

**Okanagan Historical Society
Annual General Meeting**

**Okanagan Centre Community Hall
April 29, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: The president of the Okanagan Historical Society, Tracy Satin, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Fifty-one members and guests were in attendance.

NOTICE OF CALL: The secretary, Joan Cowan, read the Notice of Call as printed in the 81st Annual Report.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion: That the minutes of the April 30, 2017 annual general meeting be adopted as published in the 81st Report.
A. Lundy / M. Pridham. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a) President - Tracy Satin
- b) Secretary - Joan Cowan
- c) Treasurer - Robert Cowan

Motion: That Cecil Schmidt be appointed auditor for the next year.
R. Cowan / H. Thorburn. Carried

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented.
R. Cowan / D. Ambil. Carried

- d) Editor - David Gregory

BRANCH REPORTS:

- a) Oliver / Osoyoos - Gayle Cornish
- b) Penticton - Karen Collins
- c) Summerland - George Downton, read by David Gregory
- d) Kelowna - Lois Marshall
- e) Vernon - Herb Thorburn
- f) Armstrong / Enderby - Carmen Kirkland
- g) Salmon Arm - Dorothy Rolin

h) Similkameen - Jennifer Douglass, read by David Gregory

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Father Pandosy - Tracy Satin

Motion: That we change the signing authority for the Father Pandosy Mission Committee bank account to include: Tracy Satin (President, OHS), Lois Marshall (President, Kelowna Branch), Domenic Rampone (Member, Father Pandosy Committee) and Charley Adams (Treasurer, Father Pandosy Committee).
A. Lundy / R. Cowan. Carried

b) Index - Joan Cowan

c) Essay Contest - Diane Ambil

Motion: That we pay for an ad for the student essay contest in the November issue of *B.C. History*
D. Ambil / J.A. Gamble. Carried

d) Website - Lois Marshall

e) Historic Trails - David Gregory

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Constitution and Bylaws

Motion: That the amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Okanagan Historical Society, as presented on the website and in print for the meeting, be adopted by the members.
R. Cowan / K. Waldon. Carried

b) Election of Officers - Randy Manual capably and humorously conducted the election of officers for 2018-2019 executive:

President - Tracy Satin

Vice President - Larry Shannon

Secretary - Joan Cowan

Treasurer - Robert Cowan

Editor - David Gregory

Motion: That the officers be elected by acclamation.
R. Manual / L. Marshall. Carried

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS:

a) That we thank Tracy Satin, Robert Cowan, and Joan Cowan for their work on the Bylaws and with Father Pandosy this year. *David Gregory*

b) That we thank Lois Marshall, Bob Hayes, and all of the directors of the Kelowna

Branch for hosting the annual general meeting. *Joan Cowan*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a) Jessie Ann Gamble announced that \$360 was raised for the Armstrong Spallumcheen Museum and Arts Society during the Silent Auction.

b) Herb Thorburn announced that the Vernon Branch will be hosting the next annual general meeting on Sunday, April 28, 2019, in Vernon.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Alice Lundy at 11:34 a.m.

Following the annual general meeting, a luncheon was served in the Okanagan Centre Community Hall. Greetings were given from the District of Lake Country by Mayor James Baker and from the Lake Country Museum by Duane Thomson. Life Members were introduced by Bob Hayes. Guest speaker Laura Neame, archivist for the Lake Country Museum, spoke about the history of the Rainbow Ranche, based on original records donated to the museum. Following the luncheon, many members visited the Lake Country Museum.

Please note that all of the reports presented at the AGM may be found online on the society's website, okanagahistoricalsociety.org

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cowan

President's Report - Tracy Satin

This past year has been one of activity and reflection for the Executive.

To begin with we focused on having our Constitution and Bylaws comply with the BC Societies Act. This was a long and drawn out process that, in the end, will benefit us greatly. Many of the changes are grammatical or have been done to comply with the Act. For this we have to thank Bob and Joan Cowan, along with everyone else who helped edit and read thought these documents to ensure they conform.

The majority of my time has been spent on governance issues that focus on the Father Pandosy Mission site and Committee. This will be a priority of this upcoming year as the Executive is legally responsible for the Mission site, through the lease agreement that we have with the Diocese of Nelson.

The lease was signed at a time when there were no other organizations in Kelowna who could provide the necessary care and maintenance of this important plot of land, which was the original home of the first non-First Nation settlement in the area. As this

site is an important piece of regional and National history we need to ensure that there is a proper governance structure in place, as this has been questioned by granting agencies and other prominent stakeholders.

Within the next month or so a new Bishop will take over and we will reach out to engage in discussions that review the terms of our 50-year lease, which was first signed in the 1960s. In tandem with this, we will be rebuilding the structure of the site Committee and appoint a new Chair. We will also be looking at a number of site contracts and agreements, to ensure that users and the OHS are properly represented and protected.

I would like to thank Bob Cowan, Lois Marshall, Bob Hayes and Domenic Rampone for working on this with me, as the task requires a number of perspectives and skills to ensure that the bigger picture can be seen by all of us.

As to our Branches, they remain active in their communities, up and down the valley. They continue to uphold and support the history of their specific areas, along with the region as a whole. I for one am extremely grateful to them and to all of you for your support of the Okanagan Historical Society.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary's Report - Joan Cowan

I have carried out all of the duties of the secretary - preparing and distributing agendas, recording and distributing minutes, collecting reports and lists for the annual report, maintaining the membership and subscription lists, and overseeing the mail-out of the report.

For the last year and a half the executive council has been reviewing and discussing revisions and amendments to our constitution and by-laws in order to be in compliance with the new B.C. Societies Act. I have, for your information, copies of the many drafts following each meeting, if you wish to examine the process and the changes that were made. Copies of the constitution and bylaws as amended in February 2018 have been posted online on our website and are available for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Editor's Report - David Gregory

This year has been a more difficult year. The deadline for submission of articles for the Annual Report was March 31. As the deadline approached, there was a shortage of articles and I actively recruited additional authors. But throughout April, I have been receiving

Branch articles. I now have the unpleasant task of selecting which articles that will not be included in this year's Report. But there will not be any delays with the publication.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver-Osoyoos Branch - Gayle Cornish

We held our semi - annual meeting on November 5, 2017 and our AGM on April 15, 2018. Our Branch picnic to Mount Kobau planned for September was cancelled due to the smoke from the wildfires.

Larry Shannon lead a very interesting discussion on the episodes of flooding that have occurred over the past two years in the South Okanagan. It was particularly relevant this year, considering the flooding that has taken place since our last meeting.

A new Board of Directors was elected at the AGM after the break: President - Gayle Cornish; Vice-President - Larry Shannon; Secretary- Gayle Cornish; Treasurer - Mary Roberts; Directors: Fred Wiley, Jan Shannon, Dave Evans and Joyce Thompson.

Branch members have been keeping an eye on the Fairview Site and Kiosk. They also pick up trash when necessary. A "No Camping" sign was erected as there had been some evidence of Campers who left behind their litter.

Larry will be representing the OHS on a committee, lead by the Mayor of Oliver, to design and place an historical marker related to the old Testalinda School and Testalinden Creek.

Mary Roberts has served as our treasurer for the past 20 years and said this will be her last year. I currently serve as President and acting secretary for our group as it has been difficult to find anyone to fill the role of secretary. We will have to make a concerted effort to attract more members.

I'm very appreciative for all the support given by our members and the executive to keep it interesting and to ensure the smooth functioning of our branch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penticton Branch - Karen Collins

Our theme for the book sale, held Saturday November 18th and Sunday 19th was *The History of Churches in Penticton* and included the growth of churches in the city as well as the changes in buildings used. Penticton Museum and Archives provided photographs some of the churches and assisted in gathering information on them to put

with our story boards. We had lots of visitors, learned some interesting new facts and sold some books.

In partnership with the Okanagan School of the Arts, the branch continues to host historical presentations and discussions, "Pioneers & Places", the last Thursday of every month at the Shatford Centre as part of their Creative for Life program. We have had a variety of presenters from the community and lots of great topics. During Heritage Week we held the presentation at the mall with Randy Manuel giving a real heritage presentation using a projector and some very old slides which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Penticton Branch continues to host Heritage Week at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre. This year we were joined by Penticton Museum & Archives, Okanagan School of the Arts/Shatford Centre and the South Okanagan Genealogical Society and Bruce Baptiste, a member of the Penticton Indian Band. We were able to provide displays in two separate units, one being a former jewellery store, which provided us with lots of great showcase space for smaller items.

Along with many of our past story boards the branch also had new story boards showing the history of the changes in agriculture including early cattle and sheep ranches, grist mills, ground crops, orchards, irrigation and the handling and processing of the various crops.

We also had terrific artifacts, First Nations beadwork and good stuff provided by the Penticton Museum & Archives, Bruce Baptiste and our branch members: Herb and Linda Allen, Dave and Bruce Morgenstern, Marylin Barnay and Randy Manuel.

As part of Heritage Week 2018, the OHS presented the Kenyon family with a Long Time Family Business Award giving recognition for their preservation of heritage and community service. The family, whose GM is fourth generation, has been building in Penticton as well as around BC and Alberta for 81 years.

Following Heritage Week we were invited to continue a display in the former People's Store unit at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre. We have been able to show a variety of story board displays as well as photos, artifacts and interesting 'good stuff'. The Penticton Museum has provided displays of artifacts relating to early indigenous history including a selection of beautiful basketry. We look forward to sharing items of interest and local history with visitors to the mall in a museum like setting.

We have been asked by the Penticton Museum to give the first presentation for their fall Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series in September. There will be two High School Reunion celebrations at the Shatford Centre within that time frame so our topic will be *The History of Pen High*. It will be the history of the school through memories of those who attended Pen High which includes many of our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Summerland Branch - George Downton

For the Branch AGM, we attracted many new members. Our guest speaker was archivist Brian Wilson. His presentation was about a newly acquired diary from J.M. Robinson, one of the Okanagan Valley's earliest pioneers. The diary described Robinsons first years in British Columbia.

The Branch had another successful Heritage Week. The feature event was a presentation by Joe Smuin about the construction of Summerland's Kettle Valley Railway bridge. The meeting took place in Summerland's only registered heritage building, the Lakeside Church, now known as the Service Station.

This year was the 32nd year that the community selected a heritage home, tree and site. The selected home is the Nelson home. The tree is an unusually shaped pine tree at the top of Giant's Head Mountain and the site is the Anglican cemetery, Summerland's oldest cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelowna Branch - Lois Marshall

Since the April 30, 2017 AGM at the Summerland Waterfront Resort, the Kelowna Branch has been very busy. We hold monthly Kelowna Branch Executive meetings. As well, members of the Kelowna Branch attend meetings of the OHS parent body Executive Council (July, Oct and Feb), as well as the budget meeting in January.

In the last year, the Kelowna Branch has been busy with various events which include the following:

- April 2017: Cleanup of the historic Christien House at the Father Pandosy Mission Site. Board members attended the annual cleanup with cleaning supplies, and elbow grease and smiles. Thank you to the Catholic Women's League, who provided a lovely lunch, the Okanagan Antique Power Club and all the other volunteers for their help in ensuring the site is open, clean and welcoming for visitors.
- June 9-10, 2017: Partnership with the Interior Savings Fat Cat Children's Festival. The Kelowna Branch partnered with the Festival to help bring Okanagan history to children and families. It was a wonderful event, well attended by community and families.
- July 16, 2017: Annual Pioneer Family Picnic held at Parkinson Recreation Center. This was a successful event where we recognized Canada's 150 anniversary. Thank you to the City of Kelowna for supporting our picnic since its inception in 1988. 2018 marks the 30th anniversary for the picnic. To celebrate we will be partnering with the Central Okanagan Heritage Society and moving the event to an afternoon at the Benvoulin Cottage Gardens and Reid Hall. Church and garden

tours will be provided, as well as the usual coffee, cake and ice-cream. As well, we will be recognizing the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. The picnic this year will take place on July 15, from 2-4 pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

- October 28, 2017: Fall Social and Light Lunch held at the Missionwood Retirement Resort. Tea, coffee and goodies were provided, with music by Rolan Quest. Caroline MacHardy from UBCO spoke about one of Lady Aberdeen's letters outlining their time at Guisachan. A number of our publications were available for sale. Members of the Kelowna Branch as well as residents of Missionwood enjoyed the afternoon celebration.
- December 8-9, 2017: Annual pre-Christmas book sale at Rona. Copies of the 81th OHS Report and the Kelowna Street Names book were available. Both those selling books and those passing through Rona enjoyed discussing local history. We appreciate Rona's ongoing support of the Society.
- December 16-17, 2017. First annual Family Christmas Tree Adventure held on Hall Road. Special thanks to Cliff and Lois Serwa for their generosity. Families enjoyed a bon fire with hot chocolate and cookies when they returned with their fresh cut tree. Thank you to Don Ford who arranged this event, and to all who ensured its success. It was a wonderful family day which we are planning to grow next year, with the Serwas' support. We look forward to this becoming an annual tradition for our Kelowna members.
- February 19-25, 2018: Heritage Week celebrated. The theme this year was "Heritage Stands the Test of Time". A number of events were held, including the annual COHS heritage awards and the popular History Mystery Bus Tour.
- March 24, 2018: Kelowna Branch AGM was held at Parkinson Recreation Centre. Business of the meeting was followed by a presentation by Rick Euper, Fire Inspector for the City of Kelowna Fire Department. His presentation included the history of the fire department, pictures and materials related to significant fires in the area. The evening included a lovely meal, catered by H&D catering, and a special certificate of appreciation to Dorothy Zoellner, in recognition of all her years of service to the OHS.
- April 29, 2018: AGM. The Kelowna branch planned the AGM today, hosting members from up and down the valley. Thank you to the committee, and a special thank you to Bob Hayes, who put in countless hours to ensure this event was a success.

Other activities that our members benefit from include:

- Branch Newsletter. Two newsletters are published per year to inform membership and interested parties of the activities of the Kelowna Branch. Copies of these are given to other OHS branches. Thank you Sarah Roberts for designing these publications.
- Report Articles and Obituaries. Local history articles and obituaries are collected for the OHS annual Report. This year the Kelowna Branch submitted 15 obituaries for publication in the 82th Report. The criteria for inclusion in the report changed this year. Thank you to Bob Hayes, our past president and Sharron Simpson, our local branch editor for all their work on the Annual Report.

- Courier Newspaper articles. This service began in 1994. To date there have been more than 1000 local history articles published weekly on Monday in the Courier. There are a number of authors represented by both members and non-members of the OHS. We have received many positive comments about these articles. Thank you Margot Pridham, for taking on this task.
- OHS Report Sales. The Kelowna Branch took delivery 208 copies of the 81st OHS Reports and have sold, consigned, or presented more than 180 copies. Thank you to Mosaic Books and the Kelowna Museum who are also selling the Report for us.
- Funding Opportunities. Two bursaries are presented annually to local secondary students. As well, we support funding historically relevant projects and events in the Kelowna area. Recipients of last year's bursary were grateful for the support.
- Father Pandosy Mission site. The Kelowna Branch has a keen and ongoing commitment to the Mission Site. Dominic Rampone will serve on the Father Pandosy Mission Committee to keep the Kelowna Branch up to date on the activities on the site.
- Marketing: Website, Social Media, and Display: A new look. Kelowna Branch Facebook page can be found by searching Okanagan Historical Society Kelowna Branch. Please like us and share this if you are a Facebook user. We will be posting all our activities on this page. We also have a website: okanagahistoricalsociety.org, and a Branch Page. Karen Coppock, our new director has been helping us revise our social media presence. Thank you, Karen. Also, on display today is our new marketing display board. Thank you to Ann Bostock and Sarah Roberts for designing this wonderful marketing piece.
- Street Names. The Kelowna Branch regularly submits local surnames to City Hall for consideration as names of local streets. Interested parties can submit names to the Kelowna Branch for consideration.
- Community Engagement through partnering with local groups. This year OHS Kelowna is working with UBCO Library on a Digitized Okanagan History (DOH) project. DOH is a partnership project where community museums and archives contribute their archival materials, and DOH contributes digitization services and web hosting, at no cost. If you'd like more information, please talk with me.
- Community Engagement through talks to other groups: These past few months, Bob Hayes has talked to a number of groups about local history as a representative of the Kelowna Branch. Approximately 300 people have been reached through presentations to various groups:
 - Kelowna New Comers' Club
 - Society for Learning in Retirement (SLR)
 - Parks Alive
 - Chartwell / Chatsworth Retirement Residence
 - Van West College
 - Rotary International Exchange Students

In closing, I'd like to thank the Kelowna Branch directors for their work this past year. Many have gone above and beyond, and it is apparent and appreciated. I'd also like to acknowledge that many of our volunteers work with other community organizations.

- Bob Hayes received one of three provincial “Certificates of Recognition” certificates at the May 2017 meeting of the British Columbia Historical Federation for his ongoing work with the preservation of local history; and
- Cathy Jennens has been nominated for the second time this year for Kelowna’s Sarah Donaldson Treadgold Award, as Kelowna’s Woman of the Year for her ongoing hard work, in various capacities, to make Kelowna a good place to live.

I look forward to the year ahead, and the opportunities that may come forward. It will be busy and rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon Branch - Herb Thorburn

Over the past year since the last Valley AGM the activities of the Vernon branch have continued on a near normal course. Our membership, on the other hand, seems to be diminishing, with a total of about eighty people on our nominal membership roll, but only about forty having paid our \$10 membership, and twenty to thirty-five attending our three general events. The executive has also lost two members which brings us down to six, with two members doing “double duty”. We are obviously anxious to add some new, preferably younger faces. Vernon branch continues to issue a newsletter to advise the total membership of the upcoming events, promote the sale of any new publications and to urge the submission of articles for the OHS Reports.

The first activity of the year was our 13th annual “Pioneer Picnic” held on a mainly sunny 13th of August in Coldstream Park. The Chilly Creakers provided their usual fine music, while Branch Editor Bill Dunsmore again served as head chef for the 35 people in attendance. This year our usual practice of having an honouree for contributions to local history was particularly significant when we recognized with a plaque of appreciation, Ron Candy’s “cooperation and collaboration” during his 24 years as Curator and Director of the Vernon and District Museum and Archives. Our raconteur this year was also notable with Ed Witzke doing a show’n’tell of the many artefacts that were part of his life growing up “poor and Polish” in Coldstream.

Our Fall General Meeting was held on 27 November at the Schubert Centre. After the usual business section of the meeting we had a presentation that was intended to coordinate with Remembrance Day – albeit a bit late – when Dr. James Wood, Professor of History at UBCO and current historian of the BC Dragoons, gave us a well illustrated talk on The History of the Canadian Militia in the North Okanagan. He referred frequently to “Camp Vernon” and to the history and fate of the Vernon Armoury. He was thanked on behalf of the 35 members and guests by our resident military historian, Bob Passmore.

In February the Vernon Branch again participated in the Antiques and Collectables Show and Sale. This year it was run by the “Collectors Club” at a somewhat reduced level and

we shared a table with the Museum but still had all our publications on display. It again proved to be an excellent venue for promoting the OHS.

In line with our objective of providing support for activities with historical intent, the Vernon Branch has again contributed \$300 to the Heritage Fair organized by the North Okanagan Optimist Club. The fair was held at the Schubert Centre on the 7th of April, with three members of our executive acting as judges.

Our Spring General Meeting was held on the 9th of April at the Schubert Centre where our speaker was Gabe Newman, the Vernon Museum's Education Coordinator, who gave us a virtual (i.e. non-walking) tour with commentary of the 27 murals on the walls of buildings around Vernon. It was an excellent and informative tour of the murals, but we were disappointed with a turnout of only about twenty people.

Vernon Branch continues to assist with the preparation of Peter Tassie's book, "Water From the Hills – The Story of Irrigation in the Vernon District". The text with photographs and sidebars has been waiting for revised and improved maps which once available will allow completion of a draft for discussion with printers.

The Vernon Branch initiative of reprinting OHS Reports #1 - 5 has made good progress with the sale to date of 16 of the 20 sets printed, plus 4 separates. We have also sold the last of the 10 reprints we did of the Okanagan Brigade Trail – North.

Finally, Vernon Branch would like to congratulate Peter Tassie on the occasion of his recent 90th birthday.

Respectfully submitted,

Armstrong-Enderby Branch - Carmen Kirkland

Two branch meetings have been held since my report of last year. Our fall general meeting took place in the Armstrong Museum on November 5, 2017 and our guest speakers spoke of their experiences travelling to Armstrong's sister city of Rathfriland, Northern Ireland in the fall of 2016. Rathfriland is of local significance because it is the birthplace of Catherine O'Hare Shubert who was the only woman in the party of 150 Overlanders who left Fort Garry in June of 1862 en-route to the Cariboo in search of gold. While coming through the Rockies the travellers apparently relied partially upon rosehips for sustenance. Catherine was four months pregnant when she left Fort Garry and went into labour when rafting down the Thompson River. The family came ashore and First Nations women at a local village near present day Kamloops took care of her. Catherine gave birth to a daughter whom they named 'Rose'. The Schubert family eventually settled in Spallumcheen in 1884 and Catherine and her husband, Augustus, are buried in the Lansdowne Pioneer Cemetery situated between Armstrong and Enderby.

Mayor Pieper spoke about the Sister City protocol, agreements and philosophy. Jessie Ann and Len Gamble showed slides and spoke about the various events held to honour the visiting group in Ireland and also the reciprocal visit made to Armstrong over Canada Day week of 2017. Janet Irving was inspired to research the possibility of having a rose officially named for Catherine O'Hare Schubert by the American Rose Breeders. Janet explained the process and that the fee for this was \$5000. Great interest was shown in this project and our branch directors who were still in attendance during the tea and coffee phase of the meeting agreed, in principle, to give \$500 for the project.

An article in the Dec 29, 2017 issue of *The Morning Star* newspaper indicated that the full \$5000 had been raised to purchase the naming rights for a pink shrub rose, chosen because it would emulate a wild rose reminiscent of the rose hips that the Schubert family survived on and for which their daughter was named. The plant will be cultivated by Langley-based rose breeders 'Select Roses' and Blue Mountain Nursery, in Armstrong, plan to stock the rose for sale.

Our AGM took place in the Enderby Museum on March 25, 2018. There was only one change in our slate of officers and we are pleased to welcome Trina Antoine as a director. The focus of our guest speakers for that afternoon was a follow-up to our 2015 branch AGM topic of 'The Future of the Abandoned CPR Corridor'. Bob Cowan opened the program with background on the history of the Shuswap and Okanagan railroad and a 1915 railroad right-of-way map, recently acquired by the Enderby Museum, was on display. This rail line ran off of the CPR mainline at Sicamous, wound its way south and terminated at 'the landing' on Okanagan Lake just south of Vernon. The railway was completed in 1892 and subsequently leased to the CPR; use of the section between Sicamous and Armstrong was discontinued in 2009.

In December of 2014, the Spltasin (*pronounced 'sblajeen'*) First Nation obtained about 7 kms of this abandoned rail line south of Enderby and along Mara Lake which ran through Spltasin Indian Reserves Nos. 2 & 3. Brad Case, Enderby City Councilor and former member of the Shuswap Trail Alliance, spoke about how the purchase of the remaining approximately 43 kms of rail line between Sicamous and Armstrong came to be purchased in December 2017 by the Regional District of North Okanagan and the Columbia Shuswap Regional District. These three entities, working in partnership with municipal governments, are keeping the corridor in public ownership to ensure that the Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail "will be used for recreational opportunities, including walking and cycling, while retaining it for future transportation and economic development needs. There is also long-term potential to connect this corridor to the Okanagan Rail Trail, which is currently under development, connecting the City of Kelowna to the District of Coldstream." (The Shuswap Trail Alliance website). Mr. Case made available a detailed Inter-Jurisdictional Brief from February 2018 that described the step by step process followed so far, the vision and goals, and the questions still to be addressed by the Inter-Jurisdictional Team.

Brad Clement, a volunteer from the Okanagan Rail Trail committee spoke about the history of their part of the railway between Coldstream and Kelowna, and research done on similar rail trails in various parts of the world. The cost to construct this trail is estimated at \$7.8

million and they expect to have 34 kms of the corridor open for use by this summer. Mr. Clement also described a resurfacing technique that was developed onsite that has proven to be more time and cost effective than the traditional method initially used.

We are looking forward to, and have begun planning for, the 2020 valley wide AGM to be held in Enderby on the last Sunday in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Salmon Arm Branch - Dorothy Rolin

This past year our branch has been kept busy with various projects and involved in preserving heritage in our city.

In September I met with Deborah Chapman, curator of the Salmon Arm Museum, at RJ Haney Heritage Village to discuss the possibility of storing some of our archival records, and more especially, our videos and booklets of pioneer interviews in the newly built vault in the Montebello building. I'm pleased to report as of this month, we will have a final legal agreement between the Museum and OHS-Salmon Arm, to have three filing cabinets placed there.

Our display in Memory Lane at the Fall Fair in September was a great success thanks to our many volunteers and a silent auction with two donated pictures from Hucul Printing. In November we held our OHS book sale and a silent auction for a picture donated from Tove Jensen.

Gail and Laura Burkitt and I met with Chamber of Commerce General Manager Corryn Grayson to see if arrangements could be made through their office to employ a student for the 2018 summer to conduct Heritage Walking Tours using our brochure which is available at the Chamber. OHS was willing to contribute some money towards the student's wages. Unfortunately, legalities over insurance coverage along with other unforeseen complications prevented a workable outcome. Hopefully we can come up with a different solution to solving this matter sometime in the future.

At our December Christmas gathering we had 54 people come and listen to local historian Dave Harper, who presented a power point on wharves, boats, and activities in the Salmon Arm Bay in bygone years.

Wyona Hansen and I were invited to accompany our OHS liaison Cindy Malinowski to two Community Heritage Commission meetings to discuss potential heritage houses and sites that may qualify to be on the City's Heritage Register in the future.

In January we were saddened to lose two loyal and long-time OHS members within nine days of each other. They were past president Ralph Kernaghan and his wife Marilyn.

For our February Heritage Display we chose to highlight McGuire Lake also known as “the Little Lake.” Also displayed were the Salmon Arm Elementary School, now known as the Downtown Activity Centre, soon to be 100 years in 2022, and our streetscapes of photos past and present taken from the same location.

Ongoing video/interviewing of local long-time residents have been taking place thanks to Chuck Mobley and Gail Burkitt.

I've received various requests from people accessing our branch website through the Okanagan Historical Society's main website. Our contact e-mail is okhistorysa@gmail.com We had approximately 45 people attend our April 8, 2018 AGM. The attraction was a power point presentation by Ken Jamieson, currently a city councillor, whose family moved to Salmon Arm in the late 1920s.

To date we have 20 paid up members and 3 Life members.

Respectfully submitted,

Similkameen Branch - Jennifer Douglass

The Keremeos Museum received a \$50,000 grant to move to a new facility that will open at the end of June. The Princeton Museum had several changes in their staff and museum board. There is now a new and energetic museum manager, and Similkameen Branch vice president Brenda Gould is now a museum director. The community received a \$22,000 grant from Veterans Affairs to refurbish their cenotaph and the cenotaph was re-dedicated in August. Also in August, Hedley hosted their annual Nickel Plate Town Site Reunion with 75 former residents in attendance.

Father Pandosy Mission - Tracy Satin

On April 18th, 2018 Pat Walls resigned as the Chair of the Father Pandosy Mission Committee. Pat's dedication and passion for the Mission site is definitely reflected in all of the hard and thoughtful work that he, along with the Father Pandosy Mission Committee, has put into the presentation of the site over the years.

The preservation of the Mission has been greatly enhanced by all of the structural and amenity upgrades that were completed under Pat's direction. Pat's tenure has included many achievements, such as the formulation of a new and refreshed website, upgrading and protecting the historic exhibitions, formulating a strong partnership with Francophone Affairs to install signage in both English and French, a new roadside plaque provided by the Ministry of Highways, and a new wheel chair accessible ramp into the McDougall House, and a commitment to host community and business centered events, including a

very successful Blue Grass Festival was held on the site by Festivals Kelowna.

It is always a pleasure having talented and enthusiastic volunteers, such as Pat Walls, on our team. The Executive and I would like to thank Pat for his dedication, hard work and effort. Pat's commitment to us over the last five years has been highly valued and appreciated, and we wish him success for all of his next challenges.

In 2017, the site lost the majority of their funding from the City of Kelowna. The grant adjudication committee questioned the governance structure between the Executive and the Father Pandosy Mission Committee, who had applied for grant. The Executive recognized that there was a problem with this semi-autonomous committee and so have chosen to take the Father Pandosy Committee out of our bylaws and make them a committee of the Executive, like other committees of the Society. This change simply restores the situation prior to 2004 when they went into the bylaws. We are hoping that this change will satisfy the City of Kelowna's Grants Committee and that they will decide to restore funding to the site.

The Bishop of Nelson has graciously stepped up and filled our deficit for the year. Presently, the Church is the largest single financial contributor to the site. For this the Executive is extremely grateful and I would like to thank the Bishop of Nelson for his generous financial support.

Over the next few weeks, the Executive will appoint a new chair to head this "new" committee and to carry on with the preservation of this important historical Okanagan site.

Possible priority options for the coming season include:

- 1) Finishing up on work on a Kiosk and the surrounding site entrance,
- 2) Additional bilingual signage in front of buildings, including the large glass-framed sign on the Christien House porch
- 3) New siding and sliding door on the north side of the Storage barn
- 4) Discussions with Fortis to supply power to the storage shed as well as replace the flood light near the front fence
- 5) Continue to host events, including the Antique Tractor Show (Okanagan Power Club) on June 2nd and 3rd.

With this I would like to request a Motion to remove Pat Walls as signing authority for the Father Pandosy Mission Committee and to add Tracy Satin (Pres. OHS Exe.), Lois Marshall (Pres Kelowna OHS), Domenic Rampone (member, Father Pandosy Committee) and Charley Adams (Treasurer, Father Pandosy Committee) as signing authorities to the Father Pandosy Mission Committee bank account."

Respectfully submitted,

Index Committee - Joan Cowan

We have received some interesting requests for further information as a direct result of the online Index and the digitization of the reports. I wish to thank Larry Shannon and Bob Hayes for helping with those requests.

We have indexed the latest report, *Okanagan History # 81*. Faith Hudson, the other and frankly the most important member of the Index Committee, has uploaded the information to the index page on the OHS website. While engaged in this process, we discovered some strange symbols and numbers inserted in the entries online that simply shouldn't be there, plus missing spaces or additional spaces in all of the entries. These problems were, apparently, a result of switching the website from HTML to Word Press. Our computer guru, Eric Hudson, was able to remove some of the symbols but was unable to provide a simple fix to all of the problems.

Our mandate is to print a new index to the reports every five years. Now is the time, this is the year. However, we found it wasn't feasible with these strange issues in the online database; the printed pages looked terrible. Faith Hudson offered to go through the entire database, to systematically open each and every single entry and to remove or add spaces or symbols. By February she was up to the Ms, as of today she has reached the Zeds and has repaired all of the problems. Faith deserves a very big thank you for her efforts and her determination.

I am pleased to announce that, as a result of her dedication, we will be able to download the online index and print and publish the new *Index to Reports #1-81*. The printed index will be available in the fall, hole-punched and wrapped in plastic, and will cost \$20 to \$25.

Respectfully submitted,

Student Essay Contest - Diane Ambil

The contest was advertised as usual in the 81st Report. In addition, I distributed posters to secondary and post-secondary institutions. I also placed an ad in *BC History* magazine. I would like to submit an ad to them again for the Winter issue, to be issued Dec. 4th. The cost for a 1/4 page vertical ad (3 3/8" x 5") is \$80.

As usual, the essay entries were reviewed and evaluated by three judges. All three felt that the quality of this year's entries was better than the past couple of years.

This year's winner of the Essay Contest is Gina Schulli, a Grade 12 student at Clayton Heights Secondary School, Surrey B.C. She had planned to send her Grandmother to represent her today, but because of a family emergency they had to cancel that plan.

Gina is graduating this year and has been accepted into the University of Fraser Valley, where she will be taking the Bachelor of Criminal Justice program for the next five years. She is currently employed part time at Save on Foods and she loves writing. She

does a lot of volunteer work at school and in the community. She is the President of Student Council, and hosted a “24-hour famine” at the school this past weekend.

Gina’s winning essay is entitled “My Diary by Ella May Richter born September 4, 1914 in Fairview, BC” and is an account of the growing-up years of her great-great grandmother, based on family diaries and interviews with older family members.

Gina’s Grandma Cindie Barlow is a descendant of the Richter family, and has spent a lot of time teaching her grandchildren about the family’s history in the Okanagan area. It sounds like her younger sister may be an entrant in future essay contests! I have enjoyed seeing how family members can encourage their younger relatives to have an interest in history by sharing artifacts from another generation.

Respectfully submitted,

Website - K. Lois Marshall

Since the April 30, 2017 AGM, I have continued to maintain the OHS website on the Wordpress platform. I have updated areas of the website, including the landing page, upcoming activities, historic properties, and student contests. Branch pages are updated to inform their membership of activities and interests.

Kelowna Branch director Karen Coppock also agreed to review the website and provide suggestions for appealing to a broader market. She will be helping me update the site over the coming months.

I encourage people to let me know if you have ideas, or information that needs to be changed on the website.

I look forward to continuing to keep our content current and relevant.

Respectfully submitted,

Historical Trails - David Gregory

Several years ago, the decision was made to focus on protecting just two sections of the Fur Brigade Trail; the trail between Summerland and Peachland and at Nahun near Fintry. Currently in Summerland, 4.1 km of the original trail are protected and efforts have been made to extend the linear park another 11 km to Peachland. Little progress has been made in the past year, but attempts have been made to increase public awareness.

Respectfully submitted,

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

FINANCIAL POSITION

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash		
Chequing Accounts	\$ 32,609.53	\$ 38,553.50
Investments	44,916.56	44,562.80
Land	1.00	1.00
	\$ 77,527.09	\$ 83,117.30
NET ASSETS	\$ 77,527.09	\$ 83,117.30

OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

RECEIPTS		
General Account		
Memberships	\$ 11,332.00	\$ 13,399.00
Other	4,079.87	18,993.44
Father Pandosy Mission Committee		
Grants	3,000.00	10,000.00
Donations	12,586.19	21,369.32
Other	4,015.90	505.99
	35,013.96	64,267.75
DISBURSEMENTS		
General Account		
Okanagan Historical Society Reports	11,869.56	12,017.15
Other	6,635.31	20,533.64
Father Pandosy Mission Committee		
Program operations	22,099.30	37,375.93
	40,604.17	69,926.72
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(5,590.21)	(5,658.97)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	83,117.30	88,776.27
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 77,527.09	\$ 83,117.30

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash		
Operating	\$ 32,609.53	\$ 38,553.50
Investments	44,916.56	44,562.80
	77,526.09	83,116.30
PROPERTY		
Land (Note 2)	1.00	1.00
	\$ 77,527.09	\$ 83,117.30
NET ASSETS		
INVESTED IN PROPERTY	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
UNRESTRICTED		
Balance, beginning of year	83,116.30	88,775.27
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements:		
General	(3,093.00)	(158.35)
Father Pandosy Mission Committee	(2,497.21)	(5,500.62)
Balance, end of year	77,526.09	83,116.30
	\$ 77,527.09	\$ 83,117.30

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

_____ Director

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OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	<u>Okanagan Historical Society General Account</u>	<u>Father Pandosy Mission Committee Account</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>	<u>Total 2016</u>
CASH, JANUARY 1				
Chequing Accounts	\$ 4,769.91	\$ 33,783.59	\$ 38,553.50	\$ 44,635.03
Term Deposits	<u>44,562.80</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,562.80</u>	<u>44,140.24</u>
TOTAL CASH, JANUARY 1	<u>49,332.71</u>	<u>33,783.59</u>	<u>83,116.30</u>	<u>88,775.27</u>
 EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:				
General Funds	<u>(3,093.00)</u>	<u>(2,497.21)</u>	<u>(5,590.21)</u>	<u>(5,658.97)</u>
TOTAL CASH, DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 46,239.71</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,286.38</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 77,526.09</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 83,116.30</u></u>
 CASH AS AT DECEMBER 31 CONSISTS OF:				
Chequing Accounts	\$ 1,323.15	\$ 31,286.38	\$ 32,609.53	\$ 38,553.50
Investments (Note 3)	<u>44,916.56</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,916.56</u>	<u>44,562.80</u>
TOTAL CASH, DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 46,239.71</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,286.38</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 77,526.09</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 83,116.30</u></u>

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**GENERAL ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

RECEIPTS	2017	2016
Memberships & Sales		
Armstrong-Enderby	\$ 640.00	\$ 2,520.00
Kelowna	2,411.00	3,114.00
Oliver – Osoyoos	300.00	450.00
Penticton	864.00	432.00
Salmon Arm	864.00	1,080.00
Similkameen	-	-
Summerland	952.00	430.00
Vernon	1,096.00	1,278.00
Treasurer	4,205.00	4,095.00
	11,332.00	13,399.00
Other Receipts		
Index Sales	50.00	-
Postage and Handling	788.00	831.00
U.S. Exchange	20.47	78.95
G.S.T. Rebate	611.76	249.80
Insurance Recovery	400.00	400.00
Donations From:		
Father Pandosy Mission		
Committee	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Okanagan Foundation	-	15,000.00
General	1,225.00	1,200.00
Branches	636.00	700.00
Interest	984.64	1,233.69
TOTAL RECEIPTS	18,547.87	43,092.44
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS – Brought Forward	21,640.87	43,250.79
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (3,093.00)	\$ (158.35)

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL ACCOUNT

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

DISBURSEMENTS	2017	2016
Expenses		
President	\$ 552.49	\$ 19.78
Secretary	300.00	300.00
Treasurer	-	513.61
	\$ 852.49	\$ 833.39
Expenses Regarding Sales		
O.H.S. Reports:		
Editor's Honorarium	3,000.00	3,000.00
Printing	7,819.84	8,019.90
Shipping	1,049.72	997.25
	11,869.56	12,017.15
Donations and Transfers to Branches		
Kelowna	636.00	700.00
Other	-	15,000.00
Father Pandosy Mission Committee	2,500.00	10,000.00
	3,136.00	25,700.00
Annual Meeting Fee	500.00	60.00
Advertising	80.00	80.00
Essay and Video Contest	1,000.00	1,000.00
Father Pandosy Mission Committee	500.00	-
Insurance	1,614.00	1,767.00
Internet and Website	544.40	439.40
Memberships	-	150.00
Office and Bank Charges	296.37	-
Professional Fees	850.00	825.00
Rentals - For Meeting	183.75	183.75
Rentals - Post Office Box	174.30	170.10
Sundry	40.00	25.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 21,640.87	\$ 43,250.79

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FATHER PANDOSY MISSION COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017		GENERAL ACCOUNT		2016	
RECEIPTS						
City of Kelowna	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 10,000.00			
Okanagan Historical Society General Account	500.00	\$ 3,000.00	-		\$ 10,000.00	
Donations						
On Site	4,586.19		11,169.32			
Knights of Columbus & Catholic Women's League	-		3,200.00			
Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson	8,000.00	12,586.19	7,000.00		21,369.32	
Interest		42.33			38.86	
Utility recovery		1,011.04			-	
ICBC payment		2,264.84			-	
G.S.T. rebate		697.69			467.13	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		19,602.09			31,875.31	
DISBURSEMENTS						
Advertising		378.00			1,470.00	
Bilingual signage		-			2,713.60	
Insurance		2,368.00			3,229.00	
Membership		189.00			183.75	
Professional fees		784.57				
Rentals		2,007.60			1,801.80	
Repairs - general		2,416.35			2,657.47	
Repairs - buildings and grounds		6,561.66			16,566.30	
Security		-			392.78	
Supplies and office		3,247.74			2,842.72	
Utilities		4,146.38			5,518.51	
Wages and benefits		-			-	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		22,099.30			37,375.93	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		\$ (2,497.21)			\$ (5,500.62)	

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

NOTE 1 STATUS AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The Society is a not-for-profit society registered under the Society Act of the Province of British Columbia.

NOTE 2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

The Society operates on the cash method of accounting.

Property

The land was donated by the Presbyterian Church in 1970 for the consideration of \$1. It consists of two lots in the old Fairview Township near Okanagan Falls and is maintained for the benefit of the community and tourism. The land and improvements (including a kiosk) are exempt from property taxes.

NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS

2017

The investments consist of the following:

Term Deposits:

Investment certificate 1.20%, due March 31, 2020	10,531.67
Investment certificate 2.50%, due April 2, 2018	6,466.53
Investment certificate 1.40% due March 15, 2019	10,731.37

Savings Account

17,186.99

\$ 44,916.56
