

# COOKBOOK LAUNCH



The launch of "Food For Life" was a team effort with BC Branch Vice-President **Debra McKinnon** serving as quarterback.

- BC Branch board members **Fred Van Samang** and **Jim Jervis** helped decorate the beautiful venue at **Beach Gardens Resort Hotel**, with the use of greenery solicited by Fred and Debra from **Springtime Garden Centre**.
- Debra cooked a dazzling and delicious array of dishes. The catering team at **The Savoury Bight** added some special dishes of their own.
- **Joel Thom** produced attractive displays identifying dishes made from recipes in our "Food For Life" cookbook, naming the donor and showing the page on which each recipe appears.
- **Jim Jervis** provided perfect background music and operated the sound system.

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- National President **Larry Misner** served as Emcee.
- Sliammon elder **Elsie Paul** responded to our invitation, and opened the event with prayer. (Elsie had high praise for The Honourable Diane Finley's recipe for Broiled Salmon with Potato Crust.)



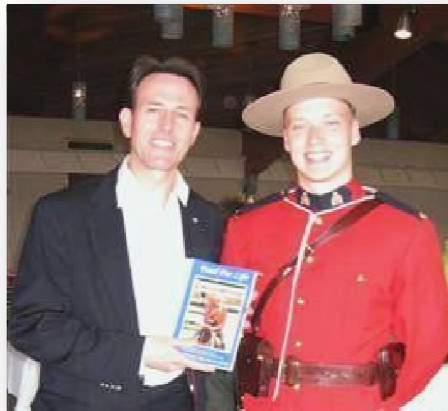
- The **Honorable Lisa Raitt**, Federal Minister of Natural Resources, was a delightful guest. She kicked off her shoes to pose for photographs with those less in stature, ensuring our cookbook was prominently displayed in front of her.
- **John Weston**, our Member of Parliament, not only donated his recipe for blackberry pie to the cookbook, but also announced that through our cookbook the work of the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society is becoming known by his colleagues in parliament.

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- **Minister Raitt and Mr. Weston** were part of a group photo with members of the Denniston Family
- Later that evening Founding Member and current BC Branch Director **Mar Grantham** dropped off leftover food to Rick Robbins at **The Salvation Army** "While I was there a young man came in asking for a bible and Rick asked him if he would like some food that had just been donated and if he did, he would microwave it for him. The look on the young guy's face was priceless. 'Wow, a warm meal' he said, and was just so appreciative. He was shaking his head like he had just won the lotto."

The perfect end to a wonderful event.



On June 1<sup>st</sup> in the House of Commons our Member of Parliament paid the following tribute to Powell River volunteers, and supporters of our Society.

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## VOLUNTEERISM IN CANADA

The backbone of Canada - what makes this country great - is our communities and neighbourhoods which work together in thousands of different ways, behind the scenes, unreported by the media.

We can all tell stories of the unnamed heroes who volunteer, who coach sports teams, who offer support in hospitals and who raise money for charitable causes.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 15th, in Powell River, BC, I had the great pleasure to attend the launch of a cook book assembled by the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society, an organization dedicated to raise money for bone marrow transplants. The organization was inspired by the life and untimely death of Bruce Denniston, an RCMP officer who died of leukemia.

The Powell River community is famous for its spirit of volunteerism, Mr. Speaker, and many people turned out for the book launch. Busy hands prepared almost 50 different dishes, based on recipes in the cookbook. The Minister of Natural Resources attended in person, adding to an event which resounded with unity; hard work; and a good cause – a classically Canadian event, Mr. Speaker.

John Weston, Member of Parliament  
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