

CENTERS' CHATTER

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From the President
Gaetan Levesque

We are fast approaching that super busy time of the year. Stores are very busy stocking shelves and selling many supplies. The parking lots are often very busy and people cruise the parking lot for the best spot to park.

We have to be very careful in those parking lots for distracted drivers, stressed people, pedestrians and even runaway shopping carts.

People are often in a rush and many seniors find that life is so busy at times that they don't know how they would find time to work like they used to. Balancing life and schedules between medical appointments, family visits, getting groceries, restaurants, church services seems to be overwhelming at times. Life is at a fast pace and yet as seniors many are at a slower pace. Now, as the president, I want to welcome you to life at the Leamington Half Century Centre. Here, life is not at a constant fast pace but more like at your own pace. Thanks to Christine who is always welcoming us and helping us with various needs. She even has a great crew of volunteers that are there to help and guide activities. All our game players and card players come here for stress free and unrushed activities. Tuesday lunches are very well attended and everyone enjoys a great three course meal. All of these activities come with no taxes and no need to tip. This is our center, we can be part of it, we can enjoy it, we can invite friends and we can promote it in our community.

Thanks so much to all those who completed the survey. At any time we would appreciate any comments or suggestions to help improve activities at our center.

Gaetan Levesque - president



THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director
Christine Lehn

I would like to begin with a big Thank You to Rosewood Erie Glen for hosting a Charity Golf Tournament of which we were the designated charity. They raised over \$5,000 for us. We have replaced Shuffleboard with Cornhole (Bean Bag Toss). It is a hit. Come and join us on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 1:30.

Friday mornings at 11:30 i will be showing Zoom presentations on a variety of topics. Watch the board to see what is showing next.

The Senior Advisory Committee for the Town is providing entertainment at the Bank Theatre. On November 8 our band will be playing there at 10:00 am.

On December 13 the Bailey's will perform. Come out to these free sessions. Beginning in January, the events will be held at our Centre on the second Wednesday every month. These events are open to all seniors in the community. Spread the word.

The year has flown by. It's time to think about Christmas. We will again be having our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday Dec. 5 at 4:30. We will be closed from Dec 23 until Jan. 2. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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REGULAR PROGRAMS & EVENTS

RECREATION: Art Group, Band Practice, Bridge (Contract & Duplicate,) Cornhole, Cribbage, Darts, Euchre, Line Dancing, Pepper, Pool, , 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)

Ministry of Transportation Senior's Group Classes

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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.
CORNHOLE	WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY	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.
UNO	MONDAY	2:00 pm.
YOGA	FRIDAY TUESDAY	9:30 am. 1:30 pm.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

DRIVE TEST G1 & G2

Eye/Written & Road Test

4th Tuesday Monthly at 9 am-12 noon and 1pm-4 pm

For road test appointments please call 1-888-570-6110;

do not call the centre.

PARKINSONS EXERCISE & SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays 10:30 am.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX CLINIC FOR LOW INCOME

TUESDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

Home-cooked meals at a great price. Enjoy our friendly service and comfortable atmosphere. 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 Rosewood Erie Glen for 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.

Lunch Menu

Nov 7	Ham	Dec 5	Christmas Dinner at 4:30
Nov 14	Beef Stew	Dec 12	Swedish Meatballs
Nov 21	Liver & Onions	Dec 19	Lasagna
Nov 28	Soup & Sandwiches		

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GAMES DAY

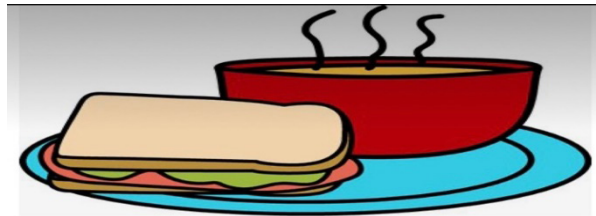
Friday, November 10th at 12 noon

Soup & Sandwich lunch

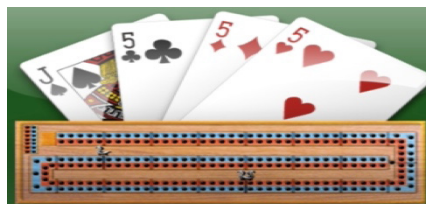
With coffee, tea & dessert

\$10:00

Sign up – November 2nd



afternoon of games with lots of laughter
Cribbage, Mexican Train, Cornhole, Euchre



DAY TOURS

St. Jacobs Market

w/lunch

Oct. 21 \$134

Frankenmuth Dates

With lunch \$117

Nov. 4

Nov. 18

Great Lakes Crossings

Nov. 25 \$79

Turkeyville U.S.A.

Tinsel & Turkey

Dec. 6 \$169

Niagara Casino

Nov. 2-3 \$223 Dbl

Pigeon Forge

Nov. 8-12 \$1469 Dbl

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Leamington Seniors' Advisory Committee

Schedule of Events - Fall/Winter 2023

OCT

Seniors Ride the LT-Go Transit for Free

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

To take advantage of this opportunity, book a ride through the user-friendly Blaise Transit app or by calling 519-325-5960. LT-Go transit hours on Tuesday, October 17, are 6:00 AM to 9:30 PM.

Group Pick-up Locations and Times:

Half Century Centre (160 Talbot St E) at 10:00 AM

Tim Hortons parking lot (250 Erie St S) at 11:00 AM

Nature Fresh Farms Recreation Centre (249 Sherk St) at 1:00 PM

*All group rides will take approximately one hour, and riders will be dropped off at their pick-up location.

NOV

Musical Gs Band

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: The Bank Theatre, 10 Erie St S, Leamington

DEC

The Baileys – Christmas Music

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: The Bank Theatre, 10 Erie St S, Leamington

The Leamington Seniors' Advisory Committee offers the following opportunities for seniors to get out and connect with each other in a safe environment.

Book a ride on the LT-Go Transit

Call 519-325-5960 or download the Blaise Transit app to book your ride. For more information, please visit leamington.ca/LTGO



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Please visit leamington.ca/seniors for event information and updates.

REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						Euchre Tournament
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Lunch: Ham			Games Day	Rembrance Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Lunch: Beef Stew				Pepper Tournament
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Lunch: Liver & Onions				Petrolia
26	27	28	29	30		
		Lunch: Soup & Sandwiches				
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 Pepper 7:00	Darts 2:00 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 9:30 Bridge 12:45 Pepper 7:00 Cornhole 1:30	

REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Christmas Dinner 4:30				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Lunch: Swedish Meatballs				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Lunch:Lasagna				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Regular Weekly Activities						
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Happy Birthday

November

Chris Baxter	5	Shran Collins	16
Bud Elwood	5	Agnes Fraser	19
Nick Klym	8	Robbie Roberts	21
Merle Richmond	9	Linda Sider	24
Tilly Goodman	11	Rick Epplet	25
Faith Reidy	12	Elaine Authier	25
Lillian Brissear	13	Frank Duransky Jean	25
Elaine Russell	13	Dzvirka	26
Ursula Wolf	13	Gerry Hucko	28
		Shawn Tofflemire	30

December

Julia Kos	5
Al Morrison	5
Chris Kelly	6
Bob Affleck	8
Diane Ware	16
Ewald Dobestberger	17
Ida Henderson	19
Roberta Jarecsni	19
Julie Bodayla	20
Malcolm Richardson	21
Terry Hynryk	22
Sue Duransky	25
Lyle Rumble	26
Mary DeGoey	27
Gail Turk	27
Vera Wilkins	27
Delia Ewen	29



Welcome new Members

Brian Malott
Rick Wynants
Elsie Hutchins
Sheila Dunmore
Gina Reaume

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.



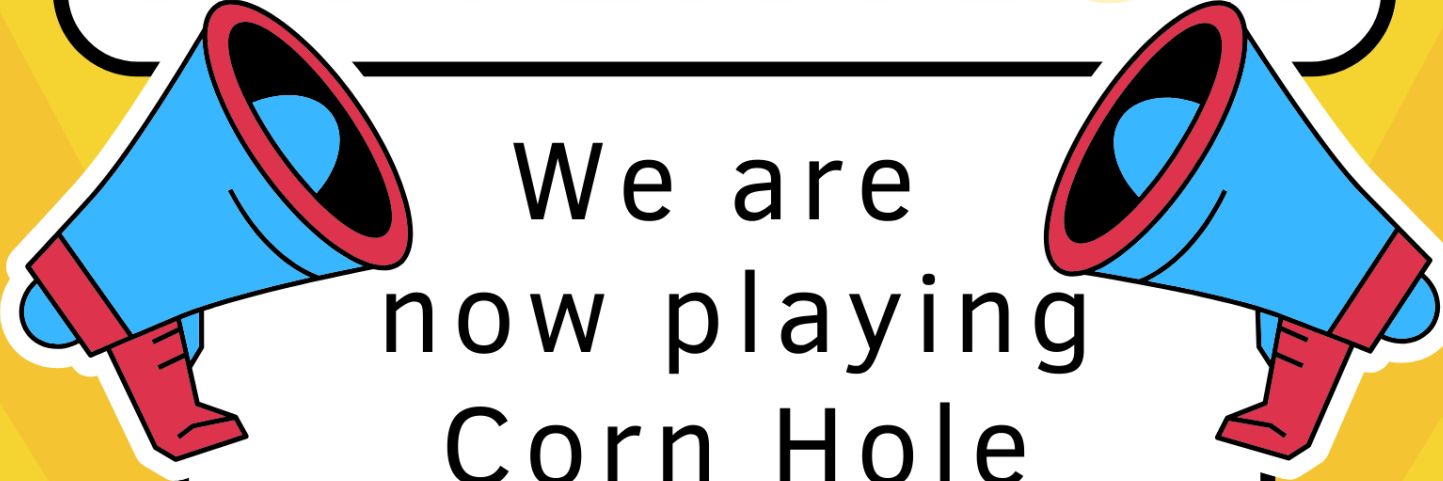
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Allan McCullam
Betty Fox



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