

**SHIRLEY HULAN is one of the
Newfoundland Club of Victoria's Founding Members**

Shirley is the recipient of the very first Founder's Award (1992)

**Shirley has held the positions of President (1991 & 1992); Vice-President (1993);
Secretary (1998); and Treasurer (1999)**

**Shirley is an Honorary Member, receiving the
Club Appreciation Plaque & Lifetime Membership Award in 2007**

Shirley was born in St. David's, Bay St. George, Newfoundland, "a long time ago," she says. "I had my first taste of life away from St. David's as a high school student when four of us were sent to Port aux Basques to study grade XI. Our school principal had been a grade XI student himself the year before, so hardly qualified to teach us, but that's the way it was back then. Because of the acute shortage of teachers, with an additional 2 months of summer school in St. John's, we ventured out as 'school teachers' ourselves after graduating grade XI," she adds.

And so it was that Shirley found herself in the great little community of Cannings Cove, Bonavista Bay in 1955-56 where she still, to this day, has wonderful friends. But "A boarding house at 17 years of age is not one of my most pleasant memories," she adds.

After that, Shirley then returned to St. David's, got married and stayed there, teaching and substituting, until 1970 when she moved to Goose Bay, Labrador for six years, working with the USAF and attending night school, studying accounting. In 1976 she moved to Corner Brook, Newfoundland and did accounting with the Wells, Monaghan law firm for nine years.

In 1985 Shirley moved to Victoria, British Columbia, managing the Vancouver Island Safety Council for eight years before joining her husband, Duncan Kippen (whom she married in 1995), in managing the Blue Ridge Inn motel for another eight years. Shirley and Duncan retired in 2003 and became full time RV'ers, travelling Canada and the USA before making Black Diamond, Alberta their official residence in 2006. They spent the early winter months in Victoria in 2007 but currently live in Okotoks, Alberta.

Shirley has four children (Frank, Velda, Adora, and Wilfred); ten grandchildren (Frankie, Mark, Jason, Stephen, Bryan, Maliza, Mark, Adam, Stephanie and Wayne); and two great grandchildren (Kiara and Jacob), "with one more on the way!" she adds.

Shirley says she loves knitting and baking "and I'm very passionate about RV'ing, aquatic exercise, walking and dancing. I'd also like to add, although I loved working in different capacities throughout my lifetime, I thoroughly enjoyed volunteering. I've been involved with the Anglican Church Women's organization, in 3 different locations, but my greatest joy was working with youth. My involvement included Allied Youth, Girl Guides, 4-H clubs and youth carol groups. In fact, one of my young Allied Youth members became a United Church Minister and still keeps in touch with me. It's been very rewarding working with young people!"

And that brings us to Shirley's continued involvement with the Newfoundland Club of Victoria. "The first gathering of Newfoundlanders in Victoria, to test the interest in forming a club, was held in my apartment in February 1988," she explains. "And, as I recall, the only executive position I did not hold throughout the years was Membership Director. I set up the first set of ledgers to record financial information and, with the help of Leo Hynes, I also wrote the first constitution for the Club which was incorporated in 1991." Shirley and her husband, Duncan, also produced the first "Beer and Skits" show on April 13, 1993. "We were active in that venture until retiring in 2003," she says. Shirley was the first recipient of the Founder's Award, presented to her by Mary Johnston in 1992, as well as one of the first five Honorary Members of the Club, presented with a Club Appreciation Plaque & Lifetime Membership Award in 2007.

"I think you guys are doing a great job!" says Shirley, noting that it's unfortunate that she's not still here in Victoria to take part in Club activities. "The Club offers so much to its members; lots of fun activities as well as opportunities to be active members in the community through fundraising and, not to mention, the individual growth potential by participating in all of these things."