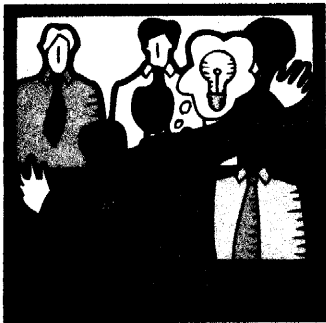




# CHEAM VIEW - Chilliwack, Agassiz, And Hope

Newsletter Date: 2011 Oct

## Our Guest Speakers



June 21 and Sep 20  
Robert (Bob) Klassen  
Author "I Declare"  
Experience in Canada Customs

BCGREA Branch 2000 Cheam View  
PO Box 2352, Sardis Stn. Main, Chilliwack, B.C. V2R 1A7  
Luncheon Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at  
Canton Gardens 45595 Yale Road Chilliwack

## Executive and Contacts:

Chair: Peter Maguire

Vice Chair: Pat Harkness

Secretary: Valerie Stevenson – share person needed

Treasurer: Patricia Tipper

Directors: Greig Simpson – past president

Ken Thompson – back up treasurer, transportation

Mike Stevenson – COSCO representative

Lori Hiles – speaker coordinator

Lynne Dennis – membership chair, newsletter editor

All members are reminded that they are welcome to attend the executive meetings.

## FUTURE EVENTS

Annual General Meeting  
18, 19 Oct 2011

Cheam View Reps:

Chair Peter Maguire

Membership Lynne Dennis

## FROM THE CHAIR – Report from Peter Maguire

Hello everyone,

It seems the fall is upon us and I hope you are enjoying this last bit of sunshine and nicer weather.

I trust the summer was enjoyable and a safe one.

Thanksgiving has come and gone and we will get ready for Old Man Winter. I am also getting ready for a busy year with our association and your new executive, which I might add are a great bunch and am enjoying their work, help and thoughtfulness. The Board is shaping up and there are a couple of areas to fill and we are definitely needing your help in the future.

Along with Lynn Dennis, I will attend the AGM as your representative and delegate. We will keep you abreast of the results and areas of concern.

Looking forward to seeing some new faces and meeting with you, so try and get out to our next lunch. Peter.

## Current Membership for Branch 2000 Cheam View

We have 191 members of whom 25 have life membership designation, and 1 is our honorary member - due to past service to our organization.

## Financial Statement – Branch #2000 BCGREA

Thanks again to Ray and Lorraine Smith for auditing the Association books from the past year and confirming the balances that were reported to Head Office Treasurer as per the Financial Statement 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011.

**From 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011**

**Receipts**

Branch Dues	\$820.00
Raffle Collected (50/50)	<u>\$188.05</u>
Donations	<u>\$101.75</u>
Bank Interest	<u>\$ .73</u>
DCO from Head Office	<u>\$792.00</u>
Sale of Pins	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
	<u>\$ 1,908.53</u>

**Disbursements**

Transfer to Prov. Body	\$528.00
Membership Dues & Fees (COSCO)	<u>\$140.00</u>
Office	<u>\$ 19.91</u>
Postage & Box Rental	<u>\$201.07</u>
Socials - Guest Speaker Meal Cost & Christmas Lunch Top-up	<u>\$329.50</u>
Travel (Cosco Meeting)	<u>\$600.00</u>
Newsletter & Membership Expenses	<u>\$378.91</u>
Miscellaneous:	
Christmas Lunch Entertainment	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Gratuity to Waitress for the year	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Bank Charges	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
Picnic Assessment	<u>\$ 33.15</u>
Cards	<u>\$ 6.72</u>
Photocopying	<u>\$ 5.95</u>
Membership Card Badge Holders	<u>\$ 13.17</u>
	<u>\$ 2,362.38</u>

**DEFICIT**

**\$ 453.85**

**Reconciliation**

Bank - Open - July 1, 2010	<u>\$2,826.05</u>	Bank - Close - June 30, 2011
<u>\$2,372.20</u>		
Deficit	\$453.85	

Also in this issue for your information you will find the Association's Proposed 2011-12 Budget, as prepared by our Chairman, Peter Maguire, along with myself as Treasurer and Membership Chair Lynne Dennis

**RETIRED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION  
CHEAM VIEW BRANCH 2000  
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2011-2012 YEAR  
BASED ON INCOME AND EXPENSES 2010-2011**

<b>OPENING BALANCE AS OF JULY 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$2,372.20</b>	
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Dues - 140 paying members @ \$20.00		
less \$12.00 to Provincial Body = \$8.00 to Branch	\$ 1,120.00	
50/50		\$ 175.00
Donations		\$ 75.00
Interest Earned		<u>\$ 1.00</u>
		<b>\$1371.00</b>

<b>OPENING BALANCE AND PROPOSED INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,743.20</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Cosco Membership Dues		\$ 140.00
Membership and Newsletter Expenses	\$ 350.00	
Office Supplies		\$ 20.00
Postage including Mail Box Rental		\$ 225.00
Travel - Cosco Meetings @ \$100.00	\$ 600.00	
Picnic Assessment @ 15 cents per member	\$ 25.00	
Christmas Dinner Top-up & Gratuity	\$ 200.00	
Guest Speaker & Entertainment Expenses	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	
	<b>LESS PROPOSED EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,760.00</u></b>
<b>PROPOSED BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 1983.20</b>	
<b>DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR (Income less Expenses)</b>		<b>\$ 389.00</b>



At this time, may I also thank everyone who has supported me in my position as Treasurer for the Association and in particular to Ken for filling in for me when I am way on my many "excursions", the next pending one being 9 weeks in Mexico January to March. I will be thinking of all of you and would say that I'll have a Margarita for each of you but don't think that would be a good plan!!

Respectfully submitted, Pat Tipper

## BCGREA PICNIC – Report from Erma Sias

Our 2011 picnic was a great success and everyone reported having a good time. At the review meeting on 29 June 2011 the committee advised 78 people attended. Attendance is growing yearly. This year was a great success with lots of food, great door prizes and lovely flowers. Our next picnic is to be held at Williams Park 2012 June. The date will be finalized early in 2012. The picnic committee is looking for entertainment ideas. If members have the name of a suitable Group or person, please give contact information to Erma or our chair Peter Maguire to forward to the picnic committee.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

### How do I report a change of address?

If your address, telephone number and/or email contact address has changed please ensure that you forward the changes to the Branch Membership Chair @ 604 824 1764 or [dennisl@uniserve.com](mailto:dennisl@uniserve.com). It is also very important for you to notify the Pension Corporation of any changes.

## PAYMENT OF DUES

**Can I arrange to have my dues paid other than by writing a cheque each year? Yes -for the year 2012 and ongoing. If you want to consider having your dues deducted annually from your February pension cheque. Please complete the application form (copies available on line or contact me) and/or provide the information so that the membership chair can ensure the arrangement is completed. Contact [dennisl@uniserve.com](mailto:dennisl@uniserve.com) or phone 604 824 1764.**

## LETTER TO CHILLIWACK MAYOR

MAYOR SHARON GAETZ  
CITY OF CHILLIWACK  
ADMINISTRATION  
8550 YOUNG RD,  
CHILLIWACK B.C. V2P 8A4

Dear Mayor Gaetz,

I am writing to you as Chairman and member of the British Columbia Government Retired Employees Association, Chilliwack Branch.

We understand that a motion proposing the elimination of MSP premiums for all seniors in British Columbia will be considered at the UBCM Annual General Meeting in September.

British Columbia is the only province in Canada whose seniors pay for their medical insurance. This inequality needs to be addressed and resolved so that BC seniors receive the same benefits as those in other Provinces.

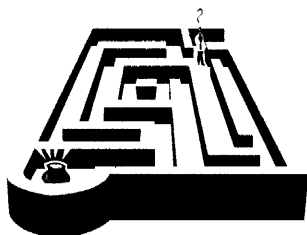
The pensions, both Federal and Private, that many seniors receive either do not increase at all or grow by tiny amounts that do not keep up with inflation. Most seniors find their income eroded but cannot return to the workforce to improve their economic situation. Not having to pay MSP premiums would certainly help older adults to cope with increases in their cost of living.

No seniors retire after years in the workforce expecting to see their income fall over time to the poverty level.

We urge you to support the resolution when it comes on the floor of the Annual General Meeting of the UBCM.

Thank you for your attention to this reasonable and important request to help the seniors of BC.

Yours truly,  
Peter Maguire.



## BOOMERS LEGACY, BOOMERS CAPS – Pat Tipper's update.

With regard to Boomer's Legacy and the caps that members have been knitting, there are presently 100 caps waiting to be sent off once instructions are received from Maureen Eykelenboom. As my son-in-law has completed his eleven month tour and is now back home safely, thank goodness, the last parcel of almost 100 caps was sent to a soldier serving in Kosovo, but he too will be home by the time you read this. Maureen has asked me to extend her sincere thanks for the support everyone has shown for this project and reports that almost 100,000 caps have been distributed. Amazing isn't it??!! Here is an earlier quote from the website <http://boomerslegacy.ca/boomercaps>

"The response has been overwhelming and to date 78,000 have been shipped! Along with the caps that have been sent to Afghanistan, caps have been sent to Romania, Uganda, Guatemala, Ethiopia and other parts of Africa."

Further information is available on the web site [www.boomerslegacy.ca](http://www.boomerslegacy.ca)

### JUST FOR FUN ---

*Patrick walks into a bar in Dublin, Orders three pints of Guinness & sits in the corner of the room, Drinking a sip out of each pint in turn. When he had finished all three, He went back to the bar & ordered three more. The barman says, "You know a pint goes flat soon after I pull it..... Your pint would taste better if you bought one at a time." Patrick replies, "Well now, I have two brodders, one is in America; De odder in Australia; & here I am in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised dat we'd drink dis way to remember de days we all drank togedder." The barman admits that this is a nice custom & says no more. Patrick becomes a regular customer, & always drinks the same way..... Ordering three pints & drinking a sip out of each in turn, until they are finished. One day, he comes in & orders just two pints. All the other regulars in the bar notice & fall silent. When he goes back to the bar for the second round, The barman says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief but I wanted to offer my condolences on your great loss." Patrick looks confused for a moment, then the penny drops & he starts to laugh, "Oh no," he says, "Bejesus, everyone is fine! Tis me ..... I've Quit Drinking!"*

A special thank you to those who sent me jokes! They were all terrific and I apologize for arbitrary print decisions. I could only print a few due to problems with 'cut and paste', size, space and color.

**Editor's Note:** I hope this newsletter will be as informative and Interesting to members as possible. A special thank you to those who generously contributed to this issue. Please let me know of any items of interest for the next Issue.

Lynne Dennis [dennisl@uniserve.com](mailto:dennisl@uniserve.com) 604 824 1764



### MISSING MEMBERS - *update*

Paid up members without a current address with Branch 2000 –

Sadie Adamski, Georgie Drew, Eva Wollenberg. If someone has an updated address or is able to ask these members to contact us it will be greatly appreciated.