

**CENTURY HOUSE ASSOCIATION
Chairpersons Meeting
AUGUST 2019**

DATE: Wednesday, August 7, 2019
TIME: 10:00 am
LOCATION: Spruce Room
ATTENDANCE: 14 CH Members / 2 Executive

1. General Welcome – Frances Blake

- Frances welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Chairperson Meeting Minutes from August have been posted on the bulletin board. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Dianne and 2nd by Anne, AIF, Carried.

2. Treasurers Report – Frances Blake

- Frances presented the July financial report which is posted on the member's bulletin board. As at July 31, 2019:

Income	\$37,163.57
Expenses	<u>35,366.71</u>
Net Income	\$ 1,769.85

3. Executive Committee Update

1. Ukulele Activity Group T-shirt
 - Executive approval was agreed to the t-shirt their group will be selling. Shirley Miller, Chairperson, wore one as an example; they will be for sale to all.
2. Activity Group Donations
 - Members were reminded that all donations need to be processed through the front office by signing in the amount, then signing out as confirmation
 - Complete information regarding the process will be defined in the upcoming, updated Members Policies & Procedures Manual.
3. Christmas Dinner Update
 - A motion to continue with the Langley Ukulele Ensemble as entertainment and to increase their fee from \$500 to \$1,000 was made by Elizabeth and seconded by Luna, AIF, Carried and put on the motion tracker.
4. CHA Webpage
 - Jane reminded members to send any activity group event updates to keep the webpage to keep information refreshed. Go to the home page for contact information. <https://www.centuryhouseassociation.com/>
5. TWIG (Technology Working Information Group) – Joy
 - We are looking for anyone who is proficient with any kind of technology device and/or program who is willing to work with other seniors to volunteer their knowledge. Please leave your name at the front office and someone will contact you with details.

6. Parks & Recreation Office - Frances

- Frances, Elizabeth, Joy and Robyn had a good meeting with Steve Kellock, Senior Manager of Recreation Services & Facilities, regarding what is going to happen when P&R moves from the offices next door. We are on the list for possible use of this space.
- Frances also confirmed that the possibility of electric outlets in the parking lot are now a no-go.

Updates – Robyn

1. Project: A Partnership for the Delivery of Leisure Services for Elder Citizens of New Westminster. We are looking for participants in 3 planned workshops to work with our consultant to plan the process, facilitate the workshops and develop a final report. The cost of \$10,000 will be shared with the City of New Westminster.
2. HVAC – Air Conditioner Update:
 - This \$900,000 project is almost complete. It is suggested that members bring a sweater to their activity. The system will be regulated by CH staff, not by members. Check out the CHA website to get more information - <https://www.centuryhouseassociation.com/>
3. Kitchen Renovation
 - We are replacing stove, fridge, floor and putting in stainless counters. This project should be completed by year end.
4. **REMINDER:** Seniors Festival 2019 – In Celebration of National Seniors Day Creative Side Of Aging With Robert Bateman on **Saturday October 19 – 10:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.** - Presented By City Of New Westminster Seniors Advisory Committee at Century House

BREAK w/ Coffee & Cake

ACTIVITY GROUP REPORTS

BADMINTON – Paul Ma

Met 9 times in July; attendance – 130

BID EUCHRE – Ralph Flett

Met 5 times in July; attendance – 45

BINGO – Ken Cheng

Met 4 times in May; attendance – 187

BOOK CLUB – Jacquie MacConnchie

We met 1 time in July; attendance - 11

- We read and enjoyed "**Miss Emily**", a story with Emily Dickinson. We also read many of Emily Dickinson's poems to add to our discussion.

BRIDGE SOCIAL – Peter McConville

Met 7 times in June/July; attendance – 166

CARPET BOWLING – Jeannine Hyndman

Met 9 times in July; attendance – 99

- At the last meeting I mentioned that if we had another set of yellow bowls, we could have more players. However, after talking it over within the group, it was felt that it would not work well as it would require more play time for everyone. It is better to leave it at 26 players. Thank you to Joyce with her help in realized a solution. Have a great holiday everyone. See you in August.

CENTURY HOUSE ARTISTS – Mariette Leppert

Met 4 times in June; attendance – 52

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH – Michael Anthony

Met 4 times in July; attendance – 29

COURT WHIST – Earl Christensen

Met 4 times in August; attendance - 49

CRIBBAGE – Lorrie Quick

Met 9 times in July; attendance - 111

DARTS – Mike Wilson

Met 4 times in July; attendance – 18

- With members being busy with other summer time activities, the group thins out a little during the summer months.

DRAGON BOAT – Bev Beckert

Met 10 times in July; attendance – 209

- We had a very successful fundraiser at the Union Jack Pub on Sunday, June 2.
- Regatta at Harrison Lake on July 26, 27 & 28. We won our second 3rd place finish (another medal for our collection).
- We had another fun regatta on August 17th at the Dragon Zone in False Creek.

DRAMA – Claudette Campbell

- No meetings were held in July

KEEP IN TOUCH – Annette Oakes/Mary Hernandez – July

Condolences – 3

Keith Wilson (Taryn's Dad)
Ellen (Betty) McAninch (Mom of Joseph Theriault)
Husband of Margaret Barrett

Get Well – 5

Adeline Bastian
Barbara Merrett
Bev Martin
David Amm
Sieglinde (Linda) Haid

Thinking of You - 1

Agnes MacDiarmid

LEARNING GARDEN – Shirley Model

- We have had a busy month harvesting and replanting with fewer members to assist due to vacations and other commitments. We had 18 members present at our last meeting. We had 2 members leave the group.
- We have harvested the garlic. We are drying and selling it, little by little. We are saving 2 of our largest bulbs for next year.
- One Wednesday morning I noticed that 2 of the kale plants had been cut off close to their roots, which is different from the way we harvest kale. I knew immediately that someone had stolen the plants. We checked the rest of the vegetables and found that 6 ready-to-harvest beets, carrots and other vegetables were also missing. Shelly searched the video and saw that a couple of people visited the garden at 10:00 pm and returned at 11:00 pm with shopping bags to harvest the produce. At our request, Robyn has made up a laminated sign for us in the hope that this will deter thieves.
- We also have some small new thieves devastating the garden, especially the tender new lettuce. We have not seen these birds before, but they look like sparrows, with light coloured stripes on the outside of their eyes. We have watched the mother birds teach their babies to pull the new lettuce leaves apart and eat them. They hop under sticks and through nets and seem quite happy around us. We do not mind sharing but wish they would give the baby lettuce a chance to grow.
- We seem to have controlled the slugs with eggsells.
- We are now harvesting zucchinis, pattypan squash, Lebanese cucumbers, a few tomatoes, along with green and purple beans and garlic.

LOW VISION – Barbara Gordon

Met 1 time in June; attendance – 11 members + 1 spouses & 1 caregiver

- This was our last meeting before the summer break. Shirley and group sang and payed. We enjoyed this, as well as the extra goodies at coffee time.

MAHJONG – Luna Acedillo

Met 4 times in July; attendance – 58

PICKLEBALL – E. Furey

Met 8 times in July; attendance – 136

- 1 new member has joined, for a total of 53 paid members. We regularly play on Monday and Thursday. With the summer weather, several our members choose to play outdoors, along with playing indoors. The group continues to be social and lively!

QUILTING – Laura Anstruther

Met 8 times in July; attendance – 51

- There is really nothing new. We are almost finished the raffle quilt and are planning another joint project.

SCRABBLE – Ingrid Hedin

Met 4 times in July; attendance – 33

SNOOKER – Jack Cooper

Met 31 times in May; attendance – 350

- We are in the process of doing tables and will get quotes.
- Come join our group and have fun. Ladies are welcome.

SENIOR PEER COUNSELLING – Clare Andersen

Met 4 times in May; attendance – 13; Volunteer Hours – 12 @ each meeting

- SPC is preparing for the graduation of 9 Senior Peer Counsellors and 6 Volunteer Visitors on June 26. After this, SPC will break for the summer and resume on September 9th.
- SPC wishes to thank the CHA and all Chairpersons for the grant awarded to assist in the continuance of our program

TUESDAY CRAFTS – Dianne Clark

Met 9 times in June & July; attendance – 115

- We are so thankful for the wonderful air-conditioning. We're working through the summer and one of our members has added some sewing of baby's sundresses and hats.
- We continue to sell our car garbage bags. We also have cell phone charger pockets to sell.
- On a sad note, one of our original members, Betty McAninch, passed away in June.

UKULELE – Shirley Miller

Met 4 times in June; attendance – 115

- The Ukulele Activity Group jams at Century House every Thursday morning in the Oak Room @ 9:30-12:00 noon. A core group of ukulele players perform at senior care residences through the year.

WALKING GROUP – Cecile Wood

Met 5 times in May; attendance – 81

- July 5 14 people Spirit Trail Park
- July 12 20 people Deas Island Park (picnic)
- July 19 21 people Rocky Point
- July 26 17 people Mundy Park

WEDNESDAY CRAFTS – Gwen Dumfries

Met 4 times in August; attendance – 44

WHIST – Earl Christensen

Met 4 times in July; attendance – 54

5. Staff Reports

- Robyn welcomes Ruby Grewal as a full-time recreational facility clerk with Century House.
- She reminded everyone of the celebration for the 75th anniversary of CKNW at the Anvil Centre on August 15, 2019.

Inspirational Quote: Sandra Keayes

Kind hearts are the gardens
Kind thoughts are the roots
Kind words are the flowers
Kind deeds are the fruits
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

SAVE THESE DATES (Get full description of these events in the monthly Clarion)

- ∠ **Tech Volunteers:** If you are proficient with any kind of device and are willing to work with other seniors, the Technology Working Group wants to talk to you. Leave your name at the front office for follow-up.
- ∠ **OKTOBERFEST:** Happy Hour and a Bavarian Dinner then marvelous musical entertainment - **Happy Hour: 5:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 pm - Wednesday, September 25 - Members: \$20.00; Non-members: \$24.00**
- ∠ **The Chronic Conditions Self-Management Program: Saturdays, September 7-October 12 @ 10:00 am-12:30 pm Free**
- ∠ **SENIORS FESTIVAL 2019 – CREATIVE SIDE OF AGING** with Robert Bateman: Presented by the City of New Westminster Seniors Advisory Committee - **Saturday, October 19 @ 10:30 am-3:00 pm**