

Westbank Express....



The End of an Era: Westbank Lioness Club Disbands

By Lioness Club Members

As a service club, The Westbank Lioness Club contributed many volunteer hours to the community. The Lionesses were involved in many activities including planting flowers and undertaking the fall cleanup at Brookhaven Care Centre, and hosting summer barbecues for the residents and staff. Other volunteering initiatives included the cleanup of Shannon Lake Road, collecting used eyeglasses for shipment to countries in need, and participating yearly in the Big Bike Ride for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



Soccer Team sponsored by the Westbank Lioness Club

Additionally, Westbank Lioness Club collected personal hygiene products for the Kelowna Women's Shelter, assisted in the spring and fall cleanup work parties at the Camp Winfield Easter Seals camp, and provided goodie bags at an annual Halloween party organized by the city. The club created "memory books" at Christmas for use in all the care homes in Westbank. You likely would have seen members of the Lioness Club at Westside Daze, for they volunteered at the event and participated in the parade.

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Over the years, in partnership with the Westbank Lions Club, Westbank Lioness also helped with activities including the roast Beef and pickerel dinners, where they helped serve hundreds of patrons at a time. With help from the Lions Club, they provided Christmas luncheons for residents of care homes in Westbank.

Beyond volunteering, Westbank Lioness was also active in several fundraisers, including Christmas hamper raffles, Grey Cup pull tab tickets, and decorating chocolate Easter eggs.

Having existed for almost 20 years, with combined funds from fundraisers and a B.C. Community Gaming Grant, the Westbank Lioness Club has donated approximately \$300,000.00 to many organizations in the community, including:

- Alzheimer Society
- Boys and Girls Club
- Campership for Easter Seals Camp Winfield
- Canadian Cancer Society – Palliative Care
- COACH Program – Cardiac Rehab
- Two annual bursaries for Mount Boucherie Secondary
- Central Okanagan Hospice
- Diabetes campership
- Heart and Stroke Foundation
- Westside Food Bank
- Westside Health Network
- Women’s Shelter
- Freedoms Door
- Reach Out Youth
- Kelowna General Hospital Foundation – Comfort Care
- M.S. Society
- Westbank Cadets
- Westside Youth Soccer

Sadly, it was decided with regret that the club would fold in December 2017 due to dwindling membership. Many organizations both locally and further afield will feel the loss of the Westbank Lioness Club. The members were truly a great support to Westbank in both their volunteer work and their financial support for the community.



The Westbank Lioness Club would like to extend their sincere thanks to all of their past and present members and to all of those in the community who helped in many ways to make the club such a success for so many years.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JAN/FEB

WESTBANK

Sip with your Sweetheart

Westside Wine Trail

February 11, 12 - 4 pm

Westside Wineries treat you and your sweetheart to delicious wine and chocolate pairings.

Festival of Trees

Mission Hill Winery, 1730 Mission Hill Rd. Westbank, BC

Nov 24 - Jan 5

Mission Hill has decorated their winery to raise money for the BC Children's Hospital. Come see their beautiful display and bring a donation to make a huge difference in a child's life.

Quail's Gate Sunday Brunch

Quail's Gate Winery

Sundays, 10am - 2:30pm

Enjoy fabulous food with an equally fabulous view!

Winter Culinary Classics: South American Fusion

Mission Hill Winery, 1730 Mission Hill Rd. Jan 25, 6- 8 pm

The talented chefs at Mission Hill will teach you how to make five South American Inspired courses.

\$99/person + tax

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Ukrainian Underground

Okanagan Heritage Museum, 470 Queensway Ave

Jan 11, 7 - 8pm

Admission by donation. Join Dr. Dan Gallacher at the Okanagan Heritage Museum for an illustrated talk about the early experience of Ukrainians in the mines of Western Canada.

Kelowna Farmers' and Crafters' Indoor Market

Parkinson Rec Centre, 1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna

Saturdays, 9am - 1pm

Kelowna Farmers' and Crafters' Market features farm, food, and craft vendors.

They draw their vendors from between our boundaries of Armstrong and Summerland and focus on handmade, locally-grown, and artisanal products.

Peachland

Peachland Indoor Artisan Market

Peachland Visitor Centre, 5684 Beach Ave, Peachland

Saturdays, 10am - 3pm

See all the unique treasures local artists have to offer - and taste some wine while you're at it!



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