

## **CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT**

Early in 2018 we welcomed Rob Martin to the Board of the Gibsons and District Library Foundation Society. His strong background as a past member of the Library Board and his advocacy for the Library were all the recommendation we needed to embrace his contribution.

The Board agreed to fund various items for the Library's growing Digital Literacy initiatives, and have discussed how best to grow our financial reserves. Mieke Kang suggested a "Giving Tree" concept and we have discussed this at length. We are now bringing this forward as a fundraising drive with all donated funds earmarked to support the Library's digital literacy programs for adults and children.

Due to increasing personal commitments, I was unable to commit the necessary time to serve adequately as Chair and help the Foundation develop and grow – as it must, if it is to meet the future needs of our growing and changing community and its District Library.

Leslie Thompson resigned as Secretary and from the Board, and with Rob's expertise and natural leadership available it made great sense to relinquish the Chair to Rob and for me to temporarily assume the duties of Secretary. The rest of the Board agreed enthusiastically! (Rob maybe not so much – he was hoping for some time to get used to our 'culture.')

This is the past; now I turn this report over to Rob, who will discuss the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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