

# CENTERS' CHATTER

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From the President – Gaetan  
Levesque

A new year 2024! What will it bring you? Wishing all of you good health, great wealth, and constant wisdom. At the Half Century Centre we will continue with many of our activities and maybe add some new ones if the interest is there.

Do remember that this is our Centre and we want everyone to feel very welcome at all times and for all activities you choose to attend. January 13 will bring our annual Chili Cook off for our seniors and your invited guests.

January 6 is a euchre tournament and January 20 will be a pepper tournament. Tuesday lunches have become very popular and this will continue at the great price of \$ 10.00

Thanks to our Tuesday volunteers Shelley and Susie for running our well attended weekly euchre games. Great scores will win prizes and even get your name on The Wall of Fame for 2024. There will be cash prizes and special certificates at the end of the year.

February 14 will bring many members and guests to our Valentine event which will include lunch and many activities for all to enjoy. This event will be a great promotion for our center and everything will be FREE. The proceeds from the golf tournament will pay for all expenses for that special day.

An added feature for this LENT 2024 will be a series of 4 weekly pepper games Saturday at 1:00 pm February 17, 24 March 2, and 9.

A great reminder to reserve your lunches and certain activities well ahead of time to make the planning aspect of it easier on Christine. Once sold out, there will be no more added on at the last minute.



# 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!!!

After 27 years of service, Maurice Raffoul, our janitor has retired. We wish him the best in his retirement. Darren King has now taken over our janitorial services. He is doing a fine job, say hi when you see him.

Leamington's Senior Advisory Committee will again be hosting events the second Wednesday each month at 10:00 here at the Centre beginning in February. Come and see what is going on in the town. We are open to any comments or suggestions to improve our town.

During the colder and sometimes dreary winter months, some of us need an extra kind word. We do not know what others are experiencing so let's make it our goal this year to say something nice to someone we normally do not spend much time with. With that in mind, our Valentine's Day event has a special price. The cost of admission for lunch and activities is 3 SMILES. Monies received from the golf tournament with Rosewood Erie Glen hosted this year and donated the proceeds to us will cover all costs for the day.

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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	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.
SHUFFLEBOARD	FRIDAY	1:30 PM.
UNO	MONDAY	2:00 pm.
YOGA	FRIDAY TUESDAY	9:30 am. 1:30 pm.

## REGULAR PROGRAMS

### DRIVE TEST G1 & G2

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

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**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

Jan 2	Pasta	Feb 6	Pulled Pork
Jan 9	Baked Chicken	Feb 13	Ham
Jan 16	Liver & Onions	Feb 20	Meatloaf
Jan 23	Chicken Parm	Feb 27	Chicken Divan
Jan 30	Cabbage Roll Casserole		

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# VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE PETROLIA



**Coming this year. Dates to be determined.**



Tickets include transportation and the show. We will be departing from Half Century 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!

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*Christmas Dinner*





REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Lunch: Pasta				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Lunch: Chicken				Chili Cook-Off 5:00 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Lunch: Liver & Onions				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Lunch: Chicken Parm				
28	29	30	31			
		Lunch: Cabbage Roll Casserole				

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 Cornhole 1:30	Darts 2:00 Cribbage 2:00 Line Dancing 7:00	Yoga 9:30 Bridge 12:45 Pepper 7:00 Shuffleboard 1:30



# REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Lunch: Pulled Pork				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Lunch: Ham	Valentine's Day			Pepper Tournament 1:00
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Family Day Closed	Lunch: Meatloaf				Pepper Tournament 1:00
25	26	27	28	29		
		Lunch: Chicken Divan				

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# Happy Birthday

## January

Dorothy Poisson	1	Cheryle Dunford	18
Jann Roth	1	Chris Lehn	18
Carmen Unsworth	2	Monique Sadler	18
Dave Derbyshire	2	Ruth Ann Bonkink	19
Sheila Bailey	3	Henry Hildebrandt	20
Cathie Ribble	4	Martha Klassen	22
Fred McDonald	5	Bob Baldock	22
Marie McKeen	7	Denis Gauvin	24
Gina Reaume	7	Gary Honey	26
Don Gage	10	Perpetua Hildrop	27
Floyd Harris	11	Judy Jensen	27
Lorraine McAdam	11	Barb Whittle	30
Danny Adams	12	Rowe Deans	31
Robert Springthorpe	16		

## February

Allan Munson	2
Cathy Hrynyk	9
Robert Hornick	12
Helen Slavik	12
Gail Grant	14
Bill Mayville	16
Vickie Haley	17
Glenn Sellick	19
Chris Cooper	22
Warren Dunford	23
Ron Metz	24
Isabelle Webster	24
Sophia Linner	25
Rick Thorpe	25

## Welcome New Members

John Szalay  
Freda Szalay  
Sheila Henderson  
Robert Springthorpe  
Nancy Springthorpe  
Tom Neilsen  
Clyde Mohammed  
Bob Baldock  
Linda Wood  
Mac Stanley

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.





**HALF CENTURY CENTRE**

# ***Valentine's* PARTY**

***Wednesday Feb 14***

**MUST SIGN UP  
BY FEB 7TH**

**COST  
3 Smiles**

**PLEASE  
ENJOY A  
FREE LUNCH  
FOLLOWED  
BY AN**

**AFTERNOON FILLED WITH A  
VARIETY OF CARDS AND  
OTHER GAMES  
BRING A FRIEND**



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 napkin.

**COST  
\$10.00**

# CHILI COOKOFF

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 5:00PM**

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