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Make this Holiday Season Special...

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Giving Hope Today

Once again BVCFA is a proud sponsor of the Salvation Army Christmas Family Assistance Program. Go to www.bvcfa.com and follow the links to view the family wish lists and for more program information. If you wish to purchase a gift be sure to mark off your purchase online to avoid duplicates. Please drop your gift off at BVCFA (Rm N251 - North Campus) no later than December 8th. Please do not wrap the presents! Mark each box, envelope, bag or package with the family number.

Charitable receipts can be issued IF REQUESTED. You must bring in the original receipts when dropping off the gifts, along with your name and mailing address. PLEASE NOTE that GST will be deducted from the receipt amount. Charitable donation receipts will be mailed out near the end of January, 2012. If you would like a charitable receipt request form, please contact sneustaeter@bvcfa.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Casual Faculty @ BVC...

- Teach part-time, full-time or as substitutes throughout the College
- Come in on short notice when others are sick
- Assume teaching assignments on short notice
- Are nearly half of the Faculty at BVC
- Are members of various BVCFA committees
- Volunteer within many departments
- Teach in several different subject areas

As a way to say thanks, we are hosting *Casual Appreciation Day*. We hope you can come by and share some good food and conversation!

Wednesday November 30th
11:00 am - 6:00 pm (drop in)
BVCFA office - Room N251



Please join us for our annual 'Tis the Season

CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

for fun, food and holiday cheer!

Wednesday December 7th 2011
3:30 - 6:00 pm
Special Events Room - N231



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Thank you to all Faculty members who attended our General Meeting on October 21st. We had a great turn out. Our 2010/11 audit and financials were presented and it was good to see our auditor agrees with our financial numbers and practices. Remember that you can see the entire audit report at any time by coming to the FA office or emailing us at bvcfa@bvcfa.com. You are always welcome to come by the FA office (Room N251) for a chat or to express your ideas and /or concerns. There is always someone there between 10:00 - 2:00 Monday through Thursday or other times by arrangement.

Last June, BVCFA hosted the first 'Coordinators Corner' which proved so successful, we have held two more. These get-togethers allow Coordinators to share their triumphs and trage-

dies, share information and ideas with peers. The next Coordinators Corner is November 22nd and hope to host more in the New Year.

Note for Continuous and Temporary Faculty - Continuous or Temporary Faculty members should give at least three weeks notice if they are resigning from the College in order to resign in good standing. If the notice is less, then a letter saying that the person left 'not in good standing' is filed and sent to the former Employee.

If hope you all have a relatively quiet and very safe December holiday and return renewed in the New Year 2012!

- Patricia Kisman
BVCFA President

The TLC wants to hear from YOU!

If you have an iPad or other tablet device and are interested in exploring how the device can be used in the classroom, please take a few minutes to complete this survey: <http://bit.ly/sfqvXG>.

By filling out the survey, your name is automatically entered into the draw for an iTunes gift certificate.



WELFARE & GRIEVANCE UPDATE

This year has been going really well so far. I blame it on my excellent committee. The holiday season is getting closer, and so is the Grey Cup. If you need to see a counsellor, or know someone else at work who could benefit from a counsellor please give them the EAP phone number 1-866-420-2204. This is a great resource. It's also confidential. I like to think of them as paid friends. If you have any questions around the collective agreement please feel free to email me at nestabrooks@bowvalleycollege.ca or BVCFA at bvcfa@bvcfa.com.

Nicole Estabrooks
VP Welfare & Grievance Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

Casual Faculty are welcome to attend the two College Wide Professional Development Days.

If the Casual Faculty were normally supposed to be working that day, they would be paid for those normal hours if they chose to attend the PD day.



DO YOU KNOW A BVC COLLEAGUE WHO:

- Is working / volunteering to help the community?
- Has been recognized/ awarded for a special achievement?
- Is welcoming an addition to their family?

If you have any news you would like to share with other faculty, we would love to hear from you!

PAC UPDATE

Well, the Professional Affairs Committee (PAC) has been relatively busy with PD related items since our newsletter release. Our ever-popular GIFTS sessions continue to be well attended. Our first gathering of the current academic calendar was a session on a topic of growing interest for post-secondary faculty – social media in the classroom. Laura Bechard offered a great presentation on Twitter and how an instructor could effectively use this social media phenomenon in the classroom. Our November session, Vicarious Trauma, is being presented by our very own Dawn Furlong. She is going to share with us how to deal with this type of trauma, which is the process of change that happens because you care about other people who have been hurt, and feel committed or responsible to help them. Over time this process can lead to changes in your psychological, physical, and spiritual well-being.



Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of attending the ACIFA Professional Affairs Chairs meeting in Edmonton. This meeting was a chance for member chairs to get together to discuss organizational plans for the ACIFA conference in June 2012. As well, chairs took opportunity to share with each other professional development opportunities, practices and policies with each other. It was very interesting to see how different colleges approach professional development, both from a philosophical and financial standpoints. I am sharing the outcome of these discussions with our Professional Affairs Committee in order that the committee find nuggets of information that might be worthwhile exploring -

Travis Seaman
VP Professional Affairs Committee



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IMPORTANT DATES

December 7

BVCFA Christmas Reception

December 8

Adopt-a-Family Gift DEADLINE

December 23 - January 2

Christmas Break - College Closed

February 24 2012

ACIFA Innovation in Teaching Award Application Deadline



The aim of the Award for Innovation in Teaching is to recognize and encourage the use of innovative and creative teaching methods and design which lead to improved student learning.

This province-wide award attracts both recognition and a financial award of \$1,500 for the faculty member and/or team as well as \$500 toward the faculty member's faculty association. Certificates of Commendation will be awarded to the three runners up.

Application deadline is February 24, 2012. For more information, contact BVCFA at bvcfa@bvcfa.com.



2012 SPRING CONFERENCE

The ACIFA 2012 spring conference will take place at the beautiful Jasper Park Lodge, June 2nd - 5th 2012 hosted by the Grande Prairie Regional College Academic Staff Association.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS is NOW OPEN! For details about what's involved in being a concurrent session provider at Jasper Park Lodge and to obtain a session proposal form contact bvcfa@bvcfa.com.



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