

CENTRE'S CHATTER

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From the Board of Directors

Reporter – Gail Turk, Board Member

I was asked by our President George Clark to do the write up for this Newsletter.

For those of you like me who are from away and not born and raised in the area this is a little bit of history of the Half Century Centre. The idea of a Centre started back in the spring of 1965 when Mrs. Fay Cochran with some of her friends discussed the possibility of creating a place for people 50 and over could get together to socialize and cultivate their interests. The idea was informally voted on and on January 20, 1966 they had a public meeting to see if the general public was on board for this idea. On May 6, 1966 the Leamington Half Century Club was incorporated. The Club was originally located at 38 Mill Street W. where there needed to do ten thousand dollars of renovation. Senior residents contributed both time and money to the cause. The families, businesses and industries along with the Municipal and Provincial Governments, the Town of Leamington as well as Mersea and Gosfield South townships. With an additional annual membership charge of Five dollars was substantial enough to reach the goal of then thousand dollars.

On January 9, 1971 the club moved to 160 Talbot Street East which was the Hillier Building and old liquor store. Money was needed to purchase the location and also do renovations. Grants from the government, donations and fund raisers carried out by the 440 members helped.

In 1973 an addition was added to the building to accommodate the fast growing facility. Money from government grants and fund raisers, donations over the years helped to pay for this needed addition.

You can read the full history of the Centre on our webpage it was written by Sonia Yaciuk a summer student in 1990 who had interviewed members of the Club.



Painting of Ambassador Bridge by Pat Laporte a member of our Art Group

Hope everyone is enjoying their time at the Centre whether involved in our many activities, enjoying a wonderful lunch, putting a few pieces in our everchanging puzzles, or just enjoying some social interaction with other members.

I would like to thank all the members who volunteer their time because without volunteers our Centre would not be the success it is. Special thanks to our lunch team Laura, Jeff, Carol and Lorlee for the great lunches. Also thank you to Christine our director for keeping the Centre running smoothly. Lily hopefully you enjoyed your summer at the Centre and all the best in your time at St. Clair College.

In my short time as a member of the Centre and living in Leamington I have met so many interesting people. Many of our members are from different places and some have lived in the area all their lives. Take the time to chat with other members and you will learn so much. Keep an open mind and don't judge, no one knows what others are experiencing or going through. Sometimes a little chat, a laugh or a hug is all they need.

THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director
Christine Lehn

I hope everyone had a great summer! As we head into September we say goodbye to our summer student Lily, Thank you for all the great work this summer and we wish you the best in school. Thank you to all who helped with the comedy show, it was a great success. We will be starting a Drumfit program. This is a great way to stay active while listening to music. We will be doing "drumming" routines while sitting in a chair listening to music. Give it a try.

The second Wednesday each month the Seniors Advisory Committee will be hosting an information session at 10:00 am. In September, Vivian Whaley from Service Canada will be here speaking about benefits you are entitled to. One example is dental benefits. A few fun events coming up! Our fashion show will be on Wednesday, September 25th at noon. The cost is \$15 and lunch will be served! We also have our Murder Mystery coming up on Saturday, October 19th at 5:00. The cost is \$20 and dinner will be served.

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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

Centre's Chatter is a publication of the Leamington and District Half Century Centre composed by staff with 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.
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.

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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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

Sept 3	Lasagna	Oct 1	Ham
Sept 10	Hamburgers	Oct 8	Chicken Divan
Sept 17	Liver & Onions	Oct 15	Meatloaf
Sept 24	Sausage	Oct 22	Pulled Pork
		Oct 29	Beef Stew

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LEAMINGTON & DISTRICT

Half Century Centre

Purchase Tickets By September 8th

REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labour Day Closed	Lunch: Pasta up by previous Thursday				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Lunch: Hamburgers up by previous Thursday	SAC Talk about benefits 10:00			Leamington 150 Euchre 1 - 4
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Lunch: Liver & Onions sign up by previous Thursday		Petrolia		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Lunch: Sausage by previous Thursday	Fashion Show- Noon-Get Tickets By September 18th			
29	30					
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 - OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	Lunch: Ham Must sign up by previous Thursday	2	3	4	5
6	7	Lunch: Chicken Divan Must sign up by previous Thursday	9	10	11	12
13	14	Thanksgiving Closed	16	17	18	19
20	21	Lunch: Meatloaf Must sign up by previous Thursday	23	24	25	26
27	28	Lunch: Pulled Pork Must sign up by previous Thursday	30	31		
		Lunch: Beef Stew Must sign up by previous Thursday		Halloween		
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Happy Birthday

September

Bill McAdam	1	Greg Triferis	22
Sharon Robinson	2	Cathy Truskey	22
Marilyn Harrison	3	Marion Liebsch	23
Jean Clark	5	Heather Hyatt	25
Ann Enns	5	Tom Nielson	25
Moyra Habing	10	Ross Mackintosh	27
Patricia Macher	12	Maureen Nelson	27
Cheryl Scorrar	12		
Walter Balsam	14		
Beth Smith	16		
Lorraine Fox	18		
Cathy Rubinski	19		
Charlene Bagshaw	20		
Sylvia Schippers	20		
Linda Turcotte	20		
Helen Dawson	21		

October

Leo Smith	5
Wayne Cunliffe	7
Susan Power	9
Louise Campbell	12
Catherine Comiskey	13
Norm Henderson	13
Mary Ann Sherman	15
Dale Smith	16
Sally Bell	17
Susan Kraus	23
Ann Woodrow	23
Charlotte MacLellan	24
Bob Read	24
Amy Harrison	26

Welcome New Members

Barb Haas	Elaine Russell
Cheryl Scorrar	Bruce Medcalf
Peter Scorrar	Velma Hope
Anne Reimer	Lois Thoms
Eric Reimer	Pat Hamelin
Connie Patterson	Cathy Rubinski

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.





Leamington 150th Anniversary **Euchre and Pepper Tournament**

Leamington Half Century Centre
160 Talbot Street East
Leamington, ON

FREE EVENT

Euchre Tournament

**Saturday,
September 14, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Pepper Tournament

**Saturday,
October 5, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

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Half Century Centre

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**Nashville, TN
Nov. 1-4** **\$1179 DBL**

**Shop Till You Drop
Erie, PA
Nov. 22-24th** **\$449 DBL**

**Niagara Festival of Lights
Shaw Festival
Christmas Carol & My Fair Lady
Nov. 28-30th** **\$799 DBL**

**New York City Christmas
Dec. 11-15** **\$1329 DBL**

**Quebec City at Christmas Time
Dec. 7-12** **\$1599 DBL**

**Day Tours
Cornwells Dinner Theatre** **\$175**

**Million Dollar Quartet
Sept 18th**

**The Wonderlettes
Nov. 26th**

**Frankenmuth with Lunch:
Sept. 21st** **\$117**
Oct. 5th
Nov. 16th

Toronto Theatre **\$345**
**Come From Away w/lunch
Oct. 9th**

St. Jacob's Market **\$135**
Oct. 19th

Great Lakes Crossings Mall **\$79**
Nov. 30th

St. Jacob's Playhouse **\$235**
**A Christmas Carol
Dec. 14th**

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