

CENTERS' CHATTER

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May | June
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Hello Everyone!

It looks like Spring has officially sprung! I certainly hope that the April showers bring us some cheery, bright May flowers. With the onset of spring comes the anticipation of summer and warmer weather.

There are so many amazing things happening here at the Half Century Centre. First of all, we would like to welcome SPARC, the ham radio club.

The Seniors' Advisory Committee is now meeting at the Centre and everyone is welcome to attend the monthly meetings. We would like to thank Martin for taking care of the advertising for this committee. The St. Patrick's Day meal and entertainment were well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Spring Fashion Show that was held on April 16th was once again a success with many different styles on display. A special thank you goes to Debbie Clinton for her amazing organizational skills with this event. We hope that everyone who attended "A Concert with the Bailey's" had a delicious meal and were thoroughly entertained.

The Half Century Centre will be hosting bingo at Chances Gaming Lounge and Bistro in Leamington and we are looking for several volunteers to help with these events. The extra funds will be used to offset various expenses. Please contact Christine if you are interested and available.

I am looking for the names of exceptional member/volunteers who you believe would be deserving of a volunteer award. If you can think of anyone, please send your nominee name to me.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our lunch crew who make exceptional meals and provide amazing service. The variety of food is fantastic and it keeps us coming back for more. Don't forget to come out and enjoy a meal and some social time.

Remember there are so many different activities for everyone's tastes. For example, if you are looking for some fitness, be sure to check out Drumfit, line dancing or Yoga. For our more competitive members, we offer Cornhole, Darts, Pool and Shuffleboard. If you like to play cards, join our Bridge, Cribbage, Euchre or Pepper groups. For those who would like to try something new, visit our art group, quilting group or band.

Thank you to all of our members for your participation in the various activities here at our Centre. Your commitment makes our Centre great!
Best wishes and warmest regards,

George
Clark,
President



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THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director – Christine Lehn

Welcome home snowbirds. There is plenty going on at the Centre. Our Annual General Meeting is set for Friday June 13 at 1:00. Come out and learn what we have been up to and our plans for the future. Our new Board is elected at this meeting. If you are interested in being on the board, please contact any current board member. We will again follow this with a Strawberry Social.

You will be seeing new faces at the Centre. Once again, we will be having a student for 8 weeks in the summer. In addition, we will be hiring a part time staff for 15 hours a week. They will be concentrating on our website, facebook page and newsletter. If you know someone who would be interested, please tell them to email their resume to the Centre.

The Half Century Centre will be hosting some bingos at Chances Gaming Lounge. Let me know if you wish to volunteer to work some of them.

I wish to give a big thank you to all the places who supported our Fashion show. Fashions were modelled from Maurice's, Giant Tiger, Superstore (Joe Fresh), Classic Boutique and Walmart. We cannot have a show without their support.

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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)

Ministry of Transportation Senior's Group Classes

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION:

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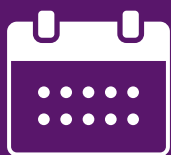
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BRIDGE (Duplicate)	MONDAY & FRIDAY	12:30 pm.
BRIDGE (Contract)	WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm.
CORNHOLE	WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm.
CRIBBAGE	THURSDAY	2:00 pm
DARTS	THURSDAY	2:00 pm.
DRUMFIT	MONDAY	1:30 pm
EUCHRE	TUESDAY	1:30 pm.
LINE DANCING	MONDAY & THURSDAY	9:00 am. 7:00 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

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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.

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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

May 6	Pasta	June 3	Liver & Onions
May 13	Sausage	June 10	Drumsticks
May 20	Ham	June 17	Porkchops
May 27	Hamburgers	June 24	Cervapi

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REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Lunch Lasagna	Lunch Porkchops	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Lunch: Pasta Must sign up by previous Thursday	Seniors Advisory Committee Event 10 :00 am			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Lunch: Sausage Must sign up by previous Thursday				Petrolia
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Victoria Day Closed	Lunch:Ham Must sign up by previous Thursday				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Lunch: Hamburger 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 - JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Lunch: Liver & Onions Must sign up by previous Thursday				Euchre Tournament
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Lunch:Drumsticks Must sign up by previous Thursday	Seniors Advisory Committee Event 10 :00 am		AGM 1:00	Euchre Tournament
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Lunch: Porkchops Must sign up by previous Thursday				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Lunch:Cervapi Must sign up by previous Thursday				
29	30					

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Happy Birthday Ur Old Now

May

Gloria Baker	4	Pat Howe	22
Jorgina Santos	5	Peter Frederick	24
Patricia Dunn	5	Case Mulder	24
Denise Munson	6	Tina Wolfe	24
Homer Vandervecht	10	Freda Szalay	25
Lorraine Gibson	10	Shirley Tatomin	26
Kathy Bechard	11	Elizabeth Scheer	27
Ron Harrison	12	Isabela Snider	27
Ray Holowenko	15	Christine Darowski	30
Murray Potter	16	Shirley Read	31
Ian Stephens	17		
Laura Dunn	18		
Adrice Grenon	19		
John Szalay	19		
Brenda Zakal	21		

June

Dan Metcalfe	2
Shannon Dresser	3
Cathy Mitchell	3
Betty Vandervecht	4
Katy Klym	5
Barbara Jacobs	6
Mary Ware	11
Liz Lee	11
Wilma Dibbley	12
Brent Metz	18
Tonly Collings	22
Mieke Dufour	23
Roger Cote	25
Emil Jarecsni	26
Judy Ginter	27

Welcome New Members

Murray Clifford
Patti Clifford
Tom Testani
Angelo Testani
Murray Tetzlaff
Jim Leach
Randy Chase
Mark Wehby
Pilar Silveira
Rosemary Heisler
Scott Maxwell

Brian Tuffin
Beulah Whines
Marlene Schmitt
Alan Quick
Barbara Quick
Marie Mayhew
Tracy
Mitchell-Robinet

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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Frank Duransky
Carolynn Stewart

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Seniors must complete an intake to receive yard work services.

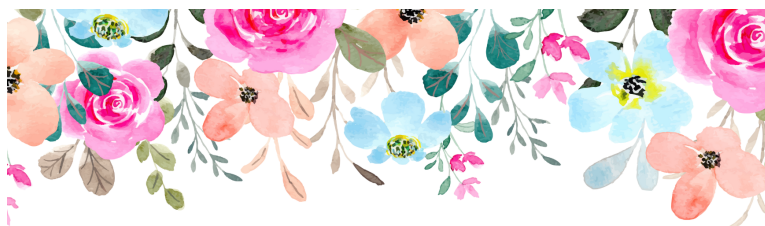
Volunteers will be matched with seniors in their area. Great for families, youth, and all ages.

For more information on how to apply or volunteer:

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Sept. 25-28th

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Boston/Cape Cod

Oct 1-9th

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Gettysburg – Washington

Oct. 5-9

\$1,765 DBL

Parry Sound – Muskoka

Oct 6-9th

\$1,145 Dbl

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June 25th

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