

The New View Society 40th Anniversary History Timeline 1973 to 2013

Celebrating 40 years



***40 Years of Dedication to
Community Mental Wellness***

Grand Opening



New Building—June 2009 Grand Opening Ceremonies—November 10, 2011

PROVINCIAL HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

Douglas Horne, MLA for Coquitlam-Burke Mountain;
Mayor Greg Moore, City of Port Coquitlam;
and New View Society
to celebrate the official opening of
Iris House

Date: Thursday, November 10th, 2011

Time: 1:30 p.m. Doors Opened until 7:00 p.m.

Place: 2050 Mary Hill Rd., Port Coquitlam

Parking: Limited parking is available on Mary Hill Rd.
Free parking is available at the Southside Baptist Church
on the corner of Pitt River Rd. and Mary Hill Rd. (2211 Pitt
River Rd.).

Please RSVP to info@newviewsociety.ca 604-941-3222 x.102

This supportive housing development is funded by the Government of Canada,
the Province of British Columbia and New View Society.



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November 10, 2011—Grand Opening—Building the new residential facility and Clubhouse took several years; first, the 1912-era Lobb House, named after the former city councillor who built it, was torn down for safety reasons. Then the clubhouse was built below the residential facility to save money. At first, there was no carpeting in the basement until staff and members purchased it with their own money.

Fraser Health and New View fundraising have helped pay for some new furnishings and the new

building has all the comforts of home, including an inviting fireplace and patio. Stained glass reclaimed from the Lobb House has also been included in the design. "In some ways, it was magical how it all came to be," Ted Kuntz (Chair-person) said.



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New View, new digs, new hopes

PoCo facility aims to serve people with mental illness

By Diane Strandberg
THE TRI-CITY NEWS

The chair of New View Society says the opening of a new clubhouse and 10-bed residence for people with mental illness has been "magical" and he can't wait to welcome people to the community wellness centre at 2050 Mary Hill Rd.

Ted Kuntz said New View's metamorphosis from a single-purpose building to a multi-purpose facility where people can be together, share experiences, learn job skills and live independently has been bumpy but, ultimately, rewarding.

"It says what a caring community can do when it wants to," Kuntz said about the \$4.1-million community wellness centre and housing facility that opened recently on the former Lobb House site in Port Coquitlam.

New View Society quietly opened the doors to Iris House and a community wellness centre this summer after getting occupancy approvals, and, while there is still evidence of the recent move, staff say New View members and residents are settling in to the new digs.

"They feel that it is their home," said housing manager Louise Jolicoeur.

New resident Kim Materi moved into Iris House in August and said it was scary at first but now she enjoys her independence. She has her own key and can easily get into the duplex she shares with four other people because it's wheelchair accessible. The 31-year-old was living with her parents and is now learning how to cook and take care of herself.

"It's felt really good to get more freedom and independence," Materi said.

With the recent move, New View is finally able to consolidate programming for 300 clubhouse members who live in the Tri-Cities as well as provide offices for staff who manage New View's other residential apartments.

GRAND OPENING

On Thursday, Nov. 10, New View will host a grand opening beginning at 1:30 p.m. and running until 7 p.m. There will be an opportunity for the public to view the common area in the duplex and the clubhouse, located at 2050 Mary Hill Rd. in Port Coquitlam.

Materi said having the clubhouse downstairs means she can easily get to programs using the elevator.

"I love being there, they are wonderful people," she said.

Darrell Roemer, New View's program manager, said it's a relief to finally have everything all in one location and noted that many new programs have been added, including job skills, computer courses, music nights, stop-smoking programs, drama and creative writing groups, and classes on graphic design and fitness to name a few.

"We have so many opportunities now because of the space," Roemer said.

Kuntz said his wish is to be able to invite the community to take part in wellness programs at the new centre and a new commercial kitchen may provide spin-off opportunities such as catering services.

"I want to see the mandate get larger," Kuntz said.

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Above, Louise Jolicoeur and Darrell Roemer of the New View Society stand in front of the newly built clubhouse and supportive housing called Iris House at 2050 Mary Hill Rd. in Port Coquitlam. Left, Jill Calder, shows the facility's commercial kitchen. Below, a common kitchen and living room for residents.



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Iris House 1 provides independent living to five young adults with mental health issues; each has his or her own room and they all share a living room and kitchen. Iris

House 2 offers more structured programming for five adults with mental health concerns and substance abuse issues. They have to have committed to taking responsibility for their recovery and both groups can stay at Iris House for 18 months to two years or longer if necessary.



Executive director Jill Calder said Iris House is the first in the Tri-Cities serving young people and adults with concurrent disorders and is a model for other communities trying to meet the needs of diverse groups. "We knew these areas are high need and we are happy to be providing it," Calder said.

The project as built with \$1.6 million from BC Housing, \$675,000 from the federal Homelessness Partnership Initiative and Fraser Health operating grants. New View provided the land.

For more information about New View, visit www.newviewsociety.org. dstrandberg@tricitynews.com

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May 1–5, 2012



New View Society's 1st Annual Mental Health Week
May 1-5, 2012.

In May of this year, we will hosted our first-ever Mental Wellness Week. This inaugural event series will help raise awareness of the New View Society, showcased our new Community Wellness Centre in Port Coquitlam, and provide information on the many ways in which we serve. In addition, we brought the communities of the Tri-Cities together to learn about the importance of addressing and understanding mental illness.

United Way Day of Caring—TD Bank representatives celebrated a Day of Caring and helped paint the New View Society's Maplewood Manor.



February 2013



New View History

New View hosts May Day breakfast



From left: Sherilyn Kyle, Gavin Bahowie and Chantelle Burga of the New View Society

SARAH PAYNE/THE TRI-CITY NEWS

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The New View Society is preparing for its May Day community breakfast on Saturday, May 11.

Everyone is welcome at New View (2050 Mary Hill Rd., PoCo) for a free breakfast of eggs, sausages, croissants, bagels, fruit and more from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

After tossing back a great meal, join the group to watch the annual May Day parade.

Visit www.newviewsociety.org for more information.



New View History

Kathryn Swalwell

No time line calendar history book of New View Society is complete without acknowledging Kay! Beginning in 1969 Kay became involved as a volunteer driver and supporter of an informal social program for boarding home residents who had recently moved out of the Riverview hospital. She recognized that isolation was a major concern and people's needs were not being met. She, with a small group of volunteers, set up activities programs in a donated space, with "48 cents collected in a coffee cup". In 1973, the decision was made to form a non-profit society, and the New View Society was incorporated.

Kay continued as a volunteer for five years, and then became the Executive Director in 1983. Her retirement celebration in 2000 had over 200 attendees, and she was adamant that everyone was welcome and that it was affordable for all; she left money at the bar, to ensure anyone who couldn't pay would still be able to join in. From her continuing activities, it is hard to see the difference between Kay's level of activity before and after retirement. Overall, she watches carefully for the gaps in services that staff may not have time for, and quietly fills them.

Since her retirement she has not missed a step. Kay is an active member on the Board of Directors, currently as Secretary and Property Asset Management Chairperson. In addition, every week, Kay welcomes all to a "Friday muffin morning." Starting at 6 am; fresh muffins are baked and informal conversations are held with 30 to 40 people each week. This has been ongoing for many years, and members who may otherwise not be very involved with the Society, show up every week prior to going to work. It is also a time when Kay can observe how people are doing, and provide support to ensure everyone is thriving.

On Christmas Day each year, she and her husband Ken, children, grandchildren and friends organize a Christmas dinner for those members who do not have family. It is a "private" affair for about 35 to 50 people, in that it is totally funded and organized with Kay's coordination. It has become her family's Christmas celebration, showing a seamless relationship between family, friends and members.

However, it is her work with individual members (clients) of the Society that is most outstanding and of benefit to the community. She is a mentor to all and New View Society members' greatest champion. Thank you Kay!

 ★ Congratulations Kay, Medal Recipient ★



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal was awarded to 20 inspiring individuals from the Tri-Cities region by the Honourable James Moore. The award marks the 60th anniversary of the accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The medal is presented to distinguished individuals for their contributions and dedication to making a positive difference in their communities.

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Dr. Shauna Little
September 3, 1922 ~ May 23, 2012

Dr. Shauna Little

Dr. Little came to Port Coquitlam in 1971. By then, the downsizing of Riverview Hospital was gaining momentum and patients were being discharged to local boarding homes. There were few opportunities for them to pursue social activities of any kind.

Dr. Little was very aware of this and sought to remedy the situation however possible. She soon had a number of eager professionals and volunteers who agreed to join forces with her on this mission.

Dr. Little was professionally recognized as a believer in Psychosocial Rehabilitation.



MOVING FORWARD

Jill Calder has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of individuals with mental illness. As Executive Director of New View Society, Jill has been instrumental in bringing New View Society's mission: Community Health through Mental Health to life. While keeping the society's supportive housing, vocational, employment, social and personal growth services actively operating, Jill did whatever was needed to have a dream for a Community Wellness Center come true. In 2011 that center was opened; thus expanding mental health services within the Tri-Cities. Jill inspires staff and members every day and keeps the success of the society alive.

Jill is the epitome of a great leader: her actions are founded in her personal vision that people with a mental illness can live a good life; she inspires her staff to contribute in the ways that come naturally to them, thus resulting in keeping staff who have expertise and who are happy about their work; she is personable and respectful in her relationships with the members of New View; she has the necessary skills to make the sure the day-to-day activities of the organization are well taken care of; she is supportive in keeping her Board well informed and active; she is well connected with the broader community and she does it all with humility and grace.

Jill's ability to take some of the rhetoric that we often hear from government about mental health services and put it into action is to be admired. Jill's understanding of the need for respect, love and support as being critical to providing mental health services is demonstrated in her quiet yet very competent way of undertaking her role as Executive Director.

Jill has managed to work through the challenges of delivering services within a non-profit structure and support the organization to continue its successful work. Her commitment to the organization and the people it serves continues to inspire others to also dedicate their lives to support individuals with mental illness. Jill and her staff do whatever is needed to improve the opportunities and the lives of individuals with mental illness through their open hearts and capable minds. Jill also, through example and through mentoring, ensures that the members that they serve are treated first and foremost as people who deserve the kindness, respect, and love that each and every one of us would like to receive. Providing successful supportive housing for people with mental illness is difficult, yet through Jill's leader-

Accolades

"Ms. Calder has been a core member of the leadership team at New View for many years and more recently as the Executive Director. I have admired Ms. Calder's steady leadership, commitment to her cause, and her quiet and determined way of accomplishing what needs to be accomplished. It is a privilege to have individuals such as

Ms. Calder who bring leadership and vision to a community and make it a better place to live. I have deep gratitude for what Ms. Calder and her team bring to our community. In my own personal efforts to reduce homelessness in my community I rely on and benefit from the skilled and compassionate individuals at New View Society. And the strength of New View is due in large part to the steady and determined leadership of Jill Calder"

Dear Members and Friends,

As most of you are aware our current basic funding is from several government Sources : Fraser Health Authority, BC Housing and Canada Mortgage and Housing.

As well, over the years we have been supported by the Lottery Foundation, United Way, and a variety of grants, both Provincial and Federal.

However, for our special celebrations and activities we depend solely on donations from members and friends.

Thank you for your continued support

Sincerely

New View Society

(Tax receipts are issued for \$25 or more)