

## *President's Message for September 2024*

Memberships, now \$30 per year, for Oct 1, 2024 – Sept 30, 2025 are available Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>. Activity prices, effective Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - \$3 members & \$5 non-members. Members punch cards are \$30 for 10-punch & \$60 for 20 punches. Non-member punch cards are \$50 for 10 and \$100 for 20 punches.

Our first Bingo Marathon of the 2024-2025 season is **THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st**. Doors will open at 9:00, paper sales will stop at 9:50 and the first session will start at 10:00. Three more full sessions will start at 1:00, 4:00 and 7:00. Games will include Odd/Even and Hardway. Lunch will include hot dogs or soup and dinner will offer pulled chicken and coleslaw or a soup option. The concession will be open 9:00 until the end of the last break – about 8 pm.

**PLEASE** take care to clean the bottoms of your shoes or change to 'inside shoes' before entering the main hall for ANY activity! We have just had our hardwood floors completely refinished and put 'feet' on the chairs and tables to prevent damage. Your help to keep the floors in wonderful shape will be most appreciated!

Most of our regularly scheduled activities will resume this coming week, including:

- \* **Ladies Keep Fit and Music Jam** on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>,
- \* **Line Dancing** September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30,
- \* **Saturday Morning Dance** on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00,

**Co-ed Cardio/strength** fitness starts on September 10<sup>th</sup> with group leaders.

**Carpet Bowling and Floor Curling** will resume **October 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** respectively.

**September activities will also include:**

- \* **Crib Tournament on Sunday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>**, starting at 10:00, call 250-498-6142 to register.
- \* **Pool Tournament on Monday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**, call John Holt at 250-689-7222 to register.
- \* **Understanding Grieving and Moving Forward – Free Workshop** presented by Dr Max Uhlemann, retired counselling psychologist specialized in dealing with grief and loss. **Pre-registration is required.** 3-part series on Weds at 10:00 starting Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our fund-raising drive has completely paid for the floor refinishing in the hall. **Cody Sandover, of Okanagan Sandover Floors did a great job** - on time and on budget! With over \$10,000 donated by many individuals, Annuva Solutions, our janitorial products supplier, and Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies, plus a grant from the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS), we are now in Phase II of our fund-raising. **We are so very grateful for all the support we have received so far! THANKS TO ALL OUR DONORS!**

**Fund-raising** - the goal is now about \$45,000+ (exact amount TBA) to update the kitchen. Funding for new appliances is in place. Detailed plans are needed. If you, or someone you know, has expertise in commercial kitchen planning we would appreciate help!

Donations can be made by e-transfer to [donate@oliverseniorcentre.com](mailto:donate@oliverseniorcentre.com), in cash or by cheque to Oliver Senior Centre. We will pick up donations on request -250-498-6142.

Welcome back!

*Julie Russell, President*