

The OKANAGAN CENTRAL

Make a difference

Fall 2022

HEADLINE NEWS – Kelowna

Grab your pencil, your mobile phone or your tablet and add this event to your calendar.



The branch will host the traditional **Christmas Luncheon on Saturday December 10th** at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre,

2170 Harvey Ave. Kelowna.

The doors open at 11:00 am with the traditional turkey dinner to follow at 12:00 noon. A cash bar will be available. There will be a door prize or two, a song or two and a Christmas singalong with Vic, The Fiddler and His Keys. The customary 50-50 draw in support of a less fortunate family at Christmas will be featured. All of this for only \$35.00 per person. Please call the office (250) 712-6213 and provide your name, phone number and the number of tickets. ***Tickets will also be available for purchase at the Coffee Morning (see below) or you can pay for your tickets at the door.***

As we must pay for all the meals ordered, if you order tickets and do not attend, you will receive an invoice accordingly. Plan now to attend and if you know a retired or an active employee that is eligible to be an Association member, invite them to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

COFFEE MORNING – Orchard Park



Mall

On Wednesday, **November 30th** our **monthly Coffee Mornings will resume.**

The **Coffee Morning** will start at 10:00 am in the food court at Orchard Park Mall, 2271 Harvey Ave, Kelowna. Everyone is welcome

and you will have an opportunity to meet old friends, make new friends and meet members of the board.

WHERE TO FROM HERE

As we emerge from the shadow of the pandemic, the executive feels the time is right to develop an action plan for moving forward.

YOU have a role to play.



Over the course of the next several weeks, led by branch member Allen Black, we want to engage YOU the member in a process to determine:

- a) what services you the member would like the branch to offer and
 - b) what activities could the branch undertake to “Make a Difference” for members and within the communities in which we live.
- What would interest you and have you consider joining a branch Team.

The intent is to bring together a cross-section of members in focus group discussions around those two topics.

To learn more or to participate, reply to this email or call the office (250) 712-6213.

Provide your name and telephone number and a member of the board will get back to you accordingly.

It will provide a golden opportunity to express your views and help revitalize the branch going forward.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE- Community

Once again this year the branch will be



helping the Salvation Army's **Christmas Kettle Campaign**. Several

branch members came forward who were willing to contribute the two hours of their time. That will allow us to host a kettle for the day in both Kelowna and West Kelowna on Saturday, November 19th. A initiative truly appreciated by Sally Ann.

50 YEARS AND COUNTING – A Celebration



On Saturday, October 1st, the branch held a gala celebration to commemorate 50 years and counting of *making a difference* for members and in the Central Okanagan. The event was held at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre. To help celebrate the occasion, Branch President, Guy Bird

emceed and some special guests made the gallant effort to attend.

Roy Goodall, the recently elected National President was in attendance as was Brian Strongman, one of the two National Directors from BC.

Julie Spencer the Branch Services Coordinator for Eastern BC, and a member of the branch also joined us for the event. Nancy Evanson, President of our neighbouring



South Okanagan Branch (Penticton) was also present. We were also very pleased to see three former Branch



Presidents. John Broughton, Ralph Oggelsby (pictured here) and Larry Crabb join the festivities.

Roy Goodall had some kind words to say about our branch and all that has been accomplished, including a reference to the three National Awards the branch has garnered over the years.



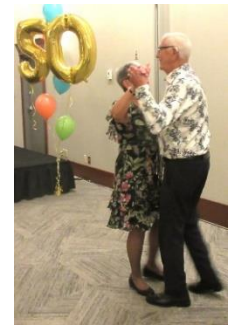
Brian Strongman presented the branch with an engraved plaque to honour the occasion.



Attendees enjoyed dinner, a sip or two of wine, a zero calorie cheesecake (you wish), even a

little dance and some wonderful entertainment by Kelowna's award winning actress and songstress Anna Jacyszyn and the AJ Trio.

They performed a few oldies, a little smoking hot Jazz and Anna gave us a



sneak preview of the upcoming show in which she stars as legendary

country artist Patsy Cline.

The 50-50 draw winner went home a little richer and the branch had \$107.00 more to



add to the Christmas Family fund.

Director Brian Strongman generously made a matching gift to add to the fund. A fitting celebration to honour



the Central Okanagan Branch and its many volunteers who contributed so much over the years. To one and all Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year