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The aim of the Shift is to encourage citizens to shift 10 percent of their household spending towards locally produced goods and services from locally owned businesses. Perhaps you already do?



CUPE members are community members too. We have just as big a stake in the communities we work and live in as anyone else. If enough people in the community work together to identify locally manufactured and owned products and businesses, and support those businesses with their shopping dollars, everyone benefits. It's pretty simple. Just check out the website and make your 10% Shift pledge. ■

## Photo contest continues

Boy, talk about tough picks. All the photos sent in were great. First place for this issue goes to George the Frog, taken by Karin Albert (CVRD). Karin told us "I called him George. He is a Pacific Tree Frog and he surprised me several times in the mornings when I was getting ready for my ride to work."



This issue's runner-up is Comox Bay Barn by Chris Guillo. Chris describes it as a 'fixer upper'. Keep sending in those entries. At the end of the year you will have a chance to vote on your favourite submissions over the past year. Stay tuned for details. ■



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## DID YOU KNOW?



## Another valley rising star



Interested in  
keeping water  
public?

More info at:

[www.keepwaterpublic.ca](http://www.keepwaterpublic.ca)

Gary (Gig) Morton has been a building inspector with the Town of Comox for 6 years. He recently shared with us some news of his son Gig Jr. Gig has landed a role in the new YTV series Mr. Young, which airs three times a week. You may have already seen him in other roles that he has played on TV and in film. Gig is the only young actor to have been in all four of the Walt Disney Buddies movies (Air Buddies, Snow Buddies, Space Buddies and Santa Buddies). Gary and his wife Christine are proud of their son's many accomplishments and we wish Gig the best of success in his new series. If you're interested in learning more about him, check out his website at <http://gigmorton.com/>. ■



Actor Gig Morton

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the subject line.

## CUPE 50 wins "Spirit" Award for United Way campaign

Congratulations to our brothers and sisters at the City of Victoria for their United Way Spirit Award. Spirit Awards are presented to those volunteers and organizations in the community who have put forth an exceptional effort on behalf of the United Way during the annual campaign, mostly in workplaces. Over the years, workers from CUPE 50 have donated almost one million dollars to the United Way. The amount they show on their books is \$953,825.00, although records date only from 1995. In 2010 the Local raised \$91,301 through payroll deductions and another \$2,409 at special events, for a total of \$93,710.

The 2011 United Way Centraide campaign will soon be in full swing. You can contact the Community Development Coordinator, Brad Bayly at 250-338-1151 if you would like to get involved or check with your payroll department to see if your unit has a payroll deduction program. ■



## Meet a member



**Eric Cox, CVRD**

<b>Place of work:</b>	<i>CVRD Water Tech II (3 years)</i>
<b>Originally from:</b>	<i>Comox Valley and have lived here on and off for 18 years</i>
<b>Family:</b>	<i>Married for 7 years, 6 year old daughter and 4 year old son</i>
<b>Union/Community Involvement:</b>	<i>Served as a fireman/captain/training officer for 9 years in Tofino. Still do the Canada Day fireworks display in Tofino every year</i>
<b>Favourite Place:</b>	<i>Anywhere my wife and kids are. I'm all about my kids. A regular day consists of work, hide-and-go -seek or tag, dinner, more games, bath time, then bed.</i>
<b>Interest's</b>	<i>kids, camping, woodworking, video games, old cars, fixing and rebuilding stuff</i>
<b>Favourite memory:</b>	<i>my kids being born</i>
<b>Music in my iPod:</b>	<i>metal/punk</i>



## Just Bouquets

**Special thanks to the CVRD bargaining committee** for their work this year. From the member survey to the time they spent at the table, your effort is appreciated.

**A big bouquet to Trish, Teresa, and Georgina** (Village of Cumberland admin & finance) for their usual standard of outstanding customer service and especially during this 2011 tax time! They can be counted upon to be always cheerful, always helpful, and always professional despite some taxpayers best efforts to be crabby! Excellent work ladies!

**Thanks to ALL of our bargaining committees** for their hard work this year!

**What bouquets would you like to give in our next issue?**

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## And the MusicFest tickets winner is . . .

CUPE BC sends out a pair of tickets to all CUPE local presidents in appreciation for their service. Our president Cindy Major chose to have all of the shop steward and committee members names entered into a draw for the tickets. And the winner is **Eric Jernslet**, City of Courtenay, Trustee and Shop Steward. Congratulations Eric! ■



Another note on the Vancouver Island MusicFest, our local is sponsoring the "Vancouver Island Tap Water" initiative again this year. This Living Green initiative has eliminated disposable water bottles from the VIMF site! ■





## Social Committee: Spring Fling

A spring fling was held at the Upper Elks Hall on May 14th. Those in attendance enjoyed dinner and dancing to the music of "Collective Whole." Thanks to the social committee for a great event. ■



## Humour mill



### Featured video

Check out this Aussie beer commercial!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OVtZrE4S8k>

### Quote for the Day

**“If there’s a fork in the road. . .take it.”**

*Yogi Berra*

Do you have a favourite quote? Send it in for the next newsletter issue.

### It’s official. . .

An ant always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

The microwave oven was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.



## General Meeting highlights

Aside from the regular business which includes financial, unit and education reports, the following were some of the items of interest.

**Bargaining updates** were provided for all of the locals. Currently the Village of Cumberland is the only unit still bargaining.

**The social committee** reported on the Spring Fling and Cindy Major, President provided a written report on her **Canadian Labour Congress** meeting held in Vancouver between May 9 and 13. A copy of this report is available on request.

The membership voted in favour of providing an annual \$1000 contribution to the **"Dawn to Dawn" organization** to assist them in supporting the homeless in the Valley.

There were 2 notices of motion given at the meeting with regards to an increase in the per diem expense rate and the 2011 social activities budget.

### Good of the union

The winners of the \$50 draws: Michael Bloomfield, CVRD; Greg Murphy, Comox; Don Robson, Courtenay



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## CUPE 556

### Upcoming meetings

**Next General Meeting:**  
 Tues, July 26, 2011  
 at 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** 496-10<sup>th</sup> Street

### Your current executive officers

**Cindy Major**, President  
 (Comox Recreation)

**Claudette Pavin**, Vice President  
 (CVRD)

**Lisa McPherson**, Unit Vice President  
 (City of Courtenay)

**Bill Smith**, Unit Vice President  
 (Town of Comox)

**Mike Murphy**, Unit Vice President  
 (CVRD)

**Joanne Pilson**, Unit Vice President  
 (Village of Cumberland)

**Brian Allaert**, Recording Secretary  
 (CVRD)

**Cheryl Sellers**, Secretary-Treasurer  
 (Comox Valley Regional District)

**Dave Stewart**, Sergeant at Arms  
 (Comox Valley Regional District)

**Fred Ennis**, Trustee  
 (City of Courtenay)

**Mike Major**, Trustee  
 (City of Courtenay)

**Eric Jernslett**, Trustee  
 (City of Courtenay)

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## What? Married? Who? When?

Congratulations to **Karin Albert**, CVRD Parks Technician and **Greg Moore**. They slipped away quietly to the romantic Snug Harbour Inn in Ucluelet and tied the knot on April 30th.

Congratulations also go to **Tania Bonner**, CVRD Sr. GIS Analyst and **Mark Hardy** who were married Saturday, June 4th at the Dolphins Resort in Campbell River.

And, last but not least, **Joanne Pilson**, (at right) Cumberland Unit Vice President married her beau **Howard Rees**, an Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Coordinator with MarineHarvest. The ceremony took place at Alders Beach Resort on May 7th, 2011.

**Norman** (inset photo) was also in attendance. ■





### Farewell Jeri-Lyn

After seven years, **Jeri-Lyn Davies** has decided to leave the CVRD. Her service as a trustee for Local 556 was much appreciated. We will sure miss her smile and her laughter. We wish her all the best in her new adventures.



### Birth Announcement

**Alex Hibbard** (City of Courtenay) and wife Eleni are happy to announce the May birth of their son Chase Eleutherios Hibberd. 7lbs 6ozs



Suggestion or submission?

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## Classifieds

### WANTED

**Utility Trailer**—Looking for a reasonably priced utility trailer, suitable for hauling soil etc.  
**250-338-1575**

**Food Preparer**—Must be dependable, like the food business, and be willing to get hands dirty.

**Wanted**—Used paint.

**Wanted**—farmhand to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.

### FOR SALE

**Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica.** 45 volumes. Excellent condition. \$1,000 or best offer. No longer needed. Got married last weekend. Wife knows everything.

**nearly new parachute**—never opened. Used once.

Joining nudist colony. **Must sell washer and dryer**, \$300.

**Four-poster bed**, 101 years old. Perfect for antique lover.

**Auto Repair Service.** Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

**Two female Boston terrier puppies**, seven wks. old, perfect markings, 555-1234. Leave mess.

**1998 Toyota Hunchback**, \$700.

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**Looking for something? have something to sell, rent or trade?**