

Activity Group Reports – March 2022

Parkinson Support Group Report - submitted by Kathy Lynn

We held a meeting on March 1, 2022, and 11 members attended. I received regrets from three.

We have changed our meeting dates to the third Wednesday of the month at 10 am. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022.

There was a stimulating and interesting discussion on current issues including using Marijuana for some symptoms. We also heard from a member who has gone through the Deep Brains simulation.

We welcome people with Parkinson Disease as well as their caregivers.

Low Vision – submitted by Barb Gordon, Chairperson and Margot Denny, Vice-Chairperson

No. Of times met: 1 Total Attendance: 7 members, 1 spouse

The meeting began with an update from members who had news to share. Attendees were advised of a national survey, which CNIB is doing: “ Developing CNIB’s next strategic plan” to be launched 2023. This can be completed online. Barb offered to print out forms for those who are unable to do it online. A couple of forms were requested; however, those who planned to complete the survey, planned to do it at home, possibly with family assistance. Next month’s guest will be Andrew Saunderson, Advance Care Planning Social Worker at Fraser Health. He has encouraged members to bring family and/or friends if they would like. Some interesting Clarion activities were described to the group. Margot had the group answer several quizzes. Members tested their skills and enjoyed the process.

Court Whist -submitted by Earl Christensen

Meeting room: Arbutus

Time: 12:30 pm. We come early so we can start on time.

Day: Tuesdays

Fee: \$2 each time

Attendance this month: 20

Amount submitted to CH: \$ 17

We met five times to play and enjoy each other’s company in March. We will be playing throughout the summer without any breaks.

Whist – submitted by Earl Christensen

Meeting room: Oak

Time: 1:00 pm. We come early so we can start on time.

Day: Thursdays

Fee: \$2 each time

Attendance this month: 92

Amount submitted to CH: \$ 21

We met five times to play and enjoy each other's company in March. We will be playing throughout the summer without any breaks.



Bursary Committee – submitted by Wenke Hogg

We had our election of Officers at our last meeting with the results as follows:

Dave Lodermeier, Chairperson

Wenke Hogg, Vice Chairperson

Jane Hicks, Secretary

We have selected seven applicants (out of 14) who will be interviewed by us at NWSS on April 5th. The top three will be chosen to receive a bursary of \$700 each.

The in-person award ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June 21st at NWSS. We currently have no fundraising events planned for 2022 due to the ongoing Covid situation and have been relying on donations to our committee for the past 2 years.

Thank you to all the generous Century House members who have donated and continue to do so.

Drama Group – submitted by Claudette Campbell

Our Drama group met three times, with a total of 17 in attendance.

The Century House Players are still rehearsing on Zoom and look forward to presenting our next play called 'The Dingle Dangle Sisters Go To Sea'.

Darts – submitted by Mike Wilson

Number of Times Met: 5

Total Attendance: 23

We've had three more potential members express interest in our group.

SET – submitted by Tim Hicks

Support to individuals

- Our 1-1 support has had very limited demand during the latest round of pandemic restrictions.
- We had four open support sessions in March; we'll only have one in April.

Presentations

- We expect to do more as we return to in-person activities this spring

Combination Event

- Our March 11 “Pop-up Tech Café” with the Digital Hub people from downtown drew a smaller audience than we would have liked

Special Event

- We're working on a multi-day special event in May starting Wed. May 25 with events through to Saturday; details soon

Hybrid meetings

- Our hybrid meeting technology is working well, although we are still fine-tuning. We can now comfortably have meetings with participants on Zoom and in person. Thanks to Shelly and Tim.

Website

- Five SET members are steering the project to redesign the Century House Association website. We did our first user testing in late March and we hope to roll out the new look soon.

Communications committee

- Four SET members are also part of the CHA Communications Committee, partly because so much large-audience communications relies on electronic means these days.

Financial

- We have no money so there is nothing to report

Century House Quilters – submitted by Dianne Ruzgaitis

The month of March 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT: Bank Balance as of Jan 31, 2021 \$1458.40 Total Receipts for Feb,2022 \$0 Total Disbursements for Feb,2022 \$0 Interest \$0.01 Bank Balance as at end of the month: February \$1458.41 Contribution to Century House Association (March 2022): \$1000.00
Date: March 31, 2022

Laundry committee – submitted by Joyce Jackson

Now that the Covid restrictions are relaxing, and the Century House birthday parties are taking place in person the table cloths are once again in use. Of course, this means that the laundry now needs to be done on a regular basis. So far, we've had three loads for the launderette. We're also conducting an inventory of all the tablecloths that we have.

At the moment we are looking for one or two people, with cars, who could volunteer to be stand-ins, in case the regular driver can't manage to take and collect a load because of holiday or illness.

Badminton – submitted by Sam Li

Met 9 times, Total attendance 102, three new members joined.

Pickleball – submitted by Sam Li

Met 9 times, Total attendance 86, two new members joined

Conversational French- submitted by Pauline Joyce

Following is the report for the Conversational French Activity Group:

During the month of March, the Conversational French Activity Group met five times at Century House for a total of 27 people; and our sub-group met via Zoom four times for a total of 15 people. We encourage our members to bring something to share so that they get a chance to speak and where the group can discuss and ask questions and we all learn something new! New members welcome!

Ukulele - submitted by Shirley Miller

5 Thursdays: March: 3,10,17,25,31

Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Attendance: 79

Ukulele Zoom sessions: 5 Tuesdays: March: 1,8,15,22,29.

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Attendance: 67

Financial: Petty Cash: \$80.00 Bank Account: \$521.08

Cheque to Century House: \$200.00

Petty Cash: \$80.00

Elections for Ukulele Activity Group: scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Scrabble – submitted by Ingrid Hedin

Scrabble met four times with a total attendance of 23 people. Our revenue for the month was \$5.75 and we were able to transfer \$20 to CHA. The incumbents were re-elected for 2022/23.

Century House Walkers – submitted by Richard Nazarewich

The destinations for March were attended by 8 to 12 walkers for a total of 40. The weather cooperated throughout all outings. The final walk of the month followed our first election of officers since late September of 2020 with the same members re-elected. Our walk schedule planning session of this morning includes destinations beyond New West and Burnaby. Yay!

English Conversation – submitted by Wanda Madokoro

ECP groups continue to meet on Zoom. One facilitator has left Century House but continues to meet independently with the student. Another facilitator has a new student meeting in person at Century House.

CHA Events Planning Committee Report – submitted by Anne Ladouceur

BIRTHDAY PARTIES: The next birthday party is Thursday 28 April starting at 6:30 PM (note the earlier time) with non-birthday attendees at the pre-COVID participation fee of \$4. Also starting in May, birthday parties will be on a Wednesday evening – 18 May and 29 June. Members who have registered an email address will begin to receive invitations for the party in their birthday month so people should make sure the email address on record is their current one. Those without an email address will receive a snail-mail invitation.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL: Comedy Cabaret on Thursday 21 April starting 6:30. Registration fee \$10.

FUTURE: The movie team is looking at putting a movie event on starting in the Fall. Another volunteer is planning an antique appraisal (a kind of Antiques Road Show idea) for the fall as well. We are also planning a BBQ in June. If you have special event ideas, don't hesitate to contact the committee at events@centuryhouseassociation.com.

THRIFT/CRAFT Sale: The branding contest is over and entries are now in the hands of the judges. The winning entry will receive a \$25 Century House gift certificate. We'll soon have flyers up announcing the Sale with its new name. Please let people in your group know that we're still looking for volunteers to help with pre-sale organizing as well as for the day of the sale – Saturday 9 July. Because we will be using both our indoor and outdoor space for the first time, we're looking for people with spatial organization skills, among others. Please contact Jill if you'd like to help.

Bid Euchre – submitted by Mary Gagnon

The Bid Euchre Group resumed play in March, after the Covid-forced hiatus.

We met 5 times in the month, with a total attendance of 77. We made a donation of \$150.00 to Century House Association.

Two people are taking playing lessons and are almost ready to begin to play with the group. We also have three other people who are interested in learning.

Our annual election was held on March 22. Our structure was changed from a chair, 2 co-chairs, a secretary and a treasurer to a chair, a vice-chair and a secretary-treasurer. Our new executives are Chair – Mary Gagnon, Vice-Chair – Linda Kenning and Secretary-Treasurer - Lin White.

Financial report for the month of March – submitted by Lin White

Bank Balance as of Feb 28, 2022: \$ 181

Total Receipts for March - \$ 77

Total Disbursements - \$ 30

Bank Balance as of 31 March - \$278

Amount paid to CHA - \$150

Final Balance \$128

MahJong- submitted by Luna Acedillo

No. of times met: 5 Total attendance: 42

Still struggling with attendance due to illness and very slow recovery process.

Most recently one elderly member suffered a massive stroke left her paralyzed on her left side. She won't be back playing for sure – very sad indeed.