

Gill to head CHBA

• Bob Gill, president of Pacific Concept Developments, was sworn in as Victoria's Canadian Homebuilders Association president for 2009. He replaces Steve Copp. Vice President is Ron Egli, who has his own construction company, second vice-president is John Sorensen of Sorensen Fine Homes Inc., Lee MacFarlane of AV Energy Ltd is treasurer and Rod Burkhart of SignArt/Burkhart Graphics Group is the supplier council chairman. Other directors are Marian Paris of Shaw Cable; Ole Frang of Frang Construction; Cam Hayward of Windcrest Developments Ltd.; Wilf Gorter of Gorter Construction Ltd.; Carol Greaves of Terasen Gas; Grant Howell of City Service Plumbing, Heating and Gas; Patrick Morrison of We Paint Inc.; Mike McDougall of McLaren Electric Ltd. and Reuben Butterfield of LANDECA Services Inc.

• Orchid Dental is now open at suite 141G, 2401 Millstream Road. www.orchiddental.net

• Gillian Carrigan, previously of Sperling Hansen & Associates, now joins the Vancouver Island Construction Association as business manager. VICA has 350 members.

• Victoria Miniland has moved to a larger space in Market Square. Owner Alex Zohar, a former Physics and math teacher, builds miniatures.

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PEOPLE

includes: Chair – John Juricic, partner Etraffic Solutions; Vice-chair – George Fuller, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP; Past chair – Margaret Lucas, Hotel Rialto; Secretary – David Rand, Nimpkish Hotel; Treasurer – Pauline Rafferty, Royal BC Museum and Executive Member at Large – John Easley, Accent Inns.

• Taf, the athletes shoe store, celebrates its grand opening at Westshore Town Centre.

• Pescatore's Fish House general manager, Bill Almeida, will join partners to open Prime Steak House in the Magnolia Hotel at Bear Mountain Resort. His partners include; Phil Leseur, vice-president of legal and corporate affairs for the Bear Mountain Partnership; Mike Barrie chief executive of Bear Mountain and former NHLer Greg Adams.

• Chateau Victoria Hotel & Suites' lounge, Victoria Janes, is being made over and changing its name to Clive's Classic Lounge. This is in honour of Clive Piercy, the hotels builder. The 177 room hotel is famous for its rooftop restaurant, Vista 18.

• Ken Yu recently opened Viet-

ability Index and the only North American telecommunications company to do so.

• The Superior Café is now open for early morning coffee in James Bay.

• Seattle company owning the Clipper Navigation has promoted Steve Rochester to vessel superintendent. He recently held the position of chief engineer.

• Suburbia Advertising president and chief executive Mary-Lynn Bellamy-Wilms, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Marketing and Advertising Global Network.

• Murray Langdon is now news director of C-FAX and KOOL FM. His more recent positions have been as host of the radio stations

Newsline PM current affairs show, reporter and anchor at CHEKTV and freelance writer for the *Globe and Mail*.

• Larsen music owner and supporter of school band programs, John Larsen, has donated 90 stringed instruments to the Greater Victoria School District – a \$40,000 gift.

• Macdonald Realty Group has opened a corporate office at 'The Aria' on Humboldt Street. It is one of ten corporate

been named *Family Enterprise of the Year* by the Victoria chapter of the Canadian Association of Family Enterprise.

• Esquimalt's new chamber president is Dino Fiorin, who replaces Ed Williams.

• Marilyn Ferguson has closed Elements Furnishing Finds store only to take it online by the middle of next year.

• Auto Finders Inc. owner Bill Mosher celebrates 10 years in business. The independent automotive consulting service connects buyers with used Japanese models.

• The Pacific Opera Victoria has elected three new directors, David Flaherty, Devi Jawl and Margot McLaren Moore who will join returning directors Marshall Berkin, Fran Gilley, Barbara Hubbard, Brian Johnston, Gary Karr, Hana Kinsman, Michael Morres and Elisabeth Silvester.

• Bob Granger has been appointed Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of Victoria with Canadian Western Bank.

• Fred Leong joins Travel Masters Victoria, having over 12 years of experience in the travel industry.

• Progressive Auto Repair and Maintenance has relocated to 422 Burnside Road East. This gives owners Tony Ostlund

Jill Thomas of Rock Salt Café. Returning board members are Steve Walker Duncan of Ambrosia Event Centre, Nelless Shackleton of RC Grillhouse; Paul Hadfield of Spinnakers Brew-house; Judith Morrissey of Super 8 and Liquor Plus; Tracy Holden of Garlic Rose Patio & Grill; Bob Parrotta of Butchart Gardens; and Michelle Ouimet of *The RestaurantCoach.ca*.

* The Victoria READ Society has a new board of directors. Elected members include directors Carol Carman, Don Monsour, Nicholas Mosky, Maureen Nicholls, and Steven Pickford. The board is chaired by Suzanne Veit. Graeme M. Kirby will serve as vice chair, Angus Izard as treasurer and Linda Bradford as secretary. Returning board members are past chair Myrna J. Hall, Patricia Kimmitt-Huxley, Gillian Shirreff and Jo-Ann L.T. Zelen.

• Darcy Dommert and Kevin Bent has doubled their already 12,000 square foot space of Studio 4 Athletics at the Sylvester Building on Yates and taken over the third floor. It boasts a membership of over 700.

• CIBC is the first bank in Victoria to open on Sundays starting with its Mayfair Shopping Centre branch and then to the Langford branch opening at Westshore Towne Centre.

• Bark, Bath & Beyond Pet Boutique, owned by Philip Headen and Tamara Kourchenko, has opened its doors on Oak Bay Avenue.

• Keith Gage-Cole has opened Heart and Sole at 1014 Cook



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