

CENTERS' CHATTER

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I would like to thank President George Clark for this opportunity to address the membership to talk to you about volunteerism.

First, the definition of volunteer is an attitude of service or willingness to give back to your community, it is the act of contributing free labour to the community or support a non profit organization rather than receiving a financial reward.

Volunteers change the lives of their community members out of feelings of social responsibility and a desire to give back. We at the Half Century Centre are so privileged to have the best volunteers in Leamington. We have so many. I will start with the board members, musical G's, kitchen crew, special events kitchen help including the students who help set up, serve and clean up. Also, volunteers that set up and run the card game, those who help in the main room with darts, shuffleboard, line dancing, drumfit and the art group.

We thank the murder mystery actors, and a special thanks to those who assist low income with their income tax. The volunteers here contributed in 2024 3,500 hours of service that constitutes a saving to the centre of \$70,000. If i missed anyone, i apologize but know your volunteerism is greatly appreciated.

Let's talk about the donors. The definition of a donor is a person who gives money or something of value to an organization. We at the Half Century Centre are so fortunate to have members who

make donations to our club. Large or small, all are appreciated. Each and everyone is a valued gift. Upcoming events at the Centre include the Chili Cook-off in January and a Soup and Sandwich Pepper Tournament in February.

Our administration has also pitched dated for our Petrolia trips for 2025. Remember to sign up early to ensure a seat on the bus. Come out and participate in all programs that we have. A big shout out to Christine, Darren and Pam, for their ongoing work to make our Centre a fun place to be.



**Musical G's playing at the
Christmas Dinner**

THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director
Christine Lehn

Happy New Year

We had an exciting year last year, most notably the new flooring. We continue to grow thanks to all your attendance in our regular events and special activities as well as your generous donations. This is a great place to come and have fun.

We will be having our annual Chili Cook-Off on January 11. Spread the word. There is always plenty of Chili and the donors are very proud of their contributions. See if you agree with the judges. In February, we will be having a Card Party beginning with a Soup and Salad lunch. Sign up early.

On the second Wednesday each month at 10 am., The Senior's Advisory Committee has an event. January 8 is safe winter driving techniques and February 12 is Wellness session. These sessions are both informative and fun. Bring a friend.

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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.

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

REGULAR PROGRAMS

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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 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.

Lunch Menu

Jan 7	Cabbage Rolls	Feb 4	Liver & Onions
Jan 14	Lasagna	Feb 11	Ham
Jan 21	Meatloaf	Feb 18	Pork Chops
Jan 28	Chicken Parm	Feb 25	Meatballs

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A close-up photograph of a bowl of chili. The chili is a rich, dark red color and is topped with fresh ingredients: sliced avocado, chopped white onions, and green cilantro leaves. A silver spoon is visible in the upper right corner, partially submerged in the chili. The bowl is white and sits on a blue and green patterned cloth.

**COST
\$10.00**

CHILI COOKOFF

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 5:00PM

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REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			New Year's Day Closed			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Lunch: Cabbage Rolls Must sign up by previous Thursday	Seniors Advisory Committee Event 10 :00 am			Chili Cook-Off 5:00
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Lunch: Lasagna Must sign up by previous Thursday				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Lunch: Roast Beef Must sign up by previous Thursday				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Lunch: Chicken Parm Must sign up by previous Thursday				

Regular Weekly Activities

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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REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Lunch: Liver & On-ions Must sign up by previous Thursday				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Lunch: Ham Must sign up by previous Thursday	Seniors Advisory Committee Event 10 :00 am			Card Party Noon
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Family Day Closed	Lunch: Pork Chops Must sign up by previous Thursday				
23	24	25	26	27	28	
		Lunch: Meatballs Must sign up by previous Thursday				

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Happy Birthday

January

Andre Lalonde	1	Cheryle Dunford	18
Dorothy Poisson	1	Chris Lehn	18
Jann Roth	1	Monique Sadler	18
Dave Derbyshire	2	Ruth Ann Bonkink	19
Carmen Unsworth	2	Henry Hildebrandt	20
Sheila Bailey	3	Martha Klassen	22
Cathie Ribble	4	Gary Honey	26
Barry Power	5	Perpetua Hildrop	27
John Eder	6	Jane Hyatt	27
Don Gage	10	Anne Reimer	30
Lois Thoms	10	Barb Whittle	30
Floyd Harris	11	Rowe Deans	31
Larraine McAdam	11	Linda Walsh	31
Bob Springthorpe	16		
Helen Wiper	17		

February

Patty Hopper	1
Allan Munson	2
Carol Gow	3
Cathy Hrynyk	9
Helen Slavik	12
Max Stanley	13
Bill Mayville	16
Vickie Haley	17
Glenn Sellick	19
Chris Cooper	22
Warren Dunford	23
Ron Metz	24
Isabelle Webster	24
Sophia Linner	25
Rick Thorpe	25

Welcome New Members

Lothar Unfried
Natasha Gurney
Russell Smith
Cindy Cox
Erwin Gurske
Lorna Tatomir

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.



In Remembrance

Mike Foldesi
Bob Lee



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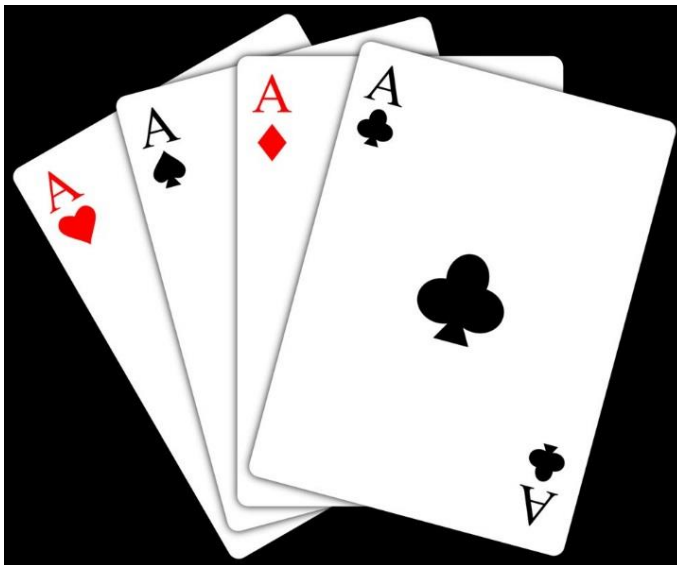
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Card Party

Saturday, Feb 15

12 noon

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