

# **VSRA TIMES**

September 2024

### Victoria Stroke Recovery Association

Meets on Fridays at Knox Presbyterian Church 2964 Richmond Road, Victoria, BC 250 383-2623 www.victoriastrokerecovery.org

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**October Birthdays**: 2nd Gertrude, 8th Marcia, 15th Konrad, 19th Lynne, 20th Susan & Linda, 24th DJ



#### **Morning Program**



#### **Coffee Time**

11-12



#### **Communication Group** with Marie Shuman, RSLP

**Exercise Group** with Alexis Moores, Instructor



Care Partner Support Group Weekly with Mary Anna McKay 4th Oct Lycia Rodrigues, RCC



Stroke Survivor Support Group 18th Oct Lycia Rodrigues, RCC

12-12:30



#### **BYO Lunch**

Bring your own lunch and eat with friends

#### Afternoon Program

12:30-1:30

## Oct 4th



**Fire Safety** Fire drill and a presentation by Lt Randall Carnell, Saanich Fire Dept



**Thanksgiving** Lunch, Raffle and Gratitude!



**Music Enrichment** Sing and play along with Shannon Perkins-Carr

Oct 25th

**Clay Art - Session 1** Let's get creative with Gillian Flower, Artist

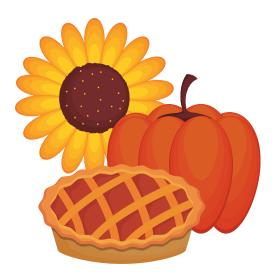
WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN

COSTUME!!

VSRA is a non-profit association. It is a self-support group for stroke survivors and their care partners. Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters who make the program possible!

VSRA acknowledges with respect the Lekwungen and WSÁNEĆ Peoples on whose traditional land we meet.

#### **THERE IS LIFE AFTER STROKE!**



On 11th Oct, we will share a Thanksgiving sandwich lunch. Please bring some extra cash to buy tickets in our annual Thanksgiving Raffle! Thank you to Save on Foods and Bolen Books for their kind donation of prizes.

This Fall, Lycia will be exploring the following questions in the Stroke Survivor Support Group

1. Changes in personality and mood after stroke are common: How are we coping?

2. Stress management strategies. How are we learning to acknowledge and validate emotions?

3. Building a mindfulness & self-compassion practice: How can we practice this daily?



**Oct News** 

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Gillian Flower is an Art student at Camosun College. She also runs the Art Therapy program at the Victoria Brain Injury Service. She is coming to us twice this fall to lead us in a creative clay art project!

# Did you know? A Harvard study has shown that GRATITUDE is linked with greater emotional and social well-being.



On Oct 25th wear your Halloween Costume - prizes for the best 3 costumes!



#### TIME TALENT TREASURE

We are so grateful to our members who give us their time, exercise their talents and donate to our association. All these contributions help us to flourish!



SEPTEMBER'S SUPER SUPPORTERS Marie, Alexis, Lycia and Mary Anna for all the preparation and planning that goes into the groups Jola, Emilia, Don and Jennifer for kindness and welcome and friendship