

South Interior Power Pioneers

News Update

March 2024

Prelude to St. Patrick's Day...

On March 12th forty-four Pioneers enjoyed our St. Patrick's themed luncheon. As usual a few leprechauns festooned in green were spotted in the crowd.

Irish proverbs:

May you spend half an hour at heaven's gate before the devil knows you're dead!

Do not resent growing old. Many are denied the privilege.

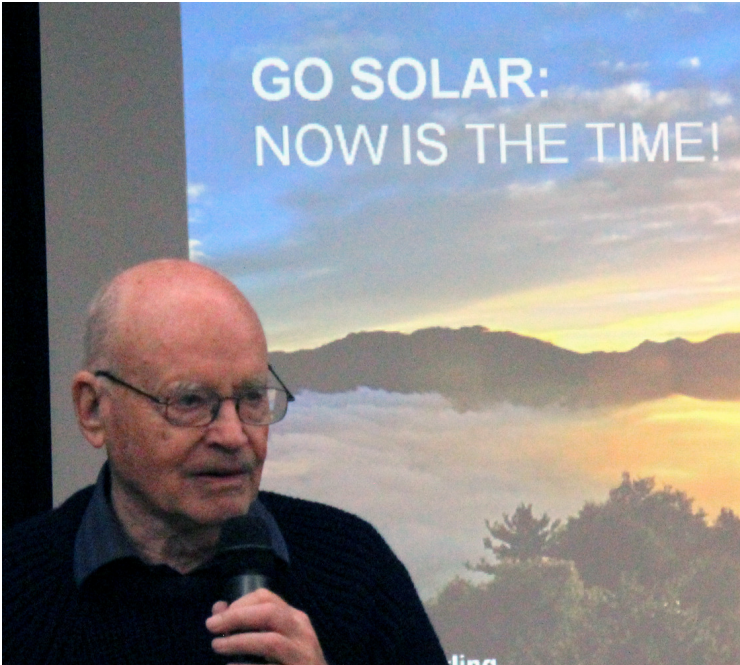
Often a person's mouth has broken his nose.

Bill of fare...

Tasty and nutritious! Diabetics delight! We started with a house-made soup of mixed beans in tomato beef broth. Rich in protein it was surprisingly filling. It was followed by hot chicken Caesar salad. We finished with a square of white or dark cake.



Guest speaker



John Barling

Our guest speaker, John Barling, presented a brief on the benefits of residential solar power in the Vernon area. Using his own installation as an example he related his experience and compared it with the current marketplace.

His presentation included:

- ❖ How it works
- ❖ Typical installation
- ❖ Expectations
- ❖ Cost-benefit analysis

If you missed it or want more details you can contact John by email at suntraveller123@gmail.com

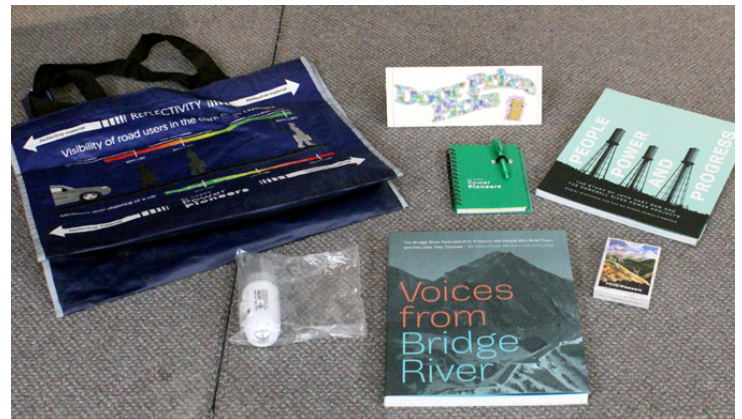


Luck of the draw!

Ruth Davies and **Dave King** each won \$46 in the 50/50 draw.

Six door prizes were drawn. Each winner picked an item from \$80 worth of Power Pioneer merchandise on the prize table.

A total value of \$172 was awarded. Next draw is Tuesday April 9th but you must attend to win!



Volunteer Appreciation

You can show your appreciation of the volunteers who receive your payments lunch and 50/50 by arriving 15-20 minutes early so the cashiers have time to close their tills and enjoy the meal with you. The doors open at 11:30AM and lunch is served at 12:00 Noon. Occasional delays are bound to happen and we will do our best to accommodate you.



President's Report – by Fred Wernicke

The Christmas Gala will happen on Dec 3rd, 2024 with the St. James School choir entertaining. We have enough wine bags now to reuse for the Christmas Party. Thank you.

Thank you to Steve Harrison for coordinating the 2024 Volunteer Hours Program to a very successful conclusion.



Vice President's Report – by Stew Wallach

About the Government Dental Plan:

Our Head Office is working with government people to determine how we do or don't fit in. Apparently there was a change in eligibility announced last week but scouring the Internet I have not found any details. Meanwhile everyone 70+ will receive a letter with an access code to submit an application but it expires at the end of April. An announcement is pending on how to apply after that.

That's all I know at this time!



Membership Report – by Donna Wallach

Roll Call as at the end of February 2024

149	Regular members
2	Gold/Lifetime members
2	Branch Honorary members
3	Donor members
156	Total members

Gold/Lifetime member, **Tom Flensburg** turns 100 on March 31, 2024. A special birthday card was circulated at the March luncheon and is on its way to him at Gibsons, B.C.



Caring Crafts – by Donna Wallach

We have a new Donor Member, **Janis Hall**, recently introduced to *loom knitting* and is reportedly burning through bags of yarn knitting baby toques for us.

I am also expecting a shipment of toques from Barb in Kamloops.



Treasurer's Report – by Forbes Niemi

From a financial aspect February was a quiet month. Our luncheon was well attended and with no extraordinary expenses we posted a modest surplus. Our reserves are in good shape to fund upcoming events and activities.



Literacy Program – by Debbie Raymer

I look forward to receiving your new or gently used children's books or cash donation at the next luncheon.



Volunteer Hours Program – by Steve Harrison

I have received your suggestions on how to distribute the forthcoming funds from the 2023 Volunteer Hours Program. The Executive Committee will review the list and a detailed report will be published once the funds are received and distributed. Meanwhile the 2024 program is already well under way so keep track of your hours and thank you for participating.

Financial statement for month of FEBRUARY	
Opening Bank Balance	\$4888.26
Income received	
Luncheon Sales (41)	\$820.00
50/50 net proceeds	\$34.00

Total Income	\$854.00
Expenses	
Luncheon Costs (41)	-\$731.85

Total Expenses	-\$731.85

Net Income	\$122.15
Closing Bank Balance	\$5010.41



Care Cards – by Flo Ryan

Thinking of you cards sent in February to:

*Donna Wallach
Jerry Reinhardt
Ken Ross*

If you know of someone deserving recognition please contact Flo Ryan at 250-542-6919 or email fvryan@shaw.ca

Next Luncheon

Tuesday, April 9th 2024. Doors open at 11:30AM. Lunch at 12:00 Noon.

Our guest speaker will be Jocelyn Sewell, Morning Star columnist.

Join us just for laughs!



The End!

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