

The Centre News

May 2022

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President's Message

Hello, members!

It certainly has been a soggy and windy spring. Hopefully we will get some warmer weather soon.

Our Spring Celebration was a success as we enjoyed the Stelly's Secondary School musical students' entertainment. Once again they showcased their talent and put on a great performance. We appreciate and thank all of the volunteers who helped make this event possible and the members who provided the tasty sweets.

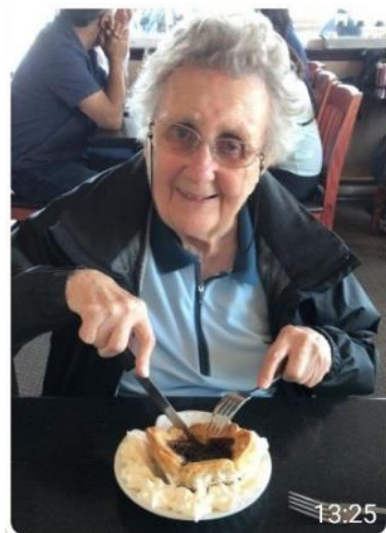
We are still planning to hold the Strawberry Tea whenever the strawberries are ready. If the weather cooperates, we hope to have strawberries by late June. We will provide more information once the details are finalized.

Dale Broad
President



A Century of Sass

By Shelly Dennis-Orr



Only a few weeks before her 100th birthday, Gladys Otto passed away peacefully at Saanich Peninsula Hospital on the evening of Sunday, May 15.

A lifetime member, Gladys was instrumental in the creation and operation of the Central Saanich Seniors' Centre. She was our first president and a tireless advocate for the Centre at District of Central Saanich council meetings.

The current membership and the Board of the Centre send our condolences to her family. She will be greatly missed.

At the time of her passing, Gladys's family was planning a celebration of her 100th birthday at the Saanich Fairgrounds. This event will go on as planned but will be repositioned as a celebration of life. It will be held on Sunday, June 12 in the Main Hall from 2 to 4:30 pm.

Please RSVP to Gladys's daughters:
Berniece at 250-478-5805 or bernicedb@shaw.ca
Bobbie at 1-250-729-0048 or hrbdelbrouck@gmail.com

The Saanich Fairgrounds are located at 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Saanichton, BC V8M 1S8.

Activities Update

A number of activities take a summer break, while others continue.

Activities continuing during the summer months:

Fitness, both aerobics and mild
Bridge
Jammin' Seniors
Weaving
500 Club
Knitters
Writing Circle

Activities taking a summer break:

Art Appreciation: back on Oct. 11, 2022
Book Club: July and August
Now That's Funny: June, July and August
Raconteurs: June, July, and August
Scrabble: July and August
Speakers' Series: July and August

Note: more players are needed for whist. If you are interested, please sign up in the front office.

Through the Eyes of a Child

By Joan Boutilier

The unique perspective of a child growing up in a war-torn country was beautifully illustrated by Gill Lightbody in her presentation as Raconteur at the Centre on May 6.



Gill's early years were spent in southern England during World War II, where her mother strove to insulate her from the dangers around her, both by living as normal a life as possible and by sending her to live with relatives during the worst of the bombing. Gill recalled that her father was away serving and came home for occasional visits, but was largely a stranger until after the war, when she found his presence both welcome and confusing.

An adorable little curly-haired girl peered out of a black-and-white photo, one of several Gill circulated to illustrate her talk. She spoke of rations, and the wonderfully courageous attitudes of English people during the height of the conflict.

Gill then encouraged participants to share their own war-time reflections and this spurred a lively discussion. This included an excerpt from a memoir of a teenage girl

shared by Roger Boutilier. Roger's interest in World War II was inspired by his father's service. Roger was also inspired of his years of coaching the quiz program *Call to Remembrance*, for junior high students sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion to promote awareness of Canadian war and peace-keeping history.

Thank you, Gill, for a very interesting and thought-provoking presentation

Raconteurs will take a break over the summer, but we are already planning speakers for the first Friday of each month beginning in the fall, COVID-permitting.

... and that Makes a Handful!

By Roger Boutilier

The fifth edition of *Now That's Funny!* featured comedian Peter Sellers, the tour de force British funnyman of *Pink Panther* fame. Twenty-four soles -- that's 12 people -- showed up to view clips from his illustrious career on Friday, May 13. Naturally, we got our fill of bumbling Inspector Clouseau doing this and that and his nemesis Chief Inspector Freyfus and long-suffering man-servant Cato doing their best to retaliate. However, there was an opportunity to listen to Richard Henry (Peter) Sellers talk in what may have been his real voice about acting as well as comedy ... and we fixated upon it for seven minutes.



Now, if you missed this session because the reminder note on your fridge door fell off and got swept up, that's concerning. The reason? You'll have to entertain yourself until September when ... it is widely rumoured ... *Now That's Funny!* will return if we all do our bit to thwart Captain COVID from docking in Brentwood Bay.

Welcome New Members!

Trish Crowther	Belinda Parke
Jennifer Smith	Wanda Lee
Leslie Gregory	Norma Flawth
Frona Scott	Randy Mains
John Gunton	



Happy June Birthdays!

June 1	Vivien Bradley
June 1	Judy Rayschun
June 2	Edna Brown
June 5	Shelly Dennis-Orr
June 7	Colin Dower
June 10	Mary Colbert
June 10	Jeanette Duffell
June 12	Dani Alldrick
June 12	David Aniotar-Romain
June 13	James Strand
June 19	Elaine Drader
June 23	Pamela Croger
June 24	Marion Vroom
June 24	John (F.) Di Salvo
June 28	Sue Tribe
June 29	Lillian Davidson
June 30	Elizabeth Small



Spring Celebration



One of the choirs from Stelly's Secondary School performs under the supervision of musical director Norbert Ziegler.



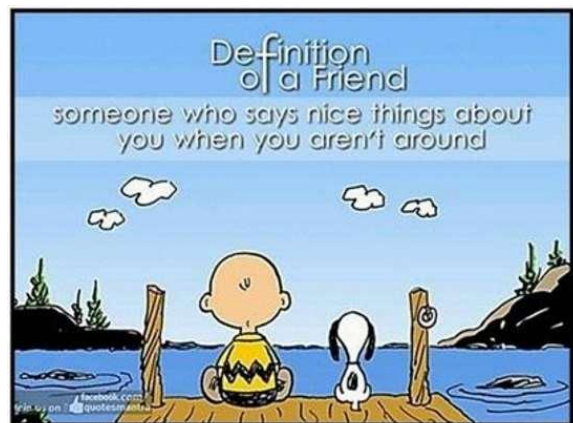
Pianist Ryan accompanies clarinet player Ellie as she plays a solo.



Dorene Palm is the lucky winner of the beautiful baby quilt at the Spring Celebration.

Contributions to the Newsletter: if you would like to contribute news, writing, photography or jokes to the newsletter, please send them to editor Shelly Dennis-Orr at sdennisorr@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.

Peanuts



(contributed by Shirley Roberts)

Weekly Activity Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aerobics 9:00- 10:00am		Aerobics 9:00 - 10:00 am	Scottish Country Dance 10 :00am - Noon	Aerobics 9 :00- 10:00 am	NIA Dance 9:30 - 10:30 am
Mild Fitness 10:30 - 11:30 am		Mild Fitness 10:30 - 11:30 am		Mild Fitness 10:30 - 11:30 am	
Bridge 12:00 -4:00 pm	Art Group 12:00 - 3:00 pm	Weaving 11:00am - 3:00pm	Pot Luck Lunch 12:00—1:30 pm 3 rd Thursday Date TBD		Jammin' Seniors 9:30am - Noon
	Songbirds Choir 1:00 - 2:00 pm Date TBD	500 Club 1:00—3:30pm	Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM 4 th Thursday Date TBD	BUS TRIPPERS 2nd Friday Of each month Date TBD	Bridge 12:00—4:00 pm
Scrabble 1:00 pm	Chair Yoga 2:30—3:30pm	Bingo 1:00 - 4:00 pm 1st and 3rd Wed	Book Club 2:00—3:30 pm 2nd Thursday	Raconteur 2:00—3:00 pm 1st Friday Sept 2022	
		Knitting 1:30—3:30 pm	Writers Circle 2:00—3:30 pm 3rd. 4th and 5th Thursday	Now That's Funny 2:22—3:22 pm 2nd Friday Sept 2022	<u>SUNDAY</u> Walking Group 2:00 pm
			Bridge 12:00—4:00 pm	Speakers Series 2:00-3:00 PM 3rd or 4th Friday	
	Art Appreciation 7:00 pm 2nd & 4th Tues Oct 2022				

Writers' Corner

Editor's Note: Valerie Wishlow wrote this lyrical poem for her granddaughters Zephyr and Uma.

The Story of Lines

By Valerie Wishlow

Curly or swirly,
Doodlely or noodlely
Thin or plump
Long or stumped
Squiggly or refined
They are all just lines.

Just a line you say?
How could that be?
I am powerful and mighty
as you will see.

I can separate lands (on a map of course)
I can make hills into mountains
Twigs into trees
Lakes into oceans
With a few lines, you see.

With a stroke of my hand I can draw circles
around all or box things in.
I can make a face frown, laugh and grin.
I can make the clouds fluffy and make goats gruffy
All with a line or two of a pen.

You can too. Lines are for drawing and marking.
They help us define the borders of things.
We use them in hopscotch, designing cars and rings.
We use them for cartooning and mindful zentangling
We see how lines make a picture sing.

Curvy lines or straight,
Jagged or cropped.

They are just lines,
Are they not?
Each line has a story
What will it be?
A lion, a flower or
A bright yellow bee?
Maybe random circles that curl with glee?

Let's not forget that lines can make words
Names and expressions like
Uma and Zephyr and
"Oh, have you heard ...?"

Be they witty or gritty
In prose or in verse.
Words are with us forever
Be they gentle or terse.

Yes, the simple little line has a story to tell.
My story to you is that my lines do compel me
To be abstract and arty. Not prone to be pretty.
They include newsy tidbits and sometimes a ditty.

Each of my lines in these booklets are squiggly.
They roam about, perhaps don't say much.
They may even seem silly.

However, dear Zephyr, dear Uma, this is so true
Each cluster of lines carries a nestful of stories anew
Each squiggle and curve filled with loving thoughts of you.

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