

The Centre News

November 2022

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President's Message

We held our General Meeting on Thursday, November 3 and I would like to thank the members for attending.

We appreciate your input and support. As I mentioned at the meeting, it is important that we increase our membership. If you know of someone who may be interested, please have them drop by the Front Desk or give us a call and find out what we are all about. We may have something that will pique their interest. The first activity is free so they can try it out before joining.

There were lots of great costumes and masks at our October MASKerade Social. Thanks to all the volunteers and to those who donated the tasty sweets for making this a success.

The holiday season is upon us. Our Christmas luncheon is December 8th and our Craft and Bake Sale is December 10. This newsletter has more information.

The Centre will be closed from Friday, December 23 to Tuesday, January 3, 2023 for the holiday season. We will reopen on January 4, 2023. We ask that members do not come to the Centre during this closure.

I think winter has arrived as I woke up to snow the other day. I am hoping this isn't a sign of weather to come!

*Dale Broad,
President*



Coming Events

Bingo

Nov. 16, Dec. 7 and 21 at 1 p.m.

Potluck Lunch

Thursday, Nov. 17 at noon

Speaker Series: Don't Get Scammed!

Friday, November 18 at 2 p.m.

Lunch Bunch: Café Zanzibar

Thursday, Nov. 24 at 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Cracker Crafts

Thursday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m.

Raconteurs

Friday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m.

Christmas Luncheon

Dec. 8; Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.

Now That's Funny!

Dec. 9 at 2:22 p.m.

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

Dec. 10; 1 to 3 p.m.

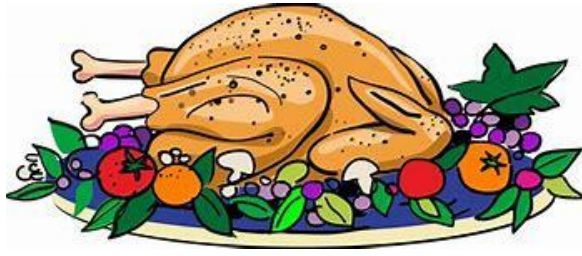
Art Appreciation

Nov 22 and Dec 13

Centre Closed

Friday, Dec. 23 to Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023





Christmas Luncheon 2022

By Dale Broad

Our Christmas luncheon is Thursday, December 8th. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Island Culinary Services will be catering and their menu is posted on the bulletin board in the card room, off the upstairs kitchen. The menu is varied and will include turkey with all the trimmings and a vegetarian option.

Ticket prices are \$35 for members and \$40 for guests. We will be selling 60 tickets and members can invite one guest. Guests must show proof of full vaccination at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Front Desk during the office hours of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. We appreciate a cheque or exact change. Tickets must be purchased by Thursday, December 1, as we need to let the caterer know well in advance of the numbers attending.

Brewsky's Taphouse, Politano Café and The Emporium have each generously donated a door prize. We appreciate and thank these local businesses for their support of our Centre. The three door prizes will be awarded throughout the luncheon.

Christmas Cracker Crafts

By Gerie Turner

We're making Christmas crackers for our Christmas lunch on Thursday, Nov. 24 at 1

p.m. downstairs. Join us to decorate our super crackers! Bring your glue gun (if you have one), scissors and any extra sparkly bits for embellishments!



Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

By Dale Broad

We will be holding our annual Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. Featured are the many talents of our knitting and weaving groups and the baking skills of our fitness groups. So come out and pick up those last-minute handmade gifts and your Christmas baking. The kitchen concession will be open for you to relax with a cup of coffee or tea and a sweet treat while enjoying Christmas music performed by our Jammin' Seniors. The sale is open to the public so ask your friends and neighbours to join you. This is a major fundraiser for the Centre, so mark this date on your calendar. We hope to see you there.

How To Support Your Senior Centre

By Linda Parry, Treasurer

December is the month of giving. The Central Saanich Senior Citizens' Association is a registered charity and for any donation you make of \$3.00 or more you will receive an official donation receipt for income tax purposes and greatly help support our centre.

Over the last two years, like every other organization, our seniors' centre has had a significant reduction, not only in our membership, but our ability to raise funds.

Our main fund raiser, Bingo, has been greatly impacted by reduced attendance and

the inability to return to our former weekly game schedule due to a shortage of volunteers.

We rely not only on our volunteers to keep our activities viable, but we also need funds to pay for the ever-increasing day-to-day expenses. Any donation will help keep our centre operating and continue making a meaningful contribution to the lives of our seniors.

To make your donation, simply put it, along with your name and address, in an envelope to the attention of Linda Parry, Treasurer and drop it off at the centre's Front Desk. Income tax receipts will be mailed to your address. If you have any questions, please send me an e-mail at cssca@shaw.ca or phone me at 250-652-8118. Thank you!

What We Learn About Our Friends

By Joan Boutilier

The key purposes of our *Raconteur* series are to get to know fellow members of the Seniors' Centre a little better and to have fun socializing with them. At our November meeting, we discovered some interesting things about Krystina Manning: she is a gifted writer and she has the timing of a stand-up comedian.

Krystina chronicled the harrowing adventures of her family as they relocated from the Ottawa Valley to the Saanich Peninsula in the 1990's with two vehicles, three children, a cat, a budgie and several house plants. One unexpected mishap followed another as they worked their way across Canada in mid-winter. Both poignant and hilarious, the story was well worth hearing and we thank Krystina for her wonderful contribution.

Next month on Friday, December 2 at 2 p.m., our *Raconteur* will be Sharon Wright, and her title is *Capricious Capers*.

Please remember your toonie admission and a loonie if you would like coffee.



Happy December Birthdays!

Barbara Ashwood-Smith	Dec. 7
Catherine Wing	Dec. 7
Erma Hatt	Dec. 18
Lilly Botting	Dec. 19
Margaret Munro	Dec. 20
Lenore Stieda	Dec. 22
Anne Miller	Dec. 28
Ronald Tranter	Dec. 31

Now That's Funny!

By Roger Boutilier (Dr. Ha!-Ha!)

On Friday, December 9th, the eighth edition of *Now THAT'S Funny!* will feature none other than British comedian, Rowan Atkinson. Known down through the decades by various aliases such as Blackadder, Mr. Bean and Johnny English, Atkinson surely is a comedic superstar.



Yes, we will learn about the man behind the jokes, as well as see some of his best

excerpts from various roles. Some clips will lay bare his genius as a mime while others reveal his riotous repartee.

This is the perfect gift to slip into your own Christmas stocking one day after THE BIG FEED or, as we call it here at the Centre, the Christmas Luncheon. The difference? Tickets for one are \$35; \$2 gets you in the door for the festive feast of funny. Hope to see you there!

Activities Update



New Activity: Quilting Group

By Dale Broad

One of our members, Barbara Litton, would like to start a quilting group at the Centre. This group would meet on Fridays from 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. in the Activity Room on the lower level. The lower level has lots of large tables to lay out quilts and fabric.

The group will share ideas, learn new techniques, swap fabrics, provide feedback, and possibly collaborate on a project. All levels of experience are welcome. You do not need experience to participate. So come and learn something new! See whether quilting is for you or get some ideas on your latest project.

Please sign up at the Front Desk if you are interested in joining this group.

Lunch Bunch: This group will sample the culinary delights of Brentwood Bay's Café Zanzibar on Thursday, Nov. 24 at 11:30 a.m. If you have signed up but need to cancel,

please call Margaret Sharples at 250-544-4812 or leave a message at the Front Desk.

Scrabble: Scrabble is cancelled until mid-January 2023.

Art Appreciation Group Update

By Gerie Turner

The Art Appreciation Group meets at 7 p.m. downstairs for discussions about art, artists, and their lives. All welcome!

Nov. 23: Andy Goldsworthy, English sculptor

Dec. 13: Bernini, Italian sculptor, architect

Jan. 10: Mystery artist

Jan. 24: Mystery artist



The Hallowe'en "Mask"erade !

By Penny Millway

This was truly a "Spook"tacular affair.

On Oct 28th, 36 members and guests enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment and goodies convened by the Social Committee and a crew of volunteers.

Our entertainers, Diana and Paul took us back to the 50's and 60's to guess the song by finding the right letters to the title. Then we all sang along to the words put up on the screen. All songs were definitely appropriate for the occasion, like *Monster Mash*, *Witch Doctor* and *Ghost Riders in the Sky*, to name only a few.

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(Left to right: Diana and Paul from “What’s That Song?” and Social Committee Chair Joanne McGowan. Photo by Penny Millway)

Six prizes were awarded for best costume and/or accessory. Winners were: Ilene Tiszauer, Claire Cochran, Krystina Manning, Dani Alldrick, Mike Bird, and Roger and Joan Boutillier.



Some of the Hallowe’en participants from left to right: Jeanette Duffell, Linda Parry, Red Green...oops, sorry, Dani Alldrick, Joanne McGowan and Diana Evans. (photo by ?)

Lucky door prize winners were Ruth Coldwell and Joan Boutillier. The winner of the 50/50 draw was Elaine Hansen.



(The goodies were “spooktacular” as well. Photo by Penny Millway)



(Guess who? Photo by Joanne McGowan)

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

CSSCA Speaker's Series

Friday, 18th November, 2022



Don't get Scammed!

Constable **Tristan Gentile** from the Central Saanich Police Service has agreed to join us at **2pm on Friday, 18th November** to give a presentation to all interested in learning how to avoid being scammed. From telephone calls to our computers and knocks on our doors, Constable Gentile will tell us what clues to look for to ensure we “**Don't get Scammed**”.

December – No speakers in December



January 20th, 2023

Dr. John Gunton is returning for the much anticipated Part 2 of his very informative and interesting talk about Antarctica.

February 17th, 2023

A representative from the Canada Revenue Agency is coming to talk to us about our taxes and make sure we don't miss out on any tax benefits. 😊

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	Jammin' Seniors 9:30am - Noon
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		
	Songbirds Choir 1:00 - 2:00 pm Date TBD	500 Club 1:00—3:30pm	Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM 4 th Thursday	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	
		Knitting 1:30—3:30 pm	Writing Circle 2:00—3:30 pm 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursday	Now That's Funny 2:22—3:22 pm 2nd Friday	<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				<i>New schedule for newsletter oct 22.pub</i>