



**BC GOVERNMENT RETIRED
EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION
BRANCH 1500
KELOWNA VERNON**



February 15, 2023. We Celebrated The:

The Kelowna Branch 1500 BCGREA 75th. Anniversary Luncheon.

Place: The Wedgewood Condominium Complex Dining Room.

Address: 1045 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna, BC.

Arrival Time: 12:00 PM, Meal Served: 12:30 PM.

We thank Roland our Treasurer/Secretary and his wife Marilyn for securing the Accommodations and making the arrangement with the Chef & his Staff to prepare the Luncheon for this Special Anniversary Celebration.

12:00 Noon Registration. At this time, each Attendee was given a meal ticket and a ticket for a Draw for a Prize. The prize was a Gift Card for either Tim Hortons or Starbuck's.

12:30 PM Meal Served-Buffer Style:

We had a lively group of 54 Members joining us to a delicious meal which included: Chef Carved Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Maple Glazed Salmon Fillet, assorted Seasonal Vegetable, Garlic Mash Potato & Gravy, Caesar Salad, Mixed Greens with Dressing. Dessert with Fruit Display and Assorted Cakes & Pies. While we were enjoying the delicious meal, a buzz of conversations was taking place as well as a great deal of laughter. The Chef's Servers were so gracious ensuring everyone had refills of coffee, tea and water. The Chef insured food available for seconds.



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Following the meal, President Vincent Sherry Chaired a short meeting. Vincent updated the attendees to the latest BCGREA Provincial and Local News. He explained how the day's Luncheon became a reality. He also explained how our Branch Executive needs more help to cover the work that needs to be done to keep the Branch functioning. Several Members expressed interest. The Executive asked for ideas on what activities/functions they would like to see. The majority want the continued updates regarding our Pension and Extended Health Benefits. Many were interested in an outdoor activity in the summer i.e. a Barbeque.

We ended the meeting with the Draw for Prizes. Numbers pulled: 18,12,13,49,17,6,9,30,34. The Draw was quite a fun happy time and many cheers for those whose number was pulled. Everyone seemed quite happy with the Celebration and left in an uplifted happy mood.



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CONCLUSION:

For your information. For all the members we contacted for this event: 20 members sent regrets. 10 of them were out of the country, the rest had medical appointments, or unable to attend due to health-related issues, 2 on February 15th were unable to attend due to illness, and one because the Bus failed to pick him up. That was a real disappointment for that member and us.



We are now beginning to plan to have a Family Summer Activity like a Barbeque in each community of Kelowna and Vernon. Please give Roland (oliynk1@telus.net) and/or Grace (gracedkramer@gmail.com) ideas for parks, lake fronts where we could have such an event in your community. We need a place where there are public washrooms, picnic tables, playground area, covered area to be protected from the weather, a place where one is allowed to Barbeque, paths and walkways to accommodate many of us members with ambulatory difficulties.

Thank you to all the Members for making the Kelowna Branch BCGREA Group's 75th Anniversary Luncheon such a successful event.

Warm regards.

Grace Kramer Vice Chair
March 6, 2023.