

River Grove Seniors Friendship Club

AGM March 2, 2023: ANNUAL REPORT, for period Sept. 1, 2021-Aug. 31, 2022

Background

River Grove Senior Friendship Club (RGSFC) is a not-for-profit organization and an affiliated member of the City of Mississauga's Community Group Registry Program. To maintain the benefits of this affiliation, the Club must abide by the policies and procedures laid out by the Program. This is the first in-person AGM, after 3 years of virtual AGMs on Zoom. The AGM, originally planned for February 23, 2023, was postponed one week to March 2, because of a sudden, severe winter storm.

RGSFC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who has been elected by its members.

Board Members: President Rose Tan, Vice President Heather Bendle, Secretary Peter Van Tol, Treasurer Ron Stanley, Assistant Treasurer Denice Miller, Travel Coordinator – Casino – Ron Stanley, Travel Coordinator – Day Trips - Maisie McMullen, Acting Activities Coordinators Heather Bendle and Rose Tan, Social Coordinator- Karen Vestroy and Past President Wayne Chambers.

At this AGM, the members elected the new Board 2023-2025. Board Members: President Surya Bhardwaj, Vice President Rajesh Bajaj, Secretary Jeanette Skubic, Treasurer Ron Stanley, Assistant Treasurer Denice Miller, Activities Coordinator Denice Miller, Social Coordinator Karen Vestroy and Past President Rose Tan. One Activities Coordinator position remains vacant. The Travel Coordinator positions are no longer Board positions.

At our year end, August 31, 2022, the membership totaled 444. The Club provides 20 activities as listed on the Website. Each activity is run by volunteer Activity Leaders. The Club is dependent on volunteers for all of its functions, from Club Management to running its activities. Approximately 360 members participate in our weekly sessions. There are 20 Activity Leaders/Travel Coordinators, with another 120 member-helpers who volunteer during the usual 1400 annual activity hours provided to us at the River Grove Community Centre.

The pandemic years were difficult for everyone. Our Club returned to activities with restricted numbers on September 22, 2021. We were able to maintain our activities, except for a 3-week enforced Provincial shutdown, because of the rise in the number of COVID cases. When we returned to River Grove after that time, restrictions were gradually and cautiously lifted.

We are extremely grateful to the City of Mississauga for the in-kind support, both administratively and financially, through the benefits of the Community Group Registry Policy. This has allowed us to remain a viable Seniors Club, even during these difficult times.

I summarized our accomplishments during the AGM and these are detailed below. Income Statements, Balance Sheet and the Budget were presented by Treasurer Ron Stanley.

Achievements

1. Membership registration for 2021-2022, membership numbers low due to pandemic
2. Returned September 22, 2021, with restrictions.
3. Almost all activities resumed, with the hard work of Activity Leaders
4. We communicated with members about vacant board positions. Unable to fill the positions, President and Vice President also took on the function of Acting Activities Coordinators
5. Third virtual AGM in February 2022

6. Board meetings continued virtually
7. Casino trips resumed
8. BBQ in June 2022, was first social gathering since December 2019.
9. Celebrated RGSFC's 30th anniversary
10. New activity Sit and Dance was launched
11. **A Donation** was made to the Eden Food Bank
12. The Crafts activity members made a considerable donation to various charities

FRIENDSHIP will continue to be our Policy as a non-political, non-sectarian, non-racial Club and support our Purpose to unite for the benefit of all members to enjoy social and recreation programs.

President **Rose Tan**