



BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund

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"PREVENTING VICTIMS, EMPOWERING SURVIVORS!!!"™

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News and Events

**10th Annual
Bright Nights in
Stanley Park**
November 30 to
January 3, 2008

**12th Annual
Burn Awareness Week**
February 3 to 9, 2008

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19th Annual Phoenix Society's World Burn Congress Comes to Vancouver



With the theme "Recover. Renew. Return." over 650 burn survivors and industry professionals from seven countries gathered for the annual event to share their stories, heal together, listen to inspirational speakers and learn about the latest developments in burn care.

The Phoenix Society's 19th Annual World Burn Congress was co-hosted by the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, and BC Children's Hospital Burn Program.

The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors (www.phoenix-society.org) located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, has a 30-year legacy of assisting burn survivors in all phases of their recovery. As the United States' premier burn survivor resource, the Phoenix Society is committed to helping individuals find outstanding medical care and help provide support for emotional and social recovery following a burn injury so they can return to a full life.

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The Phoenix Society's World Burn Congress offers a network of resources, education and opportunities for peer support which is key for burn survivors to recover, renew and return to life.

"The impact of meeting another who has traveled the journey of burn recovery is tremendously healing for many survivors and families. World Burn Congress offers the community a safe place to learn and grow from sharing their common experiences," says Amy Acton, RN, a burn survivor and executive director of The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors.

"Bringing the World Burn Congress to Vancouver helped to educate the public through creating awareness of the challenges that burn survivors face. This is a great opportunity for B.C.'s burn survivors to confirm that there is hope after their injury," says Tony Burke, Executive Director of the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund. "On behalf of the 3,500 professional fire fighters in British Columbia, we sincerely appreciate our partnership with the Phoenix Society, in support of The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and BC Children's Hospital."

Breakout sessions focused on topics such as:

- Private sessions for creative cosmetics
- Fire fighters and those they rescued coming full circle
- Adults burned as children, reclaiming personal power and growth
- Young Adults Expedition- Discovering Our Uniqueness rope therapy clinic
- The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund's Adult Burn Survivor Program, *The Future Is Mine*. Launched in B.C. last April, the program was introduced to adult burn survivors from across Canada
- Turning social challenges into social success an interactive session that provides tools for social re-entry

Keynote Speakers:

Kim Phuc

The photo of a little girl, crying and running naked - her skin burning - along a road became one of the most famous images of the Vietnam war. Kim Phuc shared her inspirational message of love and forgiveness to the World Burn Congress delegates.

Vivian Pellas

Sixteen years ago, Vivian Pellas was burned in an aviation accident. While still in hospital, she decided that if she survived her injuries, she would dedicate her life to help burned children in Nicaragua. She opened a Burn Hospital for Central America in Managua, Nicaragua offering free specialized medical care to children. It is a story of love and solidarity without limits.

George Pessotti

George Pessotti's life changed with the puff of gas from a kitchen stove that ignited the gasoline he poured on a floor to remove carpet glue. He shared his experience in his book *Reason for Living*, published in 2005. George's session took the audience on a roller coaster ride of survival. A gripping, inspiring true story.

Phoenix Society's World Burn Congress

Recover, Renew, Return.



Honour Guard Opens the 19th Annual Phoenix Society's World Burn Congress



Terry Abrams, North Vancouver District Fire Fighters Local 1183
Toronto FF Kevin Ashfield, John Westhaver, Burn Survivor and
Erik Bjarnason, North Vancouver City Fire Fighters Local 296



Keynote Speakers Kim Phuc, Vivian Pellas and
George Pessotti



British Columbia burn survivor participants,
Janice Sigfusson, Warren Ray, and Patricia Juillette



Breakout Session "Fire Fighters Coming Full Circle" with
panelists Heidi Cave, Burn Survivor and (L to R) Abbotsford
Fire Fighters Greg Bowie, Larry Hooge and John Markwat



The local organizing committee representing the
BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, Vancouver
Coastal Health Authority and BC Children's Hospital

News and Events

What's Happening at the Burn Fund



Dr. Frances Jang (centre) and her friends raised \$26,000 for the Burn Fund when (left to right) Burn Fund Directors Tony Burke, Wil Patterson, Mike Canaday, Ken Mollan and Ryan Cail cooked a gourmet dinner for twenty at Jang's Vancouver home. The monies go towards helping pay the final \$600,000 of a \$3 Million Endowment Chair in Burn and Wound Healing Research, being held at the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. The event was so popular that the group committed \$20,000 for another dinner later this year.



The Burn Fund and BC Children's Hospital teamed up to host the 2nd Annual Survivor Picnic for young burn survivors aged 6 years and under. Supported by New Westminster Fire Fighters Local 256, Burn Camp Counsellors and a team of volunteers, everyone enjoyed a fun afternoon as Dr. Cindy Verchere, Division Head, BCCH Burn Program, entertained a lively group of youngsters.



Mike Canaday, Burn Fund Director and Dave Veuger, Burn Fund Representative, both Vancouver Local 18 fire fighters accept a cheque for \$10,000 from The Friends Of Ferrari.

The money was raised at their annual Grand Prix of Brazil Race featuring drivers from ages 3 to 5 years.

The Friends of Ferrari raise funds for charities using the enthusiasm of Formula 1 and Ferrari fans to hold events throughout the racing season.



14th Annual Burn Camp

A week of fun and safety for 69 young burn survivors



Special Guest Brendan Morrison of the Vancouver Canucks joins the campers for a water fight



Campers from ages six to eighteen come from all over the province for a week of fun



Campers enjoy a week of sports, hiking, kayaking, skits, arts & crafts and an end of camp dance



Fire fighters and healthcare professionals donate their time to come to camp as counselors



Courtesy of sponsor Intrawest, campers are treated to a trip to the top of Whistler Mountain



Self confidence, trust and lasting friendships are just some of the benefits of Burn Camp

Robert E. Hall

1955 - 2007



The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund is greatly saddened to announce the passing of our brother Robert E. Hall. Rob was a dedicated and loyal fire fighter who succumbed to occupational cancer on August 27, 2007.

An Acting Captain with Vancouver Fire Fighters' Local 18, and proud union leader, Rob was Secretary Treasurer of the BC Professional Fire Fighters Association.

As Secretary Treasurer of the Burn Fund, Rob was instrumental in helping shape the vision of the charity. His optimism, strength and humility will leave a lasting impression on all.

Robert leaves his wife Katty, children Michael, Andrea, Yasmine, Leila and Spencer, parents Douglas and Hazel, sister Maureen and brother Skip.

Bright Nights in Stanley Park

November 30 to January 3, 2008



CELEBRATING OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Fire Fighters from around the province are invited to participate in the Tenth Annual Bright Nights in Stanley Park, one of the Burn Fund's largest fundraising events.

Set-up begins November 5th and runs Monday to Saturday through to November 29th. If you are interested in helping please call the Burn Fund office at 604-436-5617 or Bright Nights Committee Chair: Ray Boucher, Coquitlam Fire Fighters Local 1782 at: **1-604-855-8581** or email: **ray@burnfund.org**.

A hot lunch is provided each day courtesy of event sponsor, White Spot Restaurants.

BCAA WPFG Affinity Program

Save Money and Help the Burn Fund

The BC 2009 World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) are coming in July 2009 and you can help the games and the Burn Fund by signing up for the BCAA WPFG Affinity Program.

Fire fighters are entitled to exclusive benefits and discounts every time they choose BCAA for membership, insurance and travel.

A portion of every dollar spent by Fire Fighters at BCAA will go toward the BC 2009 World Police & Fire Games as well as the ongoing Legacy Fund, which supports the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund.

Visit www.BCAA.com and register online or by telephone at 1-888-268-5154. BCAA membership is not required for participation in the program.



BC Professional Fire Fighters Association Local Donations

From April 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007

| BCPFFA Local | Donations | Membership | Per Capita |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Vancouver Local 18 | \$16,478.57 | 777 | 21.21 |
| New Westminster Local 256 | 0 | 86 | 0 |
| North Vancouver City Local 296 | 0 | 60 | 0 |
| Burnaby Local 323 | 1,376.59 | 253 | 5.44 |
| Prince Rupert Local 559 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Victoria Local 730 | 0 | 105 | 0 |
| Nanaimo Local 905 | 420.83 | 74 | 5.69 |
| Kamloops Local 913 | 142.06 | 100 | 1.42 |
| Trail Local 941 | 1,000.00 | 15 | 66.67 |
| Kelowna Local 953 | 671.99 | 98 | 6.86 |
| Saanich Local 967 | 0 | 106 | 0 |
| North Vancouver District Local 1183 | 255.00 | 133 | 1.92 |
| Cranbrook Local 1253 | 4,731.00 | 18 | 262.83 |
| Surrey Local 1271 | 14,100.00 | 370 | 38.11 |
| Richmond Local 1286 | 1,360.00 | 201 | 6.77 |
| Powell River Local 1298 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Kitimat Local 1304 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Nelson Local 1343 | 1,082.00 | 11 | 98.36 |
| Prince George Local 1372 | 0 | 113 | 0 |
| Penticton Local 1399 | 0 | 36 | 0 |
| Vernon Local 1517 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| West Vancouver Local 1525 | 5,000.00 | 96 | 52.08 |
| Port Alberni Local 1667 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Campbell River Local 1668 | 10,050.00 | 33 | 304.55 |
| Revelstoke Local 1746 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Delta Local 1763 | 5,500.00 | 166 | 33.13 |
| Coquitlam Local 1782 | 8,450.33 | 128 | 66.02 |
| Oak Bay Local 1856 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| Port Coquitlam Local 1941 | 2,100.00 | 58 | 36.21 |
| Dawson Creek Local 2136 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Fort St. John Local 2143 | 5,500.00 | 13 | 423.08 |
| Port Moody Local 2399 | 7,720.00 | 29 | 266.21 |
| White Rock Local 2407 | 5,000.00 | 22 | 227.27 |
| Terrace Local 2685 | 4,077.00 | 8 | 509.63 |
| Fort Nelson Local 2782 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Chilliwack Local 2826 | 3,000.00 | 20 | 150.00 |
| Fernie Local 2827 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Langford Local 2848 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Abbotsford Local 2864 | 190.00 | 73 | 2.60 |
| Squamish Local 2874 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Langley City Local 3253 | 1,000.00 | 21 | 47.62 |
| Salmon Arm Local 3791 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Whistler Local 3944 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Esquimalt Local 4264 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| Central Saanich Local 4428 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Maple Ridge Local 4449 | 1,000.00 | 22 | 45.45 |
| Westside Local 4457 | 0 | 25 | 0 |
| Saltspring Local 4467 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| GRAND TOTAL YEAR TO DATE | \$100,205.37 | | |

Burn Camp Kick-Off Cheque Presentations July 22, 2007



Surrey Fire Fighters Local 1271—\$10,000



Saskatchewan PFFA Burn Fund —\$10,000



Port Moody Fire Fighters Local 2399 — \$7,670

Coquitlam Fire Fighters Local 1782 — \$6,078

White Rock Fire Fighters Local 2407— \$5,000

Delta Fire Fighters Local 1763 — \$5,000

Abbotsford Fire Fighters Local 2864 — \$5,000

Port Coquitlam Fire Fighters Local 1941— \$2,000

Calendar of Events 2007

November 5 **Bright Nights in Stanley Park** - Set-up begins for Bright Nights in Stanley Park.

November 7 **5th Annual Slurp n' Swirl** - A Wine & Oyster Celebration at Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House at 777 Thurlow Street, Vancouver. Tickets: \$150 with proceeds to the Burn Fund. Call 604-669-1940
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

November 15 **Third Annual "Lights, Camera, Cook!" Children's Charity Fundraising Gala** Co-hosted by Gourmet Warehouse owner Caren McSherry and Global TV News Anchor Jill Krop. Terminal City Club, 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver. Tickets \$150 with half proceeds to the Burn Fund. Call 604-253-3022

November 20 **Holiday Safety Tips** online at www.burnfund.org

November 30 to January 3, 2008 **Tenth Annual Bright Nights in Stanley Park**
 One of Vancouver's most loved holiday traditions. A joint event of the Vancouver Park Board and BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund to raise funds for Burn Fund programs.

Dec 1 **Santa Breakfast** hosted by the White Rock Fire Fighters Local 2407. Cost: \$5 for adults / \$3 for kids. 15315 Pacific Avenue, White Rock. For more information call 604-531-6045.
8:00 am to 12 noon

February 3 to 9, 2008 **12th Annual Burn Awareness Week** is targeted to kids in the high-risk group of ages six to twelve. The program is designed to teach kids to be responsible for their own safety, and make their families aware of potentially harmful situations. See the interactive program at www.burnfund.org.



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- General Support of Burn Fund Programs
- Adult Burn Survivor Program
- Bright Nights in Stanley Park
- Burn Awareness Week
- Burn Fund Building
- Burn Units
- BCPFF Burn & Wound Healing Research Laboratory

More Information:

- Please call me to discuss sponsorship opportunities with the Burn Fund
- I am interested in receiving the quarterly *Burn Fund Link* newsletter online