

BCGREA Branch 900 Meeting January 21, 2026
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Penticton

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. with Maurice Davidson in the chair, 25 people present.

Frances Monro introduced the guest speaker, Ian Cameron, a Social Worker from Mariposa Gardens Community & Retirement Living in Osoyoos. Mr. Cameron spoke about aging—we all age differently; and how a person copes with these changes. We all want to maintain a sense of control over situations we may find ourselves in—if physical and mental challenges begin to impact our daily life. He also briefly talked about Care-giver burnout—that can affect spouses, family members and even friends of a person struggling with aging.

There are many resources to assist with the aging process, and Mr. Cameron encouraged people to reach out—either in person or on line to find assistance with issues they may be dealing with.

The presentation was followed by a short break for coffee/social break.

Maurice called the business portion of the meeting to order.

Financial Report: Imre reported that the Year-end Financial Report required by the Provincial Office has been signed-off and will be in the mail this week. The current bank balance is \$522.24.

Motion to accept the financial report by Bruce Shepherd, and 2nd by Lou diLorenzo; Carried.

Membership Report:

In the absence of Bill Meyers, Maurice reported that Branch 900 currently has 273 members. New members Janine Breathet and Elizabeth Rennie were welcomed to their first meeting. A welcome back to Ken Johnson (from Alberta) for taking time out in his travels to join our meeting.

Motion to accept the membership report by Sharon Hudson and 2nd by Frances Monro; Carried.

Old Business:

- Updating the signing authority is on-going.
- Christmas Luncheon summary: 50 people attended; Cost: \$2,354.63; Sale of tickets: \$1,500.00. Executive honorariums in the amount of \$800.00 were used to lower the cost of tickets this year.

New Business:

- Darcy and Maurice attended the Branch Chair Info Meeting via zoom.
- Imre is moving to West Kelowna to be closer to family.
- Suggestion for name tags to be available for meetings. Executive to discuss this matter further.

Good of the Order:

- Frances is unable to continue to organize guest speakers; we are looking for someone to step up and take on this very important task. Please see Maurice for more information.
- Judy Barillaro is unable to continue to take care of the sign-in book and the 60/40 draw. Barb Webster has volunteered to take on this task. Thank-you Barb for taking this on!

60/40 Draw:

Ann Ingram was the winner of \$40.80, and Linda Jones the winner of \$27.20.

Paul and Bill donated 2 Tim's Cards. Lucky winners were Gordon Speechly and Linda Jones. Frances Monro was the winner of a 'BCGREA' deck of cards.

Upcoming Events:

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2026 with the guest speaker being the Executive Director of the Penticton Senior's Center.

Lou diLorenzo made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, with Bill Burke seconding the motion. Carried.



South Okanagan Similkameen (Penticton)
Branch 900

BCGREA BRANCH 900 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEETING January 21, 2026

VALID FROM November 16, 2025 TO January 18, 2026

Current Membership

Members	Shared Couple	Total
245 (246)	28	273 (274)
Life 20+ Years	Honorary	Associate
56	3	1

Membership Changes

New	Resigned	Deceased	Transferred ¹
1	0	0	2

¹Transferred – during the previous calendar month(s)

Membership Communities

Osoyoos	Oliver	Okanagan Falls	Kaleden
17	22	9	11
Penticton	Naramata	Summerland	Keremeos
134	3	42	19
Princeton	Peachland	Other BC	Outside BC
1	3	8	3

Details

Description	Total	Opened ^①	Delivered ^②	Blocked	Bounce
Minutes (Prev Meet) BR900Nov2025Minutes	193	147 76%	45	0	1 0.5%
Notice BR900Jan2026Notice	194	136 70%	56	0	2 1.0%
Benchmarks		46%			0.5%

Members without email addresses	26
Invalid Emails (list of members attached)	2

New Members

FirstName	LastName	Email	Phone	AddressLine	City	MemberSinceDate
Donald	Gayton				Summerland	12/01/2025

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

ToName	ToEmail	TypeDisplay	Campaign	StatusDisplay
Doreen Delores Hecimovic		Mass email	BR900Jan2026Notice	Bounced
Ruth Manning		Mass email	BR900Jan2026Notice	Bounced

Notes:

① Opened - Clicking the email: The core action is the recipient opening and viewing the email.

② Delivered - The receiving server has acknowledged and accepted the email. At this stage, the email is in the recipient's server's queue to be placed in their inbox or spam folder.