



**Vivian Wurm presents grant to
Kathy Beauvillier from QCC**



**\$3000 to Quesnel Canoe Club for boathouse and dock
equipment**

Paddles Up!!

Funded in part by the Robert (Bob) & Vivian Wurm Family Fund, the Quesnel Canoe Club received \$3000 for boathouse and dock equipment . At the annual Gala on April 11, Vivian Wurm presented the cheque to QCC vice president Kathy Beauvillier.

The purposes of the society are to promote the sport of flatwater paddling, to make the sport accessible to all ages, genders, cultures and abilities by providing instruction and coaching to both recreational and competitive paddlers and to encourage fitness, camaraderie and enjoyment of our outdoors. Currently the club owns two dragon boats and has paddlers ranging in age from 10 to over 70! Membership has grown to include men, women and youth of all ages and abilities in both competitive and recreational aspects of this water sport.

Last year QCC completed the construction of a boathouse in Pioneer Park, located on the south end of Dragon Lake off Campsite Road. Having a permanent home with public access will allow the club to hold paddling days for schools and other organizations to introduce more community members to the sport of dragonboating. This grant will be used to purchase paddles of varying lengths and life jackets in different sizes to accommodate youth. Having both paddles and life jackets available helps make this sport affordable as new paddlers do not need to purchase equipment.

The dragonboat season runs from April to October with drop in paddling on Thursdays at 6pm. For more information on QCC call Sheila at 250-992-6824 or email dragonlakepaddlers@mail.com