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Food For Thought: The Christies Can Dish it Out!

2019 Christie Screech

It all started with Granny Christie and the enormous pots of soup that always adorned her old stove with enough nourishment to feed any strays living in East Vancouver.

The dirty thirty got marshmallow and weinie roasts at Lac La Hache; and at Lasqueti we enjoyed Auntie Pat's warm buttery and soft cinnamon buns cooked on the wood stove; her never-ending soup pot, fresh grilse for breakfast; and of course her shortbread.

These are the foods that evoke memories of fun filled family times.

Auntie Pat's scrumptious blackberry pies created from the berries we picked in August but what is "fly cemetery" and why did we eat it?

Lasqueti feasts also included Salmon, clams, oysters and BBQ's on the beach. Lamb and chocolate chip cookies. The "Master Chef Lasqueti Challenge" secret ingredients bacon and prawns.



Arriving at Molokai mince and mashed potatoes were ready for you, along with a bottle wine.

Auntie Ann made lasagna and Swedish meatballs served with apricot brandy to warm us after curling; cookie square with pink icing, may have been "Queen Elizabeth Square".



Extra points for Auntie Ann's borscht and rhubarb pie; and of course, Uncle Russell filled us up with fine PNE foods... when we weren't dishing it out, "...would you like mustard, relish or onions on that?"

Auntie Ann's Cabbage Rolls

1 large or 2 small cabbages – cut and core, boil until the leaves fall off

1 lb of bacon, 1 large onion chopped up – fry and season to taste

2 cups rice, 4 cups water

1 tsp salt, pepper, garlic – cook with rice for 10 minutes lid on.

(other seasonings to spice it up eg. Cayenne pepper, tabasco, oregano, dried chili flakes)

Mix bacon, onion and rice together (season to taste)

Scoop into cabbage leaves and roll up tight, place in casserole dish

Small tin of tomato juice, 2 tbsp of brown sugar, 1 tsp lemon juice – pour over top of cabbage roll

Bake 1 ½ hours at 350 with lid on.

(you may need more juice mixture during or at end of cooking to keep them nice and moist).

Auntie Janet brings memories of cold beer – Pale Ale, gin & tonic... but her best recipe was reservations at the golf club or other excellent west side restaurants.

Everyone quickly learned that Auntie Lorraine was a fabulous cook. She made the most fantastic mulligatawny soup, Caesar salad, mushroom salad, apple square, cookies, prime rib and her legendary Boxing Day soup.

The aroma of freshly baked bread drew you to Auntie Lorraine's kitchen and kept you coming back.

She even had a supply of homemade wine in jam jars. Her only bomb was "pineapple wine"... but there was always an endless supply of Coca Cola for Uncle Tom.

Dan Christie's Curried Stew

5 lbs Pork Butt Roast cubed
(or beef, chicken or shrimp)

2 large Onions

3 tbsp Olive Oil

1/4 lb Butter

1 1/2" Cube of Ginger minced

4 Cloves Garlic minced

Cook over medium heat about 40 minutes

Add 1 Lrg can diced tomatoes
1 Package Glicho curry paste
3 tsp Chili Garlic Paste
Simmer 15 minutes

Add 2 cups diced potatoes (approx)
2 cups diced carrots (or sliced)
Simmer 30 minutes

Serve over rice

Salt and pepper to taste.

Top with fresh chopped Cilantro.

Auntie Kay's legendary baking includes Pineapple Fluff for Christmas Eve, cookies, broken glass and her award winning pickled beets were a frequent request for Christmas presents.

Uncle Bill's BBQ and mouthwatering short rib dinner accompanied by tomatoes from his garden and cold beer. Every night after dinner Bill

would rise from his seat at the head of the table, kiss his bride on the cheek and say "delicious Mrs. Ixel" To this day no one is quite sure who Mrs Ixel is or was... or how this little ritual began.

Auntie Moe is famous for the buns, pies etc that she forgot to serve. Great veggies from her garden, tomatoes lining her walk, Damson plum jam, more tomatoes, raspberries and pies. Shrimp chip dip and gin infused punch.

Barb Colbourne's Shrimp Chip Dip

1 cup Sour Cream

1/4 cup Miracle Whip

1 can broken shrimp

1 tsp parsley

1 tsp lemon juice

1/2 Package Onion Soup Mix

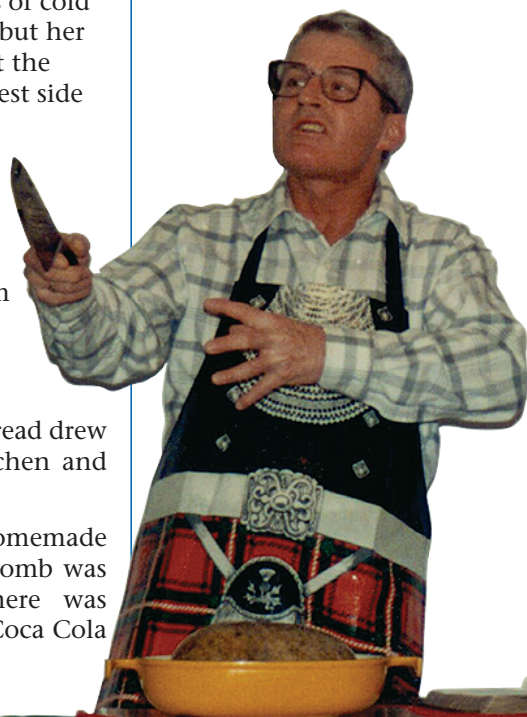
dash Pepper

Drain shrimp well and mix it all together.

I too am Moira's daughter so not a lot of cooking going on in this house either.

Uncle Mac and Auntie Bonnie dinner parties and barbecues by the pool, or on Molokai. Giant pots of spaghetti and garlic bread in Whistler after a long day on the slopes. Often accompanied with and excellent wine or a double round of crown.

Auntie Helen known for her zucchini muffins, zucchini bread all things zucchini. "If you have to buy zucchini, you don't have enough friends" is a direct quote. When you went to Auntie



Helen's for dinner or afternoon tea you were usually sent home with a goodie bag. She was famous for her baking.

Auntie Helen's Zucchini Loaf

2 cup Sugar
1 cup Oil
3 Eggs
1 tsp Vanilla
3 cups Flour
1 tsp Cinnamon
1 tsp Salt
1 tsp Baking Soda
1/2 tsp Baking Powder
3 cup Grated Zucchini
(drained and squeezed)
1 cup Raisins
1/2 cup Walnuts

Set oven to 300 degrees

Bake for 1 - 1 1/2 hours

Beat sugar, oil and eggs.

Add in vanilla

Mix flour, cinnamon, salt, baking soda and baking powder.

Add to the sugar, oil, egg, vanilla mixture.

Stir in the zucchini, raisins and walnuts.

Pour into 2 loaf pans and bake

Grannie's Shortbread

Preheat oven to 325°

On kitchen counter (in three separate piles) measure out:

- 8 tbsp sugar
- 8 tbsp rice flour
- 4 c. flour

Place 1 lb butter in center of counter and work in sugar - not "too much".

Then work in rice flour and regular flour - not "too much" at a time.

Once equally distributed divide ball of dough into two halves - each half makes one shortbread pie, or one roll of cookies.

For pies:

Press dough into lightly greased shortbread tin (grease tin with butter wrapper).

Baking time 45 min.

For cookies:

Roll ball of dough into long 2" roll, then slice off 1" cookies and place on cookie sheet.

Baking time 12-15 min.



Grannies Shortbread - Mag the Hag's version

This is really the ONLY "true shortbread"... nothing purchased in any tin or at any store comes even close. This recipe has the added advantage of being created on your own kitchen counter top, where you can eat as much of it RAW as you wish!!! And Stewart touching the uncooked cookies with his licked fingers does NOT proffer him ownership over said cookies.

Our adoptive families have shared much with us too. The Sabourin's antipasto and salsa were always a treasured gift. The annual Burn's

Dinner hosted by Jane and Barb, a great laugh capped off with Uncle Bill's theatrical Address to the Haggis.

We have a family that can really dish it out and have thus shared many festive meals together. For the most part the basic Christmas menu has remained intact. Tradition it appears is far more important than dietary health and culinary excellence. This explains the appearance of white dinner buns and frozen vegetables on the dinner table year after year. Do

you recall those giant bowls of jello with whipped cream and canned fruit cocktail? That tradition has thankfully evolved into a more delicious selection of finely crafted homemade desserts.

The Christmas event has never actually been about food though; the meal was merely a side dish. The tradition has always been about the people and has for this reason successfully stood the test of time—nearly 90 years since its inception.

The Christies always seem to come together and laugh and cry at the same time. We remember the best of someone who is no longer with us and roast them as if they were there sitting along side us at the table. It's a blessing that we continue to exercise our hereditary right to express our undeniable love, freakish loyalty and affection for all clan members. The Royal Eight were able to teach us just how important family is... talk about Food for Thought... best recipe ever.

Merry Christmas Christies



Aunt Jennie's Ginger Sparklers Recipe

Outlaw Brothers: Lawsuits Pending & Assets Seized Extensive travel to avoid the long arm of the law

Susan & Colin

Aah, as always 2019 was a very busy year filled with laughter, tears and fun adventures for the Christie Fraser unit. Apart from our annual two months in Puerto Vallarta and summer on Ruxton Island, our highlight travel experience was a 12-day Mediterranean Cruise from Civitavecchia and back (Rome, Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Corfu, Sicily, Malta and Naples) and then on to Munich via train through Italian alps to see Michael (who turned 40 in May) and his daughter Merle who had her 1st b'day on October 16/19. Susan has officially turned into the typical gushing puddle of mush being Grami Susie (or Oma in Germany) and loving every minute of it. Even Colin was charmed by this adorable baby girl. What is it about a small child that seems to dissolve all that's evil on this planet?... especially when it is one of your own. Falling in love all over again as a senior citizen is something we all can look forward to in our advancing years. Nice and better than the alternative.

Mike and Debbie

Another eventful year in the Mike Christie household. Deb and Mike started the year with three weeks in Puerto Vallarta with friends once again. A few months later Julie and Marko had



Maria hiding from justice in Thailand

Indie's first and Leia's second beach vacation – all had a ball! Jen and Chase continue to renovate their 110 year old heritage house which is a project in process and work in process! Wyatt continues to beat Gigi at Super Mario and has no qualms about rubbing it in! Efforts are being employed in trying to teach him to be a good winner as well as a good loser! Wonder where he got THAT competitive streak from?! Jeff took off on another trip to Peru and LA. The grandkids are growing so fast Wyatt and Leia are 4, Lennon is 3 and Indie 1 1/2. Gigi and papa get to spoil them rotten and send them home! Oh what fun!!

Dan and Elaine

Dan & Elaine continue to travel loads. They took in a couple of trips to Mexico and a month long journey through Europe were the highlights. Elaine continues her insurance business but is trying to slow down.

Dan is cutting grass at Hazelmere golf course twice a week and working with brother Craig when time permits and his vehicle isn't impounded.

Jaki got her Bachelor of Arts from UBC Okanagan and is now working at the TD Bank (following in her Grandma Christie's footsteps) taking a break from the stress of school.

Craig's Crew

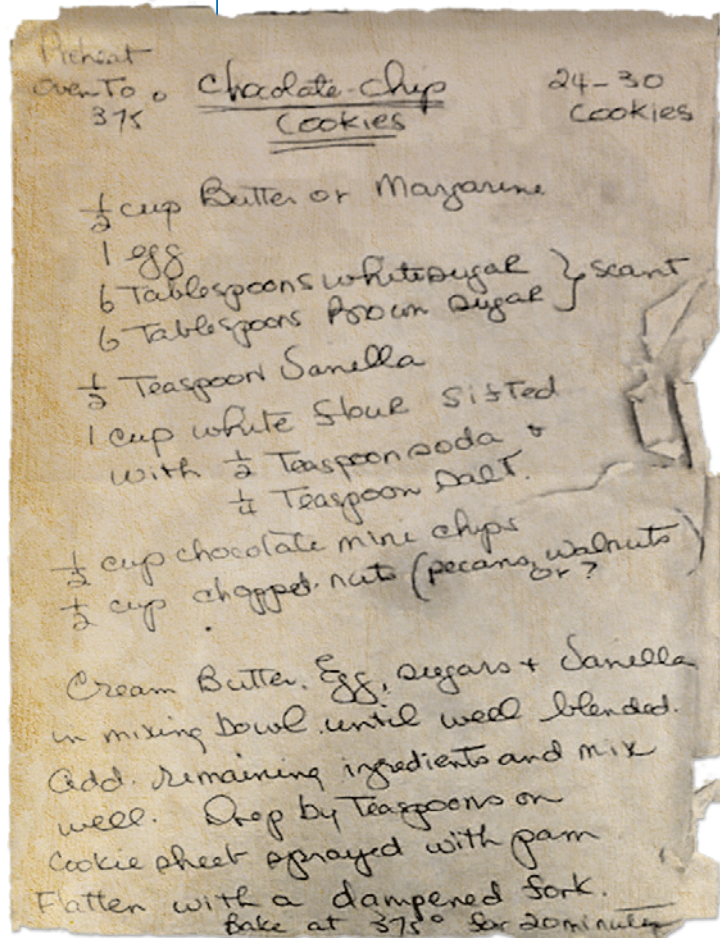
Kasandra has enjoyed a busy year focusing on farming, friends, and Fortis BC. She and her green thumb continue to produce a LOT of produce on her residential lot



Merle on the lam in Germany

and she is looking to expand business. All the while she enjoys life with her gardening sidekick Rudi the Dog and her life partner Matt.

Kasandra has also taken a full time position at Fortis BC as a Senior Billing Analyst and says her coworkers have become such good friends they actually make the time pass quickly (she also



Lorraine's Chocolate Chip Cookies



Craig: Hey girls, check out my stool!

says watch for your rates to decrease in 2020 for natural gas! yippee!

In her rare free moments, Kasandra has picked up a paintbrush and has been doing a lot of dot art painting, trying hard to not go cross-eyed in the process., check out her art work out on Instagram, @kcdotart (or get your kids to show you!!)

Maria traveled off the continent for the first time this past May to complete a month-long Registered Nursing practicum in India. Since she was in the area, she decided to extend her stay and check out Thailand for a few weeks with some nursing pals before coming



Kasandra thwarting facial recognition

LEGAL NOTICE

It is with deep regret that the heirs of the Patricia JM Forbes estate announce that they are suing the heirs to the Thomas R Christie estate and the electrical companies associated with it.

The Forbes Family has patiently waited 55 years for the original electrician and his successor to complete the wiring of their False Bay home. It is neither complete nor is it representative of professional standards of workmanship.

Neither the original contractor nor his successor have conducted themselves in a professional manner. The latter asked us to admire his stool that he deposited in a corner of the deck (it is still there)!

Please check the accompanying picture for proof of our complaint. During the 55 years the heirs have enjoyed free prime time holidays at our exclusive resort.

We simply request that the "New Home Warranty" be honoured and the job finished in a timely manner;

OR

Reimburse our family for the holidays.

55 years x 2 weeks (often more)
= 110 weeks

x \$2000 Per week = \$220,000

+ interest = \$500,000



Exhibit A: Exposed wires and substandard workmanship

home to work at CrossRoads Brewing full-time for the summer. Maria spent her downtime playing golf at a local par 3 course, and also got the opportunity to go down to PoCo to catch up with family and celebrate cousin Kristi and Brett's engagement. She is hopeful they start popping out babies but isn't holding her breath! Maria says she wouldn't have gotten through the first semester of her third year of nursing school without her partner, Nolan, or their new four-legged friend, Rocky, whom they adopted from the SPCA.

Maria looks forward to spending Christmas in Mazatlan, Mexico and then return to Prince George and hit the ski hill before headed back to UNBC for the rest of her schooling for the year.

Colleen

Colleen is living in Kelowna and is working at Royal Lepage Realty. We enjoyed a lovely engagement party for

Kristi and Brett in Port Coquitlam over the summer.

Kristi (27) and Brett have moved in to their first lovely home in Casa Loma Kelowna. Kristi is working at the Kelowna Hospital and Brett works on all things electrical. As yet, no wedding plans are set.

Kevin (24) is working at Kingston Construction in Carpentry and Heavy Duty Machine operating. He is heading off to California over Christmas with his girlfriend Cassie and friends for a bit of dirt biking adventuring.

Craig celebrated his 21st birthday this past year at Kobe Steakhouse with the family, he is also working at Kingston Construction and has set his sights on Heavy Duty Machine operating. When not working, he enjoys weekend trips with his girlfriend Meg.



Remembering Helen Irene Christie Layfield

2019 began on a challenging note with the passing of our dearly loved Helen Irene Christie Layfield on March 4, 2019. In true Helen fashion, her final moments were filled with love and caring, shared with her great-grandson Colton. Colton was the fortunate recipient of her final words, but those words of love would have been her final message to us all.

Auntie Helen opened her home and welcomed everyone in. She would never hesitate to set an extra plate, whether sharing a traditional holiday meal or just a cup of tea and a batch of freshly baked scones on a summer afternoon. It was rare indeed to leave her home without a quick stop at the freezer for a care package, which could include everything from pies, loaves, jams and pickles to tomatoes, beets, beans and blueberries.

In any discussions of Auntie Helen, we all circle back to her ability to bind our large, somewhat dysfunctional family together. As Uncle George said, "She's the one everyone knew they could count on. If anyone needed anything at all, she would get it done."

She was the youngest of the five sisters, but she was the one who became the matriarch of the family, when Granny Christie's health declined. Doug shared with us that he saw evidence of this in her final days. When the word went out that she was struggling mightily with her cancer fight, many members of the Clan dropped in to see her to share a

final moment or two.

When Don was sharing his Mom's story at her celebration of life, he too reflected on our crazy family and her key role in it. Whether it was helping Sister Moira get through a challenging math class or cheering her brothers on from the sidelines of various pitches, she was always an invaluable support. The importance of family was also evidenced when she and George got married, as their

wedding party was riddled with Christies! They even had Pat and Peter along for their honeymoon.

Once she started her own family, the significance of the Family Christmas took on even greater meaning and these annual get-togethers became very dear to her heart. When the Dirty 30 started producing yet another generation of Christies, she was even

Helen's Zucchini Loaf

- 2 cup Sugar
- 1 cup Oil
- 3 Eggs
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 3 cups Flour
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1 tsp Baking Soda
- ½ tsp Baking Powder
- 3 cup Grated Zucchini (drained and squeezed)
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Mix flour, cinnamon, salt, baking soda and baking powder.

Add to the sugar, oil, egg, vanilla mixture.

Stir in the zucchini, raisins and walnuts.

Pour into 2 loaf pans

Bake for 1 - 1 ½ hours



game to don a Mrs. Claus outfit to ensure the children had a special experience on those festive nights.

When yet another generation of the Clan arrived, she continued to rule the kitchen at the annual event. Don shared that when he was carving the 3 turkeys and Helen was making that enormous pot of gravy, invariably an inquisitive child would wander in and he would ask "who do they belong to?"; she always would know, because it mattered to her. If you wanted an update on what your cousins were up to, you need go no farther than a call to Helen.

From Sandra:

The lesson I learned from Mom. I didn't know it or appreciate it at the time, but I do now. From the moment she had kids, Mom was there.

When the boys played soccer and baseball; who was at every game, rain or shine? Mom. When I started softball, she was there in her (quiet) voice yelling, don't swing on the first pitch.

Junior High and High School were no different. Every sport we played our mother was in the stands cheering us on. One would think that after all her children finished school she would be done. Nope, grandchildren came and there weren't many events that Mom did not attend. Dance recitals, sporting events, school Christmas concerts; she was there, usually early so she could get the best seats.

Thankfully the internet came along, so when Jettie was playing basketball at Nationals, I could stream the game on the TV for Mom and Dad to watch. So, even though she couldn't be there in person, she was still cheering her granddaughter on.

Then a great-grandchild was born, and she got to do it all over again. Colton also got to see and feel the love Mom had for her family, because he just had to look in the audience and there was his great-grandmother watching him with joy.

I see it in myself and my siblings; we



have all followed in our mother's path. Our children and grandchildren have only to look up and they will see a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt or uncle, beaming with pride, watching and cheering them on, and all of this was taught to us by our mother. Let them know how much joy and love you bring to them. Be there for as many moments as you can, life goes by so quickly.

From Christina:

What was it like to be a grandchild of Helen Layfield's?

It looked like picking raspberries and peas from her garden. It smelled like stuffing and baked pies, or the taste of sugar-filled cereals. It was the sound of a smoke detector, followed by her Christie voice and laughter. It felt like bear hugs and the comfort of her warm yellow sweater. It was the knowledge that no matter what road we chose in life, she would be there cheering us on. She always was and always will be a strong presence in our lives. From our time with her we've learned the value of hard work, loyalty, generosity, and hospitality.

Don't worry grandma... I'll put the kettle on.



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706 Missing its Resident Iron Chef

Kay & Bill

I am still enjoying living at 706 Newport, in the house Bill and I have owned for over 60 years. It's definitely lonely without Bill here, but with my very supportive family to help with upkeep when needed, I enjoy working in the garden and tending to the roses. I have grandson Sean, living with me, so I have someone to call on when needed (he is especially helpful in the Tech department) and provides some company.

After a year in a wonderful care home 5 minutes away, Bill was recently moved to a facility in White Rock, part of Peace Arch hospital. There he will get care more suited to his needs, and hopefully, in time, he will be able to come back closer to home. I truly appreciate the support I get from the Christie Clan.

Buchanan

It seems that every year we get a little further apart geographically and a little closer in our hearts.

This fall we had a wonderful family time in Sooke for a few days over Thanksgiving. The next day Sarah boarded a plane to Taiwan via a brief visit in Australia. She has begun teaching English in the southern Taiwanese city of Kaohsiung and is settling into her new apartment, making friends and

swimming with sea turtles.

Adam continues to build his videography business. He kept busy this year filming weddings throughout BC and Alberta and finding time in-between to get some adventure footage in as well. If you're looking for a wedding videographer check out his website at rivirsawyer.com

Nicola and Chad are happily settled in Victoria, working hard and planning a winter/spring escape to Bali with some friends. They stealthily try to avoid running into their overzealous strata council president who is quick to let them know of every rule they've broken. Who knew backing into a parking stall or having a dishwasher was so controversial?

Mark and I have begun our seventh year in Alberta, a milestone we didn't dream we'd make. Frequent work trips to the coast allows for visits with parents and kids and as well as thawing out during the long and cold winters. We enjoyed a spring trip to Puerto Vallarta with various family members to celebrate the marriage of our niece, Beth and Darryl.



Mark was granted a sabbatical for the coming semester, so we are excited for the opportunities that have opened for us. We are heading to SE Asia after Christmas, where we will both be speaking at a mission's conference, and then be able to spend a few days with Sarah in Taiwan. In early spring we will head to France for three months to write and research the history of the mountain village of Le Chambon Sur Lignon. This village, under the direction of the pastor Andre Trocme and his wife, sheltered over 5000 refugees (mostly Jewish children) during the second world war. Mark has been fascinated



The Buchanan's work on the art of camouflage (look carefully and you can spot them in the trees)



with this story for many years, and so we are looking forward to being able to fully immerse ourselves in this community. We've spent the year trying to get our conversational French up to speed, hopefully it's good enough to get us our coffee and croissants.

We are spending Christmas with my family in Coquitlam this year, and will be joined with Adam, Nicola and Chad.

Randy

The highlight of 2019, was undoubtedly, giving away the beautiful bride at my daughter's wedding in Puerto Vallarta in May. The year also included the requisite number of mountain top experiences and the completion of my first full marathon.

David, Jen & kids: Our family celebrated our kids successfully completing a year of swimming lessons and overcoming our untimely displacement from

- (l) Tristen, Ethan, Bella & Brandon at Magic Quest at Great Wolf Lodge.
(r) Jackie, Jeremy & Riley taking Bill out for ice cream and a walk around the lake.

our house with an incredible trip to Great Wolf Lodge in Washington! Our kids loved the wave pool, waterslides, Magic Quest, arcade, candy, and well just about everything. We will definitely be going back. We are also proud to welcome Maria the cutest, most playful, Frenchie to our family.

Rob, Jenelle & kids: This year the Air Force decided that we should head back out east, and moved them to Chicoutimi, Quebec, which is about two hours north of Quebec City.

Delighting in the abundance of local cheese and poutine options, Robert still hopes he can figure out at some point how to *parle vous* the français in

this primarily-French speaking region so he can actually go out and converse with other people at work and in town (luckily, Jenelle and the kids are bilingual and help with the translations when they are able).

Sean: When not goading his father into running marathons with him, is continuing his pursuit of an MBA at the Beatty School of Business (SFU).

Beth & Darryl: Having both completed their education they finally tied the knot at a destination wedding in Mexico. Beth subsequently began her midwife career in Niagara Falls.

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Beth & Darryl's Wedding in Puerto Vallarta

Grow-op approval still pending at 312 Laurentian Jamie moves again to throw family off the track

Russell

Russell 89, snooker player, garlic grower, loves visiting with family still loves his 1960 home (will he ever move?).

The Herndier's

Daryl is fully enjoying his retirement which includes charity work for Air Canada, volunteering at the Tynehead fish hatchery, odd jobs for family and friends, and babysitting grandchildren.

Christy is still working at Paragon Realty, but will be retiring in April 2020. Yeah!!! They just returned from a wonderful vacation in Puerto Vallarta Mexico, and also vacationed in Phoenix, Lasqueti, & Whistler.

Vanessa and Cody are enjoying life in Langley. Cody, a long shoreman, got a promotion to foreman. Vanessa is working part time as a case worker at a men's halfway house, and the rest

of her time is spent raising her two children.

Jack is now five and in kindergarten, does cooking, skating, swimming, baseball, soccer, and bike riding. Mila is three and in preschool, practices ballet, gymnastics, swimming and copies everything her brother does.

Lauren works for Dr Chiu orthopedic surgeon and has helped many family and friends get their surgeries. She enjoys daily yoga and exercise and plays women's soccer.

Ryan works for Schlumberger and has recently been transferred to Texas and now is in Pennsylvania. They enjoy camping, island visits and spending time with their niece and nephews.

The Adam's Family

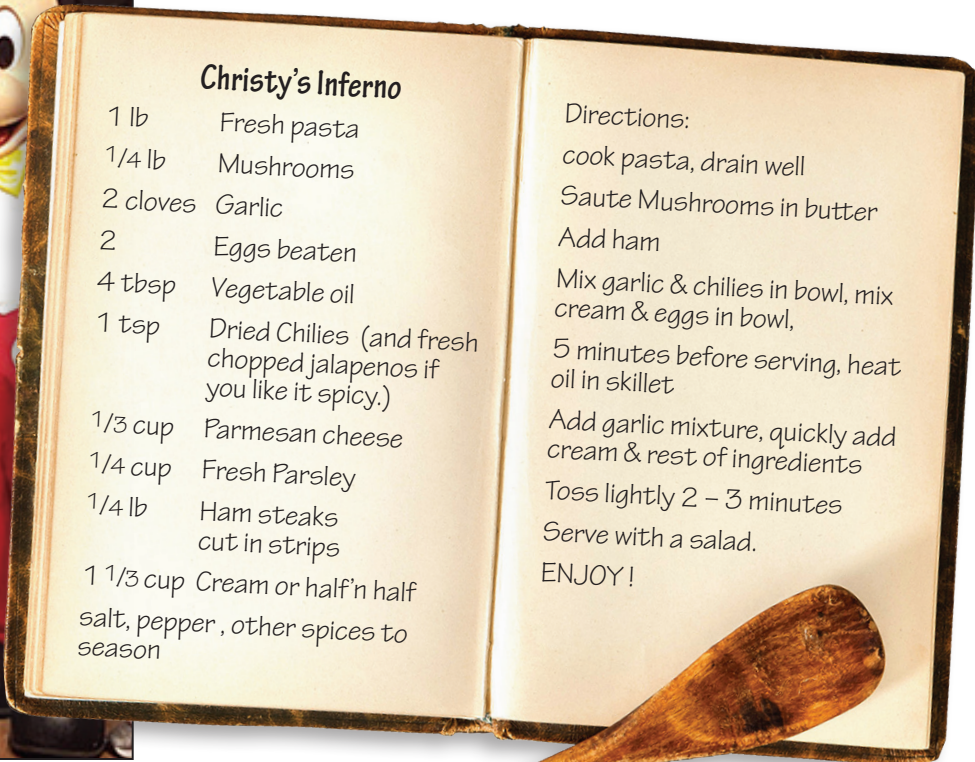
Susan and Rob are both still employed, no retiring yet! Did a family trip to Spain & France for wine & cheese tasting. Susan's shoulder repair is excellent, she just got back from her 2nd surgical mission to Guatemala.



Eric is now officially now a certified financial planner and working with his father. Enjoyed his first trip to Europe for the family vacation and trips to Phoenix & Christina Lake and several camping trips. Adrienne has chosen a new career path, she is enrolled in law school at UVIC and continues to have a long distance romance with Jeff in Vancouver.



Daryl and the kids he help get to Disney Land.



Dave is continuing to save lives as Vancouver fire fighter extraordinaire. He enjoys traveling the world, and will be going to Japan in January to ski. He became a land baron as he purchased a town house in Squamish which he rents out. He still plays premier soccer and lives in Kitsilano with his girlfriend Steff.

Julia works for BC Cancer in Victoria and is applying for Medical residence in Canada & US (fingers crossed). After doing several 1/2 marathons, she will do her first full marathon in May.

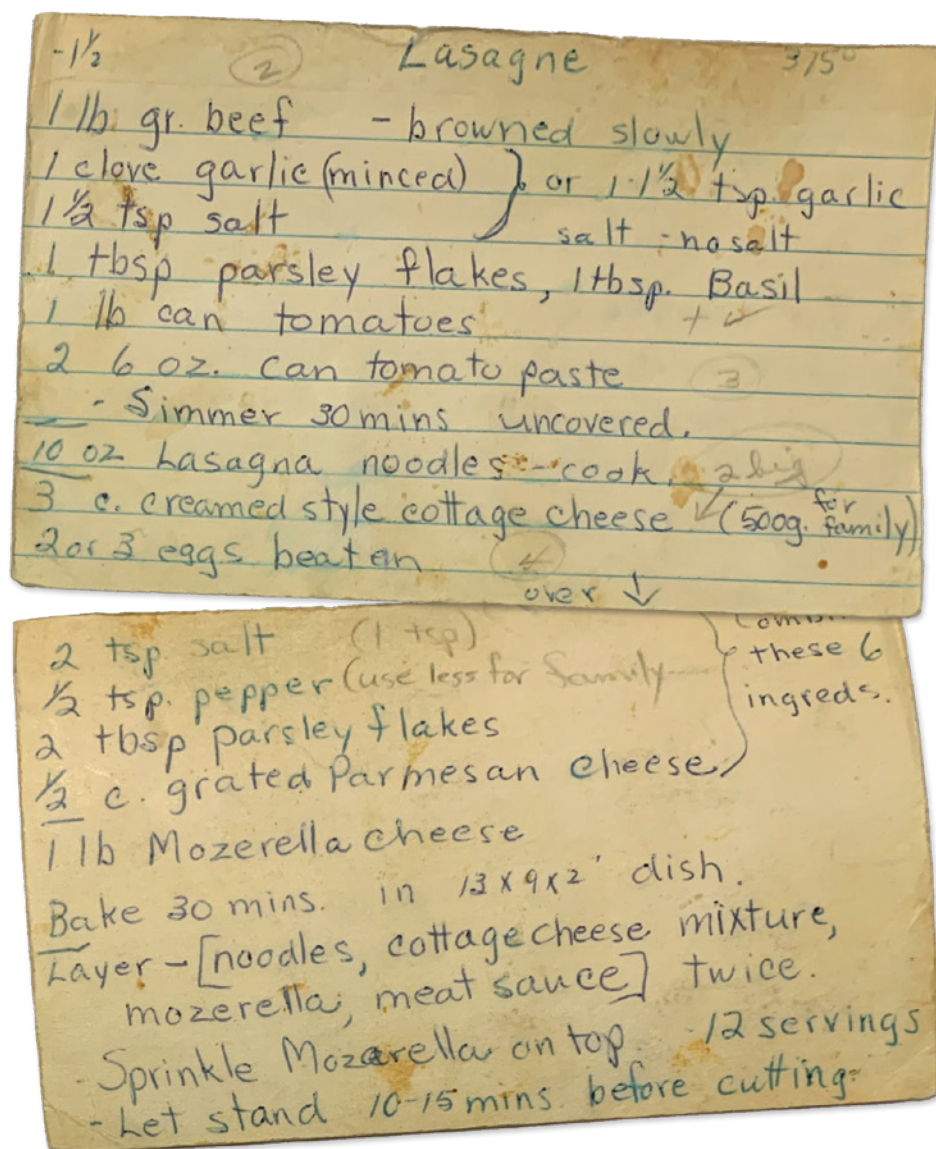
The Constable's

Still very much enjoying the Island life. We decided to sell our property on Bradshaw June 2019, in hopes of

finding something with a smaller lot and ocean view. We were very lucky to find a home on Eaglecrest Drive with a very lovely Ocean view, and a 1 minute walk to the best beach in Qualicum. We took possession at the end of September and are doing a fairly large reno to update the house. Hope to be in around late February.

Scott just returned from a 3 week vacation in Thailand and is already planning his next trip. (Jamie will be dog sitting again) Sarah and Andy enjoyed a trip in February to Guatemala, as well as Touring Ireland in September. Another busy holiday season expected, with the kids and Andy's family is coming over for some Seasonal Cheer.

Health and happiness for 2020.



Auntie Ann's Lasagne Recipe as transcribed by Auntie Kay



Boss hanging out in the Rhine valley.

Boss News

The best thing about 2019 was having Ross back in Vancouver. He has a funky apartment by Trout Lake affectionately known as Diversions. The commute between residences is the Victoria Hustle.

In March we went to Europe for a few reasons.

1. A friend had a fancy art show opening in Zurich.
2. The opportunity to freeloader off other friends living in Frankfurt
3. Paris

It was wonderful trip, catching up with great friends along the way. Raclette was served at the art show, and we were toured around to German castles and what not, with a total history buff. And Paris is my new favourite City.

In May we had a blast in Puerto Vallarta at Beth and Darryl's wedding. The best family vacation in decades. Mom loved it, and wants to do it again.

To round out the year, I was invited by the Canadian Embassy in Seoul South Korea to screen Beyond Gay at the Seoul Pride International Film Festival. Due to all our other travels Ross stayed behind, but I was all in for it. The embassy hosted a fancy lunch with the festival organizers and a bunch of local Korean LGBT activists. I also made use of the plane ticket to Asia, and extended the return flight to allow for a couple of weeks to travel through Vietnam. Wow! What a great place, so much to see, delicious food, and so cheap! Call me for travel tips. Happy Holidays.

Planes, Pains and Fords

Forbes reject Carol's application for adoption despite sizable pension

With 2019 coming to an end, it is time to reflect on the lives of the Layfield family. With the passing of mom (the families' information hotline), the comings and goings of our family has sadly been silenced.

Doug and Jacquie

Doug still toils away at Metro Ford. Last year it was Madison who got the vehicle and this year he got Carol a good deal on a Ford Explorer. We think he will work there until all family members are Ford Drivers.

He has taken up a new hobby of landscaping. After he built himself a new deck he realized that there were some tree branches in his way of surveying his kingdom so when no one was watching he proceeded to hack away at the tree so he could have a better view. Now he can sit on his deck and be a doting grandpa.

Jacquie is enjoying retirement, even though she is busier now. She's the UBER driver for all the many activities the grand kids are in. Channing is doing double duty in soccer. He plays with his team and is often called up to the next age group to play. Avy just turned 4 and is enjoying preschool and looking forward to going to the big kids' school.

Don and Brenda

Don and Brenda's snowbird status was revoked when mom took ill. They are hoping to head south as soon as Don gets the all clear.

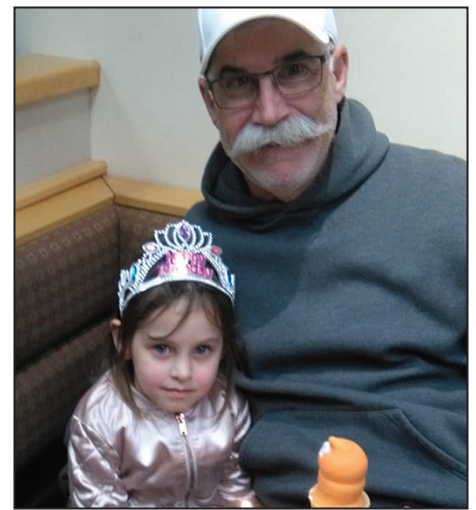
Don spent some time sailing with his buddy, bringing his boat to Campbell River and then pulling it from the water and repairing it.

In the fall, the mystery of why he was having trouble walking was finally diagnosed. He was relieved to know what was wrong, but was not impressed when his hunting trip had to be scaled back. He was not allowed to shoot a gun. We're sure there are many deer and moose who are thankful.

In November he had an operation to repair his neck. Apparently when your discs bulge they can pinch the nerve to your legs. He is now on the mend and is hoping to get the OK from the doctor to head south.

Sandra

The beginning of the year was very exciting because Sandra got to welcome her newest grandson. Amanda and



Doug and Avy

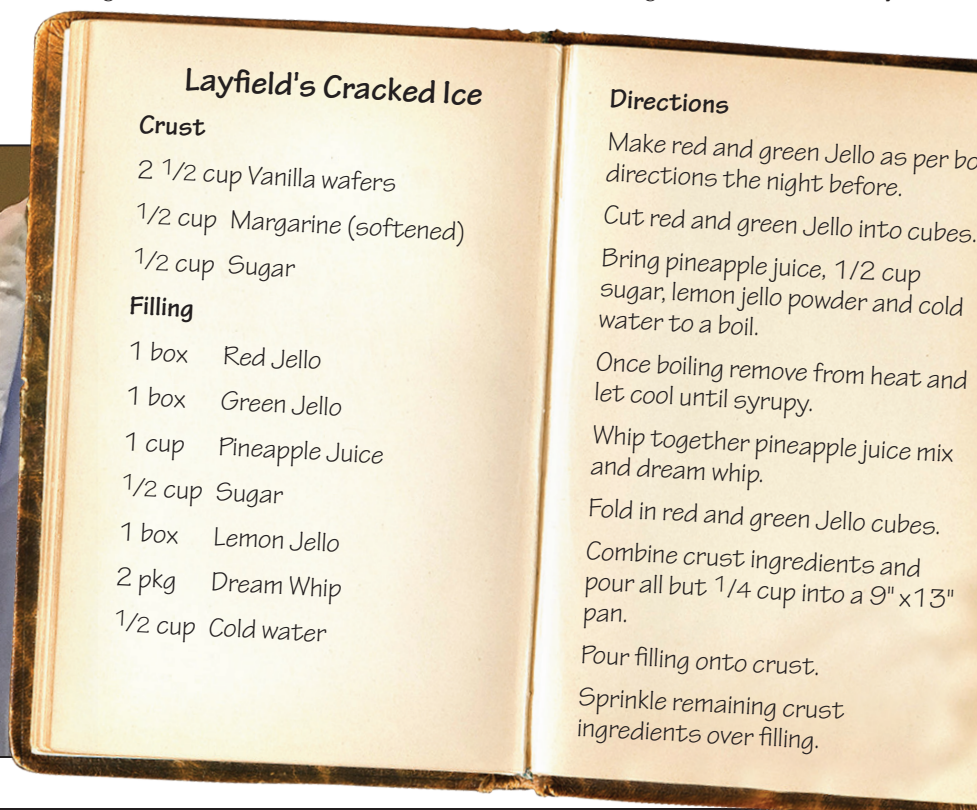
Shaun had baby Connor on January 8th. With Shaun working out of town so much Sandra suggested they rent out their place in Squamish and move onto her property. She would then retire in December and become a full time grandma to Connor when Amanda goes back to work. So May 1st, they moved in.

This got her two sons in laws excited to develop the property. So in the near future there could be a motocross track built as well as a skills course for mountain biking.

Kevin started motocross racing again, so Christina and the kids spent the summer traveling around the country,



Don auditioning for starring Reindeer Role





(left) George and Sherry (right) Madisson and Daniel

finally ending up in Walton, Ontario for Nationals. George has been practicing so it won't be long before he is racing as well.

Carol

Of all of us think Carol has had the most exciting 2019. In June she got to cross an item off her bucket list. She got to go to Africa. From the photos, it looked like a spectacular trip.

The last of the McLaughlin girls has got her degree. Emily graduated with a BA in Criminology. As she says, "I guess it's time to get a real job."

Madison has moved to Pitt Meadows with her boyfriend, and in February

she will be starting a new job at Royal Columbian in the brand new Psych building.

And finally after many years of schooling Jettie has completed her PDP and is a teacher. If all goes well she has a job waiting for her when school starts back in January. Luckily for her, Cousin Patty's son Kevin was moving back to the island and his apartment came available, so he introduced Jettie and Brett to the landlord, and they moved in on December 1st. So with 2019 coming to an end, Carol is almost an empty nester.

As we look towards 2020, we wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, and health and happiness in the coming year.



Carol: finally something taller than me!



Milestones for 2019

Celebrating 80

Uncle Mac

Celebrating 60

Sandy Wood

Doug Layfield

Celebrating 40

Michael Riel

Celebrating 30

Kelly Forbes

Adrienne Adams

Sean Christie

Celebrating 10

Peter John Forbes

Born 2019

Connor Leahy



Screeching Connor

Woods Go Green (Don't tell Uncle Bob)

Helen caught in a one-night stand

Tina's Gang

The Oliver's are adopting a Green theme and recognizing the devastation to our planet with this astonishing climate change we are experiencing, so yes, I voted Green. That said, we also have to work, raise families and adapt.

Jillian completed her stint as the Press Secretary for the BC Green Party (think: influence-peddling her mother) with Andrew Weaver. She quit her post in the Fall and with hubby Chris traveled the world, for three months and fifteen countries.

They then moved, lock stock and barrel to Nelson BC, and are putting down roots, which will hopefully spring a grandchild soon. Jillian advises and consults the federal Green Party remotely — curiously, as her husband, a capitalist, runs his very successful company Kubera Payments, also remotely. Jillian is also loving her new vegetable garden, just like her grandmother, mother and aunts/uncles.

Alexander has had an amazing, epic year in Montreal. He finished his U degree, and is looking at options for

doing a Masters Degree in Urban Planning — one of his passions.

He continues his love of music and has released his first single music episode, and continues to do stand-up comedy, and be vital in the Montreal music scene.

He and his wonderful partner Declan spent an amazing nearly three weeks with us on the West Coast this year, Declan's first time in the ocean — it was so awesome to appreciate and show off my fabulous city.

Alex enjoys a fabulous retail career with John Fluevog in Montreal and he and Declan have finally moved in together — which might mean grandchildren! One can hope.

Sophia finished her Medical Science Degree on the Dean's List with full Honours of Academic Excellence at U Western. She wrote her MCAT and was accepted to Medical School, but took



Alex and Declan

this as a GAP year. She traveled to Asia, where she was born and lived the first years of her life — quite an amazing trapeze across the pond!

Sophia is now living in Vancouver with gal pals in Kits. She is working in computer coding developing a new app for the hospitality industry, and she hopes to turn computer coding, with her back ground in Medical Sciences, in to developing relevant medical apps.

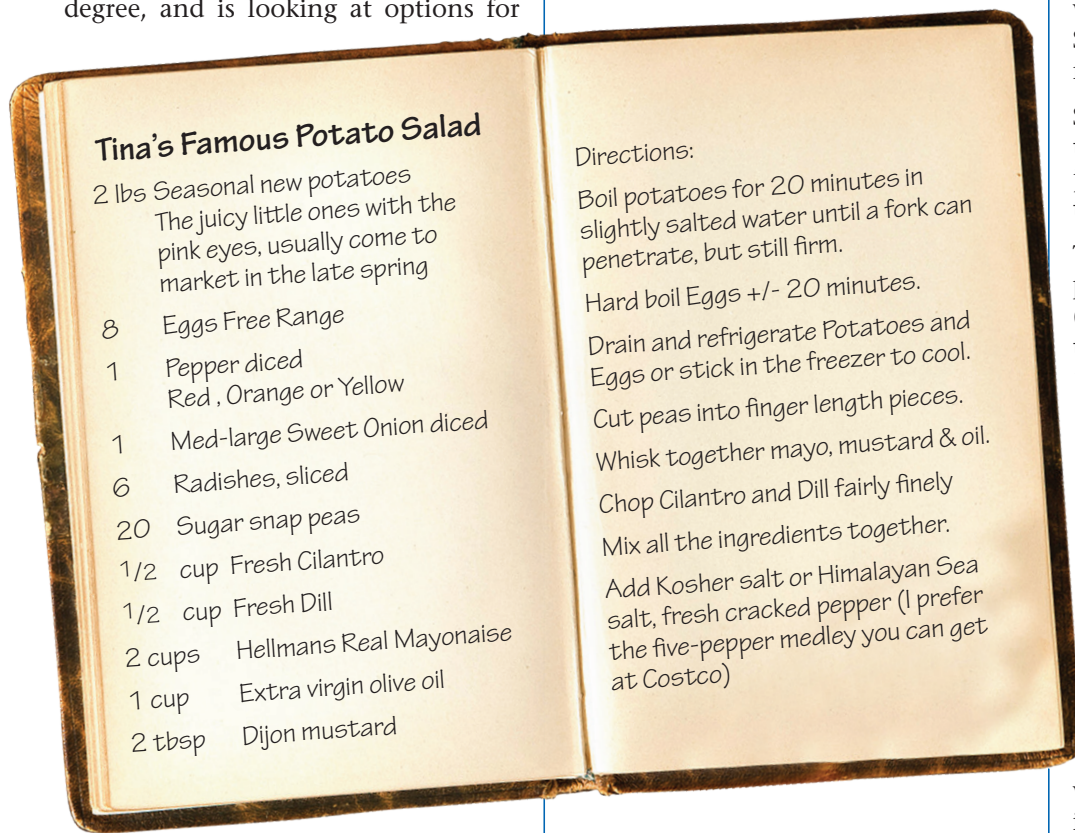
She continues to follow in our Christie theme of being wildly athletic and it is just so awesome to have at least one of them living in Vancouver!

Tina faced more medical issues this past year, diagnosed with both Colitis (in remission, thank you family) and then Celiac Disease (Jean, you are not the only special one!)

Tina mostly has that all under control and is trying to gain weight and get ahead of this latest set of challenges.

Still loving her career in Real Estate and planning to sell house at Kits Beach and move to one level living where spiders don't invade as frequently as they seem to at the beach.

New love interest is taking Tina to Scotland in the Fall (because Patty won't!) and is promising a boat excursion in the Mediterranean as well, so life is



Gorgeous Auntie Janet's Salmon Recipe

Fresh fillet, preferably sockeye salmon or anything Bill Forbes gives you.

Squeeze juice of one fresh lemon all over the flesh.

Let sit until the flesh whitens 10 minute at most.

Brush a liberal amount of Hellmans Real Mayonaise over the whole fillet.

Liberally sprinkle brown sugar over whole fillet on top of the mayo.

Chop half a bunch of fresh dill finely and sprinkle on top over the whole fillet (if you are desperate, use dried dill, but that is so cheesy).

Cooking Instructions:

Either have this prepared on a cookie sheet for baking in the oven

- OR -

On aluminum foil to grill on the BBQ.

Serve with potato salad and whatever green veggies you prefer or can pluck from your garden, like asparagus, green/yellow beans, but not broccoli... and serve



sailing along as it should.

Tennis, now pickle ball and pilates/yoga feature prominently in keeping her sane (debatable) and lithe in a complex world.

Lois Wood

Lois is keeping herself busy working with 3 different deaf organizations, meeting many great people. When not doing that she is often outside working in her yard, learning how to look after 55 of her moms roses. Definitely missing Auntie Helen's help with that.

Lois went on a cruise with a group of 260 deaf people from all over the world, and was able to connect with many old friends. They started in Miami and visited many different ports in the West Caribbean. It was a wonderful time. Her 12 year old dog Frankie is now blind but still great for company.

Helen's Family

Helen jets three hours down to her desert get away 3 or 4 times/year to get that warm to the bone heat. Golfing, hiking, swimming, entertaining fill out a new, almost retirement, life!

Helen's had an amazing trip to India 1st class for a wedding. First stopped at Taj Mahal to follow in the path with her mom 31 years ago. That was only

the warm up to 12 days of a long wedding celebration.

Christie & Mike are living in Victoria. Christie is nursing and Michael teaches high school.

This past year they did a super athletes life challenge, a 1500km bike trip from Prince Rupert to Whitehorse in two weeks. Dodging bears, cars and black flies.

Stefan is finishing his degree at UBCO in Kelowna, while working for the Armed Forces. He spent summer in the maritimes with the army and is interested in pursuing a career in the military, potentially as a pilot.

Wishing you love, laughter and much adventure in 2020!



Helen went looking for Mr. Goodbar but it ended up being a one-night stand.

Just another year of Sweaty Socks and Jocks

Freda considering going Tonya Harding on Andreescu

Bill and Moira

As always, field hockey was a series of celebrations for the Colbourne Clan this year: Mom was named as an Honorary Lifetime Member of the VWFHA; Moira's Motley Crew rocked the Surrey 7-a-sides and Granny & Grandpa were blessed with 3 granddaughters (Meaghan, Ellen and Grace) playing together competitively, making their weekend driving obligations easier, and the roads a tad safer for all!

The Hodges

In the Hodges family, Gwen (Anne) is now in her final year of high school and looking ahead to university in 2020. She is currently leaning towards following in the footsteps of her great aunties and entering the teaching profession. She continues to enjoy her ballet and has just completed

her final RCYB Nutcracker season, with the principal roles of Rose and Snow Queen (amongst others) in this year's production. In addition, Gwen has again choreographed the Remembrance Day presentation at the high school, and along with her sister Grace resurrected the field hockey program at NWSS.

Grace's highlights this year include making the U15 BC provincial field hockey team and competing at the national championships in Calgary this past July. Grace's team took home the Gold!!

As well Grace has become a fierce debater (not surprising) and has been competing with the senior debaters at tournaments throughout the year. This summer Grace also continued to uphold family traditions by securing her first part time job at, you guessed it, the PNE!

Grace was determined to play field hockey for her high school and stepped up to coach the team, recruiting Gwen to act as manager. Their squad went on to win the district championship banner.

Christina decided to take on the challenge of joining the Air Cadets. This has allowed her to experience a wide range of new activities, including flying a glider, participating in drill team and shooting an air rifle. Her drill team placed first in their regional competition last spring.

She and Grace also continue to highland dance, performing at a number of Burns Supper celebrations. Perhaps inspired by her sister's success in Calgary, this fall Christina decided to try for the regional field hockey program as well and is well into training for the selection tournament in the spring.

Stewart and Jackie

The Stewart William Colbourne family had a great year. Ellen returned from Hamburg, Germany where she played field hockey, traveled through Europe and worked. She is now settling in at home in New West after being away at school and abroad for the past 5 years.

Oliver is enjoying his work at Herschel and continues to battle in out on the rink playing hockey - The grandparents are the #1 fans and give Oliver crap if he ends up in the penalty box (which happens occasionally).



Mike, Christina and Barbara



The Golden Girls



Are we retired yet? No Bruce you have five more years!



Marco-son in Japan

Jackie and Stew ticked off a bucket list dream by visiting Joshua Tree and are soon to be joining the Pro Pickle Ball Tour! Stew and Ellen did a 14 km run together - from Kits beach to Amble-side - it was a rainy day but all smiles!

The Moro Clan

The Moro Men showed 2019 who's boss (Cole wrote that). Marco-son returned from the trip of a lifetime Vietnam and Japan. Ramen, sushi, curry, baguette, one lost tooth – you name it, Marco ate it.

He returned to start studying film at Ryerson University in September and spends his free time photographing and wooing models at the Ryerson fashion shows. Cole continues to medically manage recipients of multi-organ transplants at Toronto General Hospital as a Physician Assistant. As well, (in his own mind) he continues to model for brands such as Gucci,



Versace, and Off-white. He moved in with his girlfriend Maegan who is also a Physician Assistant and while Freda and Joe are sad to see their “roommates” leave, they are delighted they still have roommate Marco to nag and pester;)

Freda is continuing to hone her tennis game, but work is getting in the way... damn! Joe is busy at work and she won't let him even think about retiring!

The Matthews Crew

2019 was a good year for the Matthews crew. Marg slid joyfully into a “semi-retired” state with many trips and more time to perfect her tennis serve! Bruce decided he needed to share in her adventures and will be winding things down at Telus sometime in 2020.

Together they knocked off a few “bucket list” items including rafting the Tatshenshini-Alsek River system and slogging their way successfully over the muck of the West Coast Trail.

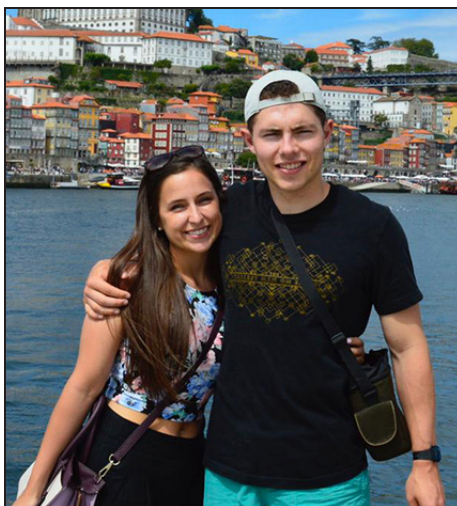
Meaghan and Brian are ensconced in Burnaby, with Meaghan heading into her final year of a nursing degree at BCIT and Brian working toward a cleaner environment for the City of Vancouver.

Jack is in his second year at the Coast Guard College in Nova Scotia and, in his spare time, hoping to best his father on the squash courts soon. Granny and Grandpa joined Marg for a short trip to Sydney Nova Scotia to witness the cadet in full regalia!

A highlight for all!



Jack with Bill and Moira



Cole and Maegan



Grace Almighty

Credit Card Shock as Royal Bank of Lasqueti Closes Fortis found a new source of Natural Gas

Forbes, A year in review

by Bruce, Heather, Aggie and PJ

The Forbes family has had a tough 2019. On February 17th, we saw the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother, Patricia Forbes. We held an amazing celebration of her life, reliving all the joy she helped create for our family and those that were fortunate enough to have had her touch their lives.

The seas were angry that day, like an old man trying to send back soup at a deli. It was October 15th, 2019, Granny Forbes' 90th birthday. Family members of the extended Christie Clan boarded the Lasqueti Sons in French Creek to head over to the rock to take Granny back home to her final resting place. High winds, high waves and a high probability that someone would throw up along the way.

Pouring with rain, family members gathered at the cemetery around her headstone, had our final moments with Gran before heading back to the big house for soup and sandwiches, a Lasqueti lunch staple.

On the return trip to French Creek the seas were angrier with the wind picking up and the rain coming down even harder. Nevertheless, the spirit of Granny and Grandpa blessed the Lasqueti Sons as our Skipper Wild Uncle Billy stopped along the way home to pull up trap after trap of prawns.

Full baskets were dumped into buckets. One after another, full trap after full trap as family members gathered together to de-head over 50 lbs of prawns. The wind was still wicked and the weather was dire, but our family came together to pull heads and share the bounty with all. Our skipper declared that is it was after all a birthday party and everyone goes home with a goody bag!

On November 29th we were struck another devastating blow with the passing of our cherished son, brother, nephew, cousin and father – Trevor Forbes. There has been an overwhelming outpouring of love for Trevor from so many people that were blessed with having spent time with him. We thank you all for your continued support, it's a priceless gift to be part of such a huge and generous family. This has helped us all to slowly move forward.

Weighill

Travel was the reoccurring theme for the Weighill family in 2019; along with kids providing care for their moms!

Jean and Aggie headed to Isla Mujeres – a great destination for those looking to recapture the sleepy quaintness of Molokai – in February.

Cameron, Dorianna, Pietro, and Violet joined us all in April as we said goodbye to our beloved mom/gran/great gran. Uncle Bill Forbes made everyone's day with a boat ride adventure over to Sangsters Island. Aggie returned



Jean, Aggie, Carol and Noreen on the Serengeti in Tanzania

to Ghana in the spring, leading 9 university students on a month long-trip before heading to Tanzania to meet up with Jean, Cousin Carol, and Noreen (a bridge buddy of the Aunts) for a two-week safari adventure. The trip was a resounding success and Aggie survived despite not being able to drink!

2019 was the dawning of a new era for the Weighill kids – Cameron, Dorianna, and Aggie are all now in caregiving roles for their aging mothers. After seeing the value of being able to monitor the one's parent (and to ensure that some inheritance remains), Cameron and Dorianna put their houses on the market and moved to Woodbridge to live with Dorianna's parents. We were all saddened by the passing of Dorianna's father (Nunzio



Violet and Pietro



Naden, Trevor, Maiah & Taylor



PJ with Pete and Kaiya

Simone) in June but know that her mom Anna is enjoying having her grandchildren at the house.

The return to school in September was huge in the Weighill family – Violet entered Junior Kindergarten (only Dorianna cried), Pietro (grade 2) joined Violet and his Cousin Matteo at his new school in Woodbridge. When asked about school both kids have similar answers: a) it's awesome, and b) I have a new best friend... but can't remember his/her name!

After a challenging start to the year, the Weighills focused on spending quality family time together! We spend a fabulous week glamping on Beausoleil Island in the Georgian Bay Island National Park. The kids spent the week catching frogs, eating smores, and killing mosquitoes, while Jean provided a cautionary tale on the dangers of poison ivy. We all gathered again for a week in Ottawa in November! It was a whirlwind adventure of three museum in three days with swimming at the hotel pool, eating Nana's (Jean) berry-crisps for breakfast, and fights over Granny Forbes' chocolate chip cookies!

2020 is shaping up to similar – Aggie will spend a 10 hour layover playing with the kids as she heads out on a 3 ½ month trip to Tanzania and South Africa. A week later Cameron and Dorianna are taking their kids on a family vacation to Turks and Caicos. In April Jean will join Aggie in South

Africa for a month-long journey that will end with a train ride from Pretoria to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Bill Forbes Family

Let's get on to the dirty details. The long arm of the law has been tough on the Bill Forbes crew this year! If it's one thing about this family, rules, whether in sport or life, are a grey area. We may have spent more time in court than Donald Trump spends on twitter.

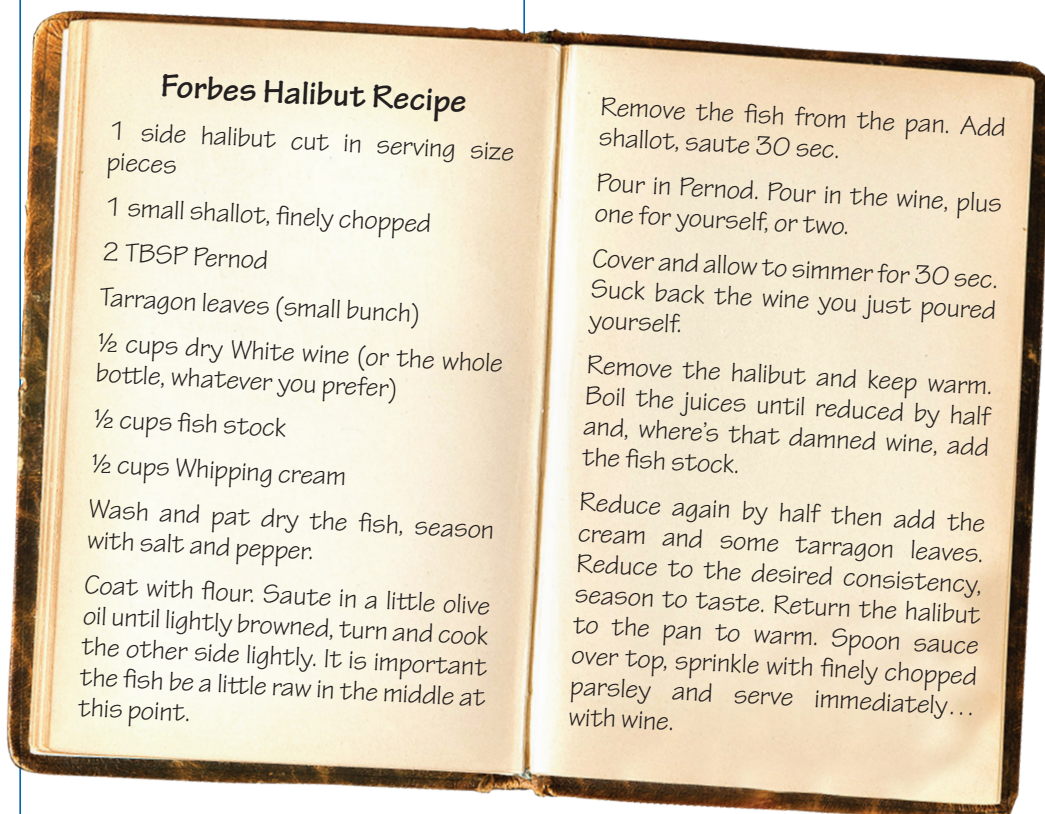
Sister Alicia found her apron strings tangling her up on her way out the door to another sporting event. Running from one field to another rink found her seeking solitude at everyone's favorite hiding place, the Rock! Meanwhile Katie tested the post secondary waters and found them too hot so took up the working life, she'll hit the school thing later. Willy was getting bored of hitting dingers so retired early to the teenage life of chasing skirts. Jess, is still dangling pylons and rubbing it in, his buddies picking him up off the ice in the aftermath.

Brother Trevor decided to test the tried and true rule of if at first you don't succeed, hire another relative. He had almost recruited all his offspring to the deep seas, however Maiah has seen the

light and keeps her feet on dry land following Katie's footsteps in pursuing school "at a later date." Meanwhile, Taylor's been tying up the end of the net and Naden taking him to beach on occasion. Trevor loved his children more than anything and spending time with them especially on his second love, "The Lasqueti Sons," was what made him the happiest. We wish him much peace and smooth sailing on his next journey to join our other Forbes loved ones.

PJ's been running around with the ever-growing demands of his children's sporting activities. Kaiya's fastpitch has seen her playing from Trail to Duncan and everywhere in between, Peter's silky mitts have found him stripping jock straps off defenders from the Kootenay's to the lower mainland. The pair even brought home a gold medal in Penticton when Peter got the call up to play on Kaiya's hockey team.

Big Set Bill and Grandma G are still looking for the "God damned door-knob" after finding themselves stuck in the Go-For one hot summer day. Apparently, a walrus cannot slip out the side window?? Thankfully with his slick tongue, Billy was able to slip past the law with his cooler full prawns explained as the aftermath of another Lasqueti bender.



Forbes Halibut Recipe

1 side halibut cut in serving size pieces

1 small shallot, finely chopped

2 TBSP Pernod

Tarragon leaves (small bunch)

½ cups dry White wine (or the whole bottle, whatever you prefer)

½ cups fish stock

½ cups Whipping cream

Wash and pat dry the fish, season with salt and pepper.

Coat with flour. Saute in a little olive oil until lightly browned, turn and cook the other side lightly. It is important the fish be a little raw in the middle at this point.

Remove the fish from the pan. Add shallot, saute 30 sec.

Pour in Pernod. Pour in the wine, plus one for yourself, or two.

Cover and allow to simmer for 30 sec. Suck back the wine you just poured yourself.

Remove the halibut and keep warm. Boil the juices until reduced by half and, where's that damned wine, add the fish stock.

Reduce again by half then add the cream and some tarragon leaves. Reduce to the desired consistency, season to taste. Return the halibut to the pan to warm. Spoon sauce over top, sprinkle with finely chopped parsley and serve immediately... with wine.

Rob Forbes Family

The Rob Forbes crew enjoyed another great year. Since last Screech, the biggest development was the return of Kelly and Tim to the west coast! They've settled in Ucluelet where Kelly works as a warden in Pacific Rim National Park and Tim works as a surveyor. They also unofficially run a BnB in their beautiful new house for visiting family and friends. Heather and Chris had their hands full with joyful baby Everett. He had a great year of boat trips, camping, summer in Sointula, and other wild infant adventures. Big news for Heather this fall was the successful completion of her Master's Degree in Community Development where her research focused on Indigenous research ethics. Congratulations to her!

The highlight of Elliot and Janece's year was a vacation in the Philippines, hiking mountains and picking papayas. Rob and Coral are thriving as new grandparents, with Rob introducing Everett to all types of heavy machinery and Coral using her volunteer privileges at the local thrift store to ensure he is always set up with funky outfits. Most importantly, the family dogs continued to thrive this year: Marley, Bo, Pemba and Hubei continue to be healthy, happy, and well fed.

The Rob Forbes crew was also pretty industrious as part of this year's prawn harvest. Family and friends mightily enjoyed the Ziploc bags of prawns we distributed after trips to Lasqueti, and



Rob, Everett, Heather & Kelly

we enjoyed the luxurious feasts of ceviche, stir-fries and steamed prawns drenched in garlic butter.

The Biro Bunch

The Biro family has been busy this year with an engagement and wedding planning, a toddler, a new hip and career changes. Patty and Steve continue to work away in their nautical chart business while Patty takes after Granny Forbes by tending to her garden often with hands on her hips in the "inspecting position." Patty got a new hip this spring she and Steve took a bucket list holiday in the fall with a trip to New York City, complete with a long-awaited Yankees Game and a visit to the Soup Nazi featured in Seinfeld.

Oldest son Robert and wife Nicole continue to raise their toddler daughter Brooklyn who will turn 2 in May. She's a born comedian and is a delight to us

all. Robert still is working as an officer for BC Ferries and will soon be taking courses towards his Captain's Ticket while Nicole continues to work as an esthetician from their home in Cedar in the south end of Nanaimo.

Middle son Bruce and now fiancé Brie are in the middle of wedding planning for their July 2020 nuptials in Tofino. They got engaged last New Year's in Seattle and have spent weekends going back and forth to Tofino to plan it out. They are both teaching in the Nanaimo school district. Brie is teaching high school Social Studies and French at Nanaimo District Secondary while Bruce has a Grade 6/7 class at Bayview Elementary. Youngest Kevin has been a busy bee working for various security companies but now has settled into a managerial role and is experiencing the joys of being the boss with incompetent staff. He has relocated back to Nanaimo and joins his family back on the island where they all spend weekends at Patty and Steve's for bowls of soup and a quick raid of the garden.

The holidays for the Biro family will be a low-key event as Patty, Steve, Robert, Nicole, Brooklyn and Kevin will be headed to Mexico in January for vacation while Bruce and Brie take this year to spend Christmas with Brie's family before they take their vacation in March when they head to Scottsdale and Sedona.

On behalf of the entire Forbes Motely Crew we wish you all a Merry Christmas!



The Biro Bunch



Brooklyn Biro

Remembering Trevor William Forbes

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to our loving son, brother, nephew, cousin and dear friend Trevor.

Trevor is the second child born to Bill and Georgia Forbes, brother to PJ and Alicia and father of Taylor, Maiah and Naden.



Trevor, born in Burnaby on March 16, 1976. He lived his early years at False Bay, Lasqueti Island until he and his family moved to Parksville. As a young child Trevor spent his summers on Lasqueti Island playing with friends and family at the Millicheap's family farm as well as False Bay with Granny & Grandpa Forbes. He was a happy and good-natured child known to his family as "Noonie." He played hockey and baseball with his brother throughout their school years.

Just like his great grand father, his grandfather and his dad Trevor loved to be at sea. He made it clear to everyone from a very early age that he wanted to be a fisherman and also a pirate. He collected pirate paraphernalia that included flags, costumes, clothing and jewelry.

His working career started at very early age at his Grandfather's and Uncle Tom Millicheap's shipyard in Scottie Bay on Lasqueti Island. He became a full share fisherman at sixteen years old and a skipper at twenty-four. Trevor skippered many

boats during his career, but the love of his life was the Lasqueti Sons. He fished salmon, herring and halibut on the Sons. He also fished the prawn vessel 'Lasqueti Isle'. These were his family's boats.

Trevor was also a talented logger. He logged on Lasqueti Island along with his brother PJ and his father Bill, and Grandfather Peter. He boomed logs, drove a skidder and a self-loading logging truck. Trevor was a hardworking young man who excelled at everything he did. His sister nicknamed him 'Captain Unreal' and would tease him sometimes when she felt he was bragging a little too much!

A father at a very young age, Trevor spent months at sea providing for his family but loved to watch his kids in all their activities when the fishing life allowed. Trevor was exceedingly proud of all their accomplishments in hockey, highland dance (both Maiah & Naden), volleyball, basketball, musical ability (drums-Taylor). The nature of his job made it difficult for him to attend many of their events, but when he was able, he was the proudest Dad there! He so dearly loved his children. As Alicia kids are similar in age to Trevor's children, brother and sister would sometimes attend the same sporting events cheering on their respective children.

Throughout his life Trevor kept his easy-going nature coupled with a warm and friendly smile. Let's not forget to mention his love for flashy sunglasses and stylish clothing. Just like Granny Forbes, Trevor was a fanatic of all things Scottish. He even had the Forbes' Clan motto "Grace me Guide" tattooed on his shoulder. He was a very kind hearted, thoughtful and patient individual. Trevor generously shared his salmon, prawn and halibut catch with many of his relatives on an annual basis. He had a wonderful sense of humour and made the workplace fun for his crew members.

Here's a funny story shared by one of his crew: I walked into the wheel house one morning to find Trevor sitting and sewing a wool sock. At



first, I thought he was trying to darn it, but when I asked him what he was doing Trevor replied that he was making a sock puppet named Bill.

I helped Trevor gather more materials to complete the puppet by going into Bill's stateroom and ripping off ½ a sleeve of one of his shirts. We added strands from the yacht mop to use as chest hair, and some buttons for eyes.

Trevor then commenced to use his best "Bill Forbes" voice to address the crew using the puppet. The subject matter focused on the way the crew wished to be addressed by Bill. The puppet was calm, kind, polite and very complimentary of their work. This apparently was hilarious, the crew loved it, the gesture was fun, it went on all day, and it certainly improved moral. Trevor was a highly respected and skilled fisherman, who had the ability to make fishing fun.

At the Celebration of Life for Trevor one of the speakers shared this thought:

When you share a heavy load with just one person you lighten the load by one half. Just as when you share joy with one person you double your joy. In sharing stories and memories about Trevor we have the ability to both lighten our burden of grief while at the same time celebrate the joy, he brought to us.

We offer our able-bodied seaman, skipper and mighty pirate smooth sailing on his next journey.

Remembering Patricia Jean Margaret Forbes

Patricia Jean Margaret Forbes held many roles in 89 years of life – everyone knows that she was the eldest of the Royal Eight, Matriarch of the Christie Clan, mother to numbers 1, 2, 3, and 18, Auntie Pat to the remaining 26 (+ 3 Forbes cousins), grandmother to 11 and great-grandmother to 10. We know that she was an educator, community volunteer, lifelong learner, traveler, and savvy business woman (aka: cheap/Scottish).



What some may not know is just how much of a trailblazer Pat was and how she influenced her grandchildren to find and follow their own paths.

As children we used to giggle over the idea that our grandmother went to 'normal school' to become a teacher – as adults we joked that it made sense that a Christie would need to go to school to become normal!

What we didn't really understand is what it would have been like for a young Miss Christie to move from the comforts of living in Vancouver to the isolated Lasqueti Island. She took on the teaching duties at Tucker Bay School and not only did she have to deal with a rag-tag group of kids but she needed to adjust to a life without running water, electricity, easy access to food supplies. Moreover, Pat had to adjust to life away from her brothers and sisters.

Fortunately, the love of her life, Peter Forbes, lived there too! Pat didn't just

survive in this harsh environment, she thrived and made Lasqueti home for her children's early years and her retirement.

While teaching on Lasqueti Pat learned that she would need to better qualified than her male counterparts if she wanted a promotion. She also had to fight against the perception that as a wife her income was less important than husband's income (i.e., her married male colleague) because he was supporting a family. Little did the school board know that most of the earning from Lasqueti Fish and Westpoint Timber were simply being put back into the business and she was the breadwinner in the Forbes family. This realization led to Pat heading back to school where she would first earn her bachelors and then a masters degree in Education.

As an educator in the Coquitlam School District, Pat and a colleague were once again trailblazers or in this case pant-suit blazers! Female teachers were required to wear skirts or dresses for all work-related activity with the exception of teaching physical education. As you can imagine, this did not sit well with Patricia who, if nothing else, was always a practical woman and supervising outdoor recess in a skirt was not practical! Legend says that her colleague didn't change back into her skirt after a morning PE class and Gran followed her lead that afternoon. Shortly after gorgeous Auntie Janet, the seamstress of choice made Pat the Hillary Clinton pantsuit popular before Hillary was out of short pants!

Pat was also a trailblazing community volunteer! She was an inaugural board member (president) of BC Women's Field Hockey Association. She was board member for Ke Nani Kai and the French Creek Harbour Authority (20+ years), managed payments for Pete's Lake Water and parking for Lasqueti residents in French Creek and at the Lasqueti Church. She was an avid member of the Lasqueti Stich & Bitch group that prepared Christmas hampers for less fortunate residents and gave generously to school art, sport, and band programs (11 grandkids!). She was politically involved and vocal – making sure that Premiers, Regional



Helen and Pat

District members, and Islands Trusts representatives knew her view point on issues that mattered to her. In short – Patricia Jean Margaret Forbes was a leader and this was recognized with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award!

Pat had other life experiences that made her a legend to her grandchildren and others alike. While living in Kelsey Bay she shot seals for bounty to earn extra money. She had a masters degree when many women her age didn't have formal university education. As a teen she hiked up Grouse Mountain with the boys (in shorts!) and went winter camping with them.

She helped to raise, and bore the brunt of the punishment for the bad behaviour of the other members of the Royal Eight. She traveled the world visiting Russia, China, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Europe, Britain, Hawaii, Mexico, and many other destinations. After retiring Pat (Peter), Gwen (John), and Phil (Trent) led their husbands on epic road trips across Canada and up the Alaska and Dempster highways. She attended numerous high school and university graduations (except Patty's) and never failed to tell others how proud she was of her grandkids. A fierce woman indeed!

Growing up with these stories (and others) led her grandkids to the obvious conclusion – their granny was a badass and a feminist. However, when asked about it she would be quick to say that she wasn't a feminist. It is easy to understand the confusion, she was totally a badass woman who



85th Birthday Party

knew that there was work to be done and someone (regardless of gender) needed to get it done; however, she was also quick to make sure that her husband, brothers, sons, and son-in-laws were taken care of and fed when they were visiting.

In retrospect the label didn't matter as it was through her actions that Pat showed others that they weren't defined by their age, gender, ability, etc. She showed us that we would be defined by our actions, by the effort we put forward, and by how we contribute to our families, workplaces, and communities. Gran never set gendered limits for herself and in turn neither do we.



Jane and Barb



2019 turns out to have been a pretty slow year once you take out the medical appointments, tests for the medical appointments and follow-ups to the medical appointments... and that was mostly Jane. For a bit more variety you need to contact Barb. The good news is that Jane got two weeks off to go to the UK in September whilst Barb went island-hopping to SaltSpring. In May we both had a few days in Osoyoos and in August we drove up to Courtney and stayed at the Kingfisher Resort, room overlooking the beach...bliss.

We did have visitors and that kept us busy: from the UK and New Zealand mostly and all very laid back. Barb's cousin Sarah and her husband Mike came over to Canada first to Quebec for a week, then over to Vancouver Island for another. It coincided with Thanksgiving and Sarah insisted on being chief cook and bottle washer... the other three were merely serfs and did what they were told... worked out perfectly.

Jane did a special trip over to the Lower Mainland in June, to attend two events that celebrated the 25th opening of her last school in Coquitlam, caught up with old colleagues and overnights with Kay Christie for more catch-up.

A busy couple of days. Barb did her semiannual BC Ferry Cruise to meet with a School District 43 friend, lunch on board, non-stop yakking and an opportunity to sample the ferry passenger assistance....we oldies have to try every perk there is. She said it was excellent.

Finally, got the news Jane is cancer-free and months before expecting to have any news like that. Still have to have check-ups but it's a great feeling to know that the immunotherapy worked. There have been a few celebrations already but Christmas looks like being a quietish one this year... very appropriate for a couple of old girls.



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Gordon Tweets Trump for Advice in Building a Wall Joanne finds disturbing discovery in family tree

Mac and Bonnie

Bonnie and Mac at the beginning of the year enjoyed a cruise with buddy Mel to Africa. They hosted a fun Golf tournament labour day weekend with the Jeffries and Henschel cousins, Dylan and the Turkingtons from New Zealand. They attended many grandkids rugby and field hockey games.

Sadly, my parents lost Tess, their beautiful Westy of 12years and she will be greatly missed by all.

Joanne and John

The McBean family has had another eventful year. Derek (19) is continuing his 2nd year at Quest university for



John & Jo Scotland

an Arts& science degree, he is hoping to pursue a career in marine biology. Derek is the starting Prop in rugby for the Squamish Axeman and has had great success winning the Provincial championship with parents and grandparents, aunts and even sister cheering on. Derek spent his summer working hard becoming a handyman doing hotel maintenance and repairs in Whistler, saving his money for school and dreams of a car.

Danielle graduated from Crofton house and after great deliberation over East or West universities, decided the UBC- Arts program. Danielle made the UBC Varsity Field hockey team, with lots of training and living in residency has rose up to the challenge.

John and Joanne went to Scotland to discover the history of the Christie/ McBean clans. A spectacular experience visiting castles, palaces and discovering a taste for Whiskey and Haggis.

Gordon

Gordon broke ground in his Nicaraguan project in the spring leveling the land, building a perimeter wall and acquiring some necessary permits. Even this veteran of International trade has found Nicaraguan procedures and trust in contractors less than inspiring but one must persevere.

During the Spring he also designed a triplex of condos across the street



Derek – Axeman rugby champion

which will improve the neighborhood and be a learning curve on the building process. He is presently engaged in the Triplex Construction this Christmas. Gordon and Dylan managed to host Dylan's English part of his family in Canada this summer. Their clan of 9 had a wonderful first BC experience spending a week in Whistler, a visit to Michelle's in Kelowna , and the Rockies

Michelle

Michelle is busy in Kelowna, with her 3 dogs and horse, and having numerous house guests stay over this summer. She is looking forward to next year turning "50" and going on a warm sunny cruise with her family.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Danielle – grandparents field hockey champ -graduation



Michelle in Kelowna