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The BC Aviation Museum

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BC Aviation Museum Updates

BCAM Reopening Update

We continue to have a steady flow of visitors and the last few weekends have seen increasing numbers from around BC and other provinces. We also continue to have many families with kids. With this in mind, we will be open an extra day next week on Labour Day Monday, September 7. While we have greeters and a cashier available that day, we will also need hangar monitors. More immediately, we need two monitors on Friday, August 28 and one on August 29. The following week, we need people each day from September 3 to 7. **Please sign up in the front lobby or email Jan Lewis.** We will continue to be open until the weekend of Thursday September 10 to Sunday September 13, at which time we will know the lay of the land with schools going back.

Eleanore Arkesteyn, VERA Award Recipient

We are all aware of Eleanore's valuable contributions to the Museum. She served on the Board as Secretary for many years, has been in charge of the gift shop and now, along with Barbara is the Cashier Coordinator. She has also always been there to do the jobs that others don't want to do – such as parking in the pouring rain! An avid traveller before 2005, the year her husband died, she has since dedicated her time and energy to volunteering in many ways beyond the Museum. She looked after the artefact storage at the Sidney Museum from 2005 until Covid 19 struck and has been involved in the Friends of Sidney/North Saanich Saanich Library since 2007. She spent a few years volunteering at the Times Colonist Book Sale, and along with Barbara did five years of Speed Watch with the Sidney/North Saanich RCMP. Since 2011, she has volunteered with the Thrifty's Sendial Program, both phoning and shopping. It was the Sendial Program Coordinator who nominated Eleanore and she is now a very

deserving recipient of the **Values Elder Recognition Award**. She will be honoured virtually on October 1st, the annual International Day of Older Persons. Congratulations Eleanore!

Update on Les Reesor

Les is doing pretty well and his doctors are pleased with his progress. He is in good spirits and they have him up walking each day. He will be in hospital for several more weeks, and given the pandemic, his family is unable to visit him. His wife Janet has taken photos of the cards he has received and has texted them to him. He has appreciated the good wishes from his friends at the Museum. If you wish to send him a card, please send it to his home and not the Jubilee as they don't have their usual volunteer cohort to distribute them. You may get Les' home mailing address from the Museum front desk.

Cleaning Supply Volunteer

Many thanks to Ed Kucey who has handled the ordering of cleaning supplies for the past five years. **Russ Hudson** will now take over from him. If you see the need for any supplies, please let Russ know.

Mysterious Disappearance of the Kids' Clipboards

Would the person who removed the clipboards from the greeter's supply box *please* return them. These are used by the kids for the scavenger hunts and were painted (bright blue) so that they could be easily sanitized after each use. ☐