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February 19, 2010

Hello everyone,

Canadians are watching with pride as our athletes compete against a world-class field in their respective sports. As of today Canada had seven medals – three gold, three silver and a bronze. This includes the first ever gold medal for Canada on home soil – freestyle skier Alexandre Bilodeau of Montreal, who captured gold in the Men's Moguls event. What a great race and what an inspiring person. Prince George's Megan Tandy also competed yesterday in the Women's 15 kilometre Individual Biathlon event. Way to go, Megan! Congratulations to all of the athletes that are competing. You are doing Canada proud!

Although the Olympics are primarily known as an athletic competition, BC is using this opportunity to showcase the province to business leaders from around the world. On Monday I attended an announcement to kick off Clean Energy Day at the Olympics, and it had implications right here in Prince George. B.C. biomass energy company Pacific BioEnergy Corporation is partnering with global energy leader GDF SUEZ on a \$24-million expansion of the wood pellet plant in Prince George. GDF SUEZ has also agreed to purchase 2.5 million tonnes of carbon-neutral wood pellets over the next 10 years. The expansion project will result in greater use of mountain pine beetle killed timber in the surrounding forests from Northern BC. Use of carbon-neutral B.C. wood pellets by GDF SUEZ will result in significant reductions in CO2 emissions at its electrical facilities in Europe.

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On Thursday it was announced that BC Liquor Store customers have generously donated over \$345,000 to help support the Canadian Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti. We all watched the destruction of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake and the effect this had on the Haitian people. Between Jan. 19 and Feb. 12, 2010, all 197 BC Liquor Stores across British Columbia accepted voluntary donations. The entire sum was sent to the Canadian Red Cross Haiti Earthquake Fund. The Canadian Red Cross support efforts in Haiti include providing medical support, clean water, food and shelter to provide relief following the earthquake the struck off the western coast of Haiti on January 12th. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who made this initiative such a success.

As usual a weekend full of great events to choose from. Bill and I will be at a number of them in addition to several meetings schedule for Saturday and Sunday. I look forward to seeing you out and about!

Until next week,
Shirley

This week's bouquet of recognition goes to....

All our honoured Chamber of Commerce members! Thanks for the support you offer to our Northern Community!

Community Announcement

Free Swim at Prince George Aquatic Centre

Sunday, February 21,

4pm to 6pm

Sponsored by Canadian Tire

And City of PG

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## Giggles Galore

Production by Elder Citizen Recreation Association

February 26, 7pm

February 27, 2pm

February 28, 2pm

Tickets available at ECRA, \$10ea

Come out and enjoy the show!

## Mark your calendar...

- ❖ February 3 - 21 – **Theatre North West** production “Thy Neighbour’s Wife”, tickets available at Books & Co. 250-614-0039
- ❖ February 5 -21<sup>st</sup> – **Snow Daze** Prince George Mardi Gras of Winter Society 34<sup>th</sup> annual. Contact *Snowdaze* office 250-564-3737 or visit at 1529 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- ❖ February 15-21 Heritage Week
- ❖ February 19-20 – Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dream coat opened at PGSS on Wed, Shows on Friday are 1pm and 7pm, and Sat-20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and 7pm at Vanier Hall tickets are \$10 available at the door or at Studio 2880.
- ❖ February 20 – **Taste of India** \*Bollywood Style\* fundraising event at the Civic Centre presented by the Rotary Club of Prince George Yellowhead club. Tickets \$75/person for info call Kim Gill 250-564-7394.
- ❖ February 20 – **Pancake Breakfast** at Elders Citizens Recreation Association on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. 8am – 11am. Only \$6,
- ❖ February 26 – **Elders Citizens Recreation Association** – Turkey Lunch, Members \$8, non members \$10, 50/50 Draw, 1692 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- ❖ February 26, 27, 28 - Elders Citizens Recreation Association – **Comedy Show**, “Giggles Galore” Friday, 7pm, Sat- 2pm, and Sun- 2pm, Tickets at ECRA Centre \$10/per person.
- ❖ March 3- Spring Fashion Show and Dinner, fashions by Butterfly Threads & Vanilla at the Coast Inn of the North, Silent Auction and Door Prizes, All proceeds to the Prince George Hospice Society, \$75/per person, Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm Tickets available at Vanilla and Butterfly Threads, Books & Co. and Hospice House.
- ❖ April 10 – Prince George Montessori Education Society – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, Dinner, Dance & Auction at the Ramada Hotel. Tickets are \$40 ea or 2 for \$75 if purchased before March 5, go on line [www.pgmontessori.ca](http://www.pgmontessori.ca) for more info
- ❖ May 4-2010 – **Charlie Pride** at the CN Centre- tickets on sale

- November 27-www.tickemaster.ca or CN Centre Box Office
- ❖ June 3-5, 2010 – Resources Expo 2010- Please visit new website for more info [www.bcreourcesexpo.com](http://www.bcreourcesexpo.com) .

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