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Vive *la* différence!



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This issue was a delight to put together.

Pink Power showcases a few of the BC women who are making a difference. The articles focus on many aspects of life—including work with children, communities, women's health, First Nations, policing, animals, volunteering, and fundraising.

These interesting items recently came to light about women who are making a difference.

- The Canadian Bar Association's annual award is given to members of the legal profession who have donated significant time and effort to community work. Normally, this award is given to lawyers who've volunteered for "non-legal" activities. For example, one fellow received the award for his efforts for Doctors Without Borders. Alisa Noda's award application, submitted without her knowledge, gave the CBA reason to reconsider. They have recognized Alisa for her grassroots work with West Coast LEAF—even if LEAF does pursue "legal" work. (See page 14.)
- In early 2005, Notary Megan Knight (see page 3) saved Gary Holowaychuk's life. While the couple was swimming in Hawaii, a huge wave

slammed Gary into the ocean floor. Realizing he was in trouble, Megan summoned two surfers to help. They administered CPR to Gary for 15 minutes on the beach . . . with no response. The surfers told her he was dead. The incensed Megan made a fist with both hands and began to pound ferociously on Gary's chest. She refused to give up on him. Miraculously, Gary started to breathe!

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- For a school project this Fall, the remarkable Ambur Braid wrote about her experience working in the slums of Cité Soleil: "Haiti changed me. The people of Haiti love so openly and unconditionally and their beauty changed the way I view everything from starvation to death and everyday family life." (See page 16.)

We impact the lives of others and others impact us. That's the way life works. The desirable distinction is to make your impact **positive!**

Sometimes people we have never met can affect our long-term goals. My maternal grandmother in Scotland had business cards—in 1931. Although she died before I was born, her achievements made a difference to me. I have always felt great pride knowing that I come from hardy entrepreneurial stock.

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Ancient teachings claim that cultivating kindness and compassion creates happiness. It's clear that the ladies featured in this issue love the work they are doing—and they feel *very* good about their efforts!

Here's a great quote from Diane Ackerman, writer and poet with the rare distinction of having a molecule named after her (*dianeackerone*).

"I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I lived just the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it, as well."

How about adding one more dimension?

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