

CENTERS' CHATTER

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From the President – Cliff Hartwick

Well it's time to say good-bye to winter and hello to spring. We have a lot of activities planned for you in the upcoming months. We start off with St. Patrick's Day. Our serving of corn beef and cabbage is always an excellent meal. After that, Easter is just around the corner. A time for family and friends.

Next up Crazy Raizy will join up again with his singing, comedy routine and audience participation. We are looking forward to being with Terry. This will be followed by a chicken dinner.

We will start off our May the force (4th) visiting Petrolia Playhouse. The show starring my favorite, Jesse Grandmont and his friends with Jesse's Country Jubilee. This should be a toe tapping time.

Our Centre continues to operate with Christine at the helm. As you can see, we have a lot of activities going on. Our lunch cooks continue to serve us great meals. Kayla has been here for two months now and will stay until the end of April. She is completing her Seniors Service Worker – Gerontology at St. Clair College. Stop and say hi.

It's that time of year we are looking for 3 new Board Members. If you feel called to do so, talk to Christine or any Board member. I have already started Grief classes on Friday afternoons at 1:00. You are still welcome to come out and join us in these important classes for those who have lost a loved one.

We welcomed some new members over the past few months. Make them feel at home. Have a great Easter Holiday.

THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director
Christine Lehn

Spring is here! Welcome back to everyone who travelled south for the winter. You missed a great Chili Cook-Off. We had a new entry from Bradt's Butcher and returning entries from Firemen, Seacrest Manor, Chartwell, Rosewood Erie Glen, Home Instead and one from the Centre. Rosewood Erie Glen took top honours from our judges. Second place and People's Choice were awarded to us. (We had a new cook preparing it this year) No one knows who each chili belongs to so there is no favouritism. I have a few businesses who have already expressed interest in competing next year. Albertos Bakery, Kendrick Funeral Home and the OPP. Everyone in attendance has a lot of fun at our special events.

As Cliff stated, we have Petrolia plays booked. I need to purchase the tickets a month in advance. Please sign up early so I do not pay for tickets which are not being used.

In April, Marine Training for firefighters will be done in our west room. Our regular activities for that room will be cancelled the week of April 17 - 22. Lunch is made available for those taking the courses. Gaetan has offered to BBQ Pork Chops on the Thursday. Any members wishing to join us for the BBQ or chili on the Friday please sign up a week before. These lunches will be the same as our regular Tuesday lunches for \$10.

I am excited to announce our beloved Centre will be adding an additional yoga class every Tuesday at 1:30 PM.

Income Tax Clinic will begin on March 9. As in past years, please bring your forms and fill out some paperwork here. We will call you when they are ready to be picked up. Please do not bring them in before this date.

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RECREATION: Art Group, Band Practice, 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:

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VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE PETROLIA \$100

- 1.) "The Gang's All Here!" Jesse's Country Jubilee - May 4th
- 2.) "A Joyful Journey Back 50 Years
" Yesterday Once More 1973 - July 12
- 3.) "More East Coast Fun!" *Mark Payne's Kitchen Party
Leftovers - Sept. 21*



Tickets include transportation and the show. We will be departing from Half Centry Centre at 9:45 AM. We'll stop at restaurant for lunch which is not included. Tickets are limited! Please sign up 1 month in advance!

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 TUESDAY	9:30 am. 1:30 pm.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

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VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX CLINIC FOR LOW INCOME

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 \$10 per person. Meals include an entrée, vegetables, salad, bread roll, dessert, and tea or coffee. A thank you to Chartwell Retirement Residence and Seacliff Manor for each supplying dessert once a month.

We will not be hosting potluck lunches until further notice.

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.

Tuesday Lunch Menu

Mar 7	Pasta	Apr 4	Liver& Onions
Mar 14	Meatloaf	Apr 11	Soup & Sandwiches
Mar 21	Chicken	Apr 18	Lasagna
Mar 28	Beef Stew	Apr 25	Pulled Pork

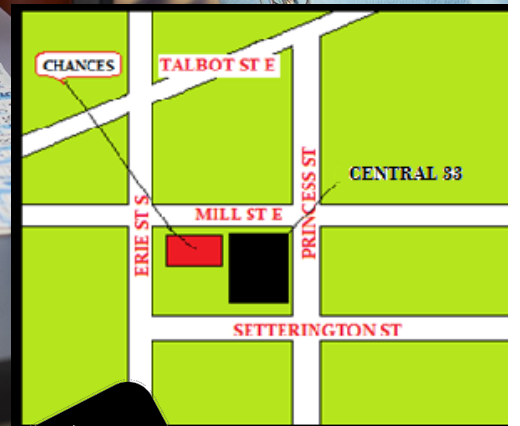
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a spring fashion show. Come
and enjoy a funfilled day.

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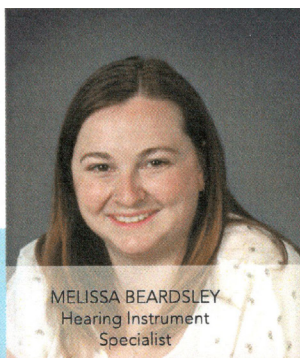


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Although I enjoy doing everything at the Centre, there are times I need volunteers to make things run smoothly. I do have a great crew that helps but I would like to increase my list of volunteers so no one burns out. There is a sign-up sheet beside my office if you would like to help from setting up for events, baking desserts for events, be a receptionist for a few hours, and 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

Income Tax Clinic

We will be accepting
Income taxes for low
income people from March
9 to April 21. Please drop
off your taxes

REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						Lucky 7 Pepper Tournament
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Lunch: Pasta				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Lunch: Meatloaf			St. Patty's Dinner	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Lunch: Chicken				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Lunch: Beef Stew				

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 Yoga 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	
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REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Lunch: Liver & Onions			Good Friday Closed	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Easter Monday Closed	Lunch: Soup & Sandwiches	Fashion Show			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Line Dance Cancelled	Lunch: Lasagna	Schuffleboard Cancelled Lunch Chili	Darts and Line Dance Cancelled Lunch BBQ Pork Chops	Yoga Cancelled	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Lunch: Pulled Pork				Afternoon of Music and Dinner 3:00
30						
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Happy Birthday

MARCH

Bob Roth	3
Grant Ewan	6
Valerie Gurske	8
Dennis Tatomir	9
Shelley Miguel	10
Gail Johnston	15
Debbie Clinton	16
Larry Hillman	17
Rachelle Chandler	20
George Clark	20
Craig Canniff	21
Pauline Mikolash	22
Don Jackson	25
Shirley Plant	27
Carolynn Stewart	27
Sally LePla	29
Ann Mocan	30
Marjorie Vanden Brande	30

APRIL

Derek Parry	6
Lorlee Cunliffe	7
Peter Van Zetten	8
Elaine Dunford	9
Judith DeQuartel	10
Nicole Denis	11
Gord Authier	12
Erna Broom	12
Carolyn Coad	13
Ann Evers	16
Irene Darowski	17
Bill Gough	17
Mike Purdy	18
Larry Arnett	19
Jan Bonkink	19
Roy Trowell	19
Sharon Clark	23
Deborah Meadows	25
Paul Schumacher	26
Cliff Hartwick	29
Rose Foldesi	30
Sue Russell	30

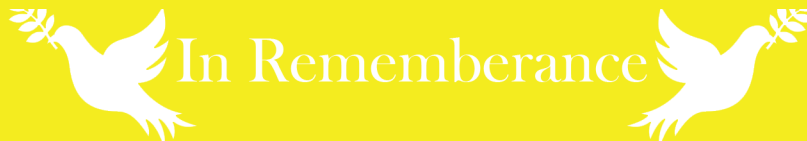
Welcome new Members

Denise Munson
Allan Munson
Shirley Morel
Mike Purdy
John Barber
Glen Bryan
Johann Camplin
Wendy McDonald
Fred McDonald

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.



Kathleen Pryke
Marg Jones

Leamington and District Half Century Centre

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Huron Country Playhouse w/ lunch

July 27

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Dreamcoat

St. Jacob's Playhouse w/ lunch

Aug. 1

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March 17th, 2023

Leamington Half Century Centre



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March 7th**

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