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Sharing Cultures Community Dinners

An Exciting New Initiative for 2007

South Burnaby Neighbourhood House, with generous help of United Way of Lower Mainland, embarked on an exciting new initiative of low cost community dinners this year in South Burnaby Neighbourhoods. Each dinner spotlights one or two specific cultures. Monthly Dinners are planned and organized by a Committee of dedicated volunteer community members who are eager to bring neighbours together in celebration of heritage, culture, food, and entertainment.

1st Community Dinner goes East!

A marvellous time was enjoyed by all at the 1st "Sharing Cultures Community Dinner" held on Friday, March 23rd hosted by South Burnaby Neighbourhood House.

Diversity in our neighbourhood, is the message that a dedicated committee of volunteers wish to communicate in these community dinner events that are held in key locations in the Edmonds and Metrotown areas.

Community Dinner events will showcase the food, culture and heritage of nations, and present low-cost family dinners for neighbours in a relaxed setting. On March 23rd, the "**Pak-Bangla**" Community Dinner was held in the hall of Gordon Presbyterian Church on Edmonds Street.

Organizers were delighted that this dinner triggered such an interest in the community. As the many fragrant traditional dishes were brought to banquet tables, the entertainment program began. Many traditional

dances and songs were performed by members of the Bangladesh and Pakistan communities, each performer resplendent in traditional costume and jewellery. A fashion show featuring traditional Pakistan and Bangladesh costumes for men, women and children, followed. The evening ended with a bangara dance performance by the "Classic Dance Group", coordinated by Alka Boel.

The second dinner "**Ciao Italia**" held on April 20th, celebrated Italy and introduced Italian love songs, traditional dances of Northern Italy, and home made pasta to the Edmonds neighbourhood.

Much appreciation and thanks go to the many volunteers and staff of SBNH and the Gordon Presbyterian Church for sharing their facilities. Thanks to the Pakistan and Bangla-

desh community members for performances, Bag of Bargains, AL-Watan Tandori Halal Restaurant, Surrey Catering Services, New Gulberg Market & Café, the Italian Cultural Center, Italian Choir of BC, Italian Folk Dancers, and Maria Motta, our Italian chef and cultural advisor our first two dinners were huge successes.

We always welcome new members on the planning committee and ideas for future dinners. Please contact Branka at the Neighbourhood House.

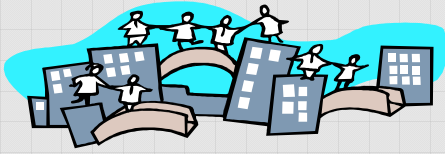
Submitted by Lori Pederson, Sharing of Cultures committee member

The "Sharing Cultures Community Dinner" project is looking for a facility that can accommodate 200 people, in the Metrotown/Royal Oak area.



SBNH Staff and Community Volunteers at the Pak-Bangala Community Dinner

Programs & Services



Engaging the Richest Asset of South Burnaby: NEIGHBOURS

Twenty four South Burnaby residents who were awarded small grants gathered on the evening of May 9 at Neighbourhood House to introduce their Community projects to each other:

Womens' gatherings, clean neighbourhoods, community kitchen, an amazing race for youth, block-watch party... are just some of the projects mentioned.

This is the second year that South Burnaby Neighbourhood House and Vancouver Foundation have offered grants up to \$ 500 to projects organized by residents of South Burnaby that will improve local neighbourhoods. It is a wonderful opportunity for neighbours to get together, plan and organize events in their neighbourhood, while developing a sense of community connections and pride. Projects will take place from mid May to the end of October. The final celebration is planned for Friday, November 9.

Storefront Drop-in

Information about our community and free coffee are available at the Neighbourhood House. Mon-Fri: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Licensed School-aged Childcare

At the following sites:

- Maywood Neighbourhood Care (Call Stasi at 604-431-0484)
- Marlborough Neighbourhood Care (Call Cheri at 604-434-1338)
- Stride Avenue Neighbourhood Care (Call Leslie at 604-527-0444)
- Douglas Rd Neighbourhood Care (Call 604-298-7094)
- Clinton Neighbourhood Care (Call Stephanie at 604-307-2935)

Sharing Cultures Community Dinners

A great place to relax, feed the family, and meet your neighbours! 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Cost is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children.

A great place for children's activities and entertainment for all. Locations throughout South Burnaby. The next dinner will be on June 15 at Maywood school which will introduce a taste of China. Call Branka @ 431-0400 to purchase tickets or get involved.

Youth Leadership

Three levels of leadership training are offered to youth 12 to 18 years old. The program offers a variety of leadership workshops and facilitates the involvement of youth in a number of community projects. Contact Susie at 604-431-0400 for more information.

Family Place Drop-in at SBNH (4845 Imperial Street)

Family Place is a drop-in program for children 0-5 and their (grand) parents. Children can come and join in games, crafts and story time while (grand) parents enjoy a cup of coffee, some conversation, or a parent information session. **Monday-Thursday:** 9:30am -11:30am, **Fridays:** Korean Drop-in: 9:30-11:30am

Call 604-431-0400 for information about exciting Summer Outings and events.

Offsite Family Place Drop-in

Ministry for Children & Family Development office:

- **4430 Halifax Street** (by Brentwood Mall)
Wednesdays: 9:30-11:30am & 1:00-3:00pm
Fridays: 9:30-11:30am

Neighbourhood Outreach

Outreach workers are available to support parents with young children (under 5) who need help meeting other parents and making community connections to local family resource programs. Contact Vicki Kreuzer at 604-431-0400.

ESL Conversation Classes:

Volunteer-led ESL classes are available throughout the year. Call the Neighbourhood House for a current schedule.

Free Law Clinics: Tuesdays 12:15pm – 2:15pm

Provided to individuals who cannot access help from Legal Aid and who are low income and cannot afford a lawyer. Half hour appointments can be booked with a qualified volunteer lawyer who will provide step by step advice for dispute resolution. Lawyers do not appear in court, but can assist clients in court preparation.

Call **604.878.7400** to book an appointment. Provided in partnership with the Western Canada Society to Access Justice.

Income Tax Clinic

Volunteers continue to be available year-round to assist individuals with their income tax returns. Service is offered to those with limited incomes and we request a \$5 donation per return.

Summer Barbeques

Come and join our summer barbeques. There will be food, children's activities, and a raffle draw. It's a good opportunity to meet the people in your neighbourhood. All BBQs begin at 6pm

1. July 12th - Maywood Community School
2. July 19th - Stride Community School
3. July 26th - Edmonds Community School
4. Aug 2nd - Marlborough Elementary School
5. Aug 9th - Douglas Road Elementary School

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And

sponsors of our Decadence Diamond Ball Held February 10th: Trio Diamond and Gold; Allegra Print and Imaging; Investor's Group; Greiner, Bethell and Company

Enter your team in the 6th Annual Car Rally Fundraiser Sunday September 30th

A guaranteed day of fun that will entertain and introduce you to the scenic sites of the Lower Mainland. Cost: \$300 for team of 2. Register early as space is limited.

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