



Welcome to our new home!

We'd like to give a huge thanks to Knox Presbyterian Church for providing us with a space for the next several months.

Thanks to their support, we can continue to gather together, share meals, support one another, and keep the Clubhouse spirit thriving!



While we're in this temporary space, we will be open Monday to Thursday, 8:30 - 4:00.

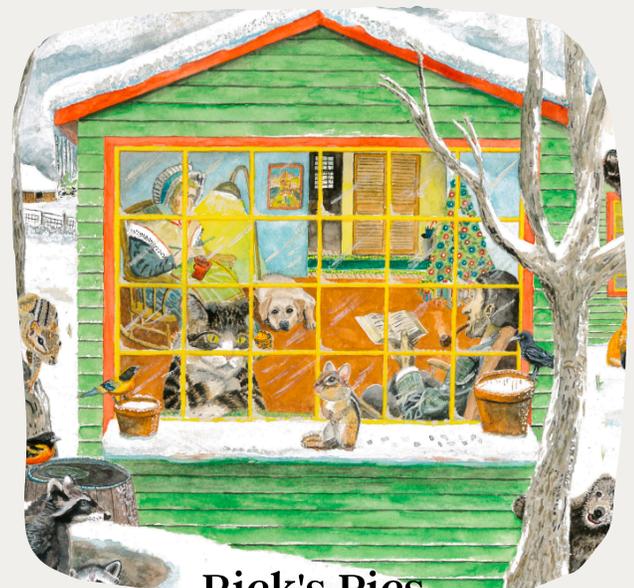
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Publications



Hey, guys!
Kit here, aka Sage.
I wanted to remind everyone that we're all human, and we all make mistakes. Last month, I helped put the newsletter together, and mislabeled this art piece. Thanks to **Karen** for being understanding and politely pointing out the error.



Rick's Pics

Programming Updates

Upcoming Programs/Events

- Queer Ed - **Feb 6** | 3pm
- Music Night - **Feb 8** | 5-7 (singalong)
- Board Games Night - **Feb 15** | 5-7
- Birthday Bash - **Feb 16** | noon
- STAT - Family Day - **Feb 20** | 10-2
- Movie Night - **Feb 22** | 5-7
- Goal Setting - **Feb 27** | 3pm



Changes to our regular programs

- Decision-Making Meetings
 - Now on Tuesday afternoons
- Employment & Education Support
 - Now on Thursday mornings
- Community Kitchen
 - no longer running
- Free Food Market
 - no longer running
- Evening Programs
 - moved to Wednesdays
- Fridays: See below
- All other clubhouse programs are unaffected by the move

This month's weekend programming:

Saturday, February 18th:

10am - 2pm | **Swap Fair**

bring your art, creations, or more, to trade or to put on display.

Friday Programming

Each Friday, we will be holding a virtual (Zoom) meeting in the morning.

The meetings will be **open from 9am to 11:30am**. As always, you're welcome to join late or leave early.

The Zoom call will start with a Virtual House Meeting, after which we will be hanging out & working together until the call ends at 11:30.

Friday afternoons, we will be meeting in the community. To start with, we will be meeting at the Downtown Branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library (**GVPL Central Branch**), at **1:30pm**.

This is subject to change - an email will be sent out notifying all members if/when it does.

From our meeting spot, we will have the option for some members to go on a walk, some to stay and spend time together inside, and occasionally other activities too!

Member Highlight!



Shauna K

My name is Shauna Kehler. I have been going to Connections since 2019. At first I came on and off but now go almost everyday. I love Connections Place, it is my second home. I like the members and staff at Connections; everyone is so friendly! 😊 I am looking forward to continuing to see Connections grow.

Want to be highlighted in a future newsletter? Let us know!

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What's Cupid's favourite band?

Kiss!



Connections Place

Memories to share - (member submissions)

My favourite thing about the Oak St location was the windows. They brought in a lot of light & were great to look out of.

I am looking forward to seeing the inside of the church; I love churches. Looking forward to seeing everybody!

- Cynthia C

One of my favourite parts of the Oak St location was all the large windows and natural light in the building, and the high ceilings which gave me the feeling of spaciousness.

This has been my first experience with the Clubhouse Model, and I am impressed by the Vision, Mandate and Activities of Connections Place.

I'm uncertain what to write about the new space, having not seen it yet. Based on the fact it is in a church, I subjectively envision a feeling of spirituality.

I look forward to a new beginning, as well as continuing to get to know everyone I have met.

- Anonymous



My favourite memories at the Oak St location are about everyone being so welcoming; when I first joined, as well as our celebrations and wonderful lunches. I also enjoyed how wide open and welcoming the space was.

I'm looking forward to the new space, and taking only 1 bus to get to the Clubhouse. I also look forward to working out the details of the new space, and continuing to have new members join us.

A building is just a space. It's the people who make Connections.

- Shauna



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The moving game:

Pick a box, and whatever you are looking for is not there.



Connections Place

The Connector - Extra

Memories to share - (member submissions)



Some of my favourite memories of the Oak St location include coming in on my first day being accepted to be a member; having house meetings; doing work; and coming in and seeing members & staff.

I'm looking forward to creating new memories in the new space.

- Dan V

I remember when I first applied to become a member, it was after finding out about the Clubhouse by walking past the building.

I found the Clubhouse website, sent in an application; and I didn't hear anything for over a month.

Out of the blue, I get a phone call from the Clubhouse; a member was doing reach-out. This was the first I ever heard from Connections, and I was more than a little confused.

I got put in touch with Neelam, and it all got sorted out in the end, with her inviting me in for a tour.

After the tour, for my first day as a member, I wanted to spend the day helping in the kitchen- I figured it would be easier to join a new space by doing jobs I was familiar with.

When I got to Connections, though, the kitchen was a mess - Leah was away, and Neelam & Hakeem were trying to figure out what to do for lunch.

Our Clubhouse has come a long way since then, and I'm proud to have helped it happen.

I'm looking forward to how much more we can grow our community in the future.

- Kit, aka Sage



Some of my favourite memories are; going to see the Vancouver Clubhouse, Pathways; and when I helped Tam get a job.

I'm looking forward to seeing familiar faces in the new space.

- Shane

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A friend asked me if I had any moving boxes....

I told them, "No, all my boxes stay still."



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