

CENTRE'S CHATTER

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From the Board of Directors

Reporter – Cliff Hartwick , Board Member

I want to thank President George Clark for asking me to address the membership of the Leamington Half Century Centre. I would like to review the happenings around the club. I will start by saying I was part of the team that hired Christine Lehn as administrator of our organization. During the interview process Christine exhibited a future vision for our club that Don “shorty” Nicholson and I saw as our future. As the administrator it is very valuable to understand the process to raising funds and getting grant money from all facets of government. The membership should know how much we get as Christine applies for every financial grant we are eligible for. Then her vision for the club, one of the first things was the painting of the Club. Brian Hyatt came in and painted the walls with bright new colours and woke up the club. Then construction started happening, a new kitchen, bathrooms remodeled and a new epoxy floor in the west room. The mural on the outside wall, new parking lot and storage shed for our stage which we use for many of our events. We have just added new flooring to our dining area and entrance way.

We have a Tuesday lunch program that cannot be beat in Leamington. We have several different games that are being played daily. We have Petrolia Theatre trips that are enjoyed by our membership. Before COVID hit some of our members enjoyed a bus trip to Boston and maybe that will be a future possibility.

As members of the Leamington Half Century centre we should be proud of our centre and the future it holds. We are thankful for Administrator Chirstine. I want to mention a thank you to Maurice Raffoul for his many years as custodian of our centre and wish him well in his retirement. We welcome Darren on board as our new custodian. We thank Pam Chausse our bookkeeper for keeping our books. A job well done.

Thank you to all the members who have made generous donations to our club and those that have volunteered in



many different ways.

On behalf of the Leamington Half Century Centre board members I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cliff Hartwick

THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director
Christine Lehn

We had a great fall this year. The weather was beautiful most of the time. We also had some changes here at the Centre. Beginning in September, we started a drumfit class on Mondays at 1:30. The participants are having a lot of fun beating on their "drums". It's a fun way to get some exercise and socialization. Many of you have noticed we removed the carpeting in the building and have installed vinyl flooring. This is a nice refreshing change. This was possible due to a significant donation by former members.

As fall leaves us, we turn to the holiday season. Firstly, we acknowledge Remembrance Day and will be closed that day. Following that, our Christmas activities begin. On November 30, a bus is going to Petrolia for their Christmas Show. There still are some seats available. Next, we have our Christmas Dinner on December 3. Our band will be entertaining us. Come sign along with them. Tickets are \$20 and are available for sale. Finally, on December 11, The Seniors Advisory Committee will be hosting Brian, Brad and Lynn Bailey for some music at 10 am.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. For those of you travelling, enjoy your time away and return safely.

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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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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.
DRUMFIT	MONDAY	1:30 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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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

Nov 5	Liver & Onions	Dec 3	Christmas Dinner at 4:30
Nov 12	Chicken Divan	Dec 10	Beef Stew
Nov 19	Salsbury Steak	Dec 17	Pasta
Nov 26	Soup & Sandwiches		

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas

DINNER PARTY



TUESDAY DECEMBER 3 2024

4:30PM

Leamington Half Century Centre

TICKETS: \$20

ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW



REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Lunch: Liver & Onions Must sign up by previous Thursday				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Remembrance Day closed	Lunch: Chicken Divan Must sign up by previous Thursday	Seniors Advisory Committee 10:00			Pepper Tournament
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Lunch: Salsbury Steak Must sign up by previous Thursday				Pepper Tournament
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Lunch: Soup & Sandwiches Must sign up by previous Thursday				Petrolia
Pepper 2:00						
	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Drumfit 1:30	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 - DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Christmas Dinner 4:30				Euchre Tournament
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Lunch: Beef Stew Must sign up by previous Thursday	Seniors Advisory Committee 10:00			Euchre Tournament
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Lunch: Pasta Must sign up by previous Thursday				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Closed at noon	Christmas closed	Boxing Day Closed	Closed	
29	30	31				
		Closed at noon				

Pepper 2:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Sewing Group 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Drumfit 1:30	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
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Happy Birthday

November

Peter Scorrar	2
Christine Baxter	5
Bud Ellwood	5
Nick Klym	8
Merle Richmond	9
Magda Declerck	11
Tilly Goodman	11
Faith Reidy	12
Lillian Brisseau	13
Elaine Russell	13
Ursula Wolf	13
Shran Collins	16
Agnes Fraser	19
Jean Dzvirka	25
Elaine Authier	25
Jake Vanderbeek	28
Frank Duransky	28

December

Lucy Howe	2	Sue Duransky	25
Alain Jodouin	2	Lyle Rumble	26
Julia Kos	5	Mary DeGoey	27
Al Morrison	5	Ron Johns	27
Chris Kelly	6	Gail Turk	27
Bob Affleck	8	Vera Wilkins	27
Joel Westlake	14	Delia Ewen	29
Thersea Tetzlaff	15	Candy Westlake	30
Janet Coulter	16		
Diane Ware	16		
Ewald Dobestberger	17		
Ida Henderson	19		
Roberta Jarecsni	19		
Julie Bodayla	20		
Malcolm Richardson	21		
Terry Hrynyk	22		
Gary Butler	25		

Welcome New Members

Connie Paterson	Elizabeth Scheer
Elaine Russell	Deborah Meadows
Kim Kelly	Sheila Von Nottbeck
Ron Johns	David Knight
Christine Darowski	Ron Gustafson
Murray Potter	Louise Wiper
Marjorie Potter	

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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Nov. 30th

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The Seniors Advisory Committee continues to hold monthly events at our Centre which is open to all seniors. They are held the second Wednesday every month at 10 am. Some are informative and some are entertaining. In September, Service Canada came to inform us of extra benefits we are entitled to while collecting CPP and OAS. In November, we will have a presentation on transitioning into care homes. In December, the Baileys will entertain us with Christmas music. Spread the word.



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*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

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