

# CENTERS' CHATTER

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2023

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From the President – Cliff Hartwick

Happy New Year! I trust all is well in your homes and families heading into 2023. Our Board of Directors, Committees, and volunteers have to get ready with our programs and activities for 2023. Christine continues to lead us and I want to acknowledge her receipt of her Award of Merit – Staff from the Older Adult Centres Association of Ontario. The OACAO recognizes the work she does for us here at the centre. Also, her participation in assisting Wheatley getting back on their feet following the gas explosion. They will soon be a vibrant club again. Thanks Christine.

Upcoming events include our Chili Cook-Off on Saturday Jan 21. Every year for the past six years we have enjoyed this event, eating and voting for the best chili in town. Thanks to those who donate the different chilis for our taste buds to enjoy. Also thanks to the judges who decide 1st and 2nd place followed by the People's Choice. Enjoy a hearty feast.

Next up will be our card party on Saturday Feb 11. Soup, sandwiches and a lot of fun are served. Our Centre continues with the Tuesday lunch program. Thanks to our kitchen staff, they continue to put out the best meals in town.

Our regular programs continue to be a success. Also thanks to Gaetan for his Pepper and Euchre tournaments. They were a lot of fun. I thank everyone for making our Centre a place to be. Stay safe and healthy in 2023.

# THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director  
Christine Lehn

Happy New Year! I trust everyone enjoyed the holidays. It is a pleasure to see all the new members. Let's keep spreading the news about all the fun we have here. From January until April, we will be having a student from St. Clair College, Kayla Simpson. Stop and say hi to her. She is studying gerontology at the college. I think we have a few people that fit into that category. Part of her responsibilities will be creating a fun event for Valentine's Day. Watch for the posters for more information. I hope to resume the world travel presentations. The information will be posted on the blackboard. Hopefully we can find interesting places to visit.

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REGULAR CENTRE ACTIVITIES		
ART GROUP	WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.
BAND PRACTICE (Musical G's)	WEDNESDAY (call office for location)	10:00 am.
BRIDGE (Duplicate)	MONDAY & FRIDAY	12:30 pm.
BRIDGE (Contract)	WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm.
CRIBBAGE	THURSDAY	2:00 pm
DARTS	THURSDAY	2:00 pm.
EUCHRE	TUESDAY	1:30 pm.
LINE DANCING	MONDAY & THURSDAY	9:00 am. 7:00 pm.
PEPPER	SUNDAY &WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY	2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 7:00 pm.
POOL ROOM	MONDAY - FRIDAY	8:30 am. to 4:15 pm.
QUILTING GROUP	MONDAY	9:00 am.
SCWW NAME THAT TUNE	FRIDAY	11:00 am.
SHUFFLEBOARD	WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm.
UNO	MONDAY	2:00 pm.
YOGA	FRIDAY	9:30 am.

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Please call the office at 519-326-2521 for the week's menu, and to be added to the list the Friday 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

Jan 3	Meatloaf	Feb 7	Liver
Jan 10	Soup and Sandwiches	Feb 14	Ham & Au Gratin
Jan 17	Pasta	Feb 21	Pork Chops
Jan 24	Cottage Roll Casserole	Feb 28	Chicken Tetrazzini
Jan 31	Chicken Divan		

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A close-up photograph of a bowl of chili. The chili is a thick, dark red sauce with visible chunks of meat and beans. It is topped with fresh ingredients: diced green avocados, finely chopped white onions, and bright green cilantro leaves. A silver spoon is partially submerged in the chili on the right side of the bowl. The bowl itself is a light-colored ceramic or stone. The background is slightly blurred, showing a grey cloth and a green object.

**COST  
\$10.00**

# CHILI COOKOFF

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 5:00PM**

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**VOLUNTEER**




Although I enjoy doing everything at the Centre, there are times I need volunteers to make things run smoothly. I do have a great crew that helps but I would like to increase my list of volunteers so no one burns out. There is a sign up sheet beside my office if you would like to help from setting up for events, baking desserts for events, be a receptionist for a few hours, maintain the flower bed out front and miscellaneous category. I encourage you to consider contributing. The volunteers I have now do have fun. I just want to expand the pool. Thank you in advance.

Christine




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# REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Lunch Meatloaf				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Lunch Soup and Sandwiches				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Lunch Pasta				Chili Cook-Off
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Lunch Cottage Roll Casserole				
29	30	31				
		Lunch Chicken Divan				
Regular Weekly Activities						
Pepper 2:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Lunch - Noon Euchre 1:30	Art Group 9:00 Bridge 1:30 Shuffleboard 1:30 Pepper 7:00	Darts 2:00 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 9:30 Bridge 12:45 Pepper 7:00	



# REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Lunch Liver	Seniors Advisory Committee 10:00			Card Party Noon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Lunch Ham & Au Gratin				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Family Day Closed	Lunch Pork Chops				Euchre Tournament 1:00
26	27	28				
		Lunch Chicken Tetrizzini				
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# Happy Birthday

## JANUARY

Jann Roth	1
Carmen Unsworth	2
Dave Derbyshire	2
Cathie Ribble	4
Bill Chaplin	9
Don Gage	10
Floyd Harris	11
Lorraine McAdam	11
Dolores Adams	14
Theresa DeCaluwe	16

Helen Wiper	17
Cheryle Dunford	18
Chris Lehn	18
Monique Sadler	18
Ruth Ann Bonkink	19
Henry Hildebrand	20
Martha Klassen	22
Denis Gauvin	24
Gary Hone	26
Perpetua Hildrop	27
Barb Whittle	30
Rowe Deans	31

## FEBRUARY

Robert Hornick	12
Helen Slavik	12
Gail Grant	14
Bill Mayville	16
Vickie Haley	17
Ida Smith	19
Warren Dunford	23
Ron Metz	24
Isabelle Webster	24
Sophia Linner	25

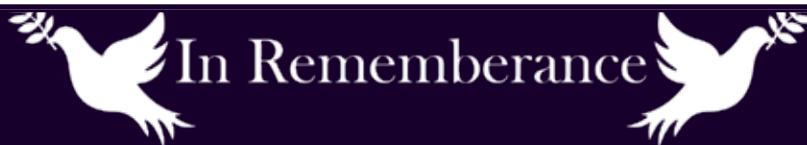
## Welcome new Members

Gary Hillier  
Cecile Courtemanche  
Andre Courtemanche  
Trevor Wiper  
C J Labelle  
Nicole Denis  
Craig Canniff  
Pat Arnett  
Larry Arnett  
Dennis Weedmark

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.



Anyone interested in Grief Share Class please contact Cliff at 519-816-5449 or call the Centre.

# Winter

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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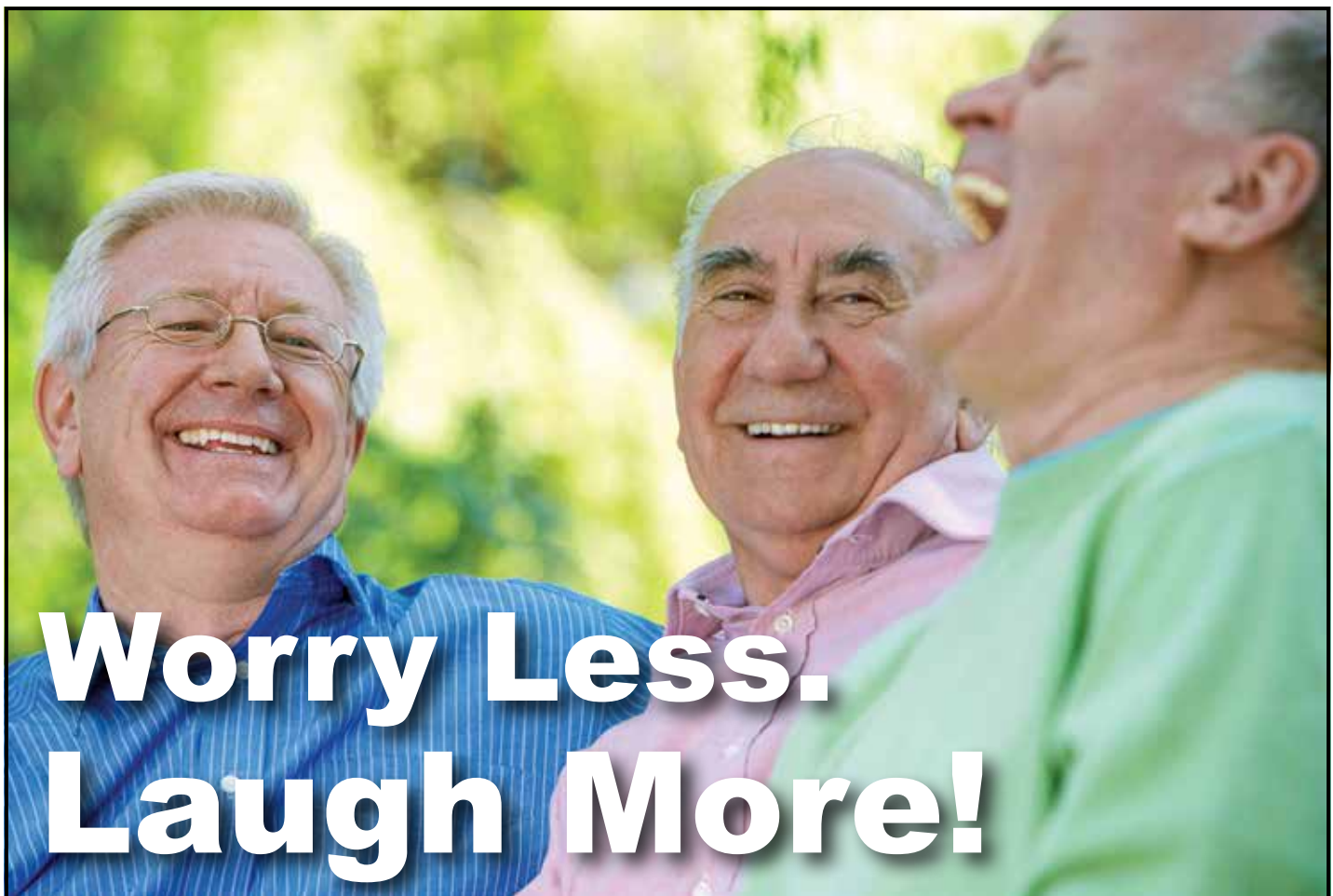
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