March 2017

# **Falaise Focus**



**Falaise Community Association Newsletter** 

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## **2017 Events**

Community Garage Sale

- May

Picnic in the Park
- September

**AGM** 

- November

Winter Social

- December

Exact dates are to be determined

# **Winter Social Recap**

Our Winter Social was a success with 32 people attending. It was held at the Sequoia Event Centre on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm. The Event Centre is a very spacious setting where we were able to mingle comfortably.

Together with our Picnic-in-the-Park, it was an opportune time to get to meet and socialize with our neighbours in a very convivial atmosphere, reflect on the past year, and also collect donations for such worthwhile causes as the Mustard Seed.

Thanks once again to all of those who attended. This year we will be holding this popular event around the same time. We are looking forward to a larger turn out, and will keep you posted.



# **Updating the FCA Constitution**

In our last newsletter and at the AGM in November we discussed updating the Falaise Community Association constitution. Some things had to be done to comply with the new Societies Act. Others were being considered to clarify and simplify our bylaws.

In December, our association "transitioned" to the new Societies Act by filing our existing constitution electronically with the BC Registries and Online Services. In doing this, no changes were made to the constitution other than stating our purpose in a single sentence and including everything not included in the restated purpose in the bylaws. We stated that "The purpose of the Association is to enhance the quality of life for residents of the area known as the Falaise Community."

The work at clarifying and simplifying the bylaws has been temporarily suspended because the Saanich Community Action Network (SCAN) has begun work on producing a model bylaw that member associations (including ours) will be able to adapt for their own use. We plan to resume work updating our constitution after the SCAN model bylaw is available.

# **Saanich Emergency Program**

Saanich is putting on free 90-minute presentations on disaster preparedness for individuals and families. The next presentation will take place on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 2:30 PM at Saanich Commonwealth Place, 4636 Elk Lake Drive.

If interested, please register for Course #802736 at 250 475 7600

"Search 'Falaise Community Association' on Facebook or go to www.facebook.com /saanich.fca to communicate with your neighbors, post photos and get online versions of the newsletter"



## **2017 Membership Drive**

Our annual membership drive started in February. The cost is \$10 for the year. We strive to keep our Falaise neighbourhood unique, safe and informed by printing newsletters and flyers, holding community events and working on projects within our area. This money allows us the opportunity to keep holding these functions and continuing various works. We look forward to your support.

## **Meet Your Executive**

#### **Terri Birmingham** —*President* 250-727-2339

Terri has lived in the Falaise Community for over 23 years. She and her husband John raised their two daughters in this friendly and family-oriented neighbourhood. She has recently retired from over 25 years in the Management Segment of the Food Brokerage Industry. She loves gardening, volunteering, golfing and dabbles in interior

### **Bob Lucy** – *Treasurer* 250-479-6184

Bob is the treasurer of the association. He and his wife Sue have lived in the neighbourhood since 1985. They have two daughters. For many years Bob owned a local pest control company. Subsequently he worked for the provincial Ministry of Environment. He is now a beekeeper and is developing a food forest in his back yard.

## **Daniel Conti** – *Director* 250-216-8529

Daniel has lived in Falaise for almost his entire life of 26 years. He has graduated recently from UVic with a bachelor in Software Engineering. He hopes to bring his skills and knowledge to benefit the community. This will be his second year as director.

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## **Mac Nanton** – Secretary

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Mac Nanton is Secretary this year with the FCA. He and his wife have been host parents to many international students in Victoria for the past twenty years which has been a wonderful and cultural experience. He is married with three children, has spent most of his life in engineering across the country, and is now in real estate.

#### **Dale Summers** – Director 250-727-0213

Dale and her husband Glen Schoepp have lived in the Falaise community since 1989.

#### **Maureen Paterson** – *Director* 250-744-1783

Maureen moved to the Falaise neighbourhood in 2007 with her husband, having retired the same year. Gardening, bowling and golfing are her hobbies and she has worked for a number of department and grocery stores. The last job as secretary and bookkeeper for her company. She has served as a director for the FCA in the past.



