

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR AGM, JANUARY 11, 2023

2022 was an extraordinary year for Century House Association. We started out wearing masks and respecting social distancing. Over a few months we were given the option of wearing a mask but still respecting protocol in place. Finally it seemed that were back to normal. it was wonderful to see people dining and socializing in the cafeteria and lounge area.

We kick started 2022 with the Ad Hoc Events Committee, headed up by Anne Ladouceur, planning many events for the year. This included the birthday parties; IWD; The Summer Bazaar; Diwali and many others.

The executive approved funding for a yearly ethnic group event such as Diwali and Lunar New Year.

Senior Straight Gay Alliance participated in the presentation of the documentary "All the Lonely People". I hope many of you got a chance to watch it. They also put on a fun "Hoedown" later in the year.

In July we had a new look for our website. Thanks go to our webmaster Tim Hicks and his cohorts for their expertise in getting it up and running. The Good Cheer Group on our Facebook page continues to support and amuse us.

The Snooker Group had their 50th year Anniversary. Thanks go to Ted Grewcutt for not only finding out about this date but getting some of the old time snooker players to come along and join in the celebration.

We had a name change for 2 groups. SPC became Century House Association Peer Support Group and Walking Group changed to Century House Walkers.

Two activity groups were disbanded: Monday Night Bridge and CH Book Club.

As we came into December the celebrations started with our Winter Craft Sale and then "Ring in the Festive Season" which was funded by Starlight Casino. The CHA executive did the serving at a fabulous Christmas dinner made by our Connections Cafe staff.

I would like to thank the executive team for all the support that I have received during my tenure as president. There were a few changes during the year. David Marcantonio, Member at Large resigned for personal issues and Betty McGee took leave for a few months. Fortunately Bibiana Lampert came on board and filled in the blanks. I thank David and Betty for all the work they did and of course to Bibiana a huge thank you for stepping in. I am frequently reminded that the executive is a team and when I read part of our MOU, which is an agreement between the Association and the City of New Westminster, I was reminded of this.

It reads: The purpose of Century House Association, in conjunction with the City of New Westminster, is to provide year-round opportunities that will help satisfy the leisure, education and social need of adults 50 years and over. That's what we try to do at Century House.

Other than the many thanks that go to the City Parks and Recreation staff who support us and keep us involved with various workshops and discussions, I would also thank all activity group executives/officers for their leadership. And, of course, we cannot forget the many members who volunteered countless hours to collectively enrich our experience at Century House. It *is* teamwork.

It has been a pleasure to have served as president on the Board of CHA.

I wish all of you the best of health for 2023.

Sandra Keayes, President