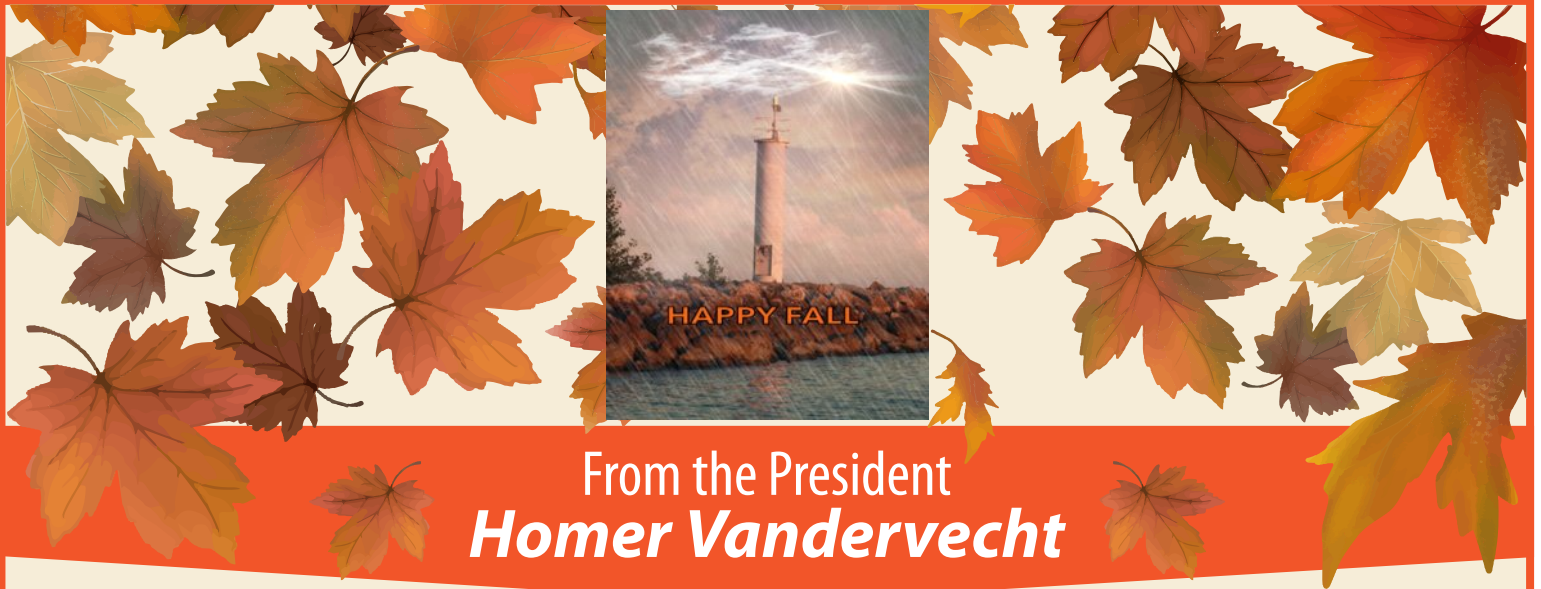




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From the President *Homer Vandervecht*

This Chatter report is being prepared during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your Board of Directors and Executive Director are following the guidance and direction of the federal, provincial, and local governments and the health authorities with respect to when activities may resume at the Centre.

We have an incredible team of staff and volunteers who have been preparing some wonderful activities for us. Of course it is frustrating to have to put that on hold, but if our aim is to continue to serve seniors well, then our first priority must be to keep everyone safe.

As we hear so often, "we will get through this", that is true also for the Centre. Our staff and volunteers will ensure that as soon as permissible the activities will resume, and will make the required adjustments to protect all of us from harm.

It was just over two years ago that Cliff Hartwick asked if I would consider standing for election to the Board of Directors. I was a bit reluctant, but quickly found out how persuasive Cliff can be. I can honestly say that I am thankful for that persuasion. My time with the Board has been very enjoyable. The guidance of the Executive Director and the strong support of all members of the Board made my responsibilities as President very easy.

Our Annual General Meeting is now re-scheduled for September 18, 2020. Please mark your calendar. This is an opportunity to learn more about all activities of the Centre, and to have a voice in its plans for the future. I also urge you to seriously consider volunteering to serve on a committee or the Board of Directors. The Centre needs your help, and you will enjoy being a part of a very successful organization.

This is my final Chatter report. It's been a blast! My deep gratitude to Christine Lehn for her support, leadership, and many hours of hard work at the Centre. Thank you to the members of the Board of Directors for their cooperation and support, and to the many volunteers who are the engine that makes the organization run smoothly. To all the members I say you can be very proud of all these folks, and of the Leamington and District Half Century Centre.

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TUESDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

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

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From the Executive Director *Christine Lehn*

Wow! What a summer this has been. I have missed seeing everyone's smiling faces at the Centre. We have been doing some work here though. Our volunteers filed over 200 Income Tax returns. Thank you to all that put in many hours completing this important service. We have also had some time to clean out cupboards and closets and do some painting. I would like to extend a big thanks to Gail Turk for all her work.

We are beginning to open our doors. Many of the activities can resume in small groups. As per by-laws, we will be requiring masks be worn. Upon entering, we will be signing you in and doing a quick screening. Unfortunately, cards and lunches are not allowed at this time. We are able to hold our Annual General Meeting as Homer alluded to. It will be held Friday, September 18 at 1:00. It is necessary to have a quorum to usher in our new Board. Following the meeting, we will be having an outdoor Strawberry Social behind the building. Stop in and say hi from a distance

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REGULAR CENTRE ACTIVITIES

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

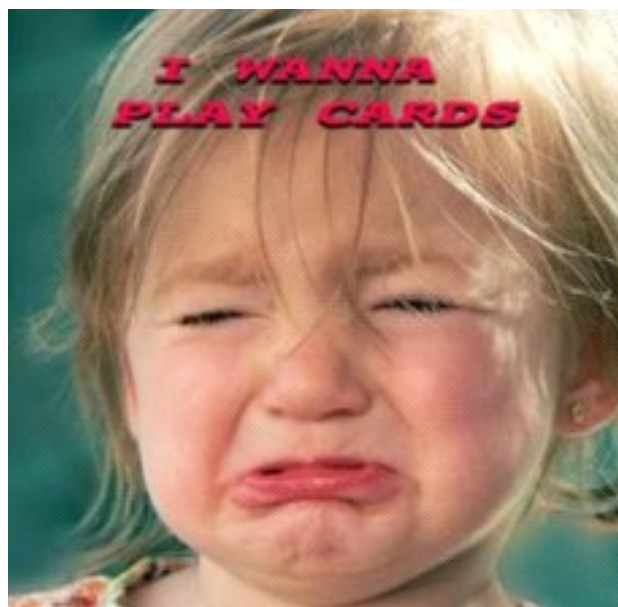
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The 3rd Tuesday each month we have Pot Luck. Cost is \$8 per person, or \$4 if you bring food.

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.



We are working on a plan to have a Social Work Student join us this year. Part of their assignment is to teach our members to use tablets so they can stay in touch with others should we have another wave. I encourage you to call the Centre mid-September to find out more details. We may have to use tablets to play cards in the beginning. Come and become familiar with the technology. I have been working on a plan to resume cards but have to wait until October to see if I am able to get the funding to implement the safety features we will need. If successful in the funding, lunches would be able to resume as well. Stay tuned.

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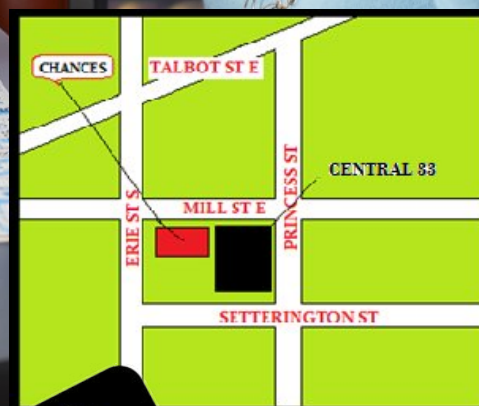
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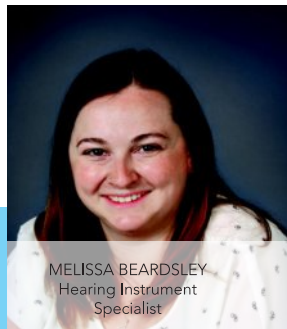
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
● Regular Daily Schedule						
	6	7	8	9	10	11

TLP = Tuesday Lunch Program

REGULAR CENTRE ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
● Regular Daily Schedule				Darts 1:30	Yoga 10:00	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00	Parkinson's 10:30	Art Group 9:00 Shuffleboard 1:30	Darts 1:30	Yoga 10:00	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Pepper 2:00 PM	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00	Parkinson's 10:30	Art Group 9:00 Shuffleboard 1:30	Darts 1:30	Yoga 10:00	HALLOWEEN

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SEPTEMBER

Sharon Robinson	2
Marie Wale	2
Alex Gammi	3
Jean Clark	5
Ann Enns	5
Dick Poole	5
Sally Stevenson	9
Moyra Habing	10
Patricia Macher	12
Jeanne Manners	13
Walter Balsam	14
Elsie Aasen	15
Violet Major	15
Gord Ellis	16
Agnes Gillan	16
Beth Smith	16
Lorraine Fox	18
Cathy Rubinski	19
David Lacount	20
Sylvia Schippers	20
Linda Turcotte	20
Helen Dawson	21
Cathy Truskey	22
Marion Liebsch	23
George Hildebrandt	25
Heather Hyatt	25
Ross MacKintosh	27
Astrid Tobin	27
John Barnett	28
Robert Branton	29

OCTOBER

Leo Smith	5
Wayne Cunliffe	7
Elaine Hatt	8
Ila Ellis	10
Joan McDonald	10
Lousie Campbell	12
Norm Henderson	13
Dale Smith	16
Sally Bell	17
Susie Kraus	23
Ann Woodrow	23
Kathy Wiebe	26
Marilyn Poole	27
Dianne Fleming	28



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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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