

PASSMORE SENIORS BRANCH #116

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

April 15, 2019

We have 19 members and our monthly meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at 12 noon, at the Passmore Hall, followed by a potluck lunch and a game of cards.

Our social activity is cards on Friday evening at 7 p.m. alternating each week between crib and whist.

In April last year we had two guest speakers, Theresa Buckner talking on “Driving After 80” and Dana Burgess speaking on “Alternate Transportation Options”.

We have a picnic in June at Norm and Bonnie Essery’s, one of our members living along the Slocan River in Passmore. A potluck barbecue with games such as croquet. We were rained out last year, so hopefully this June the weather will be warm and sunny. We then break for the summer until September.

In December we had a Christmas potluck dinner with our branch cooking the turkey and ham. We had Mabel Kabatoff and her band entertain us. It was a very enjoyable afternoon in a very festive atmosphere.

In March, we participated in the Pie Bingo sponsored by the Passmore Hall by providing some of the pies. A total of 40 pies were made by various people in the community. We had a large crowd filled with fun, laughter and of course the luck of winning a pie and a few door prizes.

On this Mother’s Day we will be sharing the load of holding a Pancake Breakfast with the members of Slocan Park Hall. A few of the men in our branch will be flipping pancakes and we will be holding a raffle of 2 gift baskets, one sponsored by the Kootenay Co-op in Nelson and the other by Slocan Park Co-op, and a child’s wicker rocking chair donated by Iris Parker, one of our members. This raffle will be our fundraiser.

Our branch has become less active as our members age into their older senior years. We have not been successful in bringing in younger seniors to fill the gap of energy that is missing, as our older seniors want to socialize not fundraise.

We are planning to still come together to share in conversation, views and news so that we do not become isolated from each other. It is important to belong and be part of community in whatever way that we can individually and together as a group.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Martin, President