

February 1st, 2024



Dear Families and Friends,

As we shiver through winter our hearts are warmed by two featured events for February – Valentine’s Day and Family Day. February 19th we will take the day to engage with and celebrate the love and community of our families including that which we celebrate here at the Lodge.

The Lodge family is comprised of a truly diverse community. But we can easily reflect on Exodus 20:12 with the words “honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” So many life lessons and examples from our parents through the years give us cause to be thankful and take the time to honour them whilst at the same time showing leadership and love to the next generations!



I hope that your family day time, alone or together, is filled with wonderful memories or opportunities to build

relationships and support one another in loving ways.

Family Circle – BL Family Council

Reflecting on love and how we contribute to our community, perhaps this is the right time to consider volunteering and contributing to life at the Lodge. Our Family Circle is actively seeking support in the form of family members who wish to co-lead the council meetings.



These meetings are an important venue for family members to come together to share experiences of care, to provide education, and to advocate for your loved ones.

Monthly meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. You can count on the announcement coming in this newsletter, on elevator posters, and in an advance email.

The next meeting, with this being a leap year, is scheduled for **Thursday, February 29th at 7:00pm.**

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84943144345>

February Special Events

The February calendar has lined up some enjoyable events. Here are some key events to add to your calendar for the month:

It's time to celebrate Valentine's Day and we will have a friendship tea on Wednesday, February 14th at 1:30pm. Later in the month we will hold our Birthday parties on February 21st starting at 1:30 on all floors. On Saturday, Feb 24th the Songbird Society Choir Performance will take place at 10:30am and on Thursday Feb 29, we will host another Concerts in Care performance at 1:30pm. And last, but never least, Mike's Critters will join us on February 9th at 1:15pm in the main dining room – join us to see what delightful creatures he brings this time!

A special feature this month is open to everyone in our local community and that is a **Scam Prevention for Seniors seminar** (friends and family welcome!) 9:30am-11:30am on Wednesday, February 28th. Please join us for this informative presentation by the Vancouver Police Department.

Resident Comfort Fund/Trust Accounts

This is just a reminder that the convenience of the resident comfort funds requires ongoing management by families. As per our policy agreement (CA1115), these accounts are maintained for the convenience of the resident. A balance of \$500.00 (minimum \$200) is recommended to prevent falling in the negative. When an account falls in the negative it will be required to be frozen until topped up, and no more charges may be applied.



We ask you to please monitor your statements and keep the balance at or near the recommended amount to prevent arrears. It is very important to us to be able to support residents to freely access resources and services (such as tuck shop, hair salon, fee-based recreation programs – typically special meal programs) without inconvenience or delay. So, we rely on you to ensure that the accounts are maintained at operational levels. Should you have any questions about your account, please contact Cerlyn, our receptionist, who can update you on the status of your account and support you with payments as required.

Renovations Update

Winter put a cramp in our style for sure this year! Delays due to the cold weather resulted in the project being pushed back till the temperature was project friendly. Despite this, we were able to start the wallboard installation on January 25th. It takes about 5 days per floor to complete the installation. At the time of writing the second floor was well under way.

We still anticipate that February will be the final major stage of the project with the flooring being installed, likely starting on February 12th. This work will be done in the evening and through the night to reduce risks to residents and maximize safety.

The very last step for the project is the room doors. We are looking to where we will fund this project from and what the final appearance of the doors will be – will it be decals (like the spa doors) or simply stripped and sanded with a gloss finish. This decision will be based on cost in the end. Stay tuned for an update on this last and final step!

Last Words

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we creep toward the finish line for the renovations. As anyone who has embarked on a renovation project knows, the journey is rarely as planned and we are at the mercy of contractors, suppliers, and apparently weather!

I would like to take this moment to share these words reflecting again on family: *for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Luke 12:34).*

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Dunne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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