

# Centre's CHATTER



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## "READY TO DANCE"



## From the President *Homer Vandervecht*

The new Board of Directors meets every month and has been busy this summer caring for the needs of the members and monitoring the building renovations that are ongoing under the capable supervision of our Executive Director Christine. When the renovations and west wall murals are completed, I am sure that we will all be proud of the new facilities. We are considering an Open House type of event to show the members and the community what we have to offer them. It will be a great time to invite a friend to come and see what has been done. Thanks to everyone for their patience during the construction project.

Board committees have been appointed and have started their duties. Members are encouraged to bring their comments, ideas or suggestions to any member of the Board. Most of the special activities planned are detailed elsewhere in this Chatter. Be sure to get your tickets early for all the scheduled events, especially for Mystery Dinner on October 26. It is always a sellout. Thank you to all the volunteers and those who participate in our programs for making the Centre an enjoyable place to be. We are a multi-purpose, community-oriented Centre aimed at keeping seniors active, well, and living independently by providing social, recreational, educational programs, activities, opportunities for volunteering, and services to persons 50 plus. If you are part of that age group and are not yet a member, please come in for a visit.

# THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

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## REGULAR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**RECREATION:** Art Group, Band Practice, Breakfast Group, Bridge (Contract & Duplicate), Cribbage, Darts, Euchre, Line Dancing, Pepper, Pool, Shuffleboard, Uno, Yoga.

## TUESDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Bus Trips, Card Parties, Picnic, Dinner Theatre, Special Programs, Travel.

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From the Executive Director  
*Christine Lehn*

This has been a busy summer. We will be celebrating our renovations with a Grand Re-opening on Friday November 8 from 1-4. Invite your friends to see our changes. Thank you to all who volunteer and attend our fundraisers. The fundraisers along with grants and donations make all the improvements possible.

Our Comedy Show was a success beginning with the "Walkettes". Thank you to all the performers. If you missed it, watch next summer for our next instalment. ( Maybe work on your own skit to perform) We do have many laughs at the Centre.

Sharon, my receptionist has moved back to Guelph. She will be missed. Carmen is now volunteering two days a week.

Thanks for all your assistance.

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Leamington Half Century Centre

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 1-4 pm

Come Join Us For A Ribbon Cutting

Refreshments

Public Welcome



**Board Of Directors**

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Back Row -- Brenda Zakal, Executive Director Christine Lehn, Carolyn Campbell, President Homer Vandervecht, Past President Cliff Hartwick, Secretary Gail Turk

## REGULAR CENTRE ACTIVITIES

<b>ART GROUP</b>	WEDNESDAY	9:00a.m.
<b>BAND PRACTICE (Musical G's)</b>	WEDNESDAY (call office for location)	10:00 a.m.
<b>BRIDGE (Duplicate)</b>	MONDAY	12:30 p.m.
<b>BRIDGE (Contract)</b>	WEDNESDAY	1:30 p.m.
<b>BREAKFAST GROUP</b>	TUESDAY	8:30 a.m.
<b>CRIBBAGE</b>	THURSDAY	2:00 p.m.
<b>DARTS</b>	THURSDAY	1:30 p.m.
<b>EUCHRE</b>	TUESDAY	1:30 p.m.
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	MONDAY & THURSDAY	9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
<b>PEPPER</b>	SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY	2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
<b>POOL ROOM</b>	MONDAY - FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
<b>QUILTING GROUP</b>	MONDAY	9:00 a.m.
<b>SHUFFLEBOARD</b>	WEDNESDAY	1:30 p.m.
<b>UNO</b>	MONDAY	2:00 p.m.
<b>YOGA</b>	FRIDAY	10:00 a.m.

## REGULAR PROGRAMS

**DRIVE TEST:** G1 & G2 Eye/Written & Road Test 4th Tuesday Monthly at 9 a.m. – 12 noon and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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## TUESDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

Home-cooked meals at a great price. Enjoy our friendly service and comfortable atmosphere. Non-members welcome! Lunch is served at 12 noon and cost is \$8 per person. Meals include an entrée, vegetables, salad, bread roll, dessert, and tea or coffee.

The 3rd Tuesday each month we have Pot Luck. Cost is \$8 per person, or \$4 if you bring food.

Please call the office at 519-326-2521 for the week's menu, and to be added to the list the Monday before the luncheon. If you have any comments on the week's menu or suggestions for an upcoming menu please contact Christine. We try to make all meals interesting and enjoyable. Please note the menu is subject to change.

## LUNCH MENU

Sept 3 .....	<b>Sausage</b>
Sept 10 .....	<b>Chicken</b>
Sept 17 .....	<b>Potluck</b>
Sept 24 .....	<b>Pulled Pork</b>
Oct 1 .....	<b>Lasagna</b>
Oct 8 .....	<b>Salisbury Steak</b>
Oct 15 .....	<b>Potluck</b>
Oct 22 .....	<b>Ham</b>
Oct 29 .....	<b>Chicken</b>

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5 Days - Departs Dec 3 or Dec 10 - Traditional charm awaits us as we welcome the season in a truly unique setting. The sights & sounds of Noel embrace us in this historic city that's bursting with the warmth of the holidays. Explore the exquisite offerings of Old Quebec at Christmas time, indulge in its hospitality as we dine on fine cuisine, tour the festive lights, marvel at Montmorency Falls and seek out unique treasures at the Port Market. Twin per person \$1,079.00 CDN (incl. 100.89 HST)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
● Regular Daily Schedule	Labour Day Closed	TLP-Sausage & Rice	Band Practice 10:00 AM	Line Dancing 7:00 PM	Pepper Card Party 7:00 PM	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pepper 2:00 PM	Line Dancing 9:00 AM	TLP-Chicken		Diner's Club 4:30 PM @ Beachhouse Line Dancing 7:00 PM	Pepper Card Party 7:00 PM	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pepper 2:00 PM	Line Dancing 9:00 AM	TLP-Potluck Petrolia Trip		Hearing Clinic 10 - 12 Line Dancing 7:00 PM	Pepper Card Party 7:00 PM	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Pepper 2:00 PM	Line Dancing 9:00 AM	TLP-Pulled Pork	Fashion Show & Lunch	Line Dancing 7:00 PM	Pepper Card Party 7:00 PM	
29	30					
Pepper 2:00 PM						

Tuesday Lunch Program = TLP @ Noon unless specified otherwise

## JOIN US TUESDAYS FOR LUNCH

Enjoy our home-cooked meals at a great price in a comfortable atmosphere with friendly service. Non-members welcome!

Lunch is served at 12 noon and cost is \$8 per person. Meals include an entrée, vegetables, salad, bread roll, dessert, and tea or coffee.



# REGULAR CENTRE ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
● Regular Daily Schedule		TLP-Lasagna			Pepper Card Party 7:00 PM	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Line Dancing 9:00 AM	TLP-Salisbury Steak		Diner's Club 4:30 PM @A1 Chinese Line Dancing 7:00 PM	Pepper Card Party 7:00 PM	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Thanksgiving Closed	TLP-Potluck	Coffee & Conversation 10 AM Speaker: Doug Scadden	Hearing Clinic 10 -12 Line Dancing 7:00 PM	Pepper Card Party 7:00 PM	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Election Day Closed	TLP-Ham		Line Dancing 7:00 PM	Pepper Card Party 7:00 PM	Murder Mystery Dinner 5:00 PM
27	28	29	30	31		
	Line Dancing 9:00 AM	TLP-Chicken				

TLP = Tuesday Lunch Program



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### SEPTEMBER

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MARIE WALES	2
ALEX GAMMIE	3
JEAN CLARK	5
ANN ENNS	5
MARILYN HARRISON	6
SALLY STEVENSON	8
MOYRA HABING	10
PATRICIA MACHER	12
JEANNE MANNERS	13
WALTER BALSAM	14
ELSIE AASEN	15
VIOLET MAJOR	15
AGNES GILLAN	16
BETH SMITH	16
LORAIN FOX	18
CATHY RUBINSKI	19
SYLVIA SCHIPPERS	20
DAVID LACOUNT	20
HELEN DAWSON	21
CATHY TRUSKEY	22
GEORGE HILDEBRANDT	25
MARION LIEBSCH	26
MARY DEGOEY	27
ROSS MACKINTOSH	27
ASTRID TOBIN	27
JOHN BARNETT	28
ROBERT BRANTON	29

### OCTOBER

LEO SMITH	5
ELAINE HATT	8
JOAN MCDONALD	10
LOUISE CAMPBELL	12
NORM HENDERSON	13
ROB SHAW	14
DALE SMITH	16
PAT MATTIA	19
SUSAN KRAUS	23
ANN WOODROW	23
KATHY WIEBE	26
DIANNE FLEMING	28
SHARMYN ROBINSON	28



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**David Lacount**  
**Ann Woodrow**

The Leamington and District Half Century Centre welcomes these people who have joined since our last publication. So, let's extend a big welcome to each of them and introduce yourself to them; remember how you felt when you were a new member of the Centre.

We welcome you, our new members, and encourage you to take part in as many of the activities as possible. We would also encourage you to get involved as a "volunteer." This is the quickest way to get to know us. Our volunteers are the reason why the Centre is so successful. We could not function without the people who give so generously of their time and energy to the Centre

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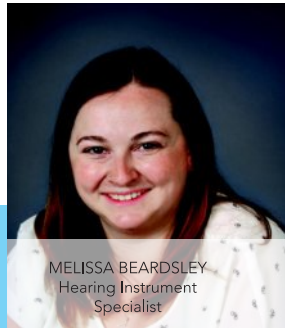
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FUNDRAISERS

On September 25, we are hosting a Fashion Show. The Murder Mystery is scheduled for October 26. Last year we sold out 2 weeks prior. Get your tickets early. PLEASE HELP TO SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISERS!

### Petroilia Trips

**Sept 17 Hogan's Hoedown**

**Nov 23 Starbright Christmas**

**Dec 14 Christmas Jamboree**

## DINERS CLUB

Held the second Thursday of each month, and is open to members and non-members who meet each month to go out to supper together at a local restaurant. Join the group at 5:00 pm on Thursday, Sept. 12 at Beachhouse in Kingsville, or on October 10 at A1 Chinese in Leamington. Why not bring a friend and join us? Sign-up, or call the office to be added to the list so that we can notify the restaurant of numbers. If you wish, you can meet here at the Centre and carpool.

**PLEASE HELP TO SUPPORT OUR EVENTS  
AND**

**PLEASE ATTEND AND HELP SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISERS!**

**FUNDRAISERS**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## NEWS BOARD

Watch the board for POSTING OF EVENTS which are scheduled after the printing of the newsletter. Or visit our web site and click on Events Calendar.

## FOR SALE

The artworks displayed by the Leamington & District Half-Century Centre's Art Group are for sale. Various paintings and prices. Funds contribute to the cost of the center's services.

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