



COMMUNITY ART !

This amazingly colourful art piece was created at the 2025 Canada Day celebrations at Swalwell Park.

Our Monday artists, featured at our display tent, invited the public to get creative!

This painting will reside in our Lower Level meeting room. A 2026 edition will also be displayed there!



Your June 2026 Newsletter

From the Board of Directors

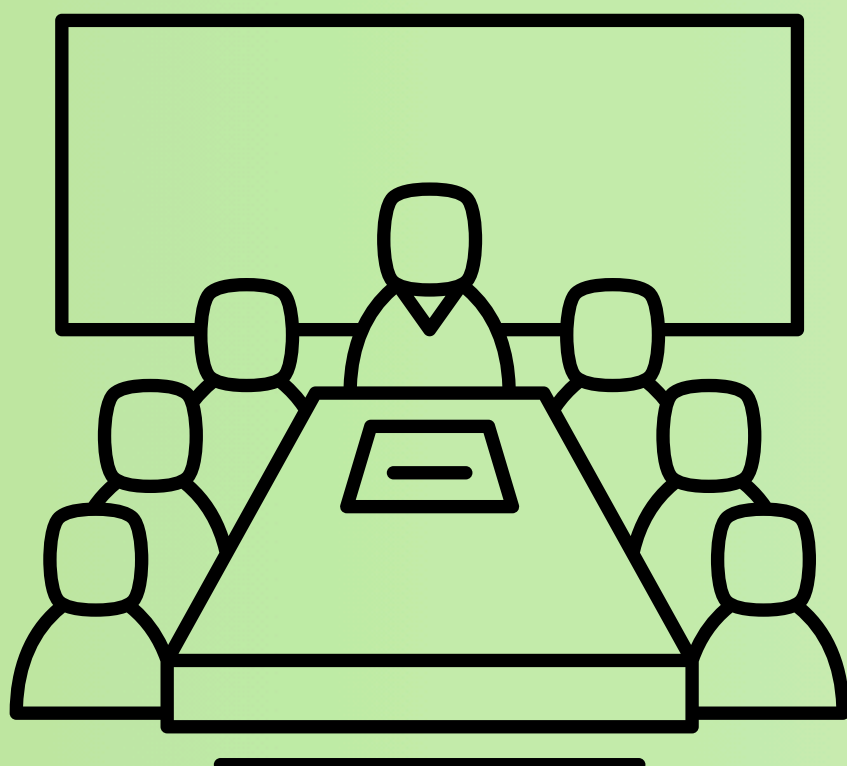
AGM – 2026

The Centre's AGM was held on Wednesday June 10th, 2026. The following Board members were elected for 2-year terms.

President – Mary-Lou Wightman
Vice-President – Marsha Fulton
Secretary – Brenda Dewonck
Director at Large – Darolyn Sladen

Directors Lolly Prinzen, Maggie Graham and Treasurer Diana Yandt all have 1 year remaining in their terms.

Thank you to these individuals for volunteering to be on the Board of Directors for the management of the operations of our Centre.



HELLO SUMMER

Our Summer office hours are now in effect.

Wednesdays
10 am to 2 pm

June, July & August

PRESIDENT'S REPORT to the AGM

June 10th, 2026



We are all aware that the community of Lake Country is growing steadily, and the Lake Country 50+ Activity Centre is no exception. Over the past 3 years our membership has grown from 457 to 520 and now sits at 654 (609 Full memberships and 45 Associate memberships). Associate members are those individuals who live outside of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, and so cannot vote or hold a position on the Board of Directors.

Our regular Monthly Activity Calendar continues to grow with opportunities for our members to improve their health, socialize, practise their chosen hobbies and even expand their knowledge with educational speakers.

Last July 1st our Monday Artists group hosted the Centre's display tent at the Canada Day ceremonies at Swalwell Park and exhibited a wonderful variety of their artwork pieces. They set up an easel, complete with a canvas and an array of painting implements for the community, young and old, to help create a public art piece. It was a great success and that creation will be hung in the meeting room on the lower level of the Centre. Our enthusiastic artists will, once again set up the tent at the upcoming 2026 Canada Day Celebrations, along with their displays and another 'community painting creation' will be created. It will then grace the wall beside the 2025 edition!

We currently have more than 20 various activities taking place on a regular basis. Our busiest day of the week is Thursdays when the main hall is occupied from 6:15 am until 10:00 pm! The District is now completing a second year of providing evening Ball Room Dancing classes and weekend Himalayan Sound Bowl experiences. It's great to see the facility also being used in the evenings.

New on the offerings this past year have been the very successful Chair Yoga, day-time Billiards, Duplicate Bridge and Writing Your Memoir classes. On the education side, June 19th at 2:00 pm we will host the Lake Country Museum for a presentation on the early days of our community. Don't miss it! In September, Lake Country Health will give a presentation, explaining the various services they offer to seniors and the community as a whole. A formal announcement for this event will be sent out to all members at the end of the summer.

The Tuesday Lunch activity continued but with mounting challenges. Those same challenges have been on record in the Board meeting minutes for the more than a decade. It's the difficulty of recruiting volunteers in an aging demographic, which is happening with service clubs and community groups everywhere. The lunch activity is a very big 'ask' for individuals to commit to volunteering for 9 months of weekly manual labour lifting tables

and chairs, preparing and serving all of the meals, and all the other related tasks. Many are worn out or caring for family or simply looking for a change of venue to give their free time to the community. These are all very valid reasons and we must respect their choices, and acknowledge the many hours spent at the Centre. They are amazing people!

So, what next? Over the summer your new Board will discuss various options going forward and formulate a business plan that works best for the Society.

At last year's AGM we began the 'laddering process' for the elections of our Board members. We now have a portion of our Directors elected every year as their 2-year terms are completed. This is a desirable system and ensures continuity within the Board.

Jerry Niemi and Norma Patterson have now come to the end of their 2 year terms as Directors. I want to thank them both, for giving their time and input to the operation of the Centre. Also, thanks to Maggie Graham for being our Recording Secretary this past year. Maggie is resigning from the Secretary's job but will continue as a Director at Large, for the remaining 1-year on her elected term.

Further thanks go to Brenda Dewonck for keeping the upstairs library in an orderly state. Brenda's 2-year term as a Director has come to an end, but she has kindly agreed to run for the position of Secretary for a 2-year term.

Also thank you to Lolly Prinzen for taking on the challenging role as Volunteer Co-ordinator for the Tuesday Lunch activity. Much time is involved in reaching out to the volunteers and trying to ensure that there are enough helpers on hand each Monday and Tuesday. Lolly also acts as our Volunteer Receptionist on Thursdays. Lolly currently has 1 more year remaining in her term as a Director at Large.

Our Vice President, Marsha Fulton, has spent countless hours over the past 2 years, managing the kitchen repairs, volunteering at the Tuesday Lunch, assisting me to add new activities to our roster, and in numerous other jobs to manage the building. She has always been available for me. We owe her a very big THANK YOU!

Our Treasurer, Diana Yandt, continues to go above and beyond with the time she dedicates to our Society. In addition to her important role as Treasurer, she also manages the 'office side' as receptionist, keeps our website and computer programs up to date, manages our membership data, keeps the activities calendar up to date, is on hand 8 hours a week as our receptionist, and is in effect, our Executive Director. We are so very fortunate to have Diana on our team! We owe her a big THANK YOU! Diana also has 1 year remaining in her position of Treasurer.

I wish to acknowledge the Nominees for today's elections and thank them for accepting the nominations to our Board.

Last but not least, thank you to all of our Activity Group leaders for regularly collecting the activity fees and also keeping us apprised of any problems they may experience like aging tables and chairs needing repairs!

Please be assured that your Board of Directors will continue to operate the Centre as efficiently as possible, and maybe add some new activities! We'll keep you posted!

Mary-Lou Wightman

CANADA DAY

Join in the fun
at Swalwell Park
8 am to 1 pm



Our Monday Art
Group will once
again host the
Centre's
information tent

LIBRARY NEWS



“TAKE-A-BOOK...LEAVE-A-BOOK”
system is working well. Keep us in
mind when you finish your summer
reading... maybe add those nice
new books to our collection.

REMINDER:

No magazines
No self-help manuals



The following activities
have now finished for the
summer:

Tai Chi
Exercise
Chair Yoga
Line Dancing



DON'T FORGET !

Our Lake Country Museum presentation is on Friday, June 19th at 2 pm

in our main hall.

Stories of Lake Country's early days.

Everyone is welcome.

Summer Holidays for 4 of our Activities

Tai Chi, Exercise, Chair Yoga and Line Dancing are all finished for the summer.

They will start up again in September and October.

REGISTRATION FOR

Exercise and Chair Yoga classes

WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN AUGUST.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 23rd @ 2:00 pm in our Main hall

Presentation by ***Lake Country Health***

Learn all about their services for Seniors



MEMOIR CLASSES

Our recent classes, lead by Jim Taylor, were well received and we even added 2 extra sessions on request!

Jim has offered to teach this again, should there be enough interest.

Let us know.

STAY TUNED !



Have a wonderful, fire-smart summer!

