

**BCGREA BRANCH 900 MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2022  
OUR REDEEMER LUTHERN CHURCH AUDITORIUM**

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 with John Dame in the chair. 12 members and 1 guest present.

The BCGREA Provincial Convention is happening in Tsawwassen this week. Maurice, Larry and Frances are representing Branch 900 at various meetings during the convention. We will have an update from them at the November meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Imre reported that there were very few expenses this month—some printing and office supplies were purchased.

**Membership Report:** Frances was not present; report will be updated next month.

**Health and Wellness:** No updates available this month.

**Old Business:**

Volunteers needed to assist the Branch to continue: Volunteer to line up guest speakers.

Director at Large. (An opportunity to see what happens on the executive level and assist when needed.)

Shadowing key positions: Membership Director and Treasurer. (To learn the day-to-day processes that are required from these positions.)

**New Business:**

- Branch 900 will participate in the Remembrance Day ceremony and will provide a Remembrance Day Wreath. If you are interested in representing Branch 900 in laying the wreath, please contact Maurice.
  
- Christmas Dinner: Confirmed Information....  
Venue: Penticton Golf and Country Club  
Date/time: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 (11:00 – 2:00)  
Cost of tickets: Members: \$25.00 Non-members: \$30.00 (ON SALE NOW!!)  
**Contact Maurice Davidson at (250) 493-1538 to purchase tickets.**  
**Last date to purchase tickets: November 29, 2022.**  
Prizes: Approximately 10 Raffle prizes will be up for grabs!
  
- With no speaker and not much for 'Association' discussion, those present introduced themselves to the group and where they had worked and within what Branches of the Provincial Government. Those present had some good stories about our lives 'before retirement in Penticton'.

- We were saddened to hear of the passing of Joan Lansdell last week. Joan was a long serving member of Branch 900. Holding several positions on the executive and great supporter of the association. Her spirit and wit will certainly be missed.
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- A discussion was also held around ideas for guest speakers. Suggestions were:  
Genealogy Society  
Fire Smart  
One Sky (with a focus on what services they provide to seniors)  
South Okanagan Nature Club  
Senior Center (with a focus on programs that are new or back after COVID)

### **Communication:**

A very quick poll was held with those present to determine if they had received the e-mail reminder of the meeting. Many had not. (Maurice to do further investigation on this.)

Imre spoke about the Branch 900 Facebook page, as well as the Branch 900 Webpage—encouraging members to go and check out these sources for information. The consensus of those present was that they liked having an e-mail reminder of the upcoming meeting with some brief information—such as who would be the speaker.

### **60/40 Draw:**

The winner of the 60% was Larry Lemke in the amount of \$18.00.

The winner of the 40% was Kip Demmings in the amount of \$12.00

Winner of the BCGREA canvas bag was Gordon Speechley

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Wed., November 16, 2022 at 10:30:** Next monthly Branch 900 meeting and Branch AGM.

Annual election of table officers: Branch Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.

**Sat. November 19, 2022** (11:00 – 4:00). A Christmas Café at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

(Fellowship & live music; coffee and treats; bake sale & crafting table; some vendors will be present.)

**Tues. December 13, 2022:** BCGREA Branch 900 Annual Christmas Dinner. See above for details.