

# CCEC Credit Union common interest



## Jill Kelly Retires

Fall | 2012

### ...welcome Murray Clare as Acting General Manger

*Jill Kelly has decided to retire from her position at CCEC after twenty-four years as General Manager. When Jill discussed her intention, the Board decided that it would be best for the Credit Union if the transition occurred immediately.*

*The Board and membership thank Jill for her years of service and for her role as a founding CCEC member.*

*Jill will continue to be active in the co-operative movement through her work with the British Columbia Co-operative Association and as President of the Canadian Co-operative Association.*

*We wish Jill every success in her future endeavors and we plan to organize an*

*event in the near future to celebrate and honour her work at CCEC.*

*We are pleased to welcome Murray Clare as Acting General Manager.*

*Helesia Luke,  
On Behalf of CCEC's Board of Directors*

#### **CCEC is Moving Across the Street**

In October, we will be moving across the street while our Branch is being renovated. As the date is to be confirmed, be sure to visit our website and check our bulletin board for updates.

#### **Welcome Murray**

*The Board has hired Murray Clare as Acting General Manager until such time as a more permanent replacement may be found.*

*Murray has served in the Credit Union system for over 40 years. His more recent experience is as General Manager for Dogwood Credit Union (now part of Westminster Savings) and Vernon and District Credit Union.*

*Murray may be reached at 604.254.4100 ext 25 or [mclare@ccec.bc.ca](mailto:mclare@ccec.bc.ca).*

*Welcome, Murray, to CCEC.*



#### **OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS CCEC's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This is your chance to have your say and to vote

Date: **Wednesday, January 30, 2013**

Location: **Cafe Deux Soleils,  
2096 Commercial Drive,  
Vancouver, BC**

Registration will open at 7:00 pm; Meeting starts at 7:30pm.

Call for Nominations for your Board of Directors, Credit Committee and the Roger Inman Memorial Award - see page 3

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## CCEC HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	11am - 5pm
Tuesday	11am - 5pm
Wednesday	11am - 5pm
Thursday	11am - 5pm
Friday	11am - 6pm
Saturday	10am - 1pm

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janet Berman  
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## CREDIT COMMITTEE

Jason Baumer  
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D'Arcy Lee  
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## STAFF

Atilio Alvarez	Personal Loans Officer
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Joanne MacKinnon	Communications
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April Walker	Casual Teller
Cynthia Leighton	Casual Teller

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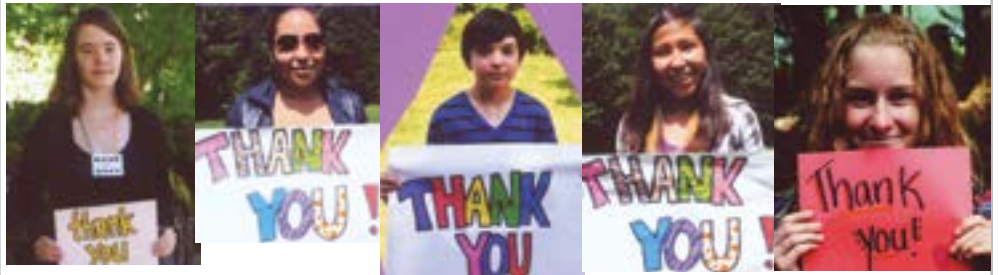


# CCEC Members Support our Youth

*A big thank you to our CCEC Members who donated to the Camp YES Scholarship Fund allowing us to sponsor five youth to attend camps in 2012:*

Mr. Peaslee, Leanna Paul, Leanna Paul, Diane Middagh, carol weaver creative, Glen Kynaston, The Bike Doctor, Kathleen Oliver, Jay Hamburger, Roving Vet, Sidney Tan, Patrick Hall, Poplar Studios, Gerry Dragomir, Michelle Brook, Emma Sutherland, Michael Higgins, James Ritchie, Lew Macdonald, Luce Roberts, anonymous, Commercial Drive Massage, Leonard Cler-Cunningham, Matthew Burrows, Laurel Swanson, Vancouver Pain Management Society, Doug Smith.

Camp YES 2012 participants Iris Granges, Rosie Peters, Troy Robinson, Jayne Peters and Elizabeth Clark-Lazin are very grateful and wish to thank-you for your support.



## Co-op Week 2012: October 14-20 Co-operatives Build a Better World

Join us in the Branch as we celebrate **International Year of Co-ops.** **MEMBERS' ONLY** enter to win a Cocoa Camino Gift Basket



*Camino is a Canadian brand of Fairtrade and Organic certified food products, owned by the Ottawa-based La Siembra Co-operative. La Siembra works with 23 producer partners and supports more than 39,500 family farmers in 11 countries. Buying a Camino food product contributes to building vibrant sustainable communities both abroad and in Canada. Camino products are available at CCEC Member East End Food Co-op or online at [www.tasteofcamino.com](http://www.tasteofcamino.com), Facebook (Camino Amigos) and Twitter (@caminolala).*





# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## Support our members

### Co-Dev Film Festival, Fundraising for Gardens + more



The Carnival Band is going to **HONK!VII** in Somerville, Massachusetts October 5-8, 2012. We are looking for funding for band members to attend this great event. If persons are interested, please feel free to drop a donation into our CCEC Account "*Open Air Orchestra Society*". For more information email Devo at [devof2@gmail.com](mailto:devof2@gmail.com).



#### Film Night - A Fundraiser for the Britannia Urban School Garden (BUG) and Slow Foods' Gardens in Africa Twinning Project

Sunday, Oct 14, 6-10pm

Films are *To Make a Farm (2012)* and *The Man Who Stopped the Desert (2010)*

Upstairs Canuck Family Education Centre, Britannia Community Centre

Suggested donation \$10 - \$20.

Evening includes a silent auction and Cuisine of Africa.

A Sustenance Festival event organized by Grandview Woodland Food Connection, Slow Food Vancouver and Eastside Family Place.



Eastside Family Place



NOV 16, 17 & 18  
FRI 5-10PM | SAT & SUN 11-6PM

[www.eastsideculturecrawl.com](http://www.eastsideculturecrawl.com)



#### 1st Annual Artful Saturday: Winter Art Market

Saturday Dec 8th, Noon-5pm

Gym D at Britannia Community Centre

(604)718-5800 [www.britanniacentre.org](http://www.britanniacentre.org)

Artful Sundays summer market moves indoors to celebrate the season. Featuring local artists, live music, a Cafe and more!



Nov 19-25 Granville Island

[www.neweconomy.ca](http://www.neweconomy.ca)

Converging ideas, resources, and people.

## CCEC AGM 2013 - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### THE ROGER INMAN AWARD for Community Economic Development

This annual award recognizes a project that has contributed significantly to the economic development of the community.

CCEC keeps our money and resources working in our community by supporting the development of strong, successful community businesses, projects and organizations.

**ANY GROUP, BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATED WITH CCEC CREDIT UNION IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SPECIAL RECOGNITION/CASH AWARD**

Pick up a Nomination Package at the Branch or at [www.ccec.bc.ca](http://www.ccec.bc.ca)  
**Deadline for nominations:  
 Friday, December 14, 2012.**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS and CREDIT COMMITTEE

CCEC has vacancies on its Board of Directors and Credit Committee to be filled at the Annual General Meeting on January 30, 2013. To be eligible to run, the nominee must have been a member for 6 months, which means account # 11495-9 or lower. To be eligible to vote in the election, a person must be a member (19 years or older) in good standing for 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

- There are three vacancies on the board; and
- There are two vacancies on the credit committee.

#### Calling all CCEC members!

CCEC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors responsible for keeping informed on credit union issues and legislation, as well as providing governance and financial oversight to CCEC. A mandatory training program is available in the first two years. If you want to contribute to the good governance of CCEC and you are ready to make a commitment to participate fully in the training and meetings, your Credit Union Board of Directors needs you.

The volunteer Credit Committee meets monthly to monitor the lending portfolio and make credit decisions. If you want to participate in the lending side of CCEC, consider running for the Credit Committee.

Contact Joanne MacKinnon ([jmackinnon@ccec.bc.ca](mailto:jmackinnon@ccec.bc.ca)) for more information, to receive a Nominations Package or to be put you in touch with a member of the Nominating Committee.

# CCEC Members Working on Social Justice Issues



The following are two stories from our members who are actively engaged in social justice issues: Co-Dev through its' annual film festival and Raise the Rates through action to end poverty.



Co-Dev Film Festival  
February, 2013  
[www.codev.org/film-festival/](http://www.codev.org/film-festival/)

## World Community Film Festival

by Wayne Bradley, Festival Founder  
Contact Carol Wood, Program Director  
[cwood@codev.org](mailto:cwood@codev.org) or (604) 708-1495

CoDevelopment Canada hosts the World Community Film Festival every February at Langara College in Vancouver.

The rapid evolution of film technology has dramatically changed how film is used in promoting or supporting causes. When we started the World Community Film Festival, the process was cumbersome and complicated. Activists most often used film to tell stories of problems: atrocities, injustice or any critical issue.

Now we are seeing many films about responding to those things, "how to respond" or "solution oriented" films. This is more empowering and invigorating for activists engaging with the films. As well, the comparative ease of making films means that films can be made by amateurs with positive results. What may get lost in production value is made up in spades by the drama of the immediacy of the film.

More and more, the issues are boiling down to the basic idea of democracy and governance as the concept of 99% vs 1% gains traction. The films help people to understand the role of corporate and government collusion to deny, destroy and subvert democratic processes around the world.

CoDev has been a member of CCEC for almost fifteen years and supports CCEC because of its shared values in the community, and its continued commitment to social justice.

## Raise the Rates - saving money by ending poverty

Contact:  
Jean Swanson: [jean.swanson@gmail.com](mailto:jean.swanson@gmail.com)  
Bill Hopwood: [bill50@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:bill50@vcn.bc.ca)  
[www.raisetherates.org/take-action/](http://www.raisetherates.org/take-action/)

Jean Swanson has been a member of CCEC for many years because she wanted to support a credit union that includes membership for unincorporated associations.

Raise the Rates is a coalition of community groups and organizations concerned with the level of poverty and homelessness in British Columbia. They challenged MLA's to live on the welfare rate of \$610 per month and organized the Poverty Olympics in the three years prior to the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Jagrup Brar, NDP MLA for Fleetwood-Surrey responded to Raise the Rates' challenge. BC has the greatest economic inequality and the worst poverty and child poverty rates in Canada. Lack of action on poverty costs BC \$8-\$9 billion annually.



News Conference, Jan. 2012 from left Jagrup Brar, Fraser Stuart and Jean Swanson

As we head into an election year in BC, we need to pressure BC's politicians into action to:

- Increase welfare rates;
- Increase the minimum wage;
- Build more social housing;
- End the clawback of earnings and child support for those on welfare;
- End the 3 week wait for welfare.

Jean says, "It's much more costly to allow poverty to continue. Poverty is consistently linked to poor health, lower literacy, poor school performance for children, more crime, and greater stress."

Despite a recent victory where government allows those on welfare to keep the first \$200 of their earnings, Raise the Rates wants welfare for a single person to be increased to the federal government's market basket level which is about \$1300 a month.

Get involved and be part of the voice to end poverty.

Download the report on the Cost of Poverty at [www.policyalternatives.ca/costofpovertybc](http://www.policyalternatives.ca/costofpovertybc).