

Early in 2018 the Com. Centre announced that major renovations were being made to The Rec, Pemberton's Youth/Seniors Centre building. The changes have greatly enhanced the atmosphere, with new furniture a much smaller billiard table and portable table tennis in the former lounge; the front area has been converted to the lounge with more modern and easier to use media equipment for movie showing etc. The kitchen has been opened up and there will be a seniors specific storage area there as well as another cupboard in the small area between kitchen and activity areas. The Youth Coordinator had some hours designated to serve the Seniors too.

Throughout 2018, Sarah Dyson was most helpful in assisting with programming. As well as taking over organizing Diners Club lunches she was instrumental in arranging "Give it a Try!" . This was a one-day session where people over 55 were given the opportunity to try a number of sports and activities that are related to the 55+ BC Games. Pickle ball, badminton, carpet bowling, pool, table tennis and whist were offered from 10 am-12 pm followed by a free lunch at 12 pm. As a result of this event Friday pickle ball games for 55+ became part of the regular community centre program. Sarah is currently on leave and Maddy Hepner has taken over for her. Sarah had a baby boy named Tyson, born on Halloween he has the same birthday as his brother Alec!

Transportation continues to be a challenge with volunteer drivers being sought by Better at Home for those with medical appointments.

Marnie Simon represented PVSS / Pemberton's 50+ community on a number of Sea to Sky Committees and Boards including Better at Home, Sea to Sky Hospice Board and Campaign Committee, Sea to Sky rep. on the Provincial Seniors Advocate Advisory Panel as well as an Ad Hoc Handy Dart panel. She is on the Friends of the Library Board representing seniors in selection of programs etc. and also participates in the ad hoc group researching Seniors Housing on Lion's land. In December, Marnie attended a grant writing workshop in her role as a PVS board member exploring opportunities for 2019 grant applications.

PVSS has continued to promote a number of weekly and monthly events throughout the year as can be seen from the calendar under the Events Tab on this website. Included were the long standing monthly Pot Luck lunches at the Legion and Tech times at the library on the 3rd Wednesday of the month - this has recently changed to the 3rd Monday at 10:00 a.m. Weekly card games, painting and yoga fitness groups continued to be well supported and more recently a choir has been formed - they plan to meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month following the drop in brown bag lunches.

Events and Programs were planned throughout the year including:

Whistler's MAC organized Prepare for your Departure at Whistler library and resulted in the Pemberton participants following up to arrange for the Pemberton library to host a similar program here in May.

CPR training in February at the Com.Centre taught us how to use the Defibrillator Machine - *Another course is being planned for February 2019 - sign up required to ensure sufficient supplies available.*



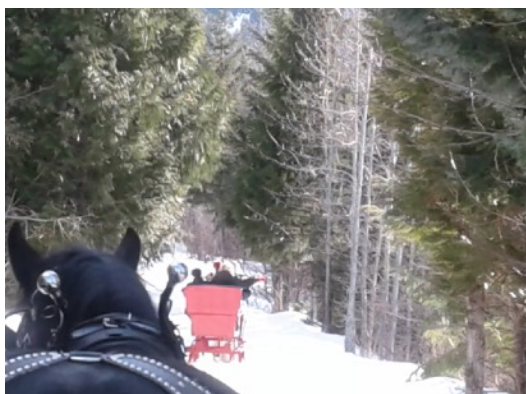
Valentines Day Thank you to the Church on the Hill for hosting a special dinner for seniors. There were colourful decorations, a delicious meal, and entertainment; a lot of fun was had by all.



A Better at Home presentation at our Soup 'n Sandwich Drop In encouraged us to sign up, even if we don't currently need help. As well they are seeking more volunteers.

Derek Walton organized joint event for Mens Shed and Seniors with a screening of "The Trap" a 1960's British Film made on location in Pemberton. Bob Menzel was there to chat about trapping and his role advising the cast.

Our March sleigh ride in Whistler was a fun event subsidized by PVS.



In May Library staffer, Genevieve Carmody presented “Staying Safe Online”. She showed us some ways to avoid scams and frauds on line. She also took time to update us on the upcoming renovations and changes to the library. A hand out was sent to members related to steps to be taken if identify theft happens to you.

Canada Day was celebrated with an Open House at The Rec and the Mens shed put on a bird house building workshop. During summer some PVS volunteer accepted a donation of fruit picked by Stewardship Pemberton with a goal to minimize unwanted bear activity. They packaged plums and grapes and distributed to the Villa Seniors. There was also an outing to Whistler’s for lunch and a visit to the Audain Museum.

A milestone was recognized when members were invited to celebrated long standing member, Marion Ayers, on her 100th birthday at Hill Top.



Rosalind Young organized and hosted an Outlander themed Tea Party as a fund raiser for Pearl's Place - woman's shelter.

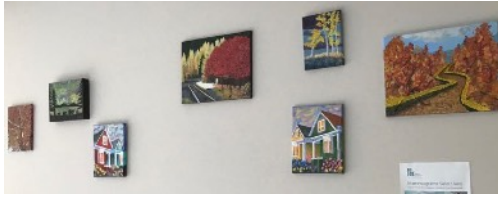


Saying farewell to Carmen in August, our Karaoke Queen is moving back to Montreal; also this year long time resident Flo move away to Alberta.

The PVS yard sale took place in September at the Villa complex. Thanks to many generous donations and volunteers we raised \$1063.30. We added to these proceeds to make a donation of \$1200 to the Hospice Foundation in Squamish...check Link on website.

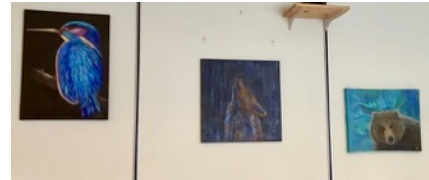
Oct. 1 PVSS was represented at the Whistler Mature Action Group Workshops with topics of interest to 50+ community. Thanks Marnie and Brenda. A 'flu shot clinic was arranged at the Villa complex. Jordan Sturdy visited to explain the upcoming vote related to 'proportional representation v. first past the post' provincial referendum. At the same time he presented the Government's certificate of congratulations to Hazel Pietila on her 102nd birthday.





Our Shades of Grey Painters group were well represented at the Whistler Arts Council Teeny Tiny Art Show where their work had to measure less than 3x3” - they

met the challenge and even sold some of their creations. They continue to display paintings at various locations around the village including waiting areas at the Medical Centre.



Remembrance Day: Hazel proudly wore her uniform and laid the Provincial Government Wreath at the Legion.

At one of our drop ins in November, Pippa Hodge showed a 15 minute power point and talk about her challenging and exciting trip down the Nahanni River with Outward Bound Canada in the North West Territory. As well as donating significantly herself she has committed to raise an additional \$1000 towards their Woman of Courage program and Indigenous youth Leadership course; PVS donated \$100.



Pemberton Divisions of Family Practice presented a talk, video and opportunity for discussion regarding Advance Care Planning. The talk was given by Dr. James Fuller and Nurse Lynne Currie. We also met Cielo Mabansag Practice Manager at the Clinic and received handouts to complete and file with the doctors or an advocate. [Materials available to the Medical Centre.]

In December the Youth/Seniors Rec held an Open House and the newly formed 50+ choir continued to practice in preparation for Christmas Events. We were hosted by the Pemberton Lions Club at the Legion for a delicious Christmas Dinner with entertainment from Anita Burlison and some of her singing group.

Later in the month PVS arranged a roast beef lunch for 40 members and guests. The choir set the tone as they sung to welcome us. Many thanks to the volunteers who organized and set up the decorations and door prizes.



During the year, Diners Club Lunches have included visits to: Fescues at Big Sky Golf Club that was very well attended in January. February we enjoyed a Valentine's dinner as guests of the Community Church in their new home at the Church on the Hill. A catered lunch was served following the March Annual General Meeting. April diners club at Portage Station restaurant included a Karaoke sing-a-long and in May we drove to the Lil'wat Cultural Centre for a BBQ lunch and guided tour.

In an attempt to get together over the summer the board organized a picnic in the Park -not very many people showed up so the planned August event was cancelled. However, many of the members enjoyed Tuesday's Toonie Teas and Tales at the Museum throughout the summer.



In September, Sarah, arranged our first diners' club lunch open to all 50+ in the community at the Black Squirrel Restaurant. This reduced the work load of your Board members but it is taking a while to adjust to the new system for payment directly to the Community Centre.



On October 8th, 2018 a lunch was organized by the Com. Centre to be held at the Hunter Gather Restaurant in Whistler. Although it was attend only by a few, the Chicken Shawarma platter was enjoy along with good company.



Maddy set up a Diners Club lunch at the new Town Square Restaurant for November which was well attended.



Our year wound down to the sweet singing of the newly formed Christmas Choir!

Mens Shed and PVS activities Open House on Canada Day, the Mens' shed birdhouse building, Marnie and Judy manning the table in The Rec on Open House.



D'arcy members and Mens Shed make it to Pot Luck in November when we were treated to a catered lunch by the Legion.



Seniors Jam Band.

As we look forward to the New Year we spare a moment to remember those who are no longer with us. In 2018, we said a final farewell to the following members who will be sorely missed. Condolences were sent to families of: Sharon Desrosiers, Seija Evans, Mary Brodowski and most recently Bill Reynolds who was very active with Mens Shed and operating the Tool Lending Library. Just a few days ago George Henry passed away after a long battle with cancer, George was a teacher here for 30 years and for many years he gave much of his time as a volunteer at the Museum. He was an active Lions Club member, putting on skits at various events with his side kick Anton Debacker. He was the founder of PACA, Pemberton Area Community Association, he lobbied and fund raised for years for an ice and curling rink.

Some responses from members: Fran Cuthbert:

“George’s contributions to the Pemberton Community are huge, he deserves to be honoured by the community.”

Mary Van De Wetering:

“Thanking George with my heart for all he has done for our community”

