

# The happenings

### **CENTRE UPDATES**

Since the closure of the Centre back in March, we have all been busy and learning new hobbies to keep us busy when we were not here spending time with all of you, for some of us these hobbies have included painting, knitting, reading, lots of dog walking and lots of house cleaning.







For those of you who have created crafts, we would love to see them! Feel free to bring in some of the crafts that you have created or show us pictures of them!

During the Centre closure, we loved being able to call each one of you and keep in contact and we will miss doing these phone calls weekly, it really brightened our days being able to hear from so many of you and keep in contact when we were unable to see you at the Centre. During the Centre closure, the staff had done approximately 350 of weekly phone calls and enjoyed the opportunity for each one of us to be able to keep in contact with the members despite the Centre being closed.

We have been busy keeping up with the guideline for us to be able to see each one of you, and enjoyed doing the food drive when we were not able to open as a way to see our lovely members along with help provide groceries to our members.

We missed seeing everyone's smiles around the Centre and seeing our members spending time with each other. We are trying to get as many programs running to be able to provide activities that all enjoy!

# What to expect

- If interested in a program, call and register at the beginning of the week to ensure that there is a spot available
  - There are 6' markers on the floor starting at the reception desk and

## **Program Updates**

- We are trying to get all of our usual programs up and running as per usual and appreciate all of your patience during this time
- In the week of June 1<sup>st</sup> we have started to run BINGO on Monday's from 1pm- 3pm
- We are trying to find a way to get the card games up and running so keep an eye out for updates!



ending in the auditorium

- Classes end with enough time to clean the room and the material before the next class begins
- We have door for entrance, where members will get their temperature

- checked before entering and one exit door
- Masks are recommended, not required when visiting the Centre



## Welcome to New Board Members

**Lucille Prolux**- Lucille is a creative individual with a masters in art therapy and is an author. She has taken pride in her position as the president of the professional association that she has been a part of for many years. Lucille describes herself as one who is willing to try anything!

**Marilyn Schick**- Marilyn is known around the Centre for her writing skills and enjoys playing bridge and participating in our meditation groups. Marilyn has taught English as a second language at Uvic along with other private schools, and is an active board member with other agencies along with the Cook Street Activity Centre. She will continue to work as a part of the team for the betterment of the Centre

**Gary Anderson**- Gave comes to us with many years of experience, from starting a rescue ranch where he had chickens, turkeys, donkeys, sheep and cats to funding a technology consulting firm where he assists with startups. Gary wants to give back to his community by utilizing his fundraising skills to help our Centre grow!

#### **Message from Board:**

We would like to thank each and every one of you for continuing to be patient as we try and get the Centre running as it had been before the COVID 19 closure. We are posting weekly updates to our website along with weekly programs. We are glad to be back and seeing all of your smiling faces when you come into the Centre. We are happy to be back and providing the activities the members of our community enjoy.

#### Rendezvous Café

Stop by our Rendezvous Café for something to eat or drink. Our café is open for take away and in café service. If you are enjoying something in our seated area, we ask that you don't move the chairs as they are set at social distances. Wednesday lunch service and special events have not returned yet but we are working to bring these activities back.

# We Miss you!

For those who we have not seen back at the Centre, we miss all of you and hope you are all staying safe! We appreciate your patience and eagerness to get back to the Centre and continuing on with the activities we provide.



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