

**CENTURY HOUSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes Chairs Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 5 February 2020 - Spruce Room**

**ATTENDANCE**

President: Frances Blake  
 Past President: Carole Wylie  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Sandra Keayes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Joy St. John  
 Regrets: Treasurer: Betty Young

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Rita Solkin  
 Century House Staff Jacklyn Altamura  
 Secretary/Minutes: Audrey Soroka for Anne Ladouceur  
 CH Website – Tim Hicks

**ACTIVITY GROUPS**

Conversational French – Pauline Joyce  
 Scrabble – Ingrid Hedin  
 Senior Peer Counselling – Christine Mottershead  
 Dragon Board – Bev Beckert  
 Book Club – Cecile Wood  
 Fun & Fitness – Barb Merrett  
 Drama – Claudette Campbell  
 Learning Garden – Shirley Model  
 CH Singers – Shirley Bakker  
 Mahjong – Luna Acedillo

Tuesday Crafts – Dianne Clark  
 Low Vision – Barb Gordon  
 Quilting – Laura Anstruther  
 Walking Club – Ann MacInnes  
 Quilting – Rita Solkin  
 Keep in Touch – Annette Oakes  
 English Conversation – Wanda Madokoro  
 Pickleball – Patti Jackson  
 Carpet Bowlers – Jeannine Hyndman  
 Senior Gay Straight Alliance – Rob Hughes

**STAFF**

Jay Young - Manager, Recreation Services  
 Shelly Schnee – Recreation Programmer

Liz Twaites – Volunteer Coordinator  
 Kevin McKay – Recreation Programmer

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| <p>1. <b>Call to Order</b> at 10AM &amp; Welcome by Frances Blake<br/>         Frances noted regrets for Anne Ladouceur (minutes covered by Audrey Soroka) and our Treasurer, Betty Young</p>  |
| <p>2. <b>Adoption of the Agenda</b><br/>         Moved by Claudette Campbell / Seconded by Barb Gordon <span style="float: right; color: red;"><b>CARRIED</b></span></p>   |
| <p>3. <b>Adoption of the Minutes</b> of the 5 February 2020 CHA Chairs Meeting<br/>         Posted on the bulletin board and on <a href="http://www.centuryhouseassociation.com">www.centuryhouseassociation.com</a><br/>         Moved by Carole Wylie / Seconded by Annette Oakes (with an amendment to Pickleball??? – please clarify. Is it about windows?)<br/> <span style="color: red;"><b>CARRIED</b></span></p> |
| <p>4. <b>Introduction of the Century House Supervisor – Jacklyn Altamura</b><br/>         Frances welcomed Jacklyn as a member of the CHA.</p>   |
| <p>5. <b>Treasurer’s Report</b> – Frances for Betty Young</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The monthly report is posted on the in-house bulletin board.</li> <li>• Year-end statements are not yet completed.</li> <li>• The Electronic Fund Transfer is now ready to go.</li> <li>• Online donations are now acceptable.</li> </ul>   |

## 6. **Executive Committee Update:**

### Frances:

- MOU signing invitation – March 9 at 6PM at City Hall
- Training session in May for all chairpersons
- Activity group representation at Chairpersons monthly meetings

### Carole:

- Elections up-date
- Policies and Procedures update
- Liability insurance for CHA executive

### Joy/ Shelly:

- SET Horizon grant received - \$24,921.
- Improved Wi-Fi connection is in process.

### Sandra/Frances: Thrift Sale update

- Planning Committee has their first meeting on February 11.
- Thrift Sale date confirmed for April 25
- Delivery can start on Saturday, April 18 at 12 noon until Friday, April 24.
- Tell your activity groups and ask them to tell friends and family to empty their cupboards and drawers.
- REMINDER: No knives or shoes.
- We want ZERO garbage this.
- Check with Liz to see if volunteers are needed.

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## **BREAK w/ Coffee & Conversation –10:40 to 10:50**

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## 6. **ACTIVITY GROUP REPORTS**

### **BADMINTON – Paul Ma**

- Met 8 times in February; attendance – 148

### **BID EUCHRE – Lois Reid**

- Met 4 times in March; attendance – 46
- The new member who took lessons started playing this month.
- Donation of \$100 to the Century House Association

### **BINGO – Ken Cheng**

- Met 4 times in February; attendance – 203

### **BOOK CLUB – Cecile Wood**

- Met 1 times in February; attendance – 10
- Read “Cool Water” by Dianne Warren.
- Discussed January choice, “The Dinner” by Herman Koch.

### **CARPET BOWLING – Jeannine Hyndman**

- Met 7 times in February; attendance - 85
- Being a short month and illness, we did rather well.
- We have 3 new players who are enthusiastic to learn about carpet bowling.
- Looking forward to Spring and warmer weather.

### **CENTURY HOUSE SINGERS – Shirley Bakker**

- Met 3 times in February; attendance - 84
- We have 3 events coming up. One on April 16 at New Vista Care Home, where we are entertaining for their Easter Tea.
- The second sing out will be on May 22, at the Bonsor Senior Centre, where there will be several other senior choirs in attendance. This will be something different for us.
- The third will be at Queen's Park Care Centre on June 9.
- We will be very busy until we break for the summer

### **CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH – Pauline Joyce**

- Met 4 times in February; attendance – 54
- The beginner's French group that started in January gets 3 or 4 members each week. Our goal is that they learn something new and have fun during that hour.
- The conversational French group has started breaking into small groups of 3 or 4. This provides an opportunity for all of us to speak more French.

### **COURT WHIST – Earl Christensen**

- Met 4 times in February; attendance – 47

### **DRAGON BOAT – Bev Bickert**

- Met 4 times in February; attendance – 68
- Saturday, February 29 – Shoulder Injury Clinic: 22 attended.
- March 4, first day on the water.
- Easter Bake Sale will be at Century House on April 7.
- 6 paddlers are going to Tempe A2 for a training clinic, leaving on March 22 and returning after a regatta.

### **DRAMA CLUB – Claudette Campbell**

- Met 4 times in February; attendance – 48

### **FITNESS & FUN – Barbara Merrett**

**Fitness:** Met 27 times February; attendance – 880

**Yoga:** Met 11 times in February; attendance – 330

**Exercise Room:** Met 28 times in February; attendance– 107

- All is well, We have moved our elections up to March 18. We have a full slate of excellent people who are full of ideas and we're looking forward to another year of fun and social activities.

### **HAPPY HOUR – Wenke Hogg**

- Met 3 times in March; attendance – 7
- Election results 2018: Wenke elected for the 12<sup>th</sup> year.
- We served at Night in Ireland and Karaoke.

### **KEEP IN TOUCH – Mary Hernandez & Annette Oakes**

**February Correspondence:**

#### **• 6 Condolences sent:**

- Harry Vagg (RIP Dec 2019) & Terry Vagg (RIP Jan 2020) – parents of Dana Vagg
- Mollie Hedley
- Wayne Meisters (RIP Jan 2020) – brother of Carol
- Father of Debra Millar
- Christel Fuoss – mom of Otto

#### **• 5 Get Well Soon sent:**

- Abraham Kim     Mike Potoma
- Jane Hicks         Bev Martin
- Bhann Saklikar

#### **2 Thinking of You sent:**

- David Adamyk
- Renee Henry

### **LEARNING GARDEN – Shirley Model (March 4, 2020)**

- The gardening year has begun for us. We have made 3 trips to haul in our supplies of 28 bags of sea soil for containers (these were big heavy bags) and 28 bags of manure (lighter and easier to handle). We know now that next year we will require at least 3 more bags of sea soil.
- On 2 dry days, we spread all the soil and manure we require for now and are waiting for the soil and weather to warm a little before proceeding further. The cold miserable wind does not encourage any of us to be in the garden for very long.
- We have covered the beds with stocks to discourage the racoons and skunks from eating our worms which appear to be increasing in number.
- The garlic is growing well, and we hope to have a larger crop this year.
- We do want Anne Ladouceur to come to our March 16 meeting @ 2:30 pm as we are not prepared but will be for the April elections.

### **LOW VISION – Barb Gordon**

- Met 1 time in February; attendance – 11 members/4 spouses/1 caregive/liaison
- Our guest was Tom Teranishi, who dealt with low vision/blindness much of his life and worked as a social worker. He advised the group of additional resources that he is familiar with.
- The group supported each other and provided help when possible.
- As usual, we had supportive discussions between members regarding dealing with low vision.

### **MAHJONG – Luna Acedillo**

- Met 4 times in February; attendance – 64
- We celebrated Valentine's Day with interesting door prizes like tea towels with hearts design, as well as cinnamon buns. We also celebrated a member's 77<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **PICKLEBALL – Patti Jackson**

- Met 7 times in February; attendance – 135
- We presently stand at 41 paid members and a few guest visitors. The highlight in February and ongoing this month on Sundays are the lessons offered to CH members are brand new to the game.
- We had 16 people sign up, so for the first 3 lessons to build skills, I split the group in half. Now the whole group that remains will meet at the same time to rotate through games with coaching. Huge thanks to fellow pickleball players Ken Cheng Jay Gutz and Joy St John.
- Ongoing, we have been given Sundays (noon-4:00 pm) for play with the understanding that additional lessons (in future), will use this time, beginning after Spring Break.

### **QUILTING – Laura Anstruther**

- Met 7 times in February; attendance – 52
- We welcomed a new member.

### **SCRABBLE – Betty DesPres**

- Met 4 times in February; attendance – 28

### **SENIOR PEER COUNSELLING – Christine Mottershead**

- SPC - 4 times in February; attendance – 26
- VV – 1 time in February; attendance - 4

**SPANISH – Michael Anthony**

- Met 3 times in February; attendance – 50

**SQUARE DANCE – Jim Brown**

- Met 3 times in February; attendance – 82

**SUNDAY DANCE – Lucy Regler**

- Met 4 times in January/February; attendance – 302
- We had a very good attendance at the Western’s Dance. The rest of the week was fair.

**TUESDAY CRAFTS – Dianne Clark**

Met 7 times in January/February; attendance 81

- We are working away and filling up our bins. Our sewer is making some children sundresses and hats.
- We only met 3 times in February because we had a snow day (Feb 4), which hasn’t happened in many years.
- We have to set our election day for St Patrick’s Day, with the same officers willing to stand.
- We also had a lovely mention in Senior Services Society January newsletter for our donation of knitted items for their Santa for Seniors program.

**WALKING GROUP – Ann MacInnis/Cecile Wood**

- February 7 ( 7 people) North side Burnaby Lake
- February 15 (15 people) Central Park
- February 17 (17 people) Middle Arm Fraser River, Richmond
- February 18 (18 people) Q to Q ferry to Queensborough

**WEDNESDAY CRAFTS – Gwen Dumfries**

- Met 4 times in February; attendance – 44

**WHIST – Earl Christensen**

- Met 5 times in February; attendance - 68

7. **Staff Reports:**

**Jay Young** – Jay welcomed Jacklyn as the staff CHA liaison. He confirmed that CH is being proactive with COVID-19 and will follow-up.

**Jacklyn Altamura** – Pickleball Blinds Update: clarification required for outside windows – cost (\$35,000?) – March 11 set for a quote; Liz to follow-up with type.

**Shelly Schnee** – Advanced Care Planning sessions that were scheduled for April, May and June will need to be confirmed. Inspiration Day in February was very successful.

**Liz Twaites** – Volunteer Appreciation Survey: 25 responses received out of 400 – information can be got from Liz. The New West fire station is looking for emergency support volunteers. The Repair Café is looking for volunteers to help fix stuff.

**Kevin McKay** – Please check The Clarion and the Century House Association website: <http://www.centuryhouseassociation.com/> for full information on all upcoming events.

8. **Inspirational Quote:** Sandra Keayes

The secret to living well and longer is:

EAT half, WALK double, LAUGH triple and LOVE without measure

Attendance prizes draw

9. Meeting adjourned @ 11:30 am