



Canadian Culinary Federation
Fédération Culinaire Canadienne
North Vancouver Island



A quick letter from the branch president...

Hello everyone and thank you for helping to start the year off right. I was very happy with the attendance last Monday...I hope we continue to see such support at our meetings and events.

I have worked with the board all summer to try and hit the ground running this fall. We have an ambitious event calendar and many workshop options. Our hope is that you will contribute your ideas so that we may try to reward all of your efforts and hard work year after year. If you want a wine tour – we will try and get one – if you want to all go on holiday – then I'm sorry – we can't do that. But conferences are coming up again soon and I welcome all active and junior members to try and put their names in the hat to try and go. I had a spectacular time in Toronto last year and sincerely thank everyone for that opportunity.

I have taken on many events and programs in the North Island such as junior chef programs, contests and public demonstrations with the intent of showcasing the association and letting the public know that we are working together to strengthen the industry. I encourage the membership to try and attend at least one event or workshop to help a new student in his / her career choices. We have to invest in our youth, apprentices and employees to keep this industry from being diluted from the methods we were taught.

Thank You Ronald St. Pierre for being a great mentor over the last few years. I promise to do my best to fill your shoes.

Sincerely

**Chef James Street
Branch President
North Vancouver Island Chefs Association**

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN

The first meeting of the 2007/2008 was held at the Best Western westerly Hotel in Courtenay on September 10th.

Special thanks to Chef Bruce Scheltgen and his staff for their hospitality.

Included in this bulletin

- Minutes
- Up and Coming Events



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Date ~ Monday September 10th 2007

Place ~ Best Western Westerly Hotel

Attendance ~ Hansi Zihlmann, Sue Hancock, Carol Kopp, Keith Windsor, James Street, Kevin Munroe, Vivian Cruise, Leslie Stav, Bruce Scheltgen, Phil Waite, Al Smith, Brian McCormill, Heather McWilliam, Ronald St Pierre, Bobby Herron, Chris Hansen, Fred Rose,

Speakers – Jenny Macleod

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Treasurer Report

Hansi is preparing a statement for our next meeting. Our bank accounts are as follows. Signing authority is being moved to James Street from Ronald St Pierre.

Membership Report

James is creating a database of all restaurants, cafes, institutions, resorts and hotels on Vancouver Island. This database will aid in future membership drives. Current tally for membership is as follows. Watch for invoices in November.

Active – 16

Junior – 13

Associate - 8

Education Report

Education director Dwight Walden was unavailable to attend this evening. School has just begun and with it plans to involve the students as much as possible. James will be heading up to the college and the high schools in Courtenay and Campbell River to talk to the students.

Activities

Vivian and Carol have done a wonderful job of pulling together ideas for all or some of us to participate. The key point to remember is that some events are geared for some degrees of participation and should not overwhelm the members. Please watch for the amended event calendar following the minutes. It was decided that we should move our usual Christmas dinner social to January and that for both the January social and installation dinner we should sell tickets in advance.

October 2007

Meeting Date – **October 1st 2007**

Location – Maritime Heritage Center

Time – 5 pm Executive – Location TBA

7 pm General

Proposed Agenda Items

- Committee / director reports
 1. Events
 2. Finance
 3. Membership
 4. Bursary
- Raffle prize
- Open Forum

October 13th – Chefs Day at the Comox Valley Farmers Market. James Street will be demonstrating to the customers of the market, interesting ways to prepare the bounty that is found on the North Island. Volunteers and helpers are welcome. This is a great networking opportunity! Anyone interested in helping can contact James Street at jstreetculinary@shaw.ca

October 20th – International Chefs Day!!! James Street will be at Beyond the Kitchen Door in Downtown Courtenay selling perogies for charity. This event is in conjunction with the good people of Cheemo who are donating 10 cases of perogies to the cause. It is hoped that a Campbell River venue might step forward to help sell at least half of the perogies. The October meeting will have more information. The charities to benefit will be Courtenay and Campbell River Food Banks and Friends of We Care (the charity chosen by our national board). Anyone interested in helping can contact James Street at jstreetculinary@shaw.ca

Wine Tour – Vivian is in discussion with many wineries down island and we are trying to organize a small wine tour. The date is yet to be determined. Please contact Vivian and Carol if you are interested in helping and/ or attending. Vivian vivandnick@shaw.ca or Carol kkopp@telus.net

November 5th – We need a location for a meeting. Anyone interested in hosting a meeting please contact James Street at jstreetculinary@shaw.ca

Meeting Date – **November 5th**

Location – TBA

Time – 5 pm Executive

7 pm General

Proposed Agenda Items

- Speaker
 - Unilever Foods
- Committee / director reports
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December 3rd – A busy day indeed. Please contact Bruce Scheltgen and let him know that you can help with the Sonshine Lunch Clubs annual Christmas Turkey Dinner. This is a great event to participate in. Turkey with all the fixings served up at St. Andrews Church on Fitzgerald and sixth in Courtenay. After clean up it has been decided that our meeting should be moved ahead to the afternoon.

Meeting Date – **December 3rd**

Location – Avenue – Atlas's new sister restaurant (2064 Comox avenue)

Time – 5 pm Executive

7 pm General

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January 7th - Dinner meeting

February 3rd or 4th??– Powell River???

February 8th and 9th at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver – Western Conference

January / February – Black Box Competition – We need volunteers to help to organize.

March 3rd – Meeting

April 7th – Meeting

April – National Conference in Montreal!

May 5th – Meeting

June – Installation Dinner – Now accepting expressions of interest to host our installation dinner. Thoughts of a wine tour or like event have been generated. Send your ideas to Vivian vivandnick@shaw.ca or Carol kkopp@telus.net