

November-December 2019

Centre's CHATTER

Published by the Leamington & District Half-Century Centre Inc. A great place to make new friends!

Merry Christmas!



Wishing all our members and their families a joyous holiday season!

From the President
Homer Vandervecht

Do you know that the Leamington Half Century Centre was established as a Canada Centennial project? The Leamington and District Half Century Club was incorporated on May 4, 1966. The official opening of the Club's building at 38 Mill Street West took place on May 2, 1967. By September of that year the membership had grown to 239.

In July of 1970 the Club moved to its current location on Talbot Street East. The west room addition was completed in November of 1973, and the billiard, storage, and board rooms were opened for use on October 8, 1980. On May 15, 1992 our official name was changed to the Leamington & District Half-Century Centre, Inc.

This in very condensed form, covers 53 years of the Centre's existence, and takes us to the recently completed renovations. I hope you will all enjoy the "new" facilities, and invite you to attend the "Reopening of the Centre" on November 8. Despite joyful highs and troubling lows, the Centre has maintained its objectives of helping seniors to enjoy their leisure time.

As we approach the Christmas Season I urge you to remember the members who are ill or confined to their homes. Lift their spirits with a phone call or friendly visit.

To each of you I extend my sincerest wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2020

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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.

MEMBERSHIP:

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From the Executive Director *Christine Lehn*

I am very pleased with the renovations. Thank you to everyone for their patience as the washrooms, kitchen, flooring and painting were being updated. A big thank you to all the contractors for doing an excellent job. I am proud to be a part of the Centre. My favourite part is the members here who make this feel like my extended family. November 8 we are inviting the public to see our renovations but also to show them the warmth and laughter we share.

We will be starting the Diabetic Cooking Classes now that our kitchen is complete. The first one will be Nov 21 at 11:00. Sign-up sheets are posted.

The Holiday season is upon us. We are having our Christmas Dinner and Concert, Tuesday, Dec 3 beginning at 4:30. Tickets are available. There will be a raffle drawn that evening. Get your tickets early. Merry Christmas and a Blessed Healthy New Year.

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Leamington Half Century Centre

Friday, November 8th at 1-4 pm

Come Join Us For A Ribbon Cutting

Refreshments

Public Welcome



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

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

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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

Nov 5..... **Pasta**
 Nov 12**Chicken**
 Nov 19.....**Potluck**
 Nov 26**Pork**
 Dec 3..... **Christmas Dinner @ 4:30**
 Dec 10**Liver and Onions**
 Dec 17**Potluck**

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6 Days - Departs Dec 28 - An extraordinary way to celebrate the New Year! The Great Smoky Mountains are an impressive backdrop as we discover Pigeon Forge, explore Gatlinburg, enjoy Dollywood and the Smoky Mountain Christmas Festival. Kick up your heels and revel in a fabulous performance as we ring in the New Year at the Smoky Mountain Opry. Join us as we start 2020 with a little old world charm and magnificent memories! Twin per person \$1,539.00 HST does not apply



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REGULAR CENTRE ACTIVITIES - NOVEMBER 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
● Regular Daily Schedule					Yoga 9:00 Pepper 7:00	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Pepper 2:00 Daylight Savings Ends	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Eucher 1:30 TLP- Pasta	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00 Band Practice 10:00 AM	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 9:00 Pepper 7:00 Grand Re-Opening 1 - 4	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pepper 2:00	Remembrance Day Closed	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Eucher 1:30 TLP- Chicken	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00 Senior Games Pepper	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Diner's Club 5:00 @ Beachhouse in Kingsville	Yoga 9:00 Pepper 7:00	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Pepper 2:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Eucher 1:30 TLP- Potluck	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00 Coffee & Conversation Fire Safety	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Diabetes Cooking Class 10:30	Yoga 9:00 Pepper 7:00	Petrolia Trip
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Pepper 2:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Eucher 1:30 TLP- Pork	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00 Senior Games Euchre	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 9:00 Pepper 7:00	Gloria Strings Christmas Concert 2:00 PM

TLP = Tuesday Lunch Program

REGULAR CENTRE ACTIVITIES - DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
● Regular Daily Schedule Pepper 2:00 PM	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Christmas Dinner & Concert 4:30 Lunch 12:00 Eucher 1:30	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 9:00 Pepper 7:00	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pepper 2:00 PM	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Eucher 1:30 TLP- Liver & Onions	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00 C&C Skin Care	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Diner's Club 5:00 @ Chuck's Roadhouse	Yoga 9:00 Pepper 7:00	Petrolia Trip
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pepper 2:00 PM	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Eucher 1:30 TLP- Potluck	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Diabetes Cooking Class 10:30	Yoga 9:00 Pepper 7:00	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Pepper 2:00 PM	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day Closed	Boxing Day Closed	Closed Pepper 7:00	
29	30	31				
Pepper 2:00 PM	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	New Year's Eve				

Tuesday Lunch Program = TLP @ Noon unless specified otherwise

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TUESDAYS
FOR LUNCH

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BUD ELLWOOD	5
DUANE McINTOSH	9
LESLIE YOUNG	9
MARG JONES	10
TILLY GOODMAN	11
RICK KLEIN	11
FAITH REIDY	12
LUCY HODOVICK	13
LANE LEDOUX	13
URSULA WOLF	13
JANE RITTENHOUSE	14
SHRAN COLLINS	16
AGNES FRASER	19
ROBBIE ROBERTS	21
JEAN DZVIRKA	25
GERRY HUCKO	25
TONY NICHOLLS	25
JOANNE ZAMPARO	25
EILEEN WONNICK	26
BETTY FOX	27
JACK HELKIE	29
FRANK DURANSKY	30

DECEMBER

KATHLEEN PRYKE	1
ELENA SERBAN	2
VICTOR DICK	5
JULIA KOS	5
AL MORRISON	5
CHRIS KELLY	6
MARIE McKEEN	7
BOB AFFLECK	8
DIANNE WARE	16
EWALD DOBETSBERGER	17
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JOYCE PATERSON	18
ELIZABETH BERNHARDT	21
MALCOM RICHARDSON	21
SUE DURANSKY	25
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HEATHER SCOTT	27
GAIL TURK	27
JUDITH WHITE	31



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Shran Collins,
Bob and Sally Bell,
David and Linda Turcotte,
Ken and Rosanne Hope,
Larry Verbeke,
Gaye Renaud,
Malcom Richardson,
Ann Evers**

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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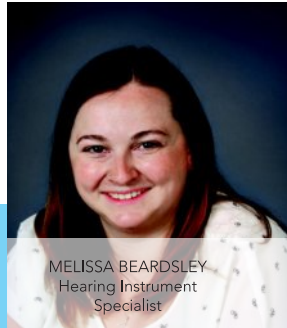
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee & Conversation

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Fundraisers

December 3 is our Christmas Dinner and Concert. Get your tickets early.

Petroilia Trips

Nov 23 Starbright Christmas

Dec 14 Christmas Jamboree

PLEASE ATTEND AND HELP SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISERS!

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, Nov. 14 at Beachhouse in Kingsville, or on December 12 at Chuck's Roadhouse 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.

Diabetes Cooking Class

Beginning November 21, we are having a Diabetes Cooking Class at 11:00 a.m. They will be held every two months. Please sign up in advance. Cost is \$5.00

PLEASE HELP TO SUPPORT OUR EVENTS

AND 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

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