



VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCE

The Vancouver Island Restorative Justice Association invites you and your members to attend their 2nd Annual General Meeting and conference. A short business meeting will be held to meet society formalities. Guest speakers have been invited to provide information and guidance regarding restorative practices which would be of benefit to all Vancouver Island restorative justice programs. We hope you will benefit from them.

Restorative Justice – Heart, Soul & Practice

When: Saturday, October 1, 2011 - 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Fairfield Gonzales Community Hall - Garry Oaks Room
1335 Thurlow Road, Victoria, BC (see attached)

Cost: \$25 per person – includes lunch

Agenda: See page 2

Please RSVP to virrja@ymail.com & mail the completed registration to the address provided (page 3)

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*Election of 5 positions – nominations are now being taken for:
President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; & Director at Large*

Please submit your nomination(s) to: virrja@ymail.com cut-off date: September 15th.

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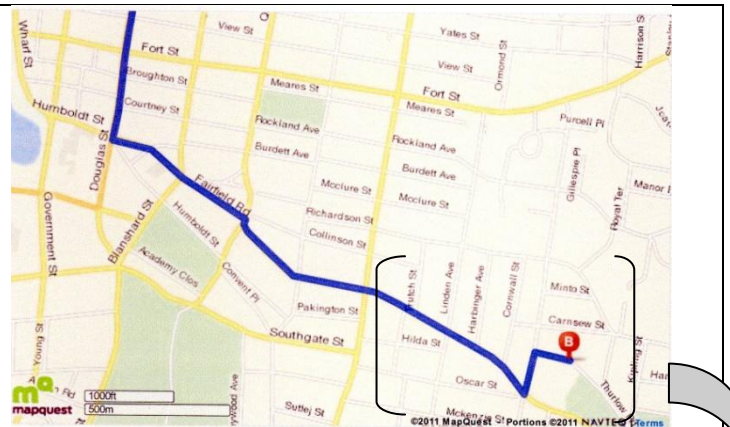
Morning Session:

10:00 – Noon	<p>CHRISTINE LOWE - How to Build Effective Partnerships with Criminal Justice Stakeholders: Our Victoria Story</p> <p><i>Christine Lowe is Administrative Crown Counsel in Colwood, BC. She previously served as the Deputy Regional Crown Counsel for Victoria where she worked tirelessly to promote RJ to all Criminal Justice stakeholders and to cultivate a strong partnership between Restorative Justice programs in the Victoria region and Crown.</i></p> <p>Increasingly, RJ in Victoria is being used at multiple entry points in the Criminal Justice system from pre-charge to post sentencing. Since forming its partnership with Victoria Restorative Justice Society in 2008, Victoria Crown Counsel has referred more than 30 cases for restorative processes including Victim-Offender mediation, customized cases paralleling criminal proceedings and referrals for alternative measures. Christine will talk about the evolution of the relationship between VRJS and Crown and the expanding field of work undertaken by their partnership.</p>
	<p>CATHERINE BARGEN - A Snapshot of Restorative Justice across B.C.</p> <p><i>Catherine Borgen has an extensive history working in Restorative Justice as a practitioner, trainer and public educator. Over the summer, she took a leave of absence from her position as RJ Coordinator to work for Peace It Together, an organization that helps participants to connect deeply with their so-called "enemy". She had the privilege of facilitating dialogue between Israeli and Palestinian youth, a process which culminated in the co-creation of short films that can be used as peace-building tools throughout the world.</i></p> <p>As Restorative Justice Coordinator for the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Catherine will share her personal experience of working in support of RJ programs across BC. She will also highlight opportunities that programs may avail themselves of and offer her reflections on how to move R J forward in the province.</p>
12:00 – 12:50	Lunch on site

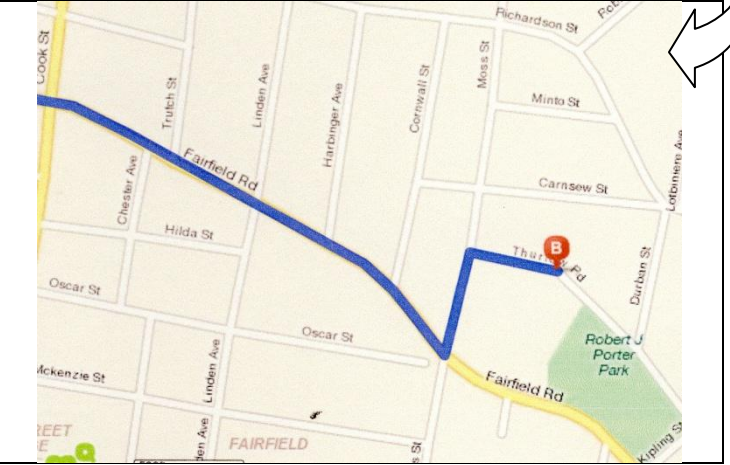
Afternoon Session:

1:00 – 1:25	VIRRJA Business Meeting & Elections
1:30 – 2:15	<p>JESSICA ROURKE -- An Exploration of Forgiveness</p> <p><i>Jessica Rourke is a professor at the University of Victoria who teaches a popular course on forgiveness. She is currently working on her PhD dissertation on self-forgiveness workshops she'll be implementing.</i></p> <p>There are many myths and misconceptions on the topic of forgiveness that Jessica will touch upon in her presentation. What is forgiveness and what is it not? Is there such a thing an unforgivable act? And what is the relationship between forgiveness and Restorative Justice?</p>
2:30 – 3:15	<p>GORDON WHITE -- Re-Imaging Restorative Justice</p> <p><i>Gordon White is a mediator, facilitator, and coach of managers in private practice who also teaches at the Justice Institute and Royal Roads University, and offers advanced training to Restorative Justice communities.</i></p> <p>This interactive talk and following questions will take a look at issues such as the purpose of interviews, the timing of offender responsibility, and the strengths of various models. The purpose is to enhance the potential capability and adaptability of Restorative Justice programs through expanded understandings of the work.</p>
3:15 – 4:00	Agenda will be complete – if you wish to stick around and network, this time is available.

MAP & DIRECTIONS to 1335 Thurlow Road.



- Hwy 1 **South** to Victoria
- **South** on DOUGLAS St
- **1st left** onto FAIRFIELD Rd -go 0.4 km to
- Turn **left** onto MOSS St. -go 1.0 km to
- Take **1st right** onto THURLOW Rd -go 0.1 km to
- You have arrived at:
1335 THURLOW ROAD





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REGISTRATION FORM

Cut-off for registration: September 15th, 2011
(later please contact:

Please mail registration form and cheque to:

Geanine Robey, VIRRJA Treasurer
1119 Ormond Street
Victoria, BC, V8V 4J9
(virrja@ymail.com)

Amount of Cheque: _____ (\$25 / person)
cheque payable to VIRRJA

DATE: _____

Program

Individual

NAME: _____
(Program or Individual)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

E-MAIL _____

PHONE: _____

NAMES OF MEMBERS ATTENDING (for program registrations)

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