

## BCGREA Branch 900 Meeting February 19, 2025 Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Auditorium

Maurice Davidson (Chair) welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:30. 22 members were present.

In the absence of Frances, Maurice introduced our guest speakers Julie Ferguson and Cheryl Halsted of the local chapter of Grandmothers for Africa.

The organization operates under the Steven Lewis Foundation. The mission statement for the Foundation is: We deliver funds and other resources directly to community-led organizations that are leading responses to HIV and AIDS in Africa. These organizations empower women and girls, grandmothers, orphaned and vulnerable children, LGBTQ communities, and people living with HIV. We advocate for global health and philanthropic communities to engage in partnering, fundraising, and international development that shifts power to community-led organizations, and dismantles the inequalities driving the HIV epidemic.

The Grandmothers for Africa South Okanagan group was formed in Sept. 2006. In the past 18 years, the group has raised approximately \$300,000.00 for African grannies and their grandkids.

28 Stories of AIDS in Africa by Canadian journalist Stephanie Nolan is a great resource if you are interested in knowing more about AIDS in Africa. If you would like more information on this international charity, contact information is:

[s.o.grandmothers@gmail.com](mailto:s.o.grandmothers@gmail.com)

[facebook.com/GrandmothersforAfricaSOK](https://facebook.com/GrandmothersforAfricaSOK)

or Marion (250) 809-8837     Lynn: (250) 328-9035.

After a break to catch up with other members and grab a coffee/tea, Maurice brought the business portion of the meeting to order.

**Membership Report:** In the absence of Bill Meyers, Maurice summarized the written report (attached) that had been submitted by Bill. Heinz Volt, a new member was welcomed, as well as Roark Timko who has recently transferred from the Kamloops Branch. Moved by Angie Nash and seconded by Judy Barillaro that the report be accepted. Carried.

**Financial Report:** Imre provided a financial summary:

Bank Balance as of Dec. 31, 2024: \$921.19 (No outstanding bills)

Christmas Luncheon:

Income:            \$1,240.00 (31 tickets sold)

Expenses:        \$1,649.80 (Food: 1,148.40; Gifts: 484.24)

Moved by Darcy McGifford and seconded by Sharon Hudson that the report be accepted and carried.

**Old Business:** None this month.

**New Business:**

--A new BCGREA Branch has been established in Duncan. Branch 2600 Cowichan Valley.

**Good of the Order:**

--BCGREA dues to be deducted from the February pension benefit.

--Change in delivery of documents/information from the Public Service Pension Plan—including T4A tax slips:

In July 2024, all members received information indicating that if they have signed into My Account, then delivery of documents will be via e-mail (on file) rather than Canada Post. (Unless you requested paper documents to be delivered via Canada Post.)

If you have not received your 2024 T4A Tax slip, check your My Account to print it off, or contact the Public Service Pension Plan for assistance: 1-800-663-8823. (or contact Jean McLeod at 250-809-2210—who made the discovery when looking for her T4A slip!)

**Health and Wellness:** Frances Monro is recovering from knee replacement surgery. We wish her well and a very speedy recovery.

**60/40 Draw:** Imre Horvath was the winner of \$27.00; and Ann Ingram the winner of \$18.00.

**Upcoming Events:**

Next regular meeting of Branch 900: Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. (Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Penticton).

Guest speaker will be Jo-Ann Ruppenthal, (RCMP) who will speak about telephone/door to door as well as online scams. (Part 1.).

March 5<sup>th</sup>: Provincial Branch Chair Meeting (Zoom)

April 30<sup>th</sup>: Provincial AGM Meeting (Tsawwassen)

**Meeting adjourned** at 12:00: Motion by Linda Roberge; seconded by Lou DiLorenzo



## BCGREA BRANCH 900 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEETING February 19, 2025

VALID FROM January 13, 2025 TO February 15, 2025

### Current Membership

Members	Shared Couple	Total
<b>251</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>281</b> (Previous 282)
Life 20+ Years	Honorary	Associate
<b>63</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

### Membership Changes

New	Resigned	Deceased	Transferred
<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Membership Communities

Osoyoos	Oliver	Okanagan Falls	Kaleden
<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
Penticton	Naramata	Summerland	Keremeos
<b>137</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>18</b>
Princeton	Peachland	Other BC	Outside BC
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

### Special Supplement – Previous Calendar Year 2024

New	Resigned	Deceased	Transferred
<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

## Details

Description	Total	Opened	Delivered	Blocked	Bounce
Minutes (Prev Meet) BR900Nov2024Minutes	195	135	58	0	2
Notice BR900Feb2025Notice	195	133	58	0	4

Members without email addresses	<b>32</b>
Invalid Emails (list of members attached)	4

## New Members

FirstName	LastName	Email	Phone	City	MemberSinceDate
Heinz	Volk	og1939@telus.net	250-494-3044	Summerland	01/30/2025

## Members that may have invalid emails [based on last campaign bounce]

ToName	ToEmail	TypeDisplay	Campaign	StatusDisplay
Gordon Raymond Speechley	gnmspeechley@shaw.ca	Mass email	BR900Feb2025Notice	Bounced
Stan John Killeen	swkilleen@shaw.ca	Mass email	BR900Feb2025Notice	Bounced
Ruth E Manning	rufusmanning@shaw.ca	Mass email	BR900Feb2025Notice	Bounced
Ken Charlish	kcharlish@aim.com	Mass email	BR900Feb2025Notice	Bounced

## Notes: