

## BEAVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS' – BRANCH 44

Report to West Kootenay/Boundary Regional Meeting – Midway B.C.

January to December, 2018

April 15, 2019

Our membership in 2018 was 71 members, with 6 new members and 1 Life Member. To date we have signed up 65 members with 15 of them being new members. We hold our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month with the exception of July & August. We averaged 18 members in attendance at our monthly meetings.

In 2018 we held a number of activities for our members. These included:

On Mondays, we hold bingo from 1:30 to 3:00.

Tuesdays we held Carpet Bowling with two sessions, from 10 to 11 am and 11 am to 12 pm. There were 8 teams playing 7 games from January to April, 2018. This was then followed with a wrap-up Tournament. All the bowlers enjoyed a toonie lunch put on by the Village of Fruitvale for all seniors. The fall session then began October to December, 2018; we had 7 teams playing 7 games. This was followed with a wrap-up Tournament in January 2019.

Wednesdays we have Ceramics from 9 am to 12 noon.

On Thursdays we have cards (cribbage and whist) from 1:30 to 3 pm.

In March & April 2017, A Representative from the Volunteer Income Tax Program was available at the Beaver Valley Manor every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. to help seniors in the area prepare their Income Tax.

In December, we renewed our Liability Insurance for our facility at a cost of \$693.00 per year.

Additional things done by the month:

January – Patricia Cecchini, Mayor of Fruitvale, Installed the new Executive of Branch 44.

February – Approval given to give two \$250.00 Scholarships to the J.L. Crowe Scholarship Committee for two Scholarship Awards to be given to two students from the Beaver Valley who are continuing in education. The Beaver Valley Manor Board purchased a portable defibrillator that is available for our members if needed.

March - Donated \$200.00 to the 2017 55+ BC Games, Zone 6. Approval given to send 2 delegates and 2 guests to the Spring Regional Meeting of the West Kootenay/Boundary in Balfour. Also, agreed to send 2 Delegates and 5 Visitors to the Annual AGM of the Senior Citizens' Association of B.C. being held in Fruitvale.

May – Hosted the Annual General Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Association of B.C. This AGM was very well attended and we thank all the Branches from our Region for their attendance and support.

September – Agreed to send 2 delegates and as many visitors as would like to go to the Fall West Kootenay Boundary Regional Meeting in Edgewood.

October – Sent 2 delegates to the Fall West Kootenay/Boundary Regional Meeting in Edgewood.

December – Held our annual Christmas Banquet. Those who attended enjoyed a very good meal. We also had a Donation Box available for non-perishable items for the Food Bank. As well, in December, we enjoyed a Christmas Light Tour provided by Beaver Valley Recreation and the Beaver Valley Nitehawks hockey club. The cost to those who went on this tour was \$5.00 per person. Those who attended enjoyed the tour and then met after at the BV Manor for Coffee, Tea and goodies. Held our Annual Elections for Branch 44 Executive.

Finally, the co-ordinator of the Beaver Valley Age Friendly Community, Jayme Fowler continues to hold Monthly Toonie Luncheons on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Fruitvale Community Hall. All seniors from the Beaver Valley are invited to this Lunch at a cost of \$2.00 each. The attendance averages 140 to 200 people. In addition, Branch 44 is given the opportunity to sell memberships at these luncheons. Also, the Village of Fruitvale prints a Newsletter every month, that is distributed to the Residents of Fruitvale and Branch 44's Activities are printed in this Newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted

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