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RED Nominees



Red - Life (Lifetime Achievement) This award recognizes an outstanding individual whose work has enriched Vancouver's LGBTQ community. Individuals must have dedicated at least 10 years of volunteer service to one or more organizations that promotes one or more of the Vancouver Pride Society's core values.

Shawn Ewing

I was born in Calgary, Alberta and moved to Vancouver when I was 8. Spent my school years in North Vancouver and graduated from Carson Graham. Since that time, I have lived in various areas of the Lower Mainland as well as a year in Toronto and three years in Calgary.

My first involvement with the Vancouver Pride Society (VPS) was in 2001, when I volunteered to be security at the festival site. I saw, first hand, the great need for people to step up and help. That same year I was appointed a Director on the VPS board and also assumed the Parade Director role. At the following Annual General Meeting (AGM), all but two Directors resigned. Randy Atkinson and I remained. After pleading with the few members present at the AGM to join the Board, we were able to continue with the five people that volunteered. The new Treasurer reviewed the finances and discovered the organization was in debt in excess of \$100,000. By the time we presented this to the VPS board, we had grown in numbers and had 10 members. Two choices were presented for the VPS board to consider. One, we could just step away. Two, we could dig in and find a way to make it work. In a unanimous vote, option 2 was selected. A plan was developed and "Building Pride" began. In order to guide our efforts, we established a set of seven core values. These are still listed on the VPS web site.

Over the course of the three years I was President (2002 – 2005), we established both the Terry Wallace Memorial Breakfast and Eastside Pride. We assisted the very first Dyke March. We were able to resolve all outstanding debts and actually have money in the bank at the end of the fiscal year. Further, by 2004, we were able to give back to the community by establishing a Legacy Fund. Along the way, we also did outreach activities to other communities by participating in their parades. These involved participating in the first Vancouver Santa Clause Parade (2004) as well the North Vancouver Canada Day Parade (2004 and 2005.) During my years as President, I was also the Pride Parade Director.

During and since that time, I have volunteered for Surrey Pride and continue to volunteer with the Vancouver Pride Parade. I returned for a year as Vice-President of VPS and acted as Co-Chair for the Pride Parade with Tim Richards. Other volunteer activities include the role of Vice-Chair for the Glass Youth Choir for 8 years; senior volunteer for two Grey Cup Parades; six Celtic Parades; two Santa Clause Parades; and the role of Umpire in Chief for the Mabel League. In 2009, I co-produced a major vocal concert at the Performance Centre benefitting Breast Cancer Research.

I reside in Surrey with my wife Karen and our 6 year old Border Collie-cross dog named Tara.

Jim DeYoung

I was born in Halifax on March 30, 1947. I attended St. Patrick's School, Brunswick St. & St. Stephen's School, Leeds Street & St. Patrick's High School, Quinpool Road. He attended Bishop College (Lennoxville, QUE) and CDI College (Vancouver, BC)

I was involved with the gay community of Halifax at an early age (having come out to my family at 16). I worked for CNR Sleeping & Dining Car dept, which became VIA Rail On Board Services in time. I started as a dishwasher, then Waiter, Cook Assistant, Steward Waiter, Dinning Car Steward, and Sleeping Car Conductor & On Board Services Coordinator. During my employ with the railway, I became a union member of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport & General Workers, Local 333 of Halifax, now the Canadian Auto Workers. In spite of being widely known to my fellow workers as being gay, I was elected as Local Recording Secretary (which was the day to day administrative officer) and remained so, undefeated, consecutively for 17 years. I represented the Local (333) at all national conventions & served on negotiation committees & various other committees. I took many courses through both the railway & the union, such as French language (rated bi lingual on completion), Public relations (including publishing & speaking), labour laws (federal & provincial), administration & bookkeeping.

This training served me well in many ways to assist the gay community of Halifax, in later years, as well as my union members.

In 1971, I, along with EdSlade, JohnMarr, CynthiaWatts, AnneFulton, JohnHurlbert, AnonymousPerson01, DavidGray & others, started to organize the homophile community in both political activism and trying to establish a social club to fund these activities.

Having worked at the GreenLantern Club (TheeClub) on Barrington Street in 1971, I also worked at the Gay Alliance for Equality's (GaeGala) new The Turret Club (across the street from the GreenLantern on Barrington) on both the board & as a volunteer Bartender, & any other duties needed. I was one of the early founders of the Gay Alliance for Equality, giving generously of my Time, Money & Experience, to get them off the ground & to become one of the largest, best funded gay groups in eastern Canada & USA. I served on the Board of the old Rumours, when it opened in the basement of the GreenLantern Building (across from the Tex Park Garage) and New Rumours, when the club moved to Gottingen Street.

In 1991 I retired from VIA early, moved to Vancouver BC, and established my own video company. I got involved with the homophile community there, by becoming a volunteer for one year and then executive Director of The Gay & Lesbian Food Bank. I joined the Dogwood Monarchist Society & was President 1995-1996, Phoenix Heraldic society (later re established as the Rhinestone Phoenix Charity Foundation and became the renamed Society's founding Treasurer) & the Knights Of Malta (becoming Road Captain, then Secretary & finally Treasurer, which I still am, and I was Knight of the year for the years 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011 & 2012.) and a member of the Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society. I also became founding Treasurer of Western Canada Leather Pride of Vancouver (in 1999), and served as such until Feb 2004, when I retired from that position, and is a volunteer at Positive Living BC (formerly known as BC PWA.) I am best remembered by associates, co-workers & friends as opinionated, but willing to listen to others' ideas & adopt them if better than my own.

I have always tried to involve people around me in volunteering and making a difference in their lifestyles, for the betterment of the whole community.

A good example of this was the BillettingService I established so that gay/lesbian visitors to Halifax would have a place to stay (with volunteer hosts who could help orientate them) and came up with the motto "you don't have to put out, to be put up." When I finally gave up this project, I had 35 volunteer hosts who had put up 385 gay/lesbian visitors to the city, from all over the Maritimes, elsewhere in Canada, and the USA.

I also started & printed (on an old Gestetner Machine) [[GAE Gala?]]'s monthly news letter, which became the GAEZETTE and later Wayves Magazine.

Rarely recognized properly, I've received the following: an arts degree; a long service trophy from the CBRT & GW (my union) for 17 years of outstanding long service; a president's trophy from the Dogwood Monarchist Society for outstanding service; many certificates of service & appreciation from various charitable societies of Vancouver; a Vanguard of the Community Award in 2003 from Halifax Pride for his work 30 years ago in Halifax; the 2001 President's award from the Knights of Malta for outstanding service, as well as being Knight Of The Year for the Knights of Malta for the years 1999, 2000, 2002 & 2003,2004,2005, 2006.2007. 2008, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Becki Ross

Teaching & Mentoring: For thirty years, as a queer, anti-racist feminist, I have committed myself to social justice in Teaching, Activism, and Research. Earning a PhD in 1992 from the University of Toronto, in 1995 I accepted a joint position at UBC in Sociology and Women's Studies (now the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice). I have designed courses in LGBTQ & sexuality studies, family studies, sport studies, lesbian/gay/queer history, & qualitative methods. I was awarded the Killam Teaching Prize in the Faculty of Arts at UBC in 2005, and the teaching prize from the Sociology Undergraduate Students' Association in 2008. Since 1995, I have taught and mentored over 4000 undergraduates, and 50 graduate students, introducing each one to LGBTQ themes & perspectives.

Community-based Activism: From 1986-1990, I was a member of the editorial collective of *Rites, A Lesbian and Gay newspaper* in Toronto. I have given expert witness testimony in Canadian pornography cases (*Bad Attitude* lesbian magazine, 1992, Little Sister's Bookstore, 1994), gay pride cases (Kelowna, 1999; Terrace, 2002) and transgender cases (Susan Mamela, 1999, Kimberley Nixon, 2001). From 1997-1998, I was a board member of Grandma's House, a safe house for street-level sex workers in Vancouver. From 2001-2002, I wrote a column, "Shaken and Stirred" for *Xtra! West*. I was named "Queer Hero" by *Xtra! West* and "Community Legend" by the *West Ender* in 2000. In 2007, I co-founded the Sexuality Studies publication series at UBC Press. From 2004-2007, I served as the co-chair of Critical Studies in Sexuality (CSIS) Program at UBC. From 2008 to 2010, I was a board member of the "Queer History Project" for Out on Screen. From 2009-2012, I was the Chair of Women's & Gender Studies at UBC.

Research & Publishing: I have published 15 journal articles, 13 book chapters, and 3 books: *The House That Jill Built: A Lesbian Nation in Formation* (1995), *Bad Attitudes on Trial: Feminism, Pornography and the Butler Decision* (with 3 co-authors, 1997), and *Burlesque West: Showgirls, Sex, and Sin in Postwar Vancouver* (2009; awarded the Clio Book Prize, 2010). I am writing *Expelled*, a book about the legal expulsion of on-street sex workers (gay hustlers, trans women, 'bio' women) from the West End – Vancouver's emergent 'gaybourhood' – in 1984. In 2008 I co-founded, with Jamie Lee Hamilton, the West End Sex Work Memorial Project. In 2009, we organized a commemorative stroll

along Davie Street, a re-screening of “Hookers on Davie”, and a panel of speakers. For 10 months in 2012/13, I was a member of the Advisory Board at the Museum of Vancouver (MOV) for “Sex Talk in the City”; in April 2013 I moderated the first panel of sex workers at MOV, and co-led a stroll along Davie. In Sept. 2013 I will be the “Harry Lyman Hooker Distinguished Visiting Fellow” at McMaster University, Hamilton.