

#### The Vancouver Regional Women's Committee (VRWC)

is one of four PSAC BC Women's Committees. Check us out on PSAC BC <u>www.psacbc.com</u> Each year we elect an executive and meet four times a year.

We generally participate in three main events.....

## International Women's Day

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated around the world each year on March 8. Thousands of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organizations, governments, charities and women's groups around the world choose different themes each year that reflect global and local gender issues. PSAC BC Regional Women's Committees encourage you to get involved with IWD events in your community

## Sisters in Spirit

Each year on October 4th, communities across Canada come together to honour the lives of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. As we do so, we remember the lives of sisters, daughters, mothers and grandmothers tragically taken from us. We offer our support and sympathy to their families and we join with them in demanding justice. Statistics consistently show that Aboriginal women face much higher levels of violence than all other women in Canada. Thousands of Aboriginal women and girls have been murdered or remain missing. This violence has touched the lives of almost every First Nations, Inuit and Métis family and community. And it has moved Canadians from all walks of life to demand action. Violence against Aboriginal women is a national issue, one that must concern us all.

# National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

In 1991, the Parliament of Canada declared December 6th to be the *National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women*. The day now represents a time to reflect on the phenomenon of violence against women in our society. It is also a day for communities and individuals to speak out against all forms of violence against women and its impact on victims and their families and friends.

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#### Other great links:

Women's Committee handbook - prairies.psac.com/regional-womens-committee-handbook PSAC Works for women - psacunion.ca/sites/psac/files/attachments/pdfs/psac-works-for-women.pdf