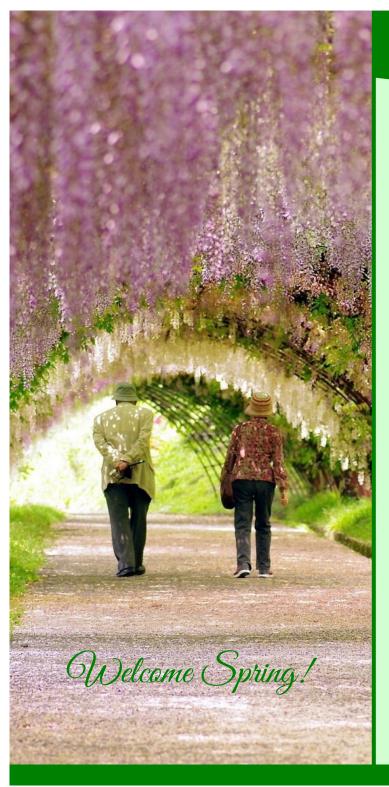
Centre's CELIATER CONTROLL March - April 2020

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



From the President **Homer Vandervecht**

We have discussed in recent Chatters the social and recreational programs provided by the Half Century Centre. Sometimes overlooked are the educational programs and activities available for our members and guests. The Centre provides Social Services for the community including: Blood Pressure Clinics; Foot Clinics; Income Tax Clinics; Serco Drive Tests; Parkinson's Exercise & Support Group; Guest Speakers on Senior's Issues; MOT Senior's Group Classes.

Statistics Canada reported recently that Ontario's population on July 1, 2019 was just over 14 million, with those over age 50 making up about 36% of that total or just over 5 million. No doubt that ratio is much higher in Leamington since it has become a retirement destination.

With the funding assistance and support from the Provincial Government and the Municipality, the Centre hopes to continue to provide these necessary and welcomed services, to an age group that is expected to continue to grow.

Recognizing this large population of seniors, the Council of the Municipality of Leamington is expected to consider a report containing terms of reference for a proposed "Senior's Advisory Committee" later this year. Your Board of Directors and staff support this endeavour.

Our membership continues to grow, as is the participation at many of our activities and dinners. This too is evidence that there are many in this community looking for something to fill their idle time, and to make new friends.

All members are encouraged to pass along the good news that we are here to serve, and if you are not yet a member, and fit the age group, you are always welcome to drop in for a visit.

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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.

MEMBERSHIP:

\$45.00 per year (April 1st - March 31st)

SOCIAL SERVICES:

- Blood Pressure Clinics
- Diabetes Cooking Classes
- Community Living Yoga
- Foot Clinic
- Income Tax Clinics
- Serco Drive Test
- Parkinson's Exercise & Support Group Guest Speakers on Senior's Issues Ministry of Transportation Senior's Group Classes

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From the Executive Director *Christine Lehn*

Spring is upon us. Remember to change your clocks on March 7 to enjoy the Daylight Savings. As you well know, we have plenty of fun here at the Centre. I cannot do it by myself. I have plenty of volunteers who help keep things running smoothly. This is the time of year we begin looking for new Board Members. We have 4 Board Members whose 3 year term ends in June. If you are interested in a position on the Board, please contact a current member or myself. Our membership of \$45 is due April 1.

Once again, we will be offering an Income Tax Service to low income individuals. Beginning March 9, tax information can be dropped off at the Centre. March 14, we are serving Corn Beef and Cabbage. The St. Patty's party is a few days early keeping it on a Saturday evening. Our Afternoon of Music will be held on April 25. Headlining the performance year is Gord Ciliska. Tickets for both are available for \$17. Sign up sheets are now posted for our Petrolia Trips. Please sign up early as I need to purchase the tickets one month prior to the show.

Happy Easter!

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Leamington and District Half Century Centre 160 Talbot Street East, Leamington

Presents A Concert with Gord Ciliska



Concert begins at 3:00 p.m. Chicken Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$17.00

Please purchase tickets by April 19





St. Patrick's Day Party



Saturday, March 14th

Corn Beef &

Cabbage Dinner

Cost \$17.00 5:00 p.m.

Please purchase tickets by March 6th.

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

REGULAR PROGRAMS

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

WEDNESDAY

MONDAY

FRIDAY

1:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

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PARKINSONS EXERCISE & SUPPORT GROUP – Tuesdays 10:30 a.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

Mar 7	Pasta
Mar 10	Liver & Onions
Mar 17	Potluck
Mar 24	Chicken
Mar 31	Pork Chops
Apr 7	Meatloaf
Apr 14	Pasta Carbonara
Apr 21	Potluck
Apr 28	Ham

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Ottawa Tulip Festival



4 Days – Departs May 8 - Experience a Canadian spring and appreciate the history that started it all while surrounded by a sea of colour created by the million tulips blooming. A journey of exploration awaits us at the Canadian Museum of History as we discover the world's largest indoor collection of totem poles. An interactive, guided tour and behind-the-scenes looks at

the Royal Canadian Mint's state-of-the-art facilities where original Canadian designs come to life. A Rideau Canal cruise ensures we take in the landscapes from all angles. An impressive start to the spring season and the celebrations that lay ahead! Twin per person \$1.149.00 CDN (incl. 132.19 HST)

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Mitchell Patchett, 2nd Place, Colasanti's.





REGULAR CENTR	REGULAR CENTRE ACTIVITIES - MARCH 2020	RCH 2020				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	9	7
Regular Daily Schedule	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Euchre 1:30 TLP- Pasta Blood Pressure Clinic	Art Group 9:00 Band Practice 10:00 AM Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 10:00 Pepper 7:00	Paris Saving
8	6	10	11	12	13	14
Pepper 2:00 Change Your Clocks	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Euchre 1:30	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Diner's Club 5:00 @ Crave Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 10:00 Pepper 7:00	St. Patty's Party 5:00 PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pepper 2:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Euchre 1:30 TLP- Potluck	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00	Diabetes Cooking Class 11:00 Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 10:00 Pepper 7:00	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Pepper 2:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Euchre 1:30 TLP- Chicken	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00 Coffee & Conversation Skin Care	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 10:00 Pepper 7:00	
29	30	31				
Pepper 2:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Euchre 1:30 TLP- Pork Chops				
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TLP = Tuesday Lunch Program

REGULAR CENTR	REGULAR CENTRE ACTIVITIES - APRIL 2020	RIL 2020				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
Regular Daily Schedule			Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 10:00 Pepper 7:00	
5	9		8	6	10	11
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- Meatloaf Blood Pressure Clinic	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Good Friday Closed	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter	Easter Monday Closed	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:00 Eucher 1:30 TLP- Pasta Carbonara	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Hearing Clinic	Yoga 10:00 Pepper 7:00	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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	Yoga 10:00 Pepper 7:00	An Afternoon of Music 3:00 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30		
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- Ham	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00	Darts 1:30 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00		
Tuesday Lunch Progr	am = TLP @ Noon unle	Tuesday Lunch Program = TLP @ Noon unless specified otherwise				

JOIN US TUESDAYS **FOR LUNCH**

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

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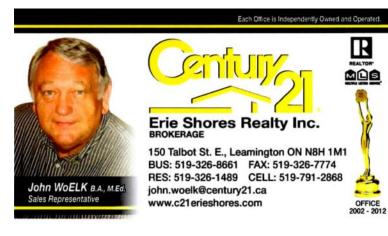


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RAY FOURNIER	7
PETER VANZETTEN	8
LIONEL AASEN	10
JUDITH DEQUARTEL	10
GIOVANNA DAY	12
CAROLYN COAD	13
MIKE RUDDERHAM	15
ANN EVERS	16
TONY DAMA	17
IRENE DAROWSKI	17
JAN BONKINK	19
ANNETTE PALMER	19
ROY TROWELL	19
LARRY VERBEKE	23
MARY ALMASI	26
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MARIE SAAD	27
JIM PERKES	28
CLIFF HARTWICK	29
DAWN GRANT	29
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Janice Briggs,
Katy Klym,
James & Linda Sider,
Lyle Rumble,
Eldy Gouthro and
Pamela Wilson

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

IN REMEMBRANCE DINI VANDERHOVEN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Diabetes Cooking Class

March 19, we are having a Diabetes Cooking Class at 11:00 a.m. They will be held every two months. Please sign up in advance.



Fundraisers

St. Patty's Party, Corn Beef and Cabbage, Saturday, March 14, An Afternoon of Music with Gord Ciliska, Saturday, April 25. Get your tickets early.

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, March 12 at Firdous, and Thursday April 9 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 FUNDRAISERS

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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.

INCOME TAX CLINIC

The Half Century Centre will be preparing Income Tax Returns for low income persons. The clinic will begin **March 9** and end on **April 23**. Please drop all necessary forms off between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.



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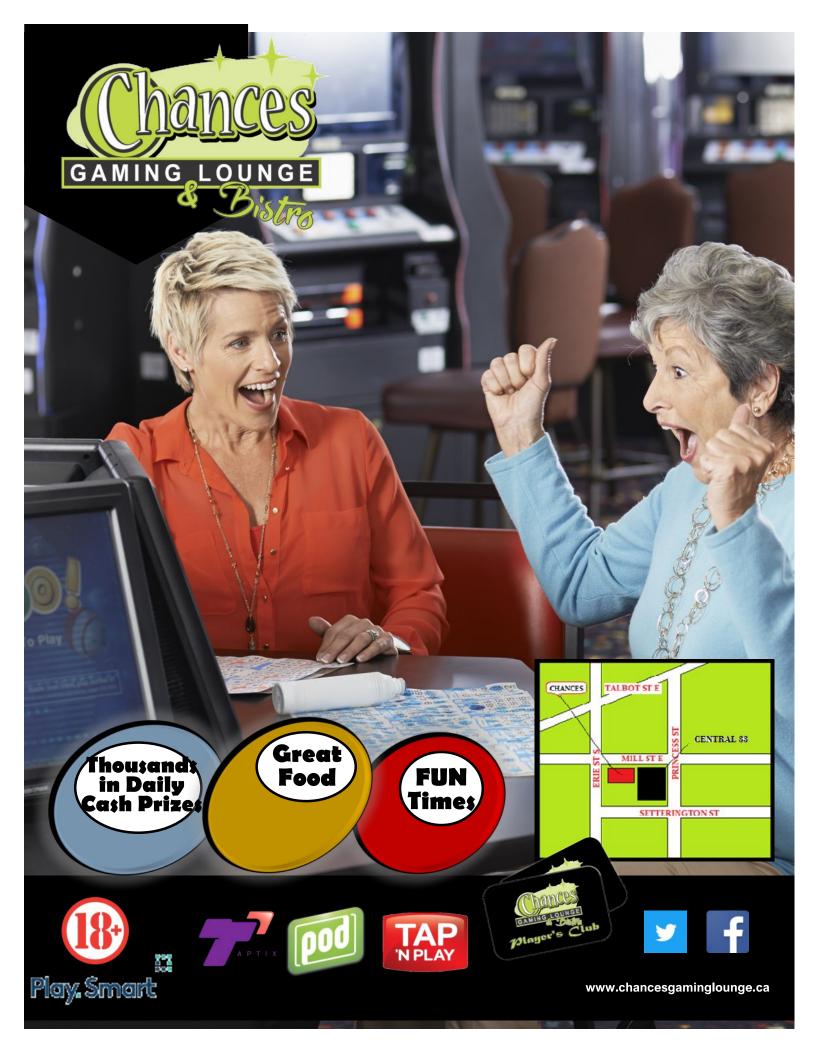


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Only 24 tickets per show available, get yours early.

Departure at 9:45 a.m. – Return approx. 6:45 p.m.



Nostalgic Music & Comedy from a Century Ago

Don't miss this joyful trip back to a 'roaring' good time with unforgettable hit songs including "Ain't We Got Fun", "Yes Sir, That's My Baby", "Sonny Boy", "Sweet Georgia Brown", "Yes, We Have No Bananas", "Swanee", "Ain't Misbehavin", "Am I Blue", "When You're Smiling", "It Had to be You", "Ol' Man River", "Makin' Whoopee", "Bye Bye Blackbird", and "The Charleston".

July 22 DYNAM

A 'Double the Fun' Musical Variety Show

VPP funny favourites Adam Proulx and Jennifer Walls team up to pay tribute to the terrific twosomes of stage, screen, music, and pop culture. Can these multi-talented entertainers convince you that they are the real deal? Likely not, but you will certainly laugh along with them as they go from Adam and Eve (Yes, they sing) to Sonny and Cher, and from Fred and Ginger (Yes,

The 1920s was the decade that marked the beginning of the modern music era with exuberant dances,

ballads. Complete with flappers, songbirds, crooners and comics, we're paying tribute to some of the worlds greatest entertainers like Al Jolson, Sophie Tucker, Eddie Cantor, Ethel Waters, Louis Armstrong, Buster Keaton, and Fanny Brice who were all the musical and comedy stars of the decade.

upbeat feel-good music and soulful

they dance...sort of) to Donny and Marie. A little bit Country, a little bit Rock and Roll: it's a good old-fashioned Variety Show with familiar songs like "I Got You Babe", "Cheek to Cheek", "Endless Love", "Beauty and the Beast", "Summer Nights", "Islands in The Stream", "Jackson", and comedy bits borrowed from the likes of Abbott and Costello, George and Gracie, Lucy and Desi, and even Siegfried and Roy. (Warning: Celine Dion may make a random solo appearance.)

Sept 9 WHEN IRIS EYES ARE SMILLIN

Traditional Irish Gems and Sing-Along Favourites

Imagine the atmosphere of a Dublin pub overflowing with the energy and excitement of bawdy Irish tunes mixed with heart-wrenching ballads and beautiful Celtic melodies. There'll be flying fiddles, tin whistles, guitars, and accordions playing along with high-stepping, handclappin' and toe-tappin' good fun entertainment. From glen to glen and down the mountain side you will be

serenaded with Irish classics including "The Rocky Road To Dublin", "Black Velvet Band", "I'll Tell Me Ma", "The Irish Rover", "The Parting Glass", "Molly Malone", "The Fields of Athenry", "The Last Rose of Summer", the beloved "Danny Boy", the famous title song and, as Irish luck may have it, a fair many more.





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