

# CENTER'S CHATTER

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## From the Board of Directors

Reporter - Homer Vandervecht, Board Member

The Leamington and District Half Century Centre celebrates several new beginnings every year. Obviously the first is January 1 when a brand new calendar year begins. Then comes April 1 when the financial year ends and a new budget is applied. It's also the time that members submit their membership dues for another year.

The third new beginning took place at the recent Annual General Membership meeting held on June 14. For those of you who were able attend this meeting, you heard reports confirming that the Centre had a very successful year ending March 31, 2024. The total active membership has reached pre-pandemic levels; all activities are well attended, including fund raising events. Major building roof repairs have been delayed by the frequent rains however the project should take place soon; and you were introduced to the new Board of Directors.

We are trying to attract new members while continuing to serve the needs of our existing members. We want the Half Century Centre to be a place where seniors of all ages feel comfortable and enjoy themselves..

Read through this publication and others that are published every two months, to learn who the new members are, members birthdays, the activities and special events that are scheduled, and who is on the new Board of Directors.

We are always working hard to have our Senior Centre continue to improve. The Board welcomes your ideas and suggestions. We also welcome anyone who is interested in volunteering to contact Christine or any member of the Board.



At the Annual General Meeting we bid farewell to four members of the Board who are retiring. A hearty thank you to Lorlee Cunliffe, Wayne Cunliffe, Cliff Hartwick and Katy Klym for your contribution to the success of the centre.

The Board of Directors (and probably all the members) recognizes the efforts and work that the Centre receives from its Executive Director, Christine Lehn. In addition to her daily activities we are all benefitted by her relationship with Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments. This relationship has provided numerous financial grants over many years in order that planned projects can proceed, and has kept the lines of communication open.

Please share this Chatter with a friend and invite them to come and see.

They will find many enjoyable activities here and are sure to make new friends.

See you at the Centre!

# THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director  
Christine Lehn

This summer is starting off to be a scorcher. Remember to stay well hydrated.

I would like to welcome Lily Steinhoff as our summer student. Stop in and say hi to her. I am sure she will be a welcome addition for July and August. Beginning in September, we will offer DrumFit. It is a fun way to get some exercise. You will be drumming on exercise balls to a variety of music. I do not know yet what the time slot will be so stay tuned. If there is something you would like us to offer, please come and talk to me.

We will again be having a Hotdog BBQ followed by a Comedy Show. Lily has big plans for the show. Anyone interested in being part of the act, please let her or myself know. In September, we will be going to Petrolia for the final summer show. Sign up as soon as possible since I need to purchase the tickets well in advance.

Thank you to Mucci's for donating strawberries and Burgess Refreshments for donating the ice cream for our Strawberry Social.

I will be out of the office from July 27 – August 5. Enjoy your summer.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-2025

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## REGULAR PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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

## 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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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.
YOGA	TUESDAY FRIDAY	1:30 pm 9:30 am.

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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

July 2	Pasta	Aug 6	Lasagna
July 9	Hamburgers	Aug 13	Cervapi
July 16	Porkchops	Aug 20	Hotdogs
July 23	Drumsticks	Aug 27	Chicken Wraps
July 30	Sausage		

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# REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Canada Day Closed	Lunch: Pasta Must sign up by previous Thursday				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Lunch: Hamburgers Must sign up by previ- ous Thursday				Euchre Tournament
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Lunch: Porkchoprs Must sign up by previ- ous Thursday				Hotdog BBQ & Comedy Show Noon
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Lunch: Drumsticks Must sign up by previ- ous Thursday				Euchre Tournament
28	29	30	31			
		Lunch: Sausage Must sign up by previous Thursday				
Pepper 2:00						
	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30	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 - AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Civic Holiday Closed	Lunch: Lasagna Must sign up by previous Thursday				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Lunch: Cevapi Must sign up by previous Thursday				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Lunch: Hotdogs Must sign up by previous Thursday				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Lunch: ChickenWraps Must sign up by previ- ous Thursday				

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# Happy Birthday

## July

Marie Ellwood	2
Dolores Near	2
Sharon Johnston	6
Elaine Taylor	14
Marilyn Whittle	14
Ray Bourne	14
Kathy Klym	15
Glen Bryan	18
Sandra Schumacher	19
Shirley Morel	20
Carolyn Campbell	25
Evangeline Jodouin	25
Rosemarie Purr	25
Jill Nicholls	28
Jean Towle	31

## August

Ernie Purr	4	Gaetan Levesque	25
Gloria White	5	Karl Wachholz	25
Anne Gertzbeine	5	Brian Malott	26
Lila Withers	7	Steve Acott	29
Rose Coene	9	Andre Courtemanche	29
Shirley Lehn	13	Louanne Reid	31
Kathy Bradley	17		
Gary Hillier	17		
Laurie Hylton	17		
Rick Wynants	17		
Cecile Prescott	19		
Anne Horan	20		
Eileen Bartel	21		
Bob Bell	22		
Carole Dibbley	23		
Charyn Tilden	24		

## Welcome New Members

Andre Courtenmanche  
Cecile Prescott  
Tina Wolfe  
Ray Bourne  
Ray Holowenko

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.



Mary Jane Barnet  
Wilf Barnet

**ATTENTION**

We will begin with Drum Fit in the fall. Stay tuned for details.



## Yard Sale Summary

### The start:

Starting in March, Gail and Lorlee went through every cupboard, file cabinet and shelf. It was surprising to see the stuff that was stored away. Items were all priced and packed in boxes. After many, many, many hours (appx. 55) to get ready for the Yard Sale, Saturday, May 25 finally came.

### The day before:

On Friday afternoon Set Up started. It took 2 1/2 hours to set the items on the three long rows of tables including three tables of Free stuff. There were at least 10 people emptying boxes and filling the tables. From end to end the room was full.

### Sale day:

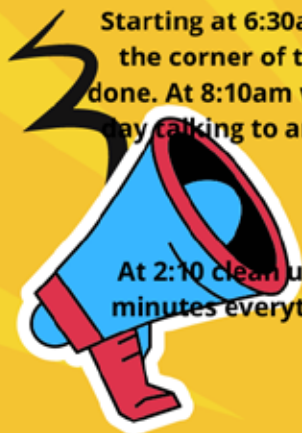
Starting at 6:30am the 5 Yard Sale signs were placed on busy street corners. A car was parked on the corner of the parking lot and decorated. By 7:00am the Team was getting last minute jobs done. At 8:10am we were open for business. There were several volunteer workers throughout the day talking to and helping customers. While Wayne was taking payment, Lorlee was packing the sold items. Customers left happy.

### Clean up:

At 2:10 clean up started. There were at least 15 volunteers packing up unsold items. Within 40 minutes everything was packed in boxes and tables put away. The room was empty. The boxes were loaded into two vehicles and delivered to Thrift on Mill.

### THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

This was a big fundraiser for the Centre. Thanks to the many helping hands making the sale go much easier. Thanks to those who donated items which helped the final balance. The whole day was fun and profitable.



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# LOOSE



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