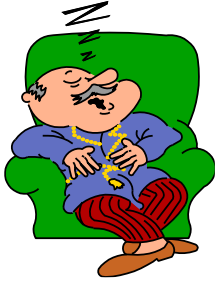




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Newsletter of the Peninsula and Gulf Islands Branch #2500 of the BCGREA  
January, 2022



### FROM THE CHAIR

WE MISS YOU!

**Thank you** to our members for understanding the need to cancel meetings and activities during the 'Pandemic' that we are experiencing.

Our last meeting was in March 2020 and we've been quarantined since that time. We are trying to make plans for the future, but, the goal posts keep getting moved and we have an obligation to be very cautious.

We held a virtual meeting by 'ZOOM' on September 28<sup>th</sup> last year. 18 members of our Branch attended and were treated to an interesting presentation from members of our Provincial Executive.

The Annual General Meeting of the BCGREA was held on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. 51 delegates attended including our Secretary, Colleen Coccola.

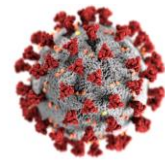
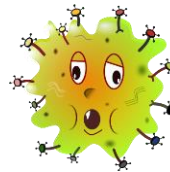
Guest Speaker – Isobel Mackenzie – BC Seniors' Advocate spoke on seniors' issues and priorities. Her presentation is available on the BCGREA website. ([www.bcgrea.ca](http://www.bcgrea.ca))

The following members were elected to the Executive and will serve as Table Officers;

- a. President – Brian Green
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Vince Sherry
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – President – Patrick Harkness
- d. PSPP Trustee – Johanna Morrow

*Please note:* The re-build of the Provincial web site is worth a look for our members and should be recommended to prospective new members that you may know of.

**Covid-19 plus Delta, plus Omicron, plus  
whatever comes next variance!**



As you all know, our world has been changed. We stayed home, avoided any contact outside of necessary essential services and activities, applied masks and social distancing to keep ourselves and others close to us as safe as we could. From all reports that we have gotten, our members are coping as best as they can, but I am ever-hopeful that a way will be found for us to resume our monthly meetings.

We will keep you informed

As Dr. Bonnie Henry says . . . **Be Calm, Be Kind, Be Safe**

*John MacLucas*  
Branch #2500 Chairperson

# **Branch #2500 Special Event!**



On December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 we were able to have a face-to-face gathering of our members for a Christmas Lunch. 30 members gathered at St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, and were treated to a scrumptious hot buffet lunch provided by 'Jazzaniah Catering at the Bevan Bistro' with turkey and all the usual trimmings, punch, tea, coffee and dessert. The cost to members was only \$15.00 per person.







A special treat of musical entertainment was provided by the 'Gypsy Rovers' and enjoyed by all. It was so wonderful to be able to gather together (even with all the "Covid" protocol) and participate.



To add more excitement to the event, everyone who attended was able to pick a Christmas Card of their choice from a prize table. Each of the cards was uniquely designed and hand crafted by Gloria MacLucas. Also, in each card, there was a Gift Card valued at \$15.00 for some of our local merchants (Bevan Bistro, Alexanders' Coffee, Tanners or Save-on Foods). A special finish to a much-needed activity for our branch.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

## **In Memorium**



CHORLTON, Barbara Jessie (nee McDonald)  
June 6, 1917 - January 3, 2022

Barb passed away peacefully at home on January 3, 2022 surrounded by her family. She was born in Okanagan Landing and moved to Nelson at an early age where she attended school, married and spent her working career at BC Forest Service while raising her 3 boys. She enjoyed many pot luck dinners and parties with her co-workers and while working there she met and married Doug Chorlton in 1967 and moved to Victoria. In 1980 they moved to Summergate Village in Sidney where they quickly became active community members. Predeceased by her husband Doug in 2000 and siblings Mary, Ellen, Alex and Bill. She is survived by her 3 sons, Earle (Barb), Neil (Bonnie), and Colin (Meredith) Robertson, three granddaughters, two grandsons, one step granddaughter and four great grandchildren. She was loved and respected and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her generosity extended to many charities and organizations. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Arthritis Society of BC in her honour for those who wish to do so. No service held by request.

Barb became a member of the Victoria Branch in 1980 and was a founding member of the "Peninsula and Gulf Islands Branch" when it was formed.

We helped celebrate Barb's 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with a drive-by past her home in Summergate Village.

***She will be missed!***