

University of Victoria Chamber Singers

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Alumni Newsletter



Left to Right: Felipe Sequira (wife Gum Lim and 2 kids below) Ruth Bard, Michael Laudadio, Bill Plant, Sara Quist (with husband Peter and daughter) Bruce, Debbie (Farwell) Giles (with husband Dave), Beth Whitmore, Doug Green (wife Chrysea and daughter below) Hailey Crittenden, Darryl Neville, Connie.

July (2016) Retreat: Firsts

We had husbands, wives and 4 great kids who really transformed the retreat in a very positive way! It was also a reunion of the legendary "Lenny & Squiggy" from the '89 tour: Bill and Michael, or was it Michael and Bill? For the first time I didn't burn the Gumbo, (previously called "Gourmet Toasted Creole Gumbo"). Never before were we invaded by local "forces". The first recorded encroachment was a midnight visitor to the "Cabin Crowd": a young woman named Leanne, whose explanation of why she was there, or where she was from, varied with each person she talked to.

Leanne: "Hi, are you the "Albert" party? I have a truck load of liquor which I'm supposed to deliver to a wedding reception."

Response: "Yeah, I'm Albert, so is he; him too; Oh and he's Albert also, so's his wife!"

Lingering questions: Why did she stay for another two hours? If she was delivering a truckload of liquor, what ferry did she take to get her to Morehaven at two am? (last ferry at 9:30).

Reunion in Ontario - November, 2016

Lucas Marchand, Dallas Bergen and Graham Robinson took a subway out to Etobicoke to enjoy a brunch get-together with Bruce and Connie at their exchange house.



A week later, we visited with Bill Plant and his wife Shanon, in Ottawa.



Bruce & Connie a year to remember

We've had a very busy year: a lovely month-long house exchange in Hout Bay, South Africa; in August we went to Castlegar, B.C. where we finally sold our trailer. Back in Victoria in September we began the long process of downsizing as we prepared to sell our house in Broadmead and move to a new one near Florence Lake in Langford. On December 17 we moved to a smaller "rancher" which is closer to Alexis and Eric and our 2 grand kids. On December 23, I fell down a flight of stairs and broke my arm, which slowed me down somewhat! But now we're all settled into our new place and looking forward to the next stage of our lives.



Summer Retreat 2017

Morehaven, Thetis Island, July 7-9

This is YOUR year!

FRIDAY - JULY 7:

Afternoon - retreat begins

7pm: dinner & socializing

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Morning: breakfast & socializing

11am - singing

1pm - lunch

Afternoon: socializing,

hiking, sports, swimming etc.

7pm: Focus dinner

8pm - best Chamber Singers stories, games, more singing.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

8:30 am breakfast

9 and 10:55 departures.