

CENTERS' CHATTER

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We are getting a little bit closer to spring, with all of the snow we have been getting I personally cannot wait for the warmer weather. Heading into March and April is an exciting time because we are almost through with the chilly weather and icy roads.

Speaking of chilly, our chilli cook-off that we had in January was an excellent way to warm up with great food and company. We appreciate everyone who was involved and we look forward to this annual event every New Year! There are some pepper and euchre tournaments coming up so make sure to get involved and get out and about. We believe here at the centre, that getting out and getting involved helps to keep us active, happy and healthy. Connecting with friends is very therapeutic and a way to beat the winter blues, so no matter what activities you are interested in, we have you covered.

Tuesday lunches remain to be a big hit; we always seem to have a full house, which is understandable considering the amazing meals that are served. Please remember to try to sign up by the Thursday prior to ensure we have the correct amount of food to serve everyone.

I cannot thank our volunteers enough for all they do; we appreciate each and every one of you. Without your help our Centre would not be what it is today.

Larry Hillman, President



THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director – Christine Lehn

This cold winter is finally behind us. Welcome back to our snowbirds. As our year end approaches, there are a few things I need to remind you of. First, membership is due April 1st. We will keep it at \$45 again.

Second, we need three people to join our Board of Directors. Many of you complain, so come have your input into how the Centre is run. A term is three years. Our AGM will be June 19 when we introduce the new Board. Third, we will again be offering Income Tax Service for low income individuals. This will begin on March 11.

Come and join us for a St. Patty's celebration with corned beef and cabbage. It will be held on Saturday, March 14. Get your tickets early as we need to order the meat well in advance. The Spring Fashion Show is April 29.

Four summer Petrolia trips are planned this year. As in the past, I need to pay for the tickets one month in advance. Sign up early and check your lunch order. We always have a great time attending these performances.

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REGULAR PROGRAMS & EVENTS

RECREATION: Art Group, Band Practice, Bridge (Contract & Duplicate,) Cornhole, Cribbage, Darts, Drum Fit, Euchre, Line Dancing, Pepper, Pool, Shuffleboard, Yoga.

TUESDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

ENTERTAINMENT: Bus Trips, Card Parties, Picnics, 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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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 & FRIDAY	1:30 pm. 7:00 pm
LINE DANCING	MONDAY & THURSDAY	9:00 am. 7:00 pm.
PEPPER	SUNDAY WEDNESDAY	2:00 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

DRIVE TEST G1 & G2

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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 Venvi Residence and Rosewood Erie Glen for each supplying dessert once a month.

Please call the office at 519-326-2521 for the week's menu, and to be added to the list the Thursday 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

March 3	Chili	April 7	Salisbury Steak
March 10	Chicken Divan	April 14	Beef Stew
March 17	Pasta	April 21	Liver & Onions
March 24	Meatballs and Gravy	April 28	Pork Schnitzel
March 31	Soup and Sandwiches		

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BINGO



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St. Patrick's Day

March 14th, 2026

Leamington Half Century Centre

**Please purchase
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March 6th**

**Cost
\$20.00**

**Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner
entertainment at 4:00.**

**Followed by a sit down dinner
at 5:00 pm**



REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Lunch: Chili Must sign up by previous Thursday	4	5	6	7 Pepper Tournament
8	9	10 Lunch: Chicken Divan Must sign up by previous Thursday	11 SAC 10:00	12	13	14 St Patty's Dinner 4:00
15	16	17 Lunch: Pasta Must sign up by previous Thursday	18	19	20	21 Pepper Tournament
22	23	24 Lunch: Meatballs & Gravy Must sign up by previous Thursday	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Lunch: Soup & Sandwiches 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 Euchre 7:00 Shuffleboard 1:30
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REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					Good Friday Closed	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter	Easter Monday Closed	Lunch: Salisbury Steak Must sign up by previous Thursday	SAC 10:00			Euchre Tournament
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	No Dance or Drumfit	Lunch: Beef Stew Must sign up by previous Thursday No Yoga	Lunch: Hamburgers No Cornhole	Lunch: Ham No Darts or Dance	No Yoga or Shuffleboard	Euchre Tournament
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Lunch: Liver & Onions Must sign up by previous Thursday				
26	27	28	29	30		
		Lunch: Pork Schnitzel Must sign up by previous Thursday	Fashion Show			

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Happy Birthday

March

Robert Janzen	1	George Clark	20
Paul Godfree	3	Jill Hyatt	20
Merle Northan	3	Craig Canniff	21
Nicole Lockson	4	Nancy Springthorpe	21
Charlene Floreno	5	Pauline Mikolash	22
Grant Ewen	6	Donald Jackson	25
Barb Haas	6	Mark Wehby	25
Shirley Urbanski	7	Joyce Wiper	25
Valerie Gurske	8	Marian Hughes	26
Dennis Tatomir	9	Murray Gibson	27
Shelley Miguel	10	Carolina Hummell	27
Pam Schenk	10	Sally Lepla	29
Mary Krueger	11	Richard Poisson	30
Pat Hamelin	11	Marjorie Vanden Brande	30
Debbie Clinton	16	Marion Simpson	31
Andy Carruthers	17		
Larry Hillman	17		
Chris Wasylyk	18		

April

Derek Parry	6	Paul Schumacher	26
Lorlee Cunliffe	7	Nancy Moody	27
Ray Fournier	7	John Wigfield	27
Francine Van	7	Ronald Simpson	28
Mike Piron	8	Kitty Gow	29
Elaine Dunford	9	Cliff Hartwick	29
Lionel Aasen	10	Rose Foldesi	30
Judith DeQuartel	10		
Jeff Dunn	11		
Gord Authier	12		
Carolyn Coad	13		
Ann Smith	17		
Irene Darowski	17		
Bill Gough	17		
Mike Purdy	18		
David Thibert	18		
Jan Bonkink	19		
Mary Almasi	26		

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.

Welcome New Members

John Wigfield
 Martin Garish
 Robert Janzen
 Kim Hamm
 Helen White
 Chris Wasylyk
 Roger Tiessen
 Joeseeph Joaquin



Eva Schiefer
 Victor Dick



PEER-LED SUPPORT GROUP FOR SENIORS

This peer-led support group provides seniors with a welcoming space to connect, share experiences, and support one another.

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 **MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SECC
AND ASK FOR KATLYN OR NATASHIA: 519-326-8629**



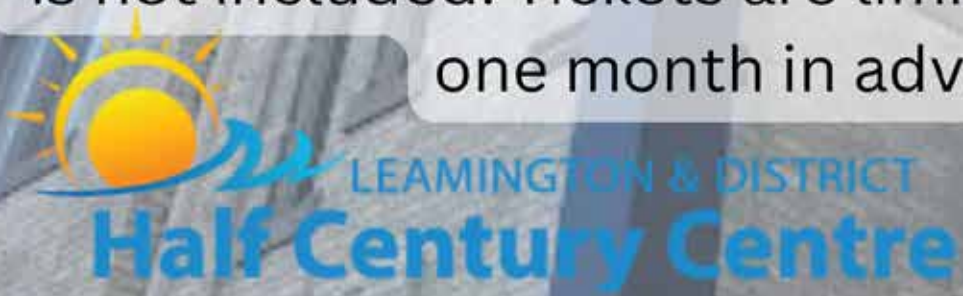
Wednesday, May 20th



Thursday, June 25th



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