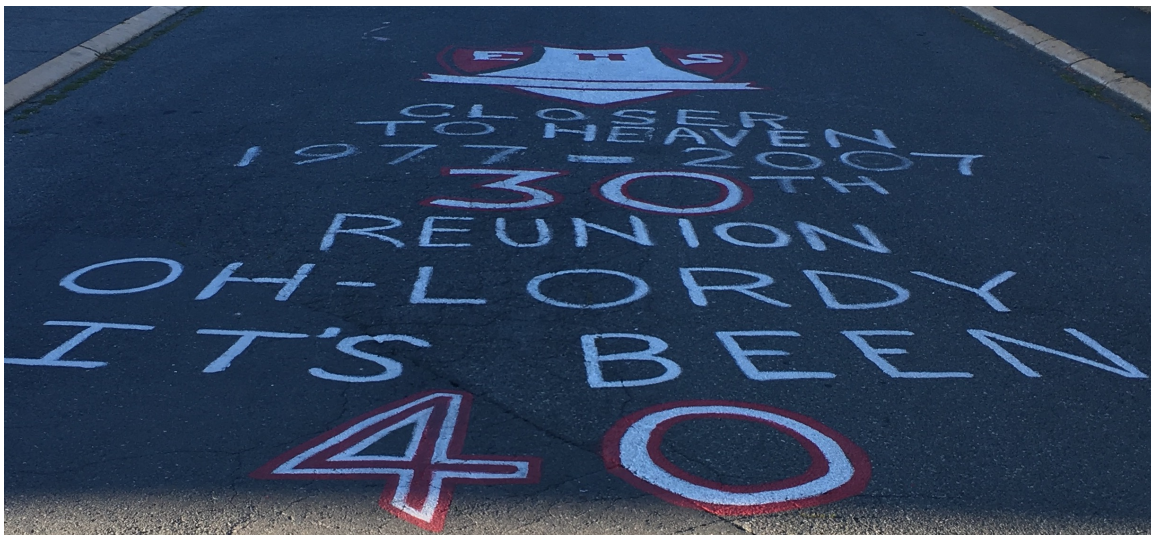
Check out our Alumni website at <https://esquimalt.sd61.bc.ca/our-school/alumni>. There you can contact us and view AGM Meeting Minutes & other news. There is also special information on our new resolution to email out notices for meetings and other events. If you prefer you can send us a letter or donation to:

#### **Esquimalt High School Alumni Association**

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## **EHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2017-2018 FUNDRAISING DRIVE**



The Alumni Association wishes to focus on raising money for the Scholarship Fund and instrument replacement for the Music Department this coming year. We are asking members to donate to one or both of these projects. The Scholarship Fund is currently at just over \$29,000. We are currently presenting two \$1,000 scholarships each year. The goal for the Scholarship Fund is to get to over \$30,000. In the future, we expect to increase our scholarships to 3 scholarships one year and 2 scholarships the following year. As well this year we are hoping to assist the Music Department upgrade their musical instrument inventory. This will cost about \$15,000. The school has already received an anonymous gift of \$10,000 towards this program. Hopefully we can make help with the remaining \$5000. Any donations of \$20 or more will receive a receipt for income tax purposes. Donations received **before** December 5, 2017 will be issued receipts for 2017 and donations after this date will have receipts issued for 2018.

- Please make cheques payable to: **Greater Victoria School Board**
- Include notation on the memo line of the cheque for “**Scholarship Fund of EHS**”, “**Music Instrument Purchase**” or “**Both**”.

Thank you for assisting the students at Esquimalt High School.

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For income tax purposes, please complete & mail this slip with your donation.  
Thank you.

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