

## 2010-2011 Gender Cafes

**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010** ~ An evening with **Hannah Faith Notess**, author of *Jesus Girls: True Tales of Growing Up Female and Evangelical*

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010** ~ A Different Leadmark - Female Leadership in the Canadian Navy: A Personal Story

**Facilitator:** Commander Barbara Clerihue, OMM



**Commander Barbara Clerihue** enrolled in the Naval Reserve in 1978 as an Officer Cadet in HMCS BRUNSWICKER, Saint John through the Naval Reserve Officer Candidate Program and was commissioned in 1979 as a Sub-Lieutenant in the Logistics Branch.

Upon commissioning, Commander Clerihue transferred to HMCS DISCOVERY in Vancouver where she was employed in various staff positions and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1982. During this time she also attained a Naval Control of Shipping sub-specialty qualification.

In 1988 Commander Clerihue was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander and in 1989, following the opening of the Maritime Surface occupation to women, she successfully applied for a transfer to this sea-going classification, and obtained a Minor War Vessel Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate in 1991.

Commander Clerihue transferred to HMCS MALAHAT in 1992 and was subsequently appointed Executive Officer in 1993. In 1994 she joined the Maritime Commander's staff in Halifax on full-time naval service in the Plans and Operations branch and later transferred to the Personnel Policy section. Commander Clerihue and her family returned to the Victoria area and employment in Maritime Forces Pacific in 1997. She assumed the position as Commanding Officer of HMCS MALAHAT in 1998 and was promoted to her present rank in 1999. In January 2000 she was appointed to the Order of Military Merit, in the rank of Officer, in recognition of a career of outstanding military service.

In October 2000 she assumed the position of Liaison Officer with the Canadian Forces Liaison Council. In 2003 she was appointed as Base Administration Officer and later Base Chief of Staff, CFB Esquimalt. In April 2005 she was appointed Regional Manager, Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (BC) and in 2006 also assumed duties as Directing Staff for the Canadian Forces College Joint Command and Staff Course (Distance Learning), a position she currently holds concurrent with other duties. Cdr Clerihue deployed to Bahrain and served on the Combined Maritime Forces' coalition staff as Senior Canadian Representative, Director Theatre Security Cooperation and operational planner in 2008. On return, she assumed duties as Regional Manager ADR Services Western Canada and Conflict Management Advisor (Navy). In 2009 she was appointed Officer Commanding the Joint Personnel Support Unit (Pacific). Cdr Clerihue has served as a Honorary Aide-de-Camp for the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia since 2001.

Commander Clerihue is an alumna of The Study in Montreal. She holds a BSc from the University of New Brunswick, a Licentiate in Accounting from the University of British Columbia, an MA from Royal Roads University and holds a Chartered Accountant designation, as well as certificates in conflict management and public relations.

Active in the community, Commander Clerihue is a past Vice-President of the Board of the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, is a volunteer with Restorative Justice Victoria and Kaleidoscope Theatre, Military Co-chair of the Defence Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Pacific), Chair of the Defence Community Wellness Advisory Team, and has served on various other boards and committees, earning her a YWCA Woman of Distinction award in 2004. She is the mother of two children, Michael and Sydney.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ~ Men's Relationship with Health**  
**Facilitator: John Oliffe, RN**