

BCGREA Branch 900 Meeting – November 19, 2025
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Auditorium

Maurice Davidson (Chair) welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:35. 29 people were present.

Frances introduced the guest speaker: Don Gaeton of Summerland. Mr. Gaeton is an author and ecologist, specializing in grasslands, grazing management and fire ecology. He is the author of 7 books of creative non-fiction, and read a portion of a chapter for our group—which was entertaining and easy to listen to! We also had a discussion on the practises of Indigenous burns in the Okanagan.

After a coffee break (that was a tad longer than usual), Maurice called the business portion of the meeting to order.

A summary of the October 15th meeting was given by Maurice. Moved to accept by Bruce Shepherd and seconded by Frances Monro that the minutes (that have been distributed via email) be adopted. All in favor; carried.

Membership Report: Bill Meyers reported that Branch 900 currently has 274 members. Two new members are: Carl Jahn and Janine Breathet (both reside in Penticton.) Welcome to Branch 900!

We also welcomed new member Karen Brucker—who was present for a portion of the meeting in Oct, but had to leave early.

Moved by Elvy Karlstrom and Seconded by Lou DiLorenzo that the report be accepted. Carried.

Financial Report: Imre reported that the current bank balance is \$1,502.43. (Expenses this fall: rental of hall \$630.00; Insurance \$158.40; Legion Poppy Fund \$28.00.) Moved by Kip Demmings and Seconded by Beth McGifford that the report be accepted. Carried.

Old Business:

Imre and Maurice laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service in Penticton.

New Business:

Election of Table Officers was conducted by Larry Martin.

By Acclimation:

2nd Vice: Paul Perkins

1st Vice: vacant position

Chair: Maurice Davidson and Darcy McGifford to be Co-Chairs.

Annual Due Increase. At the Provincial Meeting held in October it was voted to increase the yearly dues for single members. (From \$20.00/year to \$25.00/year.) There is no change to the dues for a couple. This change will be noted on your February 2026 pension statement. Darcy McGifford was the delegate for Branch 900 (via Zoom) and voted against the increase—in line with discussions had with Branch 900's full executive.

Christmas Luncheon:

Date: Wednesday, December 3rd from 11:30 to 2:00. (Lunch is served at noon.)

Venue: Penticton Golf and Country Club

There will be some raffles; Darcy's deals; as well as a donation box for St. Vincent dePaul. (Darcy's Deals: If you have any items that you wish to donate to this fun activity, either contact Darcy (250-493-8234), or bring the item to the Luncheon.)

Last day to purchase tickets is: November 27th. (Call Maurice at 250-493-1538)

Health and Wellness:

Imre gave a brief description of his 'encounter' with Shingles. The immunization for Shingles is now covered (in part) by Green Shield.

60/40 Draw: Winner of \$34.80 was Frances Monro; winner of \$23.20 was Bill Myers. Winner of a BCGREA reusable bag was Lou DiLorenzo.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, December 3, 2025: Christmas Luncheon—see above for details.

Wednesday, January 21, 2026: Regular monthly meeting. Speaker to be announced.

Happy Holidays to all Branch 900 members and their family. Wishing you the best of the season and all the best in 2026!



BCGREA BRANCH 900 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEETING November 19, 2025

VALID FROM October 15, 2025 TO November 16, 2025

Current Membership

Members	Shared Couple	Total
246 (245)	28	274 (273)
Life 20+ Years	Honorary	Associate
58	3	1

Membership Changes

New	Resigned	Deceased	Transferred
2	0	0	1

Membership Communities

Osoyoos	Oliver	Okanagan Falls	Kaleden
18 (19)	23	9	11
Penticton	Naramata	Summerland	Keremeos
134 (131)	3	41	18
Princeton	Peachland	Other BC	Outside BC
1	2	11 (10)	4

Details

Description	Total	Opened	Delivered	Blocked	Bounce
Minutes (Prev Meet) BR900Oct2025Minutes	193	150	40	1	2
Notice BR900Nov2025Notice	192	131	60	0	1

Members without email addresses	27
Invalid Emails (list of members attached)	1

New Members

FirstName	LastName	Email	Phone	City	MemberSinceDate
Carl	Jahn			Penticton	11/08/2025
Janine	Breathet			Penticton	10/14/2025

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

ToName	ToEmail	Campaign	StatusDisplay
Ruth Manning		BR900Nov2025Notice	Bounced

Notes:

Membership changes indicate through numbers that 1 member has transferred out of Branch. Will need to confirm on end of November Central Office reporting.

