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## VOLUNTEER RICHMOND DOES SALMON FEST



### Come Float With Us!

On July 1, Volunteer Richmond will once again be taking part in the **Steveston Salmon Festival**, famously referred to as "Canada's biggest little birthday party." The highlight of the day is without a doubt the parade, which features over 100 entries - floats, marching bands, local celebrities, you name it! As in years past, we'll have an entry of our own, and we invite you, your friends, family, and colleagues to join us and help celebrate the spirit of volunteerism in our community!

Signing up is as easy as clicking [here](#) and completing an online application form. We'll contact you shortly with further details.

### Best Dressed Contest

In keeping with Salmon Fest's "Sport for Life" theme, we've decided to hold a best dressed contest. Of course, we want all participants in our parade entry to come decked out in red and white (it is Canada Day, after all). But we also want to see how sporty you can be: wear a jersey or, better yet, don an entire uniform complete with gear, though be sure it won't impede your ability to march in the parade. The person whose outfit best mixes the theme of sport with Canadian pride will receive a \$20 Chapters gift card.



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# Volunteer Richmond News and Notes

## A Year of Digital Milestones

Photo by Ian Chian



Volunteer Richmond's 2011-12 Board of Directors. **From left to right:** Meg Comiskey, Jo-Anne Rocque, Tammi Belfer, Ray Young, Lisa Wong, Roseanne Kufeldt, Bruce Rozenhart (President), Elizabeth Specht (staff), Mary Kemmis, Michael Chiu. **Not pictured:** Ryan Berger, Lyn Greenhill, Steve Johnson, Frances Lorenz, Lawrence Portigal.

On June 7, Volunteer Richmond celebrated a Year of Digital Milestones at our 39th Annual General Meeting. A full recap will be posted soon on the **Vol 'N' Tell Blog**, but suffice to say it was a great evening capped off by a slideshow/video presentation highlighting the many ways we've utilized technology to enhance our programs. Speaking of which, photos from the AGM can be viewed on our **Facebook page**. Just one more example of how going digital has made us faster, more efficient, and much more effective.

## Ian Chian Re-Joins Volunteer Richmond

Volunteer Richmond has always been a second home since I came on board with the 2010 Program back in 2009, so it definitely doesn't feel like I'm the new person in the office. But to re-introduce myself, my name is Ian Chian and I will be working alongside the VCIR team focusing on the Richmond Christmas Fund and the Leadership Richmond – Youth Now program. A few things have changed since I last joined the team in 2009 – I bought a home, got married and started my own photography business - but many things have remained the same as well. I still love catching up with everything TV related and playing Xbox. The playoff run the Canucks are on isn't too shabby either! I'm excited to be back, and I'm excited for all the new things to come.



## Workshops & Training

### Culturally Welcoming Volunteer Programs for Non-Profit Organizations

Thursday and Friday, June 23 - 24 | 8:30am - 4:30pm  
FREE

For coordinators of volunteers who are interested in improving the capacity of their volunteer programs to attract, retain, and work effectively with newcomers to Canada.

### Volunteer Management Training Series - Refresher Series

Fridays, July 8 - July 22 | 9:30am - 4:00pm  
\$125.00 (VRIS Members) | \$150.00 (Non-Members)

For past participants of the Volunteer Management Training Series who wish to complete the new series and receive credit towards Red River College's Volunteer Management Program.

#### Programs

- Child Care Resource & Referral Centre
- Information & Volunteer Centre
- Leadership Richmond
- Richmond Christmas Fund
- Seniors Community Support Services

#### Funders

- United Way of the Lower Mainland
- City of Richmond
- Province of British Columbia
- Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Vancouver Coastal Health
- The Government of Canada

#### Circle of Friends

- Opacity Design Group
- Richmond Review
- Richmond Centre
- Coast Capital Savings
- Richmond Chamber of Commerce
- Milan & Maureen Ilich Foundation
- Innovation Networks

