

South Interior Power Pioneers

News Update

October 2023

FLASH! Schubert Centre forced to cancel our luncheon! - editor



Chef Sarah

On Sunday evening the Schubert Centre called Donna Wallach advising that the facility would be closed on the following Tuesday, October 10 and our scheduled luncheon is therefore cancelled. Apparently the closure was necessary *due to an unexpected passing of one of Schubert's staff.*

A subsequent email circulated by the Schubert Centre states in part:

Many of you know the saddest news that Chef Sarah at Schubert has passed away due to an aneurysm. She leaves behind two young teenage children. A boy and a girl.

Immediate action was taken to notify affected members by email and phone calls. Loss of their Chef could have significant impact on events in the immediate future. Stew & Donna plan to meet with the Schubert Centre staff as soon as possible to better understand any long-term implications of this tragic event. **Our deepest sympathies go out to Sarah's family!**

This is a developing story. Updates will be emailed to the membership as they become available.

Vernon Search And Rescue (VSAR) Tour - editor



Friday, October 6, twelve pioneers enjoyed a private tour of the newly minted VSAR facility.



Leigh Pearson



5150 Silver Star Road

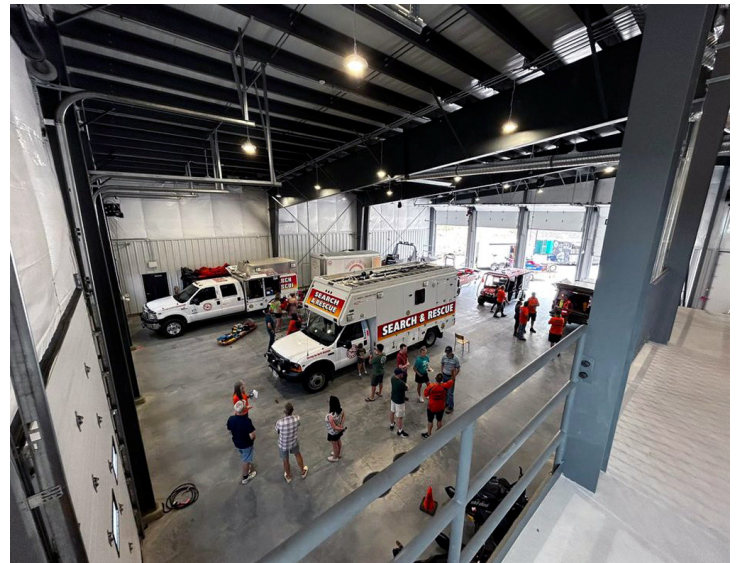
Friday, October 6, Leigh Pearson of Vernon Search and Rescue gave us a very interesting tour of their new facility at 5150 Silver Star Road. The new building consolidates all their equipment securely under one roof. Also the spacious two-story building includes two training rooms, a boardroom, and a state-of-the-art command centre. The high ceiling in the ten vehicle bays also serves for rope

rescue training.

Vernon Search and Rescue (VSAR) has served the North Okanagan region of British Columbia's interior since 1960. The region covers roughly covers 7500 square kilometres of diverse wilderness terrain including lakes, rivers, mountains, and valleys. Over 60 volunteers are trained to safely operate in challenging environments such as swift water, snow, ice, and steep terrain that surround the North Okanagan. VSAR capabilities include complex rescues by snowmobile, rope, boat, ground search, off-road vehicle, mountain bike, and helicopter. To do this effectively requires a variety of vehicles, which includes trucks, trailers, boats, snowmobiles, ATVs and electric bikes.

State-of-the art communications allows automatic tracking of multiple search teams as well as locating victims with cell phones.

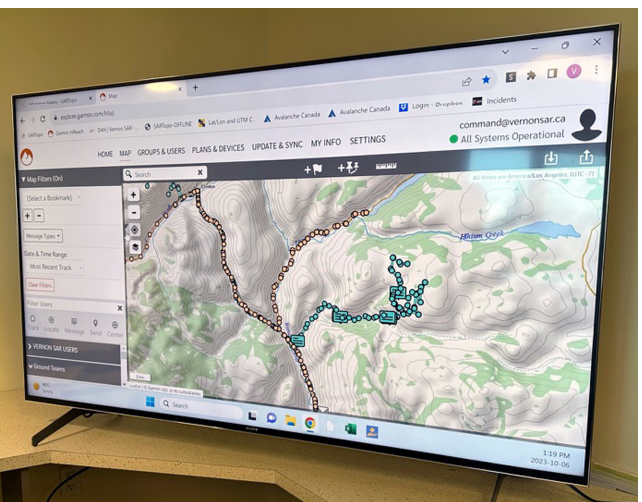
Thank you to Fred Wernicke for organizing this event for us!



Vehicle storage bays



Wall of storage



Search team mapping program.



Vice President's Report – by Stew Wallach

The November luncheon is when our annual election of executives and appointment of volunteers takes place. Now is a good time to remind everyone that the very survival of our organization depends on enthusiastic volunteers - not only for elected positions but various committees as well. Whether you stand for election or just casually volunteer, your help is always needed and appreciated. We have many vacant volunteer positions. Contact an executive member any time to enlist!

Executive positions (elected):

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Volunteer positions:

- Membership Chair (1)
- Luncheon Coordinator (2)
- Phone Committee (5)

- 50/50 Sales (3)
- Literacy Program (1)
- Care Cards (1)
- Election Committee (2)
- CSA Selection Committee (4)
- Caring Crafts (4)
- Events & Activities (4)
- Volunteer Points committee (1)
- Volunteer at large (2)



Membership Report – by Donna Wallach

Christmas is coming! As usual our annual Christmas Party is a ticketed affair. Don't miss out. Buy your tickets before November 15th.

Right after Christmas comes our year-end. It is a busy time of the year for everyone and I really appreciate receiving your membership dues by the end of November. Why not include it with your Christmas Party payment? One cheque will take care of both!

Roll Call – as at 30 September 2023

- 151 Regular members
- 2 Gold/Life Time members
- 2 Branch Honorary members
- 2 Donor members
- 157 Total members



Treasurer's Report – by Forbes Niemi

Late August we were blind-sided by an immediate price increase for catering our luncheon that went up from \$17.85 to \$21.00 per plate.

Otherwise September was a quiet month for the treasury. Proceeds from the 50/50 draw helped reduce our operating loss to \$6.00 for the month.

October Luncheon was cancelled so we can look forward to one more month of loss before our new price (\$22 p/p) takes effect.

As usual our Christmas Party will also lose money but that is expected and normal for our annual treat!

Report for month of September 2023

Opening Bank Balance		\$4453.31
Income received		
Luncheon Sales (35)	\$700.00	
50/50 net proceeds	\$29.00	
Total Income		\$729.00
Expenses		
Luncheon Costs (35)	-\$735.00	
Total Expenses		-\$735.00
Closing Bank Balance		\$4447.31



Literacy Program – by Debbie Raymer

Don't forget to contribute new or gently used books appropriate for school-age readers at the next luncheon or bring them to the Christmas Party. Otherwise a cash donation in our collection jar is always welcome and I will gladly do the shopping for you!



Care Cards – by Flo Ryan

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of late Verna Von Dohren and Gordon Ellinson.

If you know of someone deserving a Get Well, Condolence or Congratulations Card please contact Flo Ryan at 250-542-6919 or email fvryan@shaw.ca



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