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**Happy  
New Year**

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## EXCECUTIVE REPORT

We have come a long way since Jan. 2020. The year started off as any other, but quickly changed as we all know. March 13th came along with Covid 19 and gave us a swift kick. Our doors were closed for three months, with the help of a lot of people, we did get a lot of work done, and reopened on June 1st.

It did leave us in a situation, where some important things did not get done. The big one was elections of course. We do need to have an election and the executive is working hard to see this happens. We are working on a plan and hope we can implement it for next March. We will be having elections some time and some how next year. Neil has contacted the BC Society and we do have until November 30th, 2021 to hold an AGM in some way. We are working on a plan and will lay it out in this newsletter.

We are still working hard trying to keep the center open, and running as smoothly and safely as possible. It has taken a lot of work from good volunteers, and a good membership that has been supporting us throughout this time. Shirley our kitchen coordinator, and my wife, has worked many long hours on specials to keep the money coming in. She is a big part of keeping our doors open, but without her great kitchen staff (all volunteers) the task would have been impossible. Thank you so much all.

We managed to get bingo partly open in July and this took some of the load off the kitchen. Although bingo was limited to no more than 50 players, things did run smoothly. Our players every Tuesday, averaged 45 - 50. They were all good with the distancing inside and outside, but along came November and new rules from the BC Health Organization came along and bingo was again down. The Kitchen once again went into high gear and ramped up on specials, to try and offset the loss. Caroline had also come up with the idea of a virtual bingo, she and Gail set out to get things running. Neil got the license set up and away we went. They also took on the task of running the virtual bingo on a Tuesdays and Fridays, with the help of some volunteers it is working, but not a lot of people are playing.... 25 on Friday and 15 on Tuesday. Neil also contacted gaming and was able to get 50/50 started again. Thank you so much.

Thank you to all the members that come each and every day to support us in these trying times. I will not mentioning anyone by name, but we have had some members come forward with varied charitable donation to the VSO, and we thank you so much.

I think we have weathered the storm to the best of our ability. A vaccine is on its way and later this year we should be allowed to open our doors again as before so until then please remember we are all in this together and must work together in order to win the battle. Be kind to fellow members and all people in the community you come in contact with, shopping or meeting on the street, or in our club. Kindness goes a long way.

Thank you so much to all the Executive, Board members, volunteers and members this could not have been done without your help.

Acting President....Ron Hill

Happy New Year Everyone!!

A huge **Thank you** goes out to Anne Holliday, Delores Trudell, Denise Hamilton, Ron Hill and John Kolompar for helping me decorate the Centre.

**Thank you** for all the donations for our Turkey Dinner Special Draw 5 Boxes of Chocolates, 5 Centrepieces made by Shirley Hill, Wine gift basket, Gift Basket, 4 Lap Blankets made by our own Craft Ladies And a Gift Certificate for Gibby's. In order to be eligible towards a prize you must have purchased a Turkey Dinner.

A huge **thank you** to Shirley Hill for the delicious Turkey Dinner and the girls in the kitchen for the wonderful service.

If we all pull together we can keep our Centre open through these difficult times. **Thank you** to all our members who come in regularly on a daily basis for lunch and coffee.

Shirley Kolompar  
Board Member

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Ladies Shuffleboard  
Thursdays 12:30-2:00  
&  
Darts  
Wednesdays 2:00-3:00 PM

Happy New Year, Welcome to 2021

Come and join us on Thursday for Shuffleboard and Wednesday for Darts, if you would like more information, please, leave your name and phone number at the reception desk and we will get back to you.

Shirley Kolompar



## KITCHEN

Thank you to everyone for supporting us during this very difficult year. We appreciate your kind words and affections so much!

May 2021 be a much kinder year.

Thank you

Shirley Hill and The Kitchen Crew.

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2020</b>		
	<b>BINGO</b>	<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,539.86</b>	<b>\$13,080.14</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,289.00</b>	<b>\$7,630.91</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,208.37</b>	<b>\$7,229.38</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,620.49</b>	<b>\$13,481.67</b>
<b>NEIL PETERS VSO TREASURER</b>		
<b>\$6,000.00 RETURNED TO GENERAL ACCOUNT FROM BINGO ACCOUNT</b>		

Steve, Bob and Ian thank you all so much for the entertainment you have supplied for the members, not only by making a lot of people happy, you helped by bringing our members in and in that way supporting your center.

Thank you also for donating your time to play some Christmas music for the Christmas Dinner Special Shirley and the Kitchen provided.



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**LIFE MEMBERS**

We had four members this year who become life members. This is bestowed upon members that have volunteered at the center, and have been a member for 10 plus years. Congratulations to the four new life members, Gillian Nicholson, Cindy Shillito, Denise Hamilton and Dan Hughes.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

### **Virtual Bingo**

Well, a new year is upon us, here's hoping for a healthy year for everyone. We are having fun with the people who are playing. But it would be nice if we could get more people playing, so ask your family & friends to join us from the comfort of your home or play with a friend at his/her house. We play Tuesday morning & Friday evening. It is very easy & simple to do. Check us out on Facebook, thru Messenger.

Caroline Thompson & Gail Macdonald

### **Generosity to the Center**

I wanted to let the Members know, that we had a Grade 12 student (Lorraine) from Cowichan High School who was doing a project just before Christmas where she wanted to give to Seniors a little gift with chocolate focusing on those Seniors who live alone. A few of our members were the recipients of such a kind & thoughtful gesture. Many thanks go out to Lorraine for thinking of our Seniors.

Caroline Thompson

**The**

**VALLEY SENIORS MEMBERS**

**Send our best wishes to everyone celebrating.**

# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**This month and last.**



## **VSO MEMBERS**

**This has been a year we will all remember.**

**January 4th is the beginning of a New Year for the center and dues will need to be paid.**

**I know this is a stressful times for all our members but please come out and renew your membership.**

**Your club needs your support at this time more than ever.**

**Please come in and pay your 2021 memberships.**

**This year will improve and once again we will have our doors open to all activities**

**Acting President**

**Ron Hill**



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