

# GRAD LINK

A Newsletter for Graduates of The Excellence Series Courses

## A Tribute to Randy Revell, Champion of Good Will

**R**andy Revell lived a life full of purpose, meaning and contribution. He had crystal clear clarity about who he was and what unique contribution he wanted to make to the world. His contribution, through the work of Context Associated, literally touched tens of thousands of people and strengthened the fabric of good will in the world immeasurably. I was once told "If each of us played our part of the puzzle, it would allow another 1000 people to play their part of the puzzle". I believe as Champion of Good Will, Randy paved the way for at least 1000 X 1000 people to "play their part of the puzzle"!

I experience a great personal gratitude when I think of Randy. I first met Randy in 1990 when I took Mastery I. I followed by taking what was called "A Conversation with the Revells" and with many other courses led by Randy. Along with the Excellence Series, I know it was through Mastery I and what came to be known as Mastery II that I became crystal clear about who I am and what unique contribution I have to make to the world. I feel so incredibly blessed to have an unwavering sense of purpose and direction, and I am so thankful that Randy paved the way for me to "play my part of the puzzle".

We will be honoring the life and life work of a great man at two events this Fall (in Vancouver and Nanaimo, respectively). In the meantime, the team of



*Our last photo with Randy after a great meeting March 30, 2004 in Bellingham Washington. From left to right: Lorraine Freelund, Pam Lewis, Randy Revell, Nadia Wnuk and Judy Revell. Photo taken by Elisabeth Revell.*

people that have worked with Vancouver Island Excellence Seminars over the past five years also wanted to share some of the gratitude they have for Randy and for the incredible legacy he has left...see page 2.

**Pam Lewis, Director of Vancouver Island Excellence Seminars**

### A Special Invitation to Context Graduates in VANCOUVER

Vancouver Island Excellence Seminars has enjoyed five successful years offering programs in Nanaimo, Victoria, Courtenay, Zeballas, Prince Rupert, Terrace, Whitehorse, Bella Bella and the Queen Charlotte Islands.

We are thrilled to be expanding to Vancouver having delivered the Pursuit of Excellence and The Wall in June and July of this year.

Come and celebrate Vancouver Island Excellence Seminars expansion to Vancouver!

Join us in reconnecting with Graduates and participate in a tribute to **Randy Revell, Champion of Good Will**. Be prepared to fully participate, have fun and influence the direction of the Excellence Series and Graduate courses in Vancouver.

**Thursday, September 9**  
7 p.m. Registration  
**Holiday Inn**  
711 West Broadway,  
Vancouver, BC

For more information, contact Nadia Wnuk, our Vancouver Service Representative, at **1-800-399-8081**.

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## A Tribute to Randy Revell ...continued

"My memory of Randy aside from him being great is his sideway glance, twinkle in his eyes and magic chuckle. I would not be on the path I have chosen without the Excellence Series."

**Nadia Wnuk, Service Representative & Program Leader, Vancouver**

"In Randy Revell's presence, I always felt adored. When I entered a room knowing he was waiting to adore us, I stood taller and felt his unconditional love and acceptance."

**Lorraine Freeland, Service Representative & Program Leader, Vancouver Island**

"Randy lived his self-professed driving need – contribution. His brilliant work and personal touch with his 'magic chuckle' contributed to hundreds and thousands of

people. Myself, my husband, children, extended family and many friends have benefited in life-enhancing ways. What we learned and experienced is so profound, that it has altered and improved us and our relationships, forever. I'm sure I speak on behalf of grads everywhere when I say 'Thank you Randy'. I am grateful from the bottom of my heart. We are your legacy and the journey continues as life long learners."

**Anne Sands, Program Leader, VIES**

"I only had the privilege of meeting Randy once and what I felt in his presence was insightful wisdom and unconditional acceptance. He was truly a visionary and a man who spent his life creating a better world."

**Leslie Whittaker, Business Manager, VIES**

"I believe one of Randy's greatest legacies is the community he created. The work he developed fosters a deep and abiding connection and I will be forever grateful for that experience."

**Jody Jennings, Acting Team Builder, VIES**

"I met Randy Revell only twice but those meetings and his life's work have left an indelible imprint of good on my life. I am forever grateful for the presence of this remarkable man in my life and in the world."

**Anne MacDonald, Team Builder & Book-keeper**

"I appreciate Randy's wonderful gift of making me feel safe, welcome and appreciated within a few minutes in his presence."

**Judith Voswinkel, Service Representative, Yukon**

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## COURSE OFFERINGS: A Schedule (September – December, 2004)

### Vancouver

**The Advancement of Excellence with Nadia Wnuk in Vancouver:** This course is open to anyone who has completed the Pursuit of Excellence and WALL for tuition of \$595. *Foundation Weekend* (September 18-19), *Relationship Weekend* (October 30-31) and *Commencement* (November 20) take place at the Holiday Inn located at 711 West Broadway, in Vancouver. *Weekly meetings* are normally scheduled on Thursdays.

**The Pursuit of Excellence with Jim Sorensen in Vancouver** will take place from September 30 – October 3, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel Burnaby.

**Assisting Workshop with Kathy Longo:** Graduates of the Excellence Series are invited to get involved assisting programs. The Vancouver Assisting Workshop is scheduled from 6 – 10 p.m. on Thursday, October 28. Location TBA.

**The Pursuit of Excellence with Arlene Rannelli in Vancouver** will take place from November 4-7, 2004 at the Holiday Inn (711 West Broadway).

**The Wall with Arlene Rannelli in Vancouver** will take place from November 18-21, 2004 at the Holiday Inn (711 West Broadway).

### Vancouver Island

**The Advancement of Excellence with Lorraine Freeland in Nanaimo:** *Foundation Weekend* (September 11-12) and *Relationship Weekend* (October 23-24) take place at the Dorchester Hotel. *Commencement* takes place at the Nanaimo Golf Club November 6, 2004. *Weekly meetings* are normally scheduled on Thursdays.

**The Pursuit of Excellence with Arlene Rannelli in Victoria** will take place from October 14-17, 2004 at the Executive House Hotel.

**Assisting Workshop with Jody Jennings:** Graduates of the Excellence Series are invited to get involved assisting programs. The Vancouver Island Assisting Workshop is scheduled from 6 – 10 p.m. on Thursday, October 21. Location TBA.

**The Pursuit of Excellence with Mardig Sheridan in Nanaimo** will take place from November 4-7, 2004 at the Dorchester Hotel.

**The Wall with Arlene Rannelli in Victoria** will take place from November 11-14, 2004. **This Wall is subject to a minimum enrolment of 15 new participants.** Location TBA.

**The Wall with Carol Peringer in Nanaimo** will take place from November 25-28, 2004 at the Ramada on Long Lake.

### Whitehorse

**The Pursuit of Excellence with Pam Lewis in Whitehorse** will take place from October 14-17, 2004 at the Yukon College.

**The Wall with Carol Peringer in Whitehorse** will take place from November 4-7, 2004 at the Yukon College.

**The Advancement of Excellence with Judith Voswinkel in Whitehorse:** *Foundation Weekend* (November 27-28) and *Relationship Weekend* (January 8-9) take place at Yukon College. *Commencement* takes place January 29, location TBA. *Weekly meetings* are normally scheduled on Wednesdays.

### Haida Gwaii

**Inside Passage with Carol Peringer in Skidegate** will take place from November 11-14, 2004 at the Skidegate Community Hall.

### Bella Bella

**The Advancement of Excellence in Bella Bella with Nadia Wnuk:** *Foundation Weekend* (September 11-12), *Relationship Weekend* (October 22-24) and *Commencement* (November 27) with *weekly meetings* scheduled on Tuesdays.

# Upcoming Introductory Sessions

DATE	LOCATION	
Wed, Sept. 8	Bedford Regency Hotel	Victoria
Thurs, Sept. 9	Whitehorse Library	Whitehorse
Tues, Sept. 14	Accent Inns (3777 Henning Drive)	Burnaby
Tues, Sept. 14	Dorchester Hotel	Nanaimo
Thurs, Sept. 16	Whitehorse Library	Whitehorse
Tues, Sept. 21	Bedford Regency Hotel	Victoria
Thurs, Sept. 23	Radisson Hotel Burnaby	Burnaby
Thurs, Sept. 23	Whitehorse Library	Whitehorse
Wed, Sept. 29	Dorchester Hotel	Nanaimo
Thurs, Sept. 30	Whitehorse Library	Whitehorse
Wed, Oct. 6	Bedford Regency Hotel	Victoria
Thurs, Oct. 7	Whitehorse Library	Whitehorse
Wed, Oct. 13	Radisson Hotel Burnaby	Burnaby
Wed, Oct. 13	Bedford Regency Hotel	Victoria
Wed, Oct. 13	Whitehorse Library	Whitehorse
Tues, Oct. 19	Radisson Hotel Burnaby	Burnaby
Tues, Oct. 19	Dorchester Hotel	Nanaimo
Wed, Oct. 27	Accent Inns	Burnaby
Wed, Oct. 27	Bedford Regency Hotel	Victoria
Tues, Nov. 2	Dorchester Hotel	Nanaimo
Wed, Nov. 17	Dorchester Hotel	Nanaimo
Wed, Nov. 17	Holiday Inn (711 West Broadway)	Vancouver

## Celebrating Randy Revell's Life & Legacy: Sunday, September 19

Over the years, many of us have had the privilege of taking one or more life-changing courses led by Randy Revell. For graduates that have not, you have benefited from the courses he has so brilliantly designed. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating Randy's life and legacy.

This event will take place at the home of Pam Lewis (390 Woodhaven Drive, Nanaimo) on Sunday, September 19. It will start with a potluck brunch at 1:00 p.m. There will be opportunity to share special stories about Randy and enjoy the ambiance of community – one of Randy's lasting legacies.

Judy Revell recently wrote, "I think when Randy died he put a spark of energy out into the world which resulted in strength-

ening and reforming connections in the existing community which has been created through our work over the years. Another gift is the opportunity to hear about the continued value people have created for themselves as a result of the work they've done with Context Associated".

Directions to 390 Woodhaven Drive: Off the parkway, take the Mostar Exit. It turns into Rutherford Road when it passes through the Old Island Highway. Turn right on Uplands Drive. Take the third right onto Collishaw and then turn right onto Ross Road. You will reach a deadend very quickly – turn left onto Salal which eventually turns into Woodhaven. Pam's house is the first house on the right, after the first Speed Bump.

## Introducing Our Ever-Expanding Team For 2004/05

Vancouver Island Excellence Seminars continues to expand and consolidate. This year, for the very first time, we have established a Management Team consisting of **Pam Lewis** (Director), **Leslie Whittaker** (Business Manager), **Lorraine Freelund** and **Nadia Wnuk**, both of whom are Services Representatives. We are delighted with the addition of Leslie to our team! A committed lifelong learner, Leslie recently completed a MBA in Leadership, along with the Excellence Series, Inside Passage and 21st Century Leadership. In the short time Leslie has been with us, she has helped us move forward in areas we only dreamed of up until now. We are all delighted



*Leslie Whittaker,  
Business Manager*

with the knowledge, skills and leadership she brings with her to our team! For quick reference, VIES team members and their roles for 2004/05 are identified below:

- Lorraine Freelund** – Service Rep (Vancouver Island), Logistics & Program Leader
- Jane Hein** – Bookkeeper
- Jody Jennings** – Acting Team Builder (Nanaimo) & Leads Assisting Workshop
- Pam Lewis** – Director & Program Leader
- Kathy Longo** – Team Builder & Logistics (Vancouver)
- Robyn Unwin** – Team Builder (Victoria)
- Judith Voswinkel** – Service Rep (Yukon), Logistics & Program Leader
- Leslie Whittaker** – Business Manager
- Nadia Wnuk** – Service Rep (Vancouver) & Program Leader

# Our Thanks!

## The Wall (Nanaimo)

March 25 – 28, 2004

Michelle Belanger  
Corona Nettles  
Lora Teuschler

Roy Jones  
Angus Ross

## Advancement of Excellence (Haida Gwaii)

April – May, 2004

Lin Armstrong  
Waneeta Richardson

Elna MacDonald  
Mary Ann Wilson

## Advancement of Excellence (Nanaimo)

April – June, 2004

Lorraine Freelund  
Alice van Blokland

Catrina Persoon  
Nadia Wnuk

## Family Pursuit of Excellence (Victoria)

April 29 – May 2, 2004

Kelly Czmielowski  
Lynn Stokes  
Leslie Whittaker

Sandy Slovak  
Niki van Kerk  
Sandi Wright

## The Pursuit of Excellence (Victoria)

May 6-9, 2004

Ian Burnett  
John Quee  
Betty Thomas

Heather Christie  
Dawn Stewart  
Robyn Unwin

## Youth Pursuit of Excellence (Shawnigan Lake)

May 7-9, 2004

Adam Jamieson  
Jeana Poorman  
Gary Scow  
Deon Vannice

Paul McWilliams  
Reno Scigliano  
Lisa Sunde

## The Wall (Victoria)

May 27-30, 2004

Ian Burnett  
Dawn Stewart

Sandy Slovak  
Linda Ulrich

## The Pursuit of Excellence (Parksville)

June 3-6, 2004

Koren Bear  
Carolle MacIntosh  
Wanetta Shaver

Janice Furevick-Dunn  
Corona Nettles

## The Pursuit of Excellence (Vancouver)

June 10-13, 2004

Aaron Plaxton  
Mike Teed

John Quee  
Betty Thomas

## The Pursuit of Excellence (Bella Bella)

June 17-20, 2004

Maria Housty  
Anne MacDonald

Margaret Humphries

## The Wall (Nanaimo)

June 24-27, 2004

Jody Jennings  
Shelley Smith  
Leslie Whittaker

Sandy Slovak  
Robyn Unwin

## The Wall (Bella Bella)

June 24-27, 2004

Michelle Belanger  
Margaret Humphries  
Angus Ross

Lorraine Freelund  
Shawn Kenmuir  
Ron Smith

## Youth Pursuit of Excellence (Shawnigan Lake)

July 1-3, 2004

Chelsea Josefson  
Carlos Sperling  
Lynda Wirachowski

Debbie Sommers  
Mike Teed  
Charmaine Wylie

## Inside Passage (Nanaimo)

July 1-4, 2004

Michelle Belanger

Angus Ross

## The Wall (Vancouver)

July 15-18, 2004

Aaron Plaxton  
Nadia Wnuk

Mark Stuart

## Welcoming New People On Board and Saying Goodbye to Those Who Have Made a Great Contribution!

As we embark upon fall programming, we would like to welcome four new people to VIES: **Leslie Whittaker, Jane Hein, Kathy Longo** and **Robyn Unwin** as we say thanks and goodbye (temporarily) to **Anne MacDonald**. Anne is taking leave to pursue completion of her Degree in Nova Scotia. We had a wonderful sendoff for her at my home on Long Lake in August which, by the way, we pulled off as a complete surprise! Food, fun, water skiing and lots of socializing were enjoyed by all that attended. Now we look forward to Anne's return in January!



Anne MacDonald with her dear friend, Janice Furevick-Dunn.

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