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Present-Day Pioneers

For the purposes of this issue of *The Scrivener*, the following individuals qualify as Present-Day Pioneers:

- those whose past efforts are making a difference in people's lives today, and
- those who are currently working toward a goal they consider worthy.

The pioneering process starts with a dream and a vision for making things better. Some pioneers are quite innovative for their era. For others, the motivation to act may be that it simply seems like the right thing to do at the time. If the cause is particularly pressing, the deed may assume the riveting focus of a *Must Do* action that compels people to move forward to succeed. In any case, intense energy is fixed on the goal and on the work necessary to accomplish it.

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Prince Rupert Notary Rhoda Witherly, this issue's Cover Story personality, was recently photographed at the Wall Centre Hotel with Ken Sherk, Immediate Past President of The Society of Notaries Public of BC; Paul Martin, former Liberal Party Finance Minister; and Wayne Braid, Secretary/Executive Director of The

Society. Leaders all, they are working diligently in their respective areas of expertise to get the job done.

Other examples of exemplary leadership include Corporal Tom Woods, of the Rock Solid program (named after the Victoria Shamrocks Lacrosse Club), who is helping kids apply their considerable artistic skills to beautify, define, and transform a part of the Victoria community previously considered a "problem" area—the corridor of the E&N Railway. (See page 30.) Victoria Johnson, Executive Director of the Corporation of BC Land Surveyors, notes in her article (page 25) that the very first passenger train of the E&N Railway arrived into Victoria through that same corridor in March 1888. Tom *et al.* are doing their best to restore the corridor's dignity through artistic and wholesome team activity.

In the years to come, those looking back will know which individuals among us managed to achieve celebrity status. For the short term, I trust you will enjoy reading about the efforts of people—past and present—whose spirit of dedication truly qualifies them as pioneers. ▲

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