

2012 PHABC Awards

The Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is given to a community member who does not belong to PHABC but who has contributed significantly to enhancing the health of their community. They may have been involved in a variety of areas that impacted in some way the broader determinants of health. Perhaps it was providing support for low cost housing, improving the food supply for low-income areas, supporting programs for children and youth, or supporting healthy lifestyles in general.

Art Kube

Art is an ideal candidate for this award and although he has received many awards in his life this is the first time he has been nominated for the PHABC Award of Merit.

Art is by trade Structural Steel Lay-out man. He has a grade six education and was a student of Frontier College. He has a Trade Union background, having risen from the ranks to staff position and later to the position of Regional Director of Education of the CLC. He has always been involved in community, national and international social justice issues which among other things led to his election as President of the United Way of Greater Vancouver. He started or was instrumental in starting the Harrison Winter-School, the Canadian Centre of Policy Alternatives, The United Way Labour Participation Program, Seniors on Guard for Medicare, The Simon Fraser University Labour Studies Program just to name some. Art also served as President of the BC Federation of Labour, as Treasurer of the New Vista Society a large seniors housing and care facility and recently held the position of President of the National Pensioners and Seniors Citizens Federation. At the present time, he is the President of the Council of Seniors Citizen's Organizations of BC, where he has grown the organizations to 80,000 affiliated members and pioneered a number of programs designed to improve the quality of the life of seniors, including the Seniors Health Literacy Program. He is also the President of the Seniors Guard of Medicare.

Thus, it is clear from his resume that throughout his distinguished career Art has supported the development of community capacity, advocated for social justice, mentored others in the promotion of the public's health and the involvement of community members in public health programs. Moreover, I can testify that he continues to do so with vigor and to the ideals embodied in the Award of Merit.

Phyllis M. Baird Memorial Award

The Baird Award is given to a Community Health Nurse practicing in a rural area of BC who:

- demonstrates excellence in practice
- is employed in a provincial health unit
- wishes to pursue a short or long term course relative to her/his field of interest

The recipient should exhibit some or all of the following:

- an excellent understanding of and keen interest in public health nursing
- leadership skills
- pride in doing an excellent job
- activity/interest in professional and/or community organizations, i.e. RNABC, PHABC, CPHA, Community Health Nurses Interest Group, etc.
- eager to increase knowledge, keeps up to date by reading, extramural studies, attending workshops etc.
- demonstrates a tactful, discrete, courteous, poised manner
- able to maintain confidentiality
- exemplifies integrity, warmth, understanding, and compassion
- has a positive outlook and contributes to good morale
- excellent communication skills
- ethical - avoids or withdraws from conflict of interest situations

Meggie Ross

Meggie is an outstanding professional whose dedication, initiative and excellence towards improving the global view of breastfeeding in Interior Health are immeasurable. Meggie is deeply compassionate and persistent in her advocacy for what she believes is one of the most single deterrents of health, breastfeeding.

Meggie is well respected by her peers and is a well-educated and trusted information source. Among colleagues, Meggie is one who speaks with knowledge and strives to improve the health and wellness of the child bearing families in Interior Health by demonstrating commitment to promoting professional development and research-based practice.

She has engaged in the identification of practice issues related to the lack of consistent breastfeeding knowledge amongst health care professionals in Interior health. She has been central to the creation and implementation of educational tools to assist in this area. For example, she was instrumental in the development of the Interior Health Community of Practice Breastfeeding educational team-site and is currently one of the key facilitators of the Interior Health Breastfeeding Essentials educational Pilot Program. Within the professional practice model, nurses actively lead and participate in advancing quality initiatives; Meggie has excelled with distinction in this area.

Meggie is an exemplary nurse who is a very worthy recipient of the Phyllis M. Bair Award.

Sharon Martin Community Development Award

The Sharon Martin Community Development Award was created in November 1999 as a memorial to Sharon Martin, a visionary and staunch advocate for public and community health at national, provincial and community levels. The award recognizes a member or non-member of PHABC who has contributed significantly to community development by:

- supporting community capacity
- advocating for social justice
- mentoring others in the promotion of the public's health
- promoting the involvement of community members in public health programs.

Dayna Chapman

Dayna has made outstanding contributions to community development and to the BC Food Systems Network (BCFSN).

The BCFSN is a volunteer run provincial organization that brings together people working toward a healthy and just food system, both at home and globally. Dayna has been the chair since 2009 and on the Board of Directors since 2007. The BCFSN Board works through consensus and Dayna has a rare ability to guide the sometimes diverse views of board members, holding the vision of an improved food system. She has perspicacity and is deeply respectful and is culturally sensitive of people around her. Dayna is also geographically sensitive as many in the BCFSN live in rural and remote areas of BC. Dayna has been identified as patient and welcoming by BCFSN members.

Dayna wears a number of hats, some that offer a wage, and many that are volunteer-based. She has been a grant writing consultant since 2000 and with the Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agriculture Society since 2006. She is a research partner in a SPARC BC/Vancouver Foundation project entitled, “Ensuring dignified access to local healthy food for marginalized populations”. Dayna works on the Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement research pilot project in the food security hub. She has been a Community Development Leader with the BC Healthy Living Alliance for Bella Coola and Central Coast Region.

Dayna not only works locally and provincially, but nationally as well, as volunteer secretary and steering committee member with Food Secure Canada. She has practical experience with community development and capacity-building, with a lifelong interest in public health and the social determinants of health. Dayna has excellent communications skills, extensive experience with community engagement and mobilization, social marketing, and project coordination. Her strength is in developing and nurturing relationships at the local community level, provincially and nationally.

Ms. Chapman has been an inspiration to the BCFSN as she works toward advocacy and social justice with a focus on sustainability. She is a ideal candidate to receive the Sharon Martin Community Development Award.
