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Monday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Kitchen Closed Mon. Dec 25th - Mon. Jan. 1st

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President's Message

Submitted by Gord Kruger Evergreen Club President

"SEASONS GREETINGS"...and a "Very Merry Christmas" to all.

Why was it that in our youthful years that wonderful day seemed to take forever to come around but as we travel down the road of life it seems to come around again and again at a much quicker pace... and we are another year older. At least that's the way it seems to me as I endorse the 2023 version of the Christmas cheques to the grandsons back east. It's the sad truth that the good things in life pass us by much more quickly as we become ancient. However, let us not dwell on the complexities of aging but keep our spirits high as we enjoy another Christmas season.

Christmas is a time of giving thanks and my first thought is to give special thanks to our "Leadership Ladies" Janet, Cathy and Alisha. They have been stalwart in their individual roles and along with those amongst you who have chosen to VOLUNTEER either now or in the past, provide the kind of wonderful club the Evergreen is. Many thanks to this group for their hard work and a very Merry Christmas to them. We take pride in our membership, which by the way is now over 2000, and, on behalf of my executive committee members and myself, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas Season.

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The Evergreen Club Monthly Newsletter



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Filberg Centre CLOSED

Mon. Dec. 25th, Tues. Dec 26th, & Mon. Jan. 1st

EG Executive Committee

Mon. Dec. 11th 10:00 am

Friday Night Dances

Dec. 1, 8, 15 Rotary Hall 7:30 pm

Comox Valley Concert Band

Sun. Dec. 3rd 2 pm Conference Hall

Scattered Skits

Tues. Dec. 5th & Wed. Dec. 6th 1:00 pm
Conference Hall

Christmas Sing-A-long

Fri. Dec. 8th 10:30 am Rotary Hall

New Year's Eve Dance Party

Sun. Dec. 31st 7:30 pm Rotary Hall

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Evergreen Club Activity Representatives

Each of our Activity Clubs has a volunteer representative (aka the Rep). For names and contact information for an Activity Rep please contact reception.

Activity Club Reps: Please submit your newsletter reports for the **January newsletter by Wednesday December 20th**

Submit to the office or email Janet at jhutchinson@courtenay.ca

President's message continued...

Onward and forward.....just want to mention a couple of events that took place in November. The Music of the War Years event was extremely well done and was very well received by all that attended...great audience. The Christmas Craft Market was very busy and we raised over \$1500 for the club. Upcoming December events will start with a visit by the Comox Valley Concert Band on Sunday December 3rd with a Wintertide theme. A drama show called cScattered Skits is next up on Tuesday December 5th and Wednesday December 6th followed by a Choristers Sing Along on Friday December 8th. The Friday Night Dance gang will have their Friday night dance on December 15th with a Christmas theme and the Members' Turkey dinner will be held on Wednesday December 20th. And if that is not enough to keep you happy and occupied, this year's New Year's Eve Party will have a Tropical Theme on Sunday December 31st. Last year's New Year's party was a sold out success so you might want to get tickets soon if you are planning to come. Don't forget that there will be a "Membership Meeting" in January with details to follow

And to end it.....How do the Elves clean Santa's Sleigh on the day after Christmas? They Use Santa-Tiser.....Adios and a MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.....

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Cover Photo

The Camera Club encourages members to expand their horizons as well as show off their work by holding an internal competition every two months. We have a set subject, albeit usually one with many interpretations.

We each select five images from those submitted and the nine with the most votes are then displayed in the EG Lounge for a month. All those visiting the centre are able to vote for their favourite. The theme showcased in this newsletter is "Bad Weather". The 1st place and 2nd place winners are used for The Evergreen Club's newsletter.



LIKE and Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates, events and news.

Our page is called The Evergreen Club at the Florence Filberg Centre.

EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

A NOTE FROM JANET

Well, what can I say about November? Our special events Music of the Wars Years and the Christmas Craft Market, were both wonderful, thanks to some exceptional volunteers. Not only were these events lovely to attend but over \$3000 was raised for the Evergreen Club.

I was unexpectedly off for a week with, yes indeed, Covid. I could tell it was more than a cold and took to my bed for a day. After a few more days at home, coughing and sneezing, I recovered and am back at my desk just in time to get this newsletter written, edited and published!

I am very much looking forward to December at the Evergreen Club. I enjoy seeing, and sometimes taking part, in the festive gatherings, shows, turkey dinner and our New Year's Eve party! I have been busy supporting the upcoming events and really appreciate all the volunteers who lead and support these wonderful opportunities for our members.

We are deep into planning a great line up of events and trips for 2024. In January, the first ever Murder Mystery Night is happening on January 30th and February 1st. This is sure to be an interesting and "eventful" event. We will be welcoming back the Georgia Strait Big Band on February 11th, organizing another pub night and planning a Rock & Roll Concert for May with our favourite "Singing Sistas". New day trips are constantly being researched by Cathy and I. And I am pleased to announce that I have secured tickets to see "Hairspray" the Broadway musical on Sunday April 7th in Vancouver, watch for more details coming soon!

So whether you drop in to one of our many activity clubs, stop by for a meal or coffee, come in to pick up a book or puzzle, remember you are a part of our Evergreen Club community. Be sure to watch for our new members as it is not always easy for people to feel included and welcome in a new environment. And give a wave or say hi as you pass my office in the lounge or stop in with suggestions or feedback. I hope you all enjoy some happy times with your family and friends over the holiday season.



Browse our Craft Sale Table!

You may have noticed the craft sale table set up in the EG lounge. All of these items have been made and donated by EG members. The proceeds from the sales support the EG Club. Stop by for a browse next time you are in the lounge. The table will be set up for most of December. Payments will be gratefully accepted by Cathy, Janet or the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who donated their crafts, time and talent.

2024 Evergreen Club Memberships

\$35 January – December 2024

Current Members

Renew for 2024 before
Dec. 29th and get \$5 off.

New Members

Buy a new membership now and
you get the rest of December and
all of 2024!

You can get an Evergreen Club
membership online at the City of
Courtenay or call or drop by the
Lewis Centre or the Filberg Centre.
Lewis Centre 250 338 5371
Filberg Centre 250 338 1000

Want to Check Out the Evergreen Club?

Prospective members are welcome to drop in and check out any activities for free. If you would like more information about a specific activity before dropping by you can contact the Volunteer Activity Rep. If their name and contact information is not listed in the newsletter please ask the office for the rep's phone number or email. Prospective members can visit once or twice before taking out an Evergreen Club membership.

EVERGREEN CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS



Comox Valley Concert Band presents

Wintertide Tapestry

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 2:00 pm
Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall

Tickets \$10 available at the door
or at the Florence Filberg Centre office

A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club

Info: www.comoxvalleyconcertband.com
Evergreen Club • 250-338-1000 • 411 Anderton Avenue

Evergreen Second Stage Players Present



Skattered Skits

Tuesday Dec 5th &
Wednesday Dec 6th
1:00 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall
Tickets at the Filberg Centre office or door \$10



A Tropical New Years Eve Party!

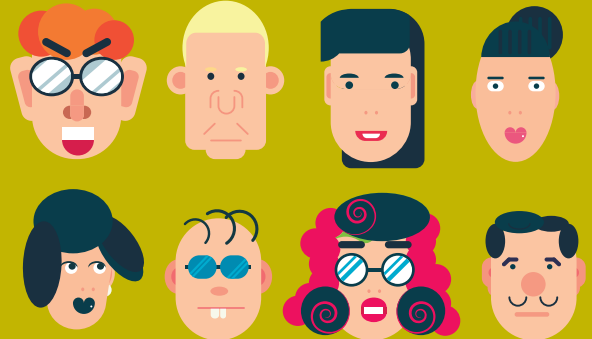
Sunday, December 31st

7:30 pm to 12:30 am
Florence Filberg Centre, Rotary Hall

Music for the dance provided by The AMIGOS. Sweet and savory snacks on the break and a licenced bar with wine, craft beers, cider & coolers. Table reservations for 8 or more

Tickets \$35/members, \$40/non-members, limited tickets available. A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club

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It's a Murder Mystery!

You're invited to a "reception" in honour of our "new" mayor Ronnie Smiley. Come and meet the mayor but be prepared for the unexpected and to help solve a crime!

Wed. Jan. 31 1:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 1 6:30 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall
Tickets \$15/includes light refreshments



CATHY'S CORNER

The festive season is upon us. I should thank whoever set up the EG Lounge Christmas tree, as it is positioned with a perfect view outside of my door. As part of the many EG festivities happening in December, the EG Staff hosts an annual Kitchen Volunteer Lunch at the White Spot. If you have ever wondered what happens to the tips from the tip jar in the kitchen, now you know! We treat the kitchen volunteers to a fun afternoon out (where someone else does all the cooking!) Thank you to those who have contributed to this fund and helping us treat our hardworking kitchen volunteers.

For those of you who have been members of the club for years, you will know the return of the NIC Nursing Students is an annual event. For those who are new to the club you might be interested to know the NIC Nursing Students come to spend time with members of our club as part of their community engagement program. You will see 3 pairs of students attending clubs and spending some time in the lounge on Tuesdays from January 17 to February 27. Make sure to stop by and give them a warm welcome.

I sure hope you were good this year, and Santa brings you a special surprise. I wish festive tidings to you and your family and all the best for the New Year. **Cathy** Volunteer and Special Event Coordinator

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. **Mother Theresa**

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been meaning to start giving back to the club by volunteering? Than perhaps 2023 is the year! Read the Volunteer Call Out section in the newsletter each month to see our current volunteer opportunities. There is always a new way to contribute.

Kitchen Callers Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that does not take up a lot of your time? Kitchen callers will help fill last minute cancelations of our kitchen crew. Callers are on a rotating schedule and are the caller of the week 1-2 weeks a month. When they are the caller of the week they will typically only receive 1 phone call a week.

Kitchen Volunteers We would love to have your help as part of our kitchen crew. Shifts start at just 2 hours and your commitment can be as little as once a month. We work around your schedule so we can fit into your life. Shifts also allow break time to sit and enjoy a coffee and muffin with the other volunteers. This is a great ways to meet new people and contribute to our club.

Roadie Our volunteer sound technician is looking for some assistance with the set up equipment for special events. Tasks include moving equipment, setting up speakers, running cables (and securing them to the floor). No experience required. This position is flexible, is less than once a month, and works around your schedule.

Sound Assistant Do you have an interest in sound? We are looking for someone who would like to learn how to operate the sound board, for karaoke, drama and other Evergreen Special events. No experience required as training is provided but an eagerness to learn is a must. A background in music is an asset.

Event Planner If you have an idea for a special event you would like to plan, we would love to hear from you. Planning a Special Event is very rewarding to see it all come together, and the smiling faces of those who attend your event. You will have the creative flexibility to make your vision come to life, with the support of The Evergreen Staff to ensure your event is successful.

Please contact Cathy if you have any questions or are interested in any of the positions
caudia@courtenay.ca 250 338 1000

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TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS SING A LONG



**Presented by the
Evergreen Club Choristers
Friday December 8th
10:30 am Rotary Hall**



MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER

Join us for this special meal with seasonal entertainment!

Wednesday December 20th

Tickets are \$15 each.

Lunch will be served between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm

In order to seat as many members as possible there will be no guests or take out meals.

Purchase your ticket in advance at reception.
No same day sales.



Coming in January! Who killed Rocky Blowhard? It's a Murder Mystery!!!



Find out who killed Rocky Blowhard at our Evergreen Murder Mystery fundraiser. There will be two shows to choose from, Wed. Jan. 31st at 1 pm or an after dinner show on Thur. Feb 1st at 6:30 pm.

What is it all about?

Ladies and gentlemen, a special reception will be held in the Conference Hall to congratulate our "new Mayor", Ronnie Smiley, on his recent win at the ballot box. Entertainment at this reception will feature a special guest, entertainer extraordinaire, Mr. Greg DeShutter. You are invited to come and meet the new mayor but be prepared for the unexpected. Our prominent local developer, Rocky Blowhard, meets an untimely end at the reception, but who did the nasty deed? There are plenty of suspects with lots of motive. But can you identify the ONE?

Only 90 guests per show so pick up your tickets (\$15) for this fun event when they come on sale mid December.
Light refreshments will be served.



Prospective & New Members Welcome

Join us in January when we host our next meeting for new & prospective members.

We will discuss all things Evergreen Club. This is a great chance for new or prospective members to learn about the club and the many activities offered.

If you have a friend who has been considering joining the club, this is perfect place to start.

Watch the January newsletter for the date of the next New Members' Welcome!




A smiling sun
means a surprise
hot lunch
special!



EVERGREEN CLUB KITCHEN NEWS & MORE

December Lunch Specials

Kitchen Closed Mon. Dec 25th - Mon. Jan. 1st

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Shepherd's Pie
4	5 Pizza	6 	7	8 Hamburgers <i>GF option avail.</i>
11 Early Close 12:30 pm	12 Lasagna <i>GF & veg option avail.</i>	13 	14	15 Tacos <i>GF & veg option avail.</i>
18	19 Ruebens	20 Christmas Turkey Dinner	21	22 Steak Pot Pie
25 CLOSED Statutory Holiday	26 CLOSED Statutory Holiday	27 Kitchen Closed	28 Kitchen Closed	29 Kitchen Closed

Where in the World Contest

The November winner is
Sherran McWillis
You can pick up your
prize at reception!

Lending Library

All donations of paperback,
puzzles & DVDs can be left in a
bag beside the Lending Library.
Our library volunteer will
organize them!

Food Services Hours

Kitchen Closed Mon. Dec 25th - Mon. Jan. 1st

Monday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Daily Menu

Fresh sandwiches, soups, salads,
baked goods and beverages.
Take home frozen entrees &
soups.

Hot Specials \$7.50

Typically served on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fri-
days starting at 11:30 am

We have launched some more diverse menu items to include more
options for those with dietary restrictions and preferences. The kitchen is
offering new options to include more gluten free and vegetarian choices.

GF = Gluten Free or GF option Veg = Vegetarian or Veg option

MORE EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

Miriam's Muse Holiday Edition



This monthly column features wisdoms and jokes that serve as inspiration for Miriam Piikkila.

Every month a joke or musing is copied from her scrapbook.

Where do you find a reindeer?
Under a cloud, darling.



Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
Because he had a low elf esteem.

I wanted to spend the holidays with my loved ones,
but after the third day they were no longer my loved ones!

Evergreen Club FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES



7:30 pm Rotary Hall
Filberg Centre

Dec. 1 Amigos

Dec. 8 Double Play

Dec. 15 Amigos
Christmas Party

Admission at the door

Members \$10 Non Members \$12
Coffee/tea /cookies included.

Non alcoholic beverages
available for purchase.



EVERYONE DESERVES A SMILE (EDAS)

Everyone Deserves a Smile (EDAS) is a positive peace project started 19 years ago by a Puntledge school teacher. The project passionately educates students from Kindergarten to grade 12 on rehumanizing homelessness through compassion, education & homemade art projects, reaching out with love to those who are homeless at Christmas.

You can help! EDAS is requesting the following knitted items they can distribute in care packages:

- *Wool socks or part wool socks
- *Toques
(XL for men/neutral colours, Medium for women)
- *Mitts/Gloves
(XL for men/neutral colours, Medium for women)
- * Scarves

The donation bin is located in the Evergreen Lobby and will be here only **until December 5th.**

This project cannot be a success without your help!

Need help with your iPad, iPhone, Android Phone, Tablet , Laptop or PC?

Please fill out a questionnaire, located on the corkboard outside of Janet's office in the lounge, drop it off at reception or give it to Cathy.

Our tutor, Jan, will be in touch to arrange a time to meet one on one in our Evergreen Club computer room. Jan can answer questions, help you keep up your skills and learn new things!



EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

The Art Group

Well, we tried to stick to a theme for our October display in the Evergreen Lounge, and in case you missed it - here it is! There were some great 'seasonal' paintings such as pumpkins and autumnal colour- kissed trees, along with a few snowcapped mountains, flowers and animals.



We meet every Thursday afternoon in The Craft Room and enjoy all visits from folk interested in seeing what we do, even if we are staring at a blank piece of paper! We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas. Be safe over the holidays. Ho ho ho jane

Bean Bag Toss

Bean Bag Toss, a new weekly game at the Evergreen Club started in October. We play on Thursdays at 10 am in the Rotary Hall. Come out and enjoy a friendly game. Lyle

Bingo

Bingo is held every Friday beginning at 1 pm. This is a social afternoon for those who enjoy getting out and playing bingo for fun and the small prizes! See you there!

Book Club

The Book Club meets the first Monday of every month at 1 pm in the Florence Filberg Centre. Some of the titles read and recommended by our members at our November meeting were:

Mindful of Murder, Susan Juby
Hello Beautiful, Ann Napolitano
Strange Sally Diamond, Liz Nugent
Now You See Us, Balli Kaur Jaswal
A World of Curiosities, Louise Penny
Snow Road Station, Elizabeth Hay
The Adversary, Michael Crummey
Empire of Pain, Patrick Radden Keefe



Our next meeting will be Monday, December 4th at 1 pm in the Florence Filberg Centre upstairs in the Soroptimist Room. Joyce

Bridge Thursday

Thursday afternoon Bridge is in the back half of the Filberg Centre Rotary Hall 12:30 pm start.

Bridge Tuesday Night

Join us for Bridge in the Filberg Centre Rotary Hall at 6:45 pm.

Brazilian Embroidery

Join us in the Craft Room on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. Come see this beautiful style of embroidery.

Canasta

We meet on Mondays from 9:00 am to 11:30 am in the Evergreen Lounge. New players are very welcome.

Camera Club

Don't know your F-stop from an ISO? Can't find your camera's "ON" button? Worried you'll get arrested if you shoot RAW? If you answer "YES" to any of these, then the Evergreen Camera Club is for you. We welcome all levels of photographers from shy beginners to seasoned pros. We meet in the Rotary Hall twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. From noon to 1pm we focus on photo editing and other advanced topics. From 1 pm to 2:30 pm we host our general meeting, where we discuss all things cameras and photography. Come give us a try (and bring your camera).

Carpet Bowlers

Carpet bowling league play will wrap up December 19th with a small social time after playing one game only. League play will resume January 2nd with drop in January 4th. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!

Choristers

The Choristers have been working on the Christmas Carol Sing a long for the last few weeks and it is sounding great. We will be performing on Friday Dec. 8 at 10:30 am Everyone is invited to join us to sing the old favorite Christmas songs.

We did our bit at the hockey game on Saturday evening and people are starting to remember us, what a great feeling, to be recognized as having sung for the crowds at the games. Our group will be resting after the show until Jan. 5 so look forward to seeing everyone back then.

Have a Very Happy Christmas All!

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Cue Sports

Change in the season has seen an up-tick in the number of users and the number of new faces. Winter Snooker League has been organized and was kicked off September 19th.

This marks a post COVID restart of the team league. We have eight teams of four members each. Teams are structured so all have a similar average talent level.

A new, quality, 9' table for eight ball and many other games, has replaced the two smaller tables we have had for the past few years. This new equipment is thanks to the brightness (money from lights) of current and former members of Cue Sports.

The Cue Sports Club has two snooker tables and an 8 Ball tables. Cues are available to use while in the room. The cost is 25 cents for 15 minutes. Everyone is welcome to drop in, try your hand at a game and meet some new people. The Games Room is open Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm as well as some evenings between 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Evening play will be most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays.



Greg Olsen from Team Blue doing his imitation of Smashing Pumpkins' as they took 3 out of 4 games in their match against Team Blue in The Cue Sports 2023 Fall Snooker League.

Cycling

Cycling Winter Update.

We are pleasantly surprised with our riding season extending well into winter. Our Monday and Wednesday rides seem to be dodging the rain. There is an old saying that "there is no bad weather, only bad gear". However riding without rain is nicer. We also seem to be collecting new members which is always great.

Through the winter we will continue our Monday / Wednesday 10 am rides from the Filberg weather permitting. These rides usually 25 to 35k include lots of rest stops as well as the occasional coffee stop. For those that enjoy easy cycling and the outdoors this is a great opportunity.



A recent stop at Airforce Beech.

Cribbage

Come play crib on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Rotary Hall. Everyone welcome!

Chess

Drop by the Craft Room on Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm. We need more players so come on out and have a game or two! All skill levels welcome!

Darts

Darts are played in the Rotary Room every Tuesday morning. It starts at 10:30 am sharp until 12:30 pm We ask everyone to be here by 10:15 am so we can organize teams. It is a fun non competitive way to spend a Tuesday morning. No experience necessary. We have a great bunch of people. It costs \$1.00 per week. Some of our members dressed up for Halloween which was fun.



Some high score this month are: Wayne-100, Norma-100, Maria-105, Dianne-110, Dennis-111, Bob-114, Dave-116, Lynn-117, Linda-124, Lyle-124 Dave-127, High checkout: Linda -64

For more information contact Linda MacMullen at 250-897-0646 or l.macmullen@outlook.com

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Drama

The Drama club is working on their upcoming production "Scattered Skits". Come see us on Tues. Dec 5th & Wed. Dec 6th.

Euchre

Euchre is on Thursday afternoons at 1 pm. Please join us for some good-natured competition and fun in the Evergreen Lounge.

Fabric Arts

The Fabric Arts Club meets every Tuesday morning in the craft room from 9:30am to 11:30 am. We are right across from the kitchen door, nice and easy for you to pop in and see what we're up to. We are always pleased to have a visitor.

From our club to yours, we extend our Season's Greetings!

Floor Curling

Floor curling is going strong every Wednesday at 1 pm. in the upper Native Sons Hall. New members are welcome. If you would like to give it a try, come to the hall at 12:30 pm and someone will teach you the game.

The activity is designed for seniors as a weekly drop-in rather than a commitment to a league. Our last curling day before Christmas break is Dec. 13th.

Cost is only \$1.00 for two games.

FMI Dianne Bruon
grumpybearwear@shaw.ca



Friday Night Dance

The Christmas tree up on our stage brings out our holiday spirit. So, let's continue to enjoy dancing and meeting others. We are planning a special night on Friday December the 15th and one of our favourite bands, the Amigos, will be there.

Dance Reps, Mary & Peggy

Friday Craft Group

Bring your knitting, crocheting, beading, macrame, embroidery, weaving, or anything else you're working on and join us in the Lounge from 1 pm - 3 pm. (No charcoal or paint please). A few of us "make-to-donate", but you're completely free to do your own thing.

We'd love to give a new home to supplies you no longer need. Storage containers would be helpful as well. Fabric, (including top sheets), is especially welcome as L'arche needs both craft and kitchen aprons. Come, visit, have a natter, join in.

Everyone welcome!

Heartstrings

Welcome, we are a group of guitar, ukulele (and other stringed instruments) and accordion players that get together for a fun time of playing and singing songs from days gone by to some more current (but not too current) songs. Members play a mix of electric and acoustic instruments, not too loud, so that you can't hear yourself, but loud enough to cover some of our mistakes.

While we are not an instructional group, players with a fair knowledge of chording should be able to fit in. Chords and words are provided on an overhead projector for you to play along with.

There is a \$2 drop in fee (your first session is free.) Spectators are welcome. Wednesdays at 9:30 am.

Gospel Sing Along

The Gospel Singalong is a casual group of people who meet in the Rotary Hall Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am to sing the grand old hymns and gospel songs. This month we will gather on Dec. 7 and Dec, 14 to raise our voices in Yuletide hymns and carols. We hope you will join us to sing along, or just come to listen to the timeless melodies.



Genealogy

I do love this season, but it is such a busy time of year, so for December instead of the usual meeting we will be getting together for a luncheon on Thursday the 7th. Check out our Facebook page "Evergreen Seniors Genealogy Club" for more details. Planning is already underway for programs in the New Year. Looking forward to seeing you in January. Cheers Diane



EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

The "Jam"

Every Monday (except holidays) from 2:30-4:30 pm in the Rotary Hall. We use the website Ultimate Guitar (U.G.) to access any song an individual wishes, put it in their chosen key, put it on the screen for all to see (lyrics and chords), give them the microphone, and everyone plays along to their rendition of the song. We are averaging two choices per person each session.

We have had guitars, ukuleles, bass, banjo, mandolin, harmonica, keyboard, a drum kit, soloists, and a wide variety of songs selected. To sing, it's preferred if you email the song title, the performer, your choice of key, and the U.G. version to jamezp@telus.net by the preceding Saturday. Jim will find your song and be ready for you when your turn comes. Bring your instrument (acoustic preferred) and play along at your own skill level. First visit free, and subsequently a \$2 donation to help cover equipment costs. Spectators free, welcome, and wanted.

Karaoke

'Tis the season! And Christmas Karaoke is on the way! This month we'll be meeting to entertain and be entertained on Wednesday afternoon on December 20th. That's in keeping with our usual third Wednesday of the month. Everyone welcome! Listen and then either pass or take a turn singing. We never put pressure on people to sing but are always pleased when someone discovers that it looks like fun and wants to give it a try. And we've assembled a six page index of Christmas songs to fan your seasonal spirit! Plus, our 120 page index of familiar songs will still be available. Join Sandy, Allan, and Sally between 1 pm and 3:30 pm for smiles and songs in the Conference Hall!

Lacemakers

The lace making group continues to meet in the Craft Room on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. We welcome anyone interested in handmade lace (bobbin, tat, knit or crochet, eg.) to join us or just pop by anytime to see what we're doing!

Knit & Crochet

Join us around the table in the Evergreen Lounge on Tuesday afternoons starting at 1 pm. The club is now also meeting on Fridays afternoons to offer another opportunity to knit, crochet or craft and of course, socialize.



Improv Club

Improv is the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. Every session brings laughter, silliness and a lot of spontaneous fun. Everyone welcome. More Info? Call Mary at 250-703-0315.

Meet & Greet - Singles

Our Guest Speaker in November was Lindsay Eason, from Transit Outreach Educator for the Comox Valley. This included a 1 hour presentation Learn to Ride the Transit, followed by a bus ride. Thank you Lindsay for this great experience. Some have never been for a ride on transit, and it's been awhile for others.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Potluck on Wednesday December 6 at 1 pm. in the Rotary Hall. Bring a dish to serve 8 and a donation towards the Care-A-Van.

January's meeting will be Wednesday January 3rd 2024 at 1 pm. in the Rotary Hall. This will be a Round Table Discussion for the new year. Hope to see you at this meeting. New Members Welcomed

Happy Holidays
Elaine Kivela
250-941-2518



Mah-Jong

The Mah-Jong Club is meeting in the Rotary Hall on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm. Please come 10 to 15 minutes early so we know how many tables to set up. Must be a member of the Evergreen Club. Drop in fee is 50 cents.

For info call or email
Marg
250-898-1158 fowler48@telus.net

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Mexican Train

Come to the Evergreen Lounge on Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm for a fun game of dominoes. New players welcome!

Quilters

The Quilters meet Mondays at 12:15 pm in the Craft Room. If you are in the building come and see what we do.

Recorder

The Trouble Clef Recorder Players meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 pm and play a variety of music in 3 and 4 parts including pieces from the Renaissance and Baroque eras, country dance music, and Canadian songs. New players are welcome as well as other woodwind and string players. If there is interest a beginner group may be formed. For more information contact Michael, miclayers@gmail.com

Scrabble

Wednesdays in the Soropotomist Room 1 pm. All skill levels welcome. Come enjoy a friendly game and meet new people too!

Social Dance Club

It has been a pleasure to offer the SDC lunch-time dance sessions this Fall. We now have a consistent group of attendees who seem very happy with the format of the sessions. A large part of the success of each session must go to Linda who provides a fresh selection of dance tunes for each session and, we have a shout-out to Greg who makes sure the room is set up for us each time including the ever so seductive lighting! We feel absolutely privileged to have this dance space available and look forward to the upcoming winter session. But, before we get there, we have a Christmas dance to look forward to on December 18th: Everyone is welcome but please, do register by calling Alan to receive details (250-941-6067 or email: boxtrot@shaw.ca).

Alan also has information on a 2024 Alaskan cruise that might be of interest to ballroom dance enthusiasts. Please contact him for more details.

Linda & Alan

Table Tennis Monday

Table Tennis provides a welcoming place for players of all levels. Doubles and singles can be played. Membership in the Evergreen Club is required after the first visit. We usually play every Monday except holidays. Join us on Mondays between 11:30 and 1:30 pm. Paddles and balls provided. An affordable couple of hours all for a loonie.

FMI contact Louise louisedragonrider@gmail.com or 250 338-2718

Table Tennis Thursday 5:30 pm to 8:45 pm

Come and enjoy a fun filled 2.75 hrs of beyond recreational to competitive table tennis. If you are new to this activity, or haven't played for a while, some instruction can be provided within the first hour of our evening. Table tennis has a relatively low injury risk. This game, as a physical activity, has few equals. As quoted in the 2023-08-05 Globe & Mail Weekend Opinion, "Studies have shown that this is one of the best sports for the brain... since playing ping pong requires all sorts of rapid-fire decision making and processing of different types of information, it stimulates very disparate parts of the brain..." Table tennis features a mix of aerobics, strategy, quickness and coordination.

Our Thursday Night has a highly structured play format, beginning with a one-hour Warm-Up, followed by an hour or more of competitive win/lose game playing, both singles & doubles, depending on our numbers. For those not interested in competing in a win/lose game format we dedicate one or two tables for their play. To join you'll need a 2023 Evergreen Club membership. There is a drop-in fee of \$1.00. We have paddles for those without. Balls are provided. For more info contact Dave Semple, mobile: 250-898-1224, or by email: 4sempledave@gmail.com



Trivia

Join us for some lighthearted trivia. We are not a serious group, our main focus is simply having fun. We each bring 20 general knowledge questions and meet from 1-3 pm. Thursday (except the 3rd Thursday which meets off site TBA.)

Texas Hold'em Social

Social poker games are held every Friday afternoon in the Rotary Hall starting at 12:30 pm.



EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Ukulele Club

The red and green lights are popping up every where. The Dollar Stores have emptied their shelves of horrible Halloween merchandise and restocked them with glitter and fluff for Christmas. Yes, the Christmas season will soon be upon us. Now if you would like this Christmas to be decidedly different and musically merry I would strongly recommend that you check out the Ukulele Club.

Between now and Christmas the club will be playing a jolly good selection of very easy, two and three chord Christmas songs. These songs are so easy that with a bit of practice between now and Christmas morning I promise that you will be able to play one, two or even three of these songs come Christmas morning. And in doing so bring a whole different vibe to the season. Heck, we will even lend you a ukulele to practice on. So, if this musical idea rings a bell with you, well harness up a reindeer and come on over and check us out.

Although we are not a teaching group many of our songs have just a few simple chords that you can easily learn from our web page. We play and sing as a group so no one hears your missed chords and flat notes. We play from music displayed on a large screen so no fussing with sheets of music. We even have ukuleles you can try at our club practices before deciding to buy your own. Checking us out is free. To join you'll need to have an Evergreen membership. Drop-in fee \$1.00.

We play the second and fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 3:30 pm and ending at 5:00 pm. For more info contact:

Terry Hall comoxterry@gmail.com



Walk & Talk

We walk every Thursday at 1:00 pm, rain or shine, and often go for coffee after. New walkers always welcome!

Dec. 7th One Spot Trail. Meet at Vanier Sports Complex for carpooling.

Dec. 14th Royston Seaside Trail. Meet in Canadian Tire parking lot for carpooling. In Royston we will park on the waterfront at the bottom of Royston Rd.

Dec. 21st 11:30 Christmas Lunch at Boston Pizza, followed by a 1:00pm walk at the Airpark. Please sign up for lunch by December 15th. (Call or email Maree.)

Dec. 28th No Walk Scheduled.

MAREE 250-702-9666 mclepine08@gmail.com



Whist

At this time of the year we are planning our X-mas festivities which will be held on the 18th of December. There is lots to get together so a good time will be had by all. As always whist is held on Monday nights, start at 7 pm until 9 -9:30 pm. We have many laughs as well as 20 good hands of cards. You might even be lucky enough to win a prize at the end of the night, so you can discuss it during coffee and snacks with home baked goods supplied by the players. We are out to have fun and enjoy the night so come on out. You are welcome. Norm-Judy

Writers Club

NEW

The new Writers Circle will be meeting next on Monday January 22nd at 12:30 pm in the Soropotimist Room. As this new creative writing group develops the members will decide on how they would like to organize themselves. This group is being set up to offer a safe, sharing environment with support and inspiration for writers. Bring some writing to share to the January meeting. All skill levels welcome.

Get your Nametag!

Name tags are available for members to purchase. The name tags are a great way to build community within the club, and are especially helpful for new members or that person's name you can't remember! Buy your nametag at the Filberg Reception desk. You will get a call in about a week when it is ready! Name tags are \$10 each, are a fundraiser for the club and can be purchased through the Filberg reception. We encourage everyone to wear your name tags while you are at the club or on bus trips.

EVERGREEN CLUB MEMBERS' DAY TRIPS

Registration for **NEW** trips opens on **Tues. Dec.5th**

NEW

It's A Wonderful Life A Live Radio Play

Chemainus Theatre

Date: Wednesday December 13, 2023

Depart: 8:45 am Filberg Centre - Upper Level

Return: 7:00 pm approx.

Cost: \$215.00 Includes coach bus, lunch, theatre tickets and all gratuities.

Lunch and Show! We will have lunch in the Playbill Dining Room with it's wonderful assortment of appetizers, salads, main courses and desserts. After lunch there will be time for a short walk around downtown Chemainus before the 2 pm show.

Based on the beloved holiday movie with a clever twist: the story is staged as a live radio broadcast. Actors portray numerous characters and take on sound effects. George Bailey, a generous and well-meaning man, has become too downcast and tried to continue living. It will take help from a lovable angel to show George what life would be like if he wasn't born for George to have a change of heart and understand the true spirit of the holidays. Bring snacks, water and a blanket for travelling.

Cirque du Soleil

Save On Foods Centre, Victoria

Date: Sunday, January 14, 2024

Depart: 7:30 am Filberg Centre Upper Level

Return: 7:30 pm approx. Filberg Centre- Upper Level

Cost: \$200 Includes bus, bus tips, bus taxes, and a ticket to Cirque du Soleil

Note: No meals, snacks or drinks are included in the price

Cirque du Soleil has announced its return to Victoria with a new production called Corteo. Corteo is a joyous procession, a festive parade imagined by a clown. The show brings together the passion of the actor with the grace and power of the acrobat to plunge the audience into a theatrical world of fun, comedy and spontaneity situated in a mysterious space between heaven and earth. Trip includes transportation, and tickets to the show. We will stop for brunch at White Spot in Duncan on the way to Victoria, and fast food stop for dinner mid-way on the return trip home.

We have a limited amount of seats reserved for those who have trouble with stairs. Please let the reception know if you would like one of these seats.

Also, please note, in order for us to confirm our tickets, the deadline to book this trip is Friday, December 1. After that date you can ask to be added to the waitlist.



January Mystery Trip

Date: Wednesday January 30, 2024

Depart: 10 am Upper Level Filberg

Return: 3:30 pm approx.

Upper Level Filberg

Cost: \$60 includes transportation, bus, tip and any entry fees.

Meal/ drinks are not included.

It's time again for a mystery trip! Join us as we head out to ...undisclosed locations! The trip will include a lunch "somewhere" as well as one or more stops at " a place of interest". Lunch is not included in the price but entrance fees (if any) are covered for these not to be divulged stops!



Evergreen Club

Trip Info

Wear your nametag!

Registration

Register at the Filberg or Lewis Centre in person or by phone. Registration for new trips start on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Add your name to the waitlist if a trip is sold out, we often have room for more people at the last minute.

Membership

Any person participating in a day or overnight trip from the Evergreen Club must have a current membership. Cancellations made less than 30 days before the trip date cannot be refunded unless the seat is filled from the wait list.

Be Comfortable!

Bring water, snacks, or a blanket as needed for travelling.

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Check the newsletter, bulletin board or your Activity Club Rep for locations, changes or cancellations.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (most weeks)
Cycling Group Meets at 10:00 am	Slo Pitch 9:00 am-12:00 pm Lewis Park Spring/summer	Heartstrings 9:30 am Rotary Hall	Brazilian Embroidery 9 am -12 noon Craft Room	Slo Pitch 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Lewis Park Spring/summer
Canasta 9:00 am - 11:30 am EG Lounge	Fabric Arts 9:30 am Craft Room	Cycling Group 10:00 am Filberg Centre	Bean Bag Toss 10 am Back Rotary Hall	Golf Spring/summer at "The Park" in Comox 9 am
Table Tennis 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Rotary Hall	Crib 10 am Back Rotary Hall	Golf at "The Park" in Comox 9 am Spring/summer	Gospel Singalong 10:30 am Rotary Hall	
Hand Quilters 12:15 pm Craft Room	Darts 10:30 am Front Rotary Hall	Mexican Train 1 pm EG Lounge	Camera Club (1st & 3rd Thur.) 12 - 1 pm & 1 -2 :30 Front Rotary Hall	Bingo 1 pm Back Rotary Hall
Social Dance Club 2x Month (see p. 13) Conference Hall	Mahjong 12:30 - 3 pm Back Rotary Hall	Chess 1 pm Craft Room	Art Club 12:30 - 3:30 Craft Room	Choristers 10:30 - 12 noon Front Rotary Hall
Book Club 1st Monday 1 -2 pm	Horseshoes 1 pm Lewis Park (Apr -Sept)	Scrabble 1 pm Sept - May Sorooptimist Lounge	Bridge 12:30 - 3:30 pm Back Rotary Hall	Texas Hold'em 12:30 pm Front Rotary Hall
Writers Club NEW Mon. Jan 22 12:30 pm Sorooptimist Lounge	Carpet Bowling 1pm Conference Hall	Improv Club 2 nd & 4 th Wed 1 pm Rotary Hall	Trivia 1 pm - 3 pm Sorooptimist Lounge	Friday Craft Group 1 pm - 3 pm EG Lounge
The "Jam" 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Rotary Hall	Stamp Club (2 nd Tues) 12:30 pm Sorooptimist Lounge	Meet & Greet (Singles) 1st Wednesday 1pm Rotary Hall Sept -June	Euchre Club 1:00 pm EG Lounge	Lacemakers 2nd & 4th Friday 1:30 - 4 pm Craft Room
Drama Club 3 - 5 pm Conference Hall	Knit & Crochet Group 1 pm - 3 pm EG Lounge	Karaoke Conference Hall 3 rd Wed. 1 pm	Carpet Bowling 1 pm Conference Hall	Fri. Night Dances Rotary Hall 7:30
Whist 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Rotary Hall	Recorder 1:30 pm Craft Room Sept -June	Floor Curling Native Sons Hall Grand Hall 1 pm Oct-April	Walk & Talk 1 pm See newsletter	
	Ukulele Group (2 nd & 4 th Tuesday) 3:30 Rotary Hall	Supper Club Monthly See newsletter for info	Horseshoes 1pm Lewis Park Spring/Summer	
	Social Bridge 6:45 pm - 10 pm Rotary Hall		Genealogy Club 3rd Thurs 1 - 3 pm Conference Hall	
			Table Tennis 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm Rotary Hall	

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