



## Remembering Janice

September 18, 1970 -  
February 15, 2017

Janice taking it all in during  
a visit to Camp Potlatch  
on the Howe Sound



It is with great sadness that we share the news of the unexpected passing of our friend Janice Womersley.

A service was held at Ladner United Church February 25th, and an overflow crowd honoured Janice's memory at the event. Janice's sister Barb crafted a eulogy of her sister's life and her connection with DCLS:

**“Janice really loved the DCLS recreation program. She would tell me the most stories about the latest adventures from cheering on sporting events, golfing, cooking classes... she loved being out and having fun with her friends ...Janice was a sweet, kind and gentle soul. Through many challenging experiences, Janice was always a lady who would rise above and carry on. She taught me so much about communication, standing up for yourself, pursuing with quiet passion the activities you love, accepting people of all abilities, and most of all how to be a best friend.”**

Janice made many friends since she joined DCLS in 2003, and was actively involved with the Community Connector and Recreation programs. Janice was very committed to working and contributing to community. She regularly worked at NetClimber Web Design, rang bells for the Salvation Army Kettle at Christmas and delivered newspapers weekly. In addition to her many jobs, Janice also took the time to volunteer at the Thrift Store in Ladner, KinVillage in Tsawwassen and the Delta Community Animal Shelter.



Janice with co-workers from  
NetClimber Web Design

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She brought a smile to all our faces and we looked forward to her weekly updates about the activities going on in her life. She was a major fan of the Canucks and it was a regular topic of discussion. Janice had the most amazing memory and we all marveled at how well she could recall the most detailed stories and events. She was a dedicated worker who rarely missed a shift.”

- Diane Askin

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Janice's home sharing provider Lisa nominated Janice for a Tony Schmand Award in 2013: "One of Janice's strongest attributes is her unflinching devotion to whatever she has committed herself to. She is tireless in her commitment to her jobs and to her volunteer work. We have seen that no matter how she feels or how miserable and wet the weather is, she will honour her obligations regardless. She is quite an inspiration to us all."



Janice enjoying a sailing lesson at Jericho

**“** This photo captured one of Janice's favorite days and experiences. Janice went sailing with the Recreation Program at the Disabled Sailing Association at Jericho Beach. She was beaming, and spoke fondly of it for years. – Lorraine Cole

## DCLS opens a new location on Delta Street

Members of Community Connector South celebrate Pink Shirt Day in the new program location



Members and staff from the Community Connector South program moved into their new space on Delta Street December 5th. The new site was acquired by DCLS in 2015, and DCLS undertook an interior renovation of the space to get it ready for new and existing programs. The new location includes a full kitchen, accessible bathrooms, a boardroom and lots of program space to allow for growth of our programs in South Delta.

Delta Street under renovation in summer 2016



### Save the Date!



**Sunday, March 19**

DCLS Employee Appreciation Luncheon

**Thursday, March 30**

DCLS Home Sharing and Respite Luncheon

**Friday, July 14**

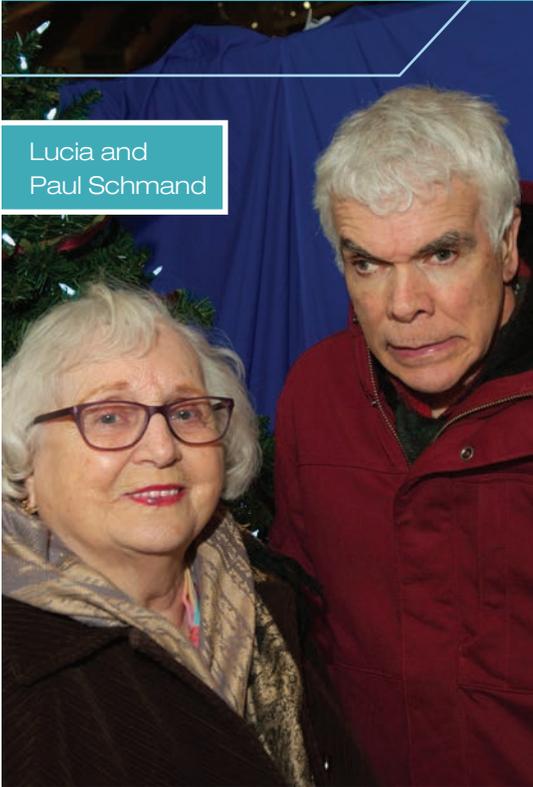
DCLS Family Picnic



### Individual Surveys are coming soon!

DCLS will be reaching out to people we support between February 27 - April 13 for our Individual Satisfaction Survey. We conduct these surveys to benchmark our performance and collect feedback so that we can address any concerns. The survey is completed in-person with DCLS resource centre staff, and results will be compiled anonymously.

# DCLS Holiday Party



Lucia and Paul Schmand



**Left:**  
Jeffrey Eccleton,  
Gislaine Bates and  
Sheryl Eccleton

**Bottom Right:**  
Deanna and  
Katie Whittaker

**Bottom Left:**  
Julie Legace  
and home  
sharing provider  
Ruby Martin



**Bottom Right:** Kathy Green and Zita Lagdaan



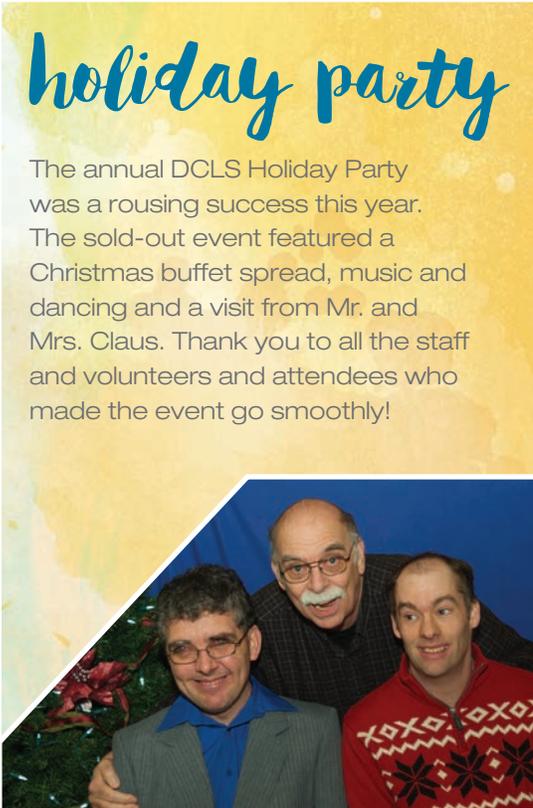
**Bottom Left:** Carole Davis with brother David Thorsteinson



**Right:**  
11A residence  
coordinator Kulvir  
Sidhu and Pat Bell

**Bottom Left:**  
Peter Jdrzejek  
and Kelsey  
Thompson

**Bottom Right:**  
Home sharing  
provider Tami  
Ryder and  
Susie Mah



**Above:** Jason McPherson with Roger and Jeremy Lasell





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## Around DCLS

Respite provider Hilandrea with George Soika Jr. and Sr.

George Soika Sr.

passed away January 4th after a lengthy illness. He was fondly remembered at a service at Joy Fellowship Church in Vancouver.



Staff members Baljit, Manpreet and Meenu with Roy, Jane and Nancy

Participants and staff celebrated Diwali at 64th Day Program October 28. The event featured a wonderful buffet lunch prepared by staff, music and mingling with family and friends.

Community Connector South held a luncheon December 16 with the Solutions team. Rochelle Ali's mom volunteered her time and resources to cater the event and provide gifts to the attendees.



Jessica, Robbin and Sherry in their Christmas sweaters

Deepi and Jotti

Leihl enjoyed a night out in December to see Mary Poppins with their respite provider Cathy Gvora.



Deepi and Jotti at the theatre



Heather gives a thumbs up prior to her surgery

Heather Clark had a total left hip replacement on November 22nd at UBC Hospital. Heather's recovery has been going well, and is expected to be back to her regular activities soon.



Jody delivering the Delta Optimist in the snow

Jody Reid was captured on camera by Greg Fee while at work during the first snowfall in December.