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The PIHCS relies on community donations to assist with equipping and operating the Health Centre. To ensure a balanced budget in 2016-17, our goal is to raise \$30,000.

Pender Islands Health Care Society

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**Pender Islands Health Care Society
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Pender Islands Health Care Society Newsletter



November 2016

This fall we are excited to offer a new program funded by a grant from the United Way – the Friday Community Gathering Program. Each Friday there will be a series of morning activities, a light lunch, and entertainment by local musicians (through Ptarmigan Music Society). Check the Pender Post for each Friday's schedule. We also welcome two new practitioners Tru Hartwood, Massage Therapist and Devan Mundy, Athletic Therapist, each sharing the room with Shelley Easthope. Try them out. We're sure you'll like them.

Each year the Pender Islands Health Care Society (PIHCS) relies on donations to help fund programs as well as update and provide new equipment to ensure the Health Centre continues to meet the growing needs of the Pender community. A big thank you to all residents that support us in this way. We would especially like to thank the Pender Islands Community Services Society (Nu Tu Yu) for the generous support they provide each year to assist us in our operations, and to the Tru Value Spirit Board for its continuing contributions. During the past year, we have purchased 2 new exam tables for the physicians, a new chair and stand for the optometrist, and replaced the Ambulance facility roof, along with several smaller improvements. Total cost has been over \$60,000 supported by your donations and a generous community bequeath.

Eleven hardworking Directors ensure the Pender Islands Health Care Centre continues to provide the best possible array of health & social services to meet the needs of the community. Current Directors are Mel MacDonald (President), Wendy Hacking (Vice-President), Al Bloomenthal (Treasurer), Marion Alksne (Secretary), Tom Caston, Carol Davis, Trallee Dun, Wendy MacDonald, Barb McPherson, and newcomers Michel Lecour and Howard Cummer.

Introducing Doctors Robyn Wiens and Bruce Rebner

by Barb McPherson

We are thrilled to welcome Robyn, Bruce, and their son Everett to Pender Island. This husband and wife team are Dr. Ansari's successors and are already seeing patients. Bruce did a week-long locum here in March and they were impressed by our community and our clinic.

Bruce and Robyn met at UBC where they trained, and both chose to specialize in rural medicine. After spending a year in Yellowknife, they worked in a rural New Zealand setting and have done stints in Port Hardy, Salt Spring, Fort Smith and other rural communities in Northern B.C. Bruce has family in Victoria, where they have been based since 2014, but they both found they missed living and working in a rural setting.

They were drawn to Pender by its proximity to Victoria and by the opportunity to job share here. Job sharing also allows a good work/life balance and the opportunity for both parents to spend lots of time with Everett. The medical notes which they leave for each other allows for a good continuum between physicians no matter which of them you see. Depending on the day of an appointment you may meet one or the other. If you have a preference, please let the MOAs know as Bruce is happy to see men about male problems and Robyn will support women with their female problems.

Robyn's special interest in medicine is in women's health, sexual health, STI screening and insertions of IUDs. Outside of medicine, Robyn likes to run, practice yoga, go cycling, hiking or take part in other outdoor activities. Bruce is particularly interested in doing mini surgical procedures such as mole excisions and biopsies. He also enjoys exploring the outdoors, playing tennis, fishing and golfing.

Both Robyn and Bruce love to travel but realize their wings may be somewhat clipped by the inclusion of young Everett in their family. As an active toddler, Everett adds a lot of joy to both of their lives, and he too appears to love his new home and all it has to offer.

When asked what we Penderlings can do for them, they are looking forward to meeting and connecting with families with young children and to becoming involved in Strong Start and other play groups for parents and children. They would both love to hear about recommended walks and hikes and look forward to visiting our local Saturday markets, especially the two Christmas markets at the end of November. Having already been welcomed by two humpback whales swimming just outside their home and an eagle sitting on their deck, they are ready to enjoy whatever life on Pender has to offer.

