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Message from the President

First of all I would like to congratulate those newly elected to the Executive team; as well as those newly elected to the Board of Directors.

Executive members:

1st Vice President Jeff Theriau 2nd Vice President Ron Hill

Secretary Caroline Thompson

Board members:

Frank Enns Shirley Kolompar Rose MacKenzie Marlene Herrmann

I look forward to working with each and everyone of them, and thank the membership for their selections.

Thanks to our Kitchen staff, the Dance committee, the Bus committee, our Crafts people, the Bar committee and Bingo workers. The revenue you produce for us, due to your hard work, goes a long way in supporting this organization.

And last but not least, to you, the membership for your continued support of these many activities.

Remember you are the face of the Valley Seniors Organization. Any suggestions you may have to make this a cleaner, or safer place to be, is always appreciated. Be involved. Give us your feedback.

Earle Dykes V.S.O. President

Kitchen Report

The kitchen cupboards and shelves in the front kitchen were painted in March. Everything looks brighter and cleaner. According to the Treasurer, February was a very good month financially. Thanks to our members for their continued support to the Kitchen. We are having problems with the large fridge and the dishwasher. Ron Hill is working with the commercial maintenance people to keep them working. Hopefully we don't need new appliances as they are very expensive to replace.

Claudia Parker, Kitchen Coordinator

ELECTION RESAULTS

EXECUTIVE:

- 1st Vice Jeff Theriau (2 year term)
- 2nd Vice Ron Hill (1 year term)
- Scretary Caroline Thompson (2 year term)

DIRECTORS:

- Frank Enns (2 year term)
- Shirley Kolompar (2 year term)
- Marlene Herrmann (2 year term)
- Rose MacKenzie (1 year term)

CARPET BOWLING

We thank our President Eale Dykes, Executive and the Board of Directors for all the work they have done this past year. We also welcome the new Executive and Directors to the Board of our Valley Senior.

The past month Play-downs were held in Honeymoon Bay for all carpet bowling events for Vancouver Island Tournament (VICB) and the following clubs go to the finals:

- Pairs Honeymoon Bay and Cowichan Lawn Bowling.
- Triples Honeymoon Bay and Valley Seniors Org.
- Fours Honeymoon Bay and Langford 50 and over.

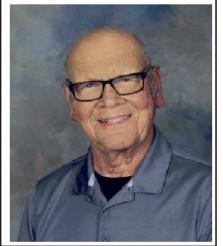
The above teams play teams from North Island at the Lake Cowichan Recreation Centre on April 10th to win trophies for the best team on our Island.

Provincials are coming up this coming month, again being played in Honeymoon Bay. Pairs will be Cindy Shillito and Ian Hammocks. Fours - Cindy Shillito and Ian also Joyce and Fred Lucke that are from Port Alberni. We are Zone 6 in the Province which is for the whole Island.

We wish Ron Forsen Happy 91st Birthday on April 29th.

Joan Ayers

Carpet Bowling Coordinator



Steve Avram

Steve was born in 1939 in Kayville, Saskatchewan. Kayville was named by his father, after the name of their community in Romania from where they immigrated. They settled into a farming community, eventually building a school and a church, and named the school Queen Alexandria after the Romanian queen. His parents eventually ended up having 14 children, Steve being the youngest, and the only one left as of today. He had 9 brothers and 5 sisters, all of whom worked while growing up on their farmstead. They grew grains, raised cattle and a few other farm animals. Steve went to the one-roomed school, which accommodated grades 1 to 12. All the kids walked to school about a mile there and back,

and often got frostbite. They very rarely got sick with colds or flu, and for that he attributes the use of lots of garlic as their main antidote to all their ills. By the time Steve went to highschool, he was able to get his grades up to Gr. 11 in Regina. There were 28 years difference between his oldest sibling and himself, and he said, with a large grin on his face, a lot of the time he got lost in the shuffle. Most of his siblings had left home during his last few school years. His family were very connected to their Greek Orthodox church during these years, along with the love of music. Steve and three or four brothers all played either the violin, guitar or mandolin, and formed a small band who used to play at Romanian weddings in the surrounding countryside. Steve left home at the age of 15 and joined a band in Moose Jaw. They played on the radio and for all the local dances. During this

time Steve had a part time job at a dairy processing plant in Moose Jaw. His band was a traveling band, playing dances from Moose Jaw to Saskatoon, and of course many places in between. Finally in 1960 at one of these dances he met Linda and they got married in 1961 in Saskatoon. Shortly after he got married, Steve went into drywalling and started his own business. During the next few years 4 daughters were born, all born in Saskatoon. In 1969 Steve brought his business, Avram Drywall, and all his family to Victoria, BC. Linda, who had worked in a bank in Saskatoon, was able to find a job in Victoria in another bank, and she worked till she was 55 yrs. of age. All their girls went to elementary & high school in Victoria, and eventually went to UVIC. Steve during all his years has been very involved in his church and his music. In about 2000, Linda's brother, who was a radiologist was transferred from Saskatoon to the hospital



in Duncan, so Steve decided to move to Duncan in order for Linda to be closer to her brother. Just two years later her brother moved back to Saskatoon, but by that time Steve and Linda had fallen in love with Duncan and stayed. Steve still had his drywall business and in about 2009 also joined the band 'Danny & The Seniors' with Dan Hughes. He was with that band until 2020. Steve's wife Linda unfortunately passed away in 2022 just 2 days after his birthday, and says he still misses her very much. Now he no longer has his drywall business, but is still involved with music and formed a band called Island Spirit. They play at the Valley Seniors Centre every Wednesday morning for the VSO Social Hour, which brings many members into the building to enjoy the music, to dance and stay for lunch, and this gives a real boost for the organization. He also plays for many of the monthly dances. Steve says this Seniors Organization has been a Godsend for him throughout these past couple of years along with all his church friends, and says he is 'full of joy',

Story By Annette Hughes



COMING EVENT

"A Musical Treat"



FEATURING THE MUSIC OF

Valley Seniors Very Own Talent

EVERGREEN CHOIR UKULELE PLAYERS HARMONICA BAND

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND. 1:30 PM(Doors open at1pm) At The Valley Seniors

Light Refreshments All Members Welcome





EVERGREEN CHOIR

Judy Buchanan - Administrator Christine Gillespie - Pianist

Our choir consists of men and women who come together twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays to share the joy of singing. For the first two weeks of each month we practice at the Valley Seniors. The third and forth weeks of each month we visit Care Homes and Retirement Homes to entertain the residents.

We have a different selection of songs each month.

Music soothes the soul and brings joy to those who don't get much out of life anymore. This is why we find it is so important to spend our volunteer time singing to others.

We are always looking for new members to join us.

An exciting event has been planned for June 22nd. 2024, and will take place here at the Valley Seniors Organization.

More information on this event is in the newsletter.

Written by Judy Buchanan



Valley Seniors Organization 198 Government St. 250-746-4433

50's - 60's - 70's Dance SATURDAY APRIL 20TH. 2024 & Music By 3 Dan Hughes - Disc Jockey 7 pm - 10 pm Doors open 6:30 pm \$15 per person (at the door) Light Lunch

CRAFT REPORT

The display cabinets next to the reception desk showcase the handcrafted work of the VSO Craft group. Please talk to the receptionist if you wish to view and/or purchase an item. Remember our group when you are doing your 'spring cleaning' or 'downsizing'. We will use donations of fabric, yarn and craft items to produce items to fill our display cases.

CRAFT SALE

Do you need a baby gift, 'drip-catcher', shawl, slippers, tote bag, kitchen towel or just want to check out the work of the Wednesday morning Craft Group? Come and see us at our Spring Sale. On Monday, May 27th and Tuesday, May 28th we will be displaying and selling our wonderful handcrafted items in the Craft Room during Centre hours. We will be marking down the prices of many of the winter items and lap blankets to make room for new stock. Please have a look if you are in need of unique gifts or want to plan ahead for the next cold spell!

Sheila Garrison

(Craft Group Coordinator)

Thank you for your support.

VSO Rambling Walker Group

Happy Anniversary on April 23, 2024, we've been walking for a year, we started out with our Grassroots group of 6. We have averaged up to March 24, 660,000 steps. Wow our group keeps growing. We are up to 20 not all at one time. If you don't like walking alone come join us.

Come and join the VSO Rambling Walker Group, we try to walk 4 times a week. You will receive a monthly schedule, all you need to do is to be a paid up member of the Valley Seniors Organization 55+ Activity Centre \$30.00 per year.

If you are mobile and like to walk up to 6000-8000 steps a day give me a call or Email. Check out our Facebook Page: Valley Seniors Organization Rambling Walkers Group Shirley Kolompar, Co-Ordinator

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Ladies Shuffleboard

Hello Members

Shuffleboard is progressing along great on Thursdays 12:30-2:30pm. We have an average of 8-10, sometimes more sometimes less, ladies participating, depending on what's happening. If you're interested you are more than welcome to just show up. You don't need to know how to play, we will coach you. We are playing for fun, no competition. We use both boards. Come out for some fun, we would love to see you, come early and have a bite of lunch.

Shirley Kolompar, Co-ordinator

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ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

March 16th 2024 We had 68 people show up for our Dance.

The Dance floor was full of people wearing the "Irish Green" and the hall

looked very colourful. The band "Island Spirit" kept everyone dancing all evening long.

The door prize was won by: Bob Urquart, Congratulations. Many thanks go out to Earle, John, Dennis, Shirley K, Linda, Delores, Heather and Annette for doing a superb job of setting up the tables and decorating the hall.

Thanks goes out to Ron for Bartending. Also many thanks to Ron and Earle for making the sandwiches and Delores and Heather for making up the food platters etc.

ALL IN ALL IT TURNED OUT TO BE A FUN FILLED EVENING.

OUR NEXT DANCE

April 20th

50-60-70's Theme

Disc Jockey-Dan Hughes

Don't for forget to wear your costume of the era.

Advertising

Hello Members,

If you know of a reputable business or maybe your favourite business who may like to advertise in our Newsletter please let me know. Our rates are \$10.00/mth or \$100.00/yr. for a business card size ad. I can be contacted through the Front Desk at 250-746-4433, valleyseniorsfront@gmail.com or 250-701-2864

Facebook Page: Valley Seniors Organization

Please support the businesses who support us.

We have 2 new Businesses that have approached us this last month. **SOUL COMFORT:** Wool for Comfort, **HIRE SON:** Providing Transportation for Seniors

We are a proud member of the Cowichan Duncan Chamber of

Commerce check out their website: www.duncancc.bc.ca

Shirley Kolompar, Advertising

INCOME TAXES

I WILL BE DOING INCOME TAXES AGAIN THIS YEAR ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY

(MORNINGS ONLY)

9:00am - 11:00am

(I WILL BE AWAY FIRST 2 WEEKS OF APRIL)

(RETURNING 15th APRIL)

Neil Peters

	FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2024		
	BINGO	GEN. ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$4,610.74	\$37,609.13	
Income	\$8,160.50	\$37,825.15	
Expenses	\$10,025.81	\$9,251.90	
Closing Balance	\$2,745.43	\$66,182.38	
	VSO Treasurer - Neil Peters		

Shuffleboard Report for	February 2024, Dan Hughes.			
Earle	17 points			
Dan	16 "			
Ken	16 "			
Betty	13 "			
Marcel	12 "			
Gary	11 "			
John	11 "			
Diane	10 "			
Steve	10 "			
24 individual games played. 18 different players participated.				
Tournament Times: Saturday 9:30 am. Monday 11:30 am.				
	Dan Ken Betty Marcel Gary John Diane Steve			

Valley Senior's Bus Committee Report

Monday, March 25th we had our trip to the Royal B. C. Museum/Imax and Spaghetti Factory. It was a very enjoyable day for all. We filled every seat on the bus for this trip. Thursday, April 11th we have a trip planned to the Air Museum in Sidney, B.C and a visit to Sidney Harbor Chinese Restaurant. If you would like to go on this trip you need to sign up asap with post-dated cheque.

Monday, April 29th we will be spending 1 night at the Cascades Casino in Langley, B. C.

Again, if you would like to go on this trip a post-dated cheque is required, only 2 rooms left. A trip to see the "Snowbirds" aerial show in Comox is planned for May 18th, sign-up at front desk, starting to fill up, don't miss your chance. We also will be having a trip to Milner Gardens in Qualicum, with a stop for dinner at the Rocking Horse Pub in Nanoose Bay. Sign-up will be in April.

Post-dated cheque, debit, cash or credit is required for sign-up on all trips.

Your ideas are important, please help us out.

We are working on more trips, will let you know when finalized.

Check the boards for trips and sign-up at front desk.

Rose MacKenzie,

Bus Committee Chair

50/50 WINNERS MARCH					
DATE	NUMBER	AMOUNT	WINNER		
3-MAR	773225	\$1325.50	CORINNE LA FORTUNE		
5-MAR	659409	\$175.00	NEIL PETERS		
10-MAR	773794	\$122.50	DELORES BOUTILIER		
12-MAR	754409	\$167.50	MARY HENRY		
17-MAR	970018	\$147.00	DAVE OLAND		
19-MAR	659819	\$170.00	RUTH GRAHAM		
24-MAR	755013	\$137.50	E MILLER		
26-MAR	490300	\$197.50	SHIRLEY HILL		

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OPEN MON.—FRI. 9:00am - 3:00pm
SAT. 9:00 am - 1:00 PM

Watch the notice board for weekly specials!

DAILY LUNCH

IF YOU ARE SICK PLEASE STAY HOME

	• CARPET BOWLING	• 9:15am (BINGO HALL)
	• CONTRACT BRIDGE	• 12:00 (CRAFTROOM)
MON	• CRIBBAGE	• 12:00 (BINGO HALL)
	• SHUFFLEBOARD (Tournament)	• 10:00am (DINING ROOM)
	HARMONICA BAND	• 8:30am (STAGE BINGO HALL)
TUES	• BINGO	• 11:00am EARLY BIRD (BINGO HALL)
		• 12:00pm REGULAR GAMES (BINGO HALL)
	• CRAFTS	• 9:00am (CRAFTROOM)
	• CARPET BOWLING	• 9:15am (BINGO HALL)
	• MUSIC (ISLAND SPIRIT)	• 11:00am (STAGE BINGO HALL)
WED	• SHUFFLEBOARD	ANYTIME (DINING ROOM)
	• CHOIR (1st & 2nd WED)	• 1:00pm (BINGO HALL FRONT 1/2)
	• DARTS	• 1:00pm (BINGO HALL BACK 1/2)
	• 4th WEDNESDAY of EACH MONTH (GENERAL MEETING)	• 1:00pm (BINGO HALL)
	• CARPET BOWLING	• 9:15am (BINGO HALL)
THUR	• CARVERS	• 11:00am (CRAFTROOM)
	• CRIBBAGE	• 12:00 (BINGO HALL)
	• LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD	• 12:30pm (DINING ROOM)
	DUPLICATE BRIDGE	• 9:00am (BINGO HALL)
	• CARPET BOWLING	• 9:15am ((BINGO HALL BACK 1/2)
	• WHIST	• 12:00 ((BINGO HALL BACK 1/2)
FRI	• UKULELE	• 12:00pm (CRAFTROOM)
	• CHOIR (1st & 2nd FRIDAY)	• 1:00pm (BINGO HALL FRONT 1/2)
	• SHUFFLEBOARD	ANYTIME (DINING ROOM)
	BOARD MEETING FRIDAY PROCEEDING GENERAL MEETING	• 10:00am (CRAFTROOM)
	SHUFFLEBOARD (TOURNAMENT)	• 10:00am (DINING ROOM)
SAT	• LINE DANCING	• 10:00am (BINGO HALL)
	• VSO DANCE (DOORS OPEN 6:30 pm \$15.00)	• 7:00pm: (BINGO HALL)
	• BINGO	• 10:15am DOORS OPEN
SUN		• 12:00pm EARLY BIRD
		• 1:00pm REGULAR GAMES
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