

President's Message for March 2023

We've settled into a busy winter season. **BINGO** is even busier than last month with the Loonie Pot now over **\$1500!** The new "**Odd and Even**" game started in February had winnings over \$400 the first game and over \$500 the second game.

We are very sad to have lost our long-time member, Board member and Bingo caller, Jerry Hadley, who passed away February 21st. Our deepest condolences to Jerry's wife, Mona, and family. He will be missed.

Our first **General Meeting** of 2023 was held **Tuesday, February 21st** with good participation. The minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside the main hall.

Our Valentine's Dinner and Dance with the Fugitives Dance Band was wonderful! The dinner was delicious, and the dance was lots of fun with old-time and pattern dancing.

We had our annual Snowbirds Luncheon on Feb 25th. Lunch was great and we will miss this fun-loving crowd. Enjoy your summer and we will see you in the Fall.!

Check out our calendar at <https://oliverseniorcentre.com/events-calendar/> click on a day or an activity for an expanded view. March events include:

1. **Fraud Prevention Presentation**, Wednesday, March 8th at 2:00 by Valley First Credit Union's Chief Fraud Investigator, Kevin Haarhof. Call or email the Centre at 250-498-6142 or oscs@eastlink.ca to put your name on the list. Capacity is limited.
2. **Trivia evening - Saturday, March 11th**. Bar @ 4:30, dinner @ 5:00. Bring a team of up to 4 or come alone and build a team here. Play starts promptly at 6:00 pm. Tickets \$15.00 (dinner and trivia).
3. **St Paddy's Dinner and Dance Saturday, March 18th**. The bar opens at 4:30, dinner at 5:30 will be Irish Stew, bread/buns, cabbage and dessert. Our Senior Volunteer Band will play all your dance favorites!
4. **Sign up for something new...** Sign-up sheets are up for:
 - **A Rock Painting** workshop with Kat L'Herault of O'Rocks (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/310167553069470>)
 - **Cards - Euchre and Whist** fans are looking for more players and we have Bridge players looking for lessons (beginner and/or refresher).
 - **Dominoes** - We need a few more players and should be able to start soon!
 - **Mahjong** anyone? We'll put up a sheet if we hear more requests - call us!
5. Our regular fitness activities include **Indoor Walking**, the long-standing **Ladies Keep Fit, Co-ed Cardio & Strength** and **Chair Fitness** for those with limited mobility as well as **Floor Curling** and **Carpet Bowling**. Come join us - no pre-registration is required and the cost is only \$2 for members, \$3 for non-members per session.

If you would like to join our volunteer crew, please let us know **what you would like to help with** - we always have openings for reception, setup and take-down for events, kitchen help and much more.

Julie Russell, President