

CENTERS' CHATTER

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March | April
2024

From the President Gaetan Levesque

A new season is approaching and we did escape some major snow storms as we have seen on TV. The weather will warm up and we will enjoy many outdoor activities in the Leamington area. Many of us will soon be working on our income tax for the 2023 taxation year. The Half Century Center will again be involved in taxes under the government volunteer program for lower income taxpayers.

March and April 2024 will bring some special fundraiser activities for our Center. Please look closely at the monthly calendar to get more information about the numerous activities that will be offered. Please respect the timelines for registering because this makes planning the events easier and more efficient.

The Leamington Half Century Center will also look at planning various activities and special events for our senior members during the spring and summer months. Read our newsletter and be up to date on all the activities going on as well as our weekly meals and trips to Victoria Playhouse.

Our members are all very special and we like to see you involved in all activities that you choose to join. You are always welcomed and very appreciated. It is great to see some social gatherings with great conversations, many smiles and numerous laughs. You bring joy to everyone around you and it is so nice to see everyone socialize and have fun daily.

As your president, I wish to acknowledge and thank Christine and all her volunteers and all fellow Board members for making our Half Century Center a great and fun place to be and enjoy. We have such a variety of leisure activities going on during a month that we will surely be a beehive of activities for years to come.



The Guyitt House
Painted by Tony Collings

Located off of historical Talbot Trail which hugs the north shore of Lake Erie in Chatham-Kent, is where you could find what people said was the most photographed home in southwestern Ontario and across Canada. On July 21, 2023 this house was torn down. The house was built between 1840–1850. Peter Anderson now owns the house that was purchased by his grandparents Roy & Ethel Guyitt in 1908. Although Anderson can't keep up the home, he keeps the lawn mowed and watches over it to honour his grandfather. As kids he remembers coming here on weekends to get haircuts and a bath and we watched television.

The painting Tony did is on display in our Centre.

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 all our snowbirders. This is the time of year to start thinking about joining our Board of Directors. Every year we need three new members for a three year term. If you are interested or wish to nominate someone, please talk to a board member.
Our membership fees are due April 1.

Our Income Tax Clinic will run from March 8 until April 24. Please do not bring them in earlier.

In this Centre, respect is very important. I enjoy listening to our members when they quickly help if someone comes in with a question or is looking for something. Smiles and a friendly atmosphere make this place enjoyable for everyone. I understand this can be a challenge when our activities are scheduled close together. Tuesdays are an example of this. If you are here for lunch, we hope you can visit a bit and enjoy your coffee after the meal. For those of you who come for Euchre, I ask that you stay up front until at least 1:00. That still allows plenty of time for set up and doesn't push those out the door who are finishing up their meal.

In April we are again hosting the Marine Training. Activities in the West Room will be cancelled from April 12 - 17. We will be serving lunches everyday. Must sign up one week in advance. \$10.

In May, we will be having a yard sale. We will accept donations of quality items beginning May 13.

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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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contributions from Directors, Members and others interested in the issues and concerns of seniors. It is produced 6 times a year. Please contact us if you have comments, contributions, or if you would like to purchase advertising, or be a distributor of our newsletter.

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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

Eye/Written & Road Test

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.

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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 and Chartwell 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.

We will not accept any walk-ins. Space is limited.

Lunch Menu

March 5	Pork Chops	April 2	Meatloaf
March 12	Soup & Sandwiches	April 9	Chicken Parm
March 19	Liver & Onions	April 16	Lasagna
March 26	Beef Stew	April 23	Chicken Divan
		April 30	Meatballs

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CHILI COOK-OFF 2024

1ST. PLACE – BRAT'S BUTCHER BLOCK (excepting award Mayor Hilda MacDonald)

2ND PLACE – LEAMINGTON HALF CENTURY – Chris Lehn

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ROB SHAW

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Location: Half Century Centre Leamington

Income Tax Clinic

Begins Mar 8

Ends April 24.



For low income
Persons.

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lunch?*

*We have soup
in our freezer for sale
which we make right
here. Cost is \$3 for small
and \$5 for large. Stock
up your freezer.*



REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						Pepper Tournament
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Lunch: Pork Chops Must sign up by previous Thursday	Art Cancelled		Income Tax Clinic begins	Pepper Tournament
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Lunch: Soup & Sandwiches Must sign up by previous Thursday	Seniors Advisory Committee Talk with SECC	Meditation Class		St. Patty's Dinner
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Lunch: Liver & Onions Must sign up by previous Thursday		Meditation Class		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Lunch: Beef Stew Must sign up by previous Thursday		Meditation Class	Good Friday Closed	
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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	
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REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Easter Monday Closed	Lunch: Meatloaf Must sign up by previous Thursday		Meditation Class		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Lunch: Chicken Parm Must sign up by previous Thursday	Seniors Advisory Committee Talk with Pharmacist	Meditation Class	Marine Training Yoga Cancelled Lunch Hamburgers	Marine Training Lunch Chili
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Lunch Hotdogs	Dance Cancelled Lunch Pork Chops	Lunch: Lasagna Must sign up by previous Thursday Yoga Cancelled	Cornhole Cancelled	Meditation Class		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Income Tax Clinic ends	Lunch: Chicken Divan Must sign up by previous Thursday		Meditation Class		Afternoon of Music with Crystal Gage
28	29	30	31			
		Lunch: Meatballs Must sign up by previous Thursday				

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Happy Birthday

March

John Barber	3	Don Jackson	25
Paul Godfree	3	Joyce Wiper	25
Grant Ewen	6	Cathy Coulter	27
Valerie Gurske	8	Carolina Hummel	27
Dennis Tatomir	9	Carolynn Stewart	27
Shelley Miquel	10	Sally LePla	29
Debbie Clinton	16	Ann Mocan	30
Andy Carruthers	17	RichardPoisson	30
Larry Hillman	17	Marj Vanden Brande	30
Linda Wood	17		
Rita Breault	18		
Rachelle Chandler	20		
George Clark	20		
Craig Canniff	21		
Nanct Springthorpe	21		
Pauline Mikolash	22		

April

Aline McCabe	2	Roy Trowell	19
Bonnie McKendry	5	Sharon Clark	23
Derek Parry	6	Donna Marley	24
Bruce Rumble	6	Deborah Meadows	25
Lorlee Cunliffe	7	Mary Almasi	26
Ray Fournier	7	Paul Schumacher	26
Elaine Dunford	9	Ronald Simpson	28
Judith DeQuartel	10	Cliff Hartwick	29
Gord Authier	12	Rose Foldesi	30
Roland Chaisson	13		
Ann Evers	16		
Irene Darowski	17		
Bill Gough	17		
Elsie Hutchins	18		
Mike Purdy	18		
Jan Bonkink	19		

Welcome New Members

Barry Power
Susan Power
Rita Breault
Patrick Laporte
Cathy Coulter
Gary Butler
Kathy Klym
Charlotte MacLellan
Roland Chaisson
Linda Chaisson
Jamie Arquette
Patty Hopper
Donna Marley

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.



Peter VanZettan
Pat Mattia

Oil Rush



Thursday,
May 16th
\$100.00

VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE PETROLIA

" Oil Rush "



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!

St. Patrick's Day

March 16th, 2023

Leamington Half Century Centre

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