

# CENTERS' CHATTER

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May | June

# 2024

## From the President Gaetan Levesque

May and June 2024 will bring many activities and fun times at the Leamington Half Century Center. Income taxes are finished and we even have a new federal budget. We all enjoyed a fantastic solar eclipse and we have fond memories of natural wonders. Look over all the information in your calendar pages and feel free to attend all events that are interesting for you.

Your Board members are always planning and developing activities that our membership appreciate. Our weekly lunches have been fantastic and everyone enjoys the food and the camaraderie with our fellow members. Card games and tournaments bring out many of our avid card players. Those who enjoy day trips to Petrolia and the plays will totally enjoy both trips that are planned in May and June.

On the news we often hear that loneliness is a key factor in the lives of seniors. Those who venture out for activities at our Center get to enjoy talking and listening to others. They share good times and laughs with others and that is a great cure for everyone and a genuine sense of well being. Keep coming and feel free to join any new activities too because our Half Century Center is a great place to be.

Your children and grandchildren know that often you are not home because you are out enjoying yourselves with friends and they feel good about you being out enjoying life.

Some members even consider this to be their second home. A special thanks to all the volunteers that give freely of their time to organize and create fun activities for everyone to enjoy. The Leamington Half Century Center is a great place to be and to enjoy yourselves. Spread the word!



Membership fees are \$ 45 per year and that is only about 87 cents per week. Come out as often as you wish and enjoy yourselves fully.

This is my last newsletter for me as your President. In June there will be a new Board and new positions. One thing for sure, when you become a senior you are accepting a new role in life and you will keep the title for a long time. Enjoy and cherish life to its fullest.



# THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director  
Christine Lehn

This is going to be an amazing summer. Leamington turns 150. Many activities will be planned throughout the town for all to enjoy. If you have any suggestions for our contributions to the festivities, please let me know. Leamington has a Seniors Advisory Committee which has a presentation here every second Wednesday each month at 10 am.

Coming in May is a talk on Emergency Preparedness presented by the Fire Department. In June, the OPP will come and update us on all the latest scams. Bring a friend. This is for the entire community to attend.

Our AGM will be on June 14 at 1 followed by our Strawberry Social. I will be introducing a new activity which will begin in the fall. This meeting is a great way to meet the new Board and learn how the Centre is doing.

Once again this year, Shirley and Dennis Tatomir will be bringing in Rhubarb pies on June 25 for our Euchre players. Thanks to both of you.

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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)

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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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### 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 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

May 7	Roast Beef	June 4	Pulled Pork
May 14	Hamburgers	June 11	Cevapi
May 21	Pasta	June 18	Liver & Onions
May 28	Drumsticks	June 25	Chicken Divan

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF CENTURY CENTRE

Cordially invites you to attend the

**Annual  
General  
Meeting**

To be held at  
Leamington and District Half Century Centre  
160 Talbot St. E.

Friday, June 14  
1:00 p.m.

Strawberry Social to follow at 2:00 p.m.



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June 20th

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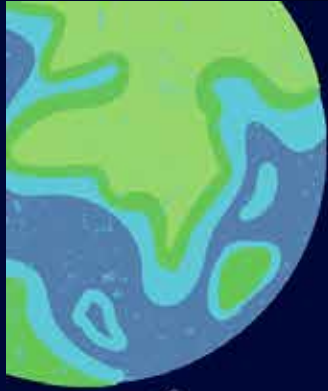
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# Solar Eclipse April 8



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OUR BRIDGE  
PLAYERS TOOK A  
BREAK TO ENJOY THE  
VIEW



# REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						Euclre Tournament
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Lunch: Roast Beef Must sign up by previous Thursday	Emerg Preparedness Fire Depart 10am Fashion Show 12:30			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Lunch: Hamburgers Must sign up by previous Thursday		Petrolia		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Victoria Day Closed	Lunch: Pasta Must sign up by previous Thursday				Yard Sale
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Lunch: Drumsticks Must sign up by previous Thursday				
Pepper 2:00						
	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Uno 2:00	Lunch - Noon Euclre 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 - JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Lunch: Pulled Pork Must sign up by previous Thursday	SAC Talk with OPP - Scams 10am		Petrolia	Pepper Tournament
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Lunch: Cevapi Must sign up by previous Thursday Yoga Cancelled			AGM 1:00 Strawberry Social to follow	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Lunch: Liver & Onions Must sign up by previous Thursday				Pepper Tournament
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Lunch: Chicken Divan Must sign up by previous Thursday				

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# Happy Birthday

## March

Suzanne Tiessen	3	Pat Howe	22
Gloria Baker	4	Robert Lee	22
Patricia Dunn	5	Peter Frederick	22
Jorgina Santos	5	Case Mulder	24
Denise Numson	6	Freda Szalay	25
Lise Gauvin	7	Marsha Atrens	25
Lorraine Gibson	10	Shirley Tatomir	26
Homer Vandervecht	10	Betsy Scheer	27
Sheila Dunmore	10	Izabela Snider	27
Kathy Bechard	11	Shirely Read	31
John Jensen	12		
Ian Stephens	17		
Laura Dunn	18		
Adrice Grenon	19		
John Szalay	19		
Brenda Zakal	21		

## April

Shannon Dresser	3	Roger Cote	25
Cathy Mitchell	3	Emil Jarecsni	26
Betty Vandervecht	4	Judy Ginter	27
Katy Klym	5	Sharon Lutz	28
Marg Dama	6	Linda Chaisson	29
Barbara Jacobs	6	Sharon Matthews	30
Marlene Kolotylo	10		
Liz Lee	11		
Wilma Dibbley	12		
Bobbie Hansen	16		
Sheila Henderson	16		
Brent Metz	18		
Sandra Pollard	19		
Tony Collings	22		
Joyce Gammie	22		
Mieke Dufour	23		

## Welcome New Members

Andre Lalonde	Linda Walsh
Patricia Dunn	Charyn Tilden
Jean Towle	Jane Hyatt
Lucy Howe	Jill Hyatt
Evangeline Jodouin	Mike Piron
Jake Vanderbeek	John Eder
Kathleen Vanderbeek	Thersea Tetzlaff
Francine Renault	Ron Harrison
Alain Jodouin	Jeff Dunn
Bill McAdam	Laura Dunn
Ian Stephens	Magda Declerck
Adrice Grenon	Greg Triferis
Lorraine Gibson	
David Thibert	

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.



Toni Grandmaison  
Wilma MacVicar

# Spring Fashion Show

Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
at 12:30 PM



**COST**  
**\$15.00**

Half Century Centre will be providing lunch followed by a spring fashion show. Come and enjoy a funfilled day.

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## St. Patrick's Dinner





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# **YARD SALE**

## **Half Century Centre**

### **Saturday, May 25th 8:30 – 2:00**

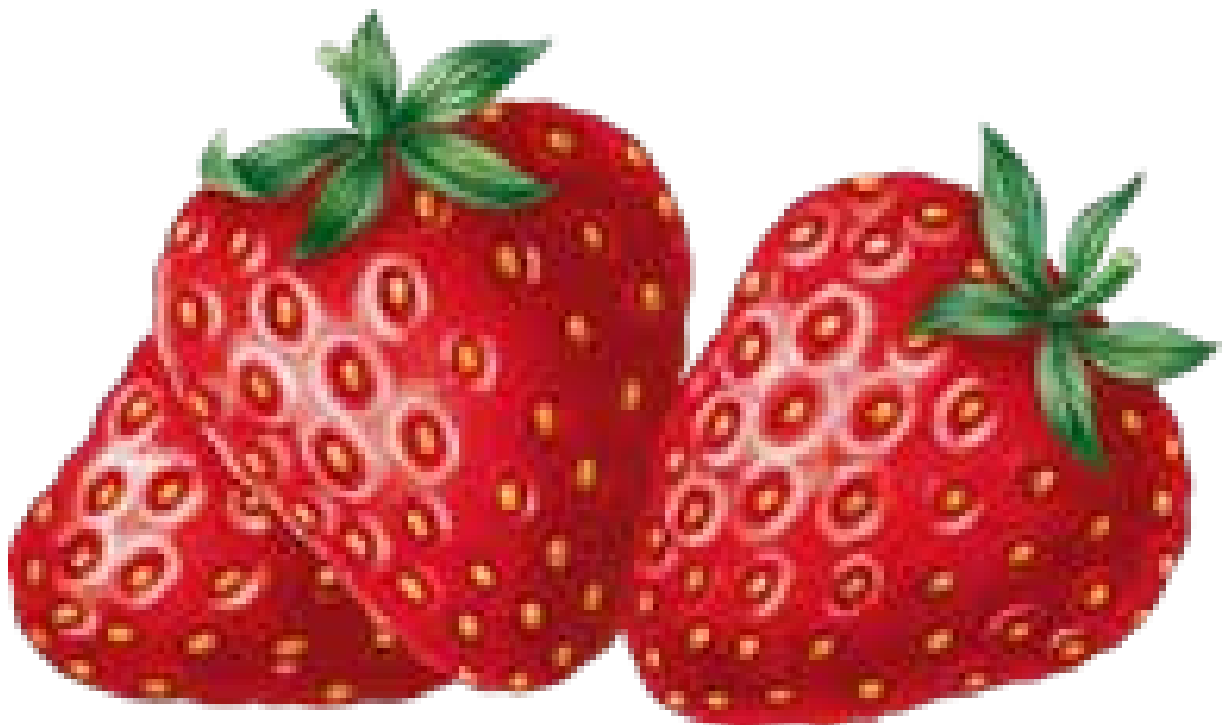
Anyone is welcome to bring in items to be sold from May 21-24.  
These items must be clean and in good working order.  
All money received will be donated to the Centre.

There will be a Sign Up Sheet posted with jobs for volunteers.  
This will be a FUN and very busy day including setting up and taking down.  
Help is needed. You may choose the hours as long as you like.  
Most help will be needed at the end of the day for take down.  
All jobs are easy with no heavy lifting; just walking around and talking to  
the customers.

## **Strawberry Social to follow the AGM**

### **June 14.**

### **Admission by Donation**



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