

CENTERS' CHATTER

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May | June

2026

The beautiful weather is finally here, we had a long winter so I am more than ready for the fresh air and sunshine. It is hard to believe that we are nearing the halfway mark in the year 2026 but I'll take it, because summer is the best time of the year. There are two Petrolia playhouse trips, one on May 20th (sold out) and the second is on June 25th. I know these trips are popular so make sure to sign up as soon as possible if you want to participate. We also have our Annual General Meeting and Strawberry Social on June 19th, come out and let your voice be heard and enjoy some strawberry dessert. Like always I would like to thank our staff members and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication to keep our Centre thriving. Lunches continue to be amazing and I for one am very grateful for that. I also want to thank our members for continuously showing up to activities, fundraises, tournaments etc. Without our members, there would be no Centre.

Enjoy the summer months and take care of one another.

Larry Hillman, President

Hello Spring



THE LEAMINGTON AND DISTRICT HALF-CENTURY CENTRE

A member of the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario

From the Executive Director – Christine Lehn

We have an exciting summer this year. On May 4, 1966, The Leamington and District Half Century Club became incorporated. We plan on celebrating the week of July 6 – 11. During the week will be having open houses with special events. On Saturday July 11, we will be holding a big celebration with entertainment in the afternoon followed by a dinner. If you have any suggestions as we plan this, please let the office know. More information will be available in the next Centre's Chatter.

Another exciting addition to our lineup of activities will begin on May 7. We are partnering with the Alzheimers's Society to hold socials every Thursday morning for those individuals in early to mid-stages of dementia. More details are outlined in this issue.

This long cold winter has not brought out the best in us. I have noticed there has been more gossiping. Not one of us, myself included, know everyone here and what may trigger someone's past hurtful experiences. I know we are not doing this intentionally but the results can be the same. So please, if you feel the need to talk about someone, talk about yourself. If you feel the need to say something about someone else, make sure it is a COMPLIMENT.

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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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REGULAR CENTRE ACTIVITIES

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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

Eye/Written & Road Test

4th Tuesday Monthly at 9 am-12 noon and 1pm-4 pm
For road test appointments please call 1-888-570-6110;
do not call the centre.

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

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| May 5 - Porkchops | June 2 - Liver & Onions |
| May 12 - Chicken Parm | June 9 - Sausage |
| May 19 - Ham | June 16 - Lasagna |
| May 26 - Hamburgers | June 23 - Chicken Drumsticks |
| | June 30 - Cervapi |

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| Day Tours | |
| Stratford Festival | |
| Something Rotten | |
| May 19 | \$245 |
| Pelee Island | |
| May 26 th | Special Price for Leamington |
| Grand Bend Theatre | |
| 42 nd Street | |
| June 24 | \$195 |
| Frozen | |
| August 11 th | \$195 |
| Over the River Through the Woods | |
| Aug. 20 | \$195 |
| Drayton Theatre | |
| Sister Act | |
| July 16 | \$249 |
| St. Jacobs Theatre | |
| Return to Grace | |
| July 30 | \$229 |
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| Overnights: | |
| Nashville | |
| May 15-18 th | \$1339 Dbl |
| Ottawa/Montreal | |
| May 22-27 th | \$1709 Dbl |
| Canadian Mystery Tour | |
| Aug. 22-24 th | \$999 Dbl |
| 12 seats left | |
| Stratford/Shaw | |
| Sept. 15-17 th | \$899 Dbl |
| Agawa Canyon/Mackinac Island | |
| Sept. 23-26 th | \$1339 Dbl |
| Nashville | |
| Sept. 25-28 th | \$1339 Dbl |



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We are partnering with the Alzheimer's Society for a "Social" Every Thursday morning from 9 – 12, we will be having a social group for those with early to mid-stage dementia or Mild Cognitive Impairment. There will be games to enhance the brain, physical games to keep you active, emotional support discussions and refreshments. We ask that you preregister so we are well prepared for the number of participants. There is no charge for this. The aim to slow the progression of the diagnosis. I truly believe this is a positive activity for many of us. I am looking forward to this partnership.

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- A safe, comfortable and inclusive environment
- Engaging activities that promote social, mental and emotional well-being
- Care Partner respite
- Light refreshments offered each session

Additional Details

LOCATION:

Half Century Centre

160 Talbot St E, Leamington, ON
N8H 1M2

Registration is required

THURSDAYS

9 AM - 12 PM

CO-DESIGNED PROGRAMMING

For inquiries, please contact:

(519) 326-2521

halfcenturycentre@cogeco.net

ELIGIBILITY:

- In most cases, client has a diagnosis of early stage dementia or Mild Cognitive Impairment
- Client is able to stay within the program space for the duration of the session
- Client is able to find their own transportation to and from program



REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - May

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | | Pepper Tournament |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | Lunch: Porkchops Must sign up by previous Thursday | SAC Leamington Library 10:00 | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Happy Day | Mother's Day | Lunch: Chicken Parm Must sign up by previous Thursday | | | | SAC Leamington Library 10:00 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | Victoria Day Closed | Lunch: Ham Must sign up by previous Thursday | Petrolia Trip | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | | Lunch: Hamburgers Must sign up by previous Thursday | | | | Afternoon of Music 3:00 |
| 31 | | | | | | |

Regular Weekly Activities

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| 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 - June

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------|--------|---|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | Lunch: Liver & On-ions Must sign up by previous Thursday | | | | Euchre Tournament |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | | Lunch: Sausage Must sign up by previous Thursday | SAC Wills and POAs 10:00 | | | Euchre Tournament |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | | Lunch: Lasagna Must sign up by previous Thursday | | | AGM Strawberry Social 1:00 | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Happy Father's Day | | Lunch: Chicken Drumsticks Must sign up by previous Thursday | | Petrolia Trip | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
| | | Lunch: Cervapi Must sign up by previous Thursday | | | | |

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Happy Birthday

May

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|---------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Suzana Majcen | 3 | Dorothy St. John | 22 |
| Gloria Baker | 4 | Pat Howe | 22 |
| Helen MacDonald | 4 | Peter Frederick | 24 |
| Patricia Dunn | 5 | Case Mulder | 24 |
| Jorgina Santos | 5 | Shirley Tatomir | 26 |
| Denise Munson | 6 | Izabela Snider | 27 |
| Nancy Brown | 8 | Bill Storie | 28 |
| Gloria Corado | 9 | Betty Simpson | 29 |
| Crystal Daigle | 10 | Christine Darowsk | 30 |
| Homer Vandervecht | 10 | Tom Hughes | 31 |
| Kathy Bechard | 11 | Shirley Read | 31 |
| Ron Harrison | 12 | | |
| Marlene Schmidtgall | 14 | | |
| Ray Holowenko | 15 | | |
| Murray Potter | 16 | | |
| Ian Stephens | 17 | | |
| Laura Dunn | 18 | | |
| Brenda Zakal | 21 | | |

June

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|-------------------|----|-------------|----|
| Dan Metcalfe | 2 | Mary Janzen | 28 |
| Shannon Dresser | 3 | Jim Belluz | 29 |
| Cathy Mitchell | 3 | | |
| Betty Vandervecht | 4 | | |
| Katy Klym | 5 | | |
| Marg Dama | 6 | | |
| Barbara Jacobs | 6 | | |
| Neil Quiring | 11 | | |
| Mary Ware | 11 | | |
| Wilma Dibbley | 12 | | |
| Jake Martens | 18 | | |
| Nadi Wall | 19 | | |
| Tony Collings | 22 | | |
| Mieke Dufour | 23 | | |
| Barbara Quick | 23 | | |
| Roger Cote | 25 | | |
| Emil Jarecsni | 26 | | |
| Judy Ginter | 27 | | |

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.

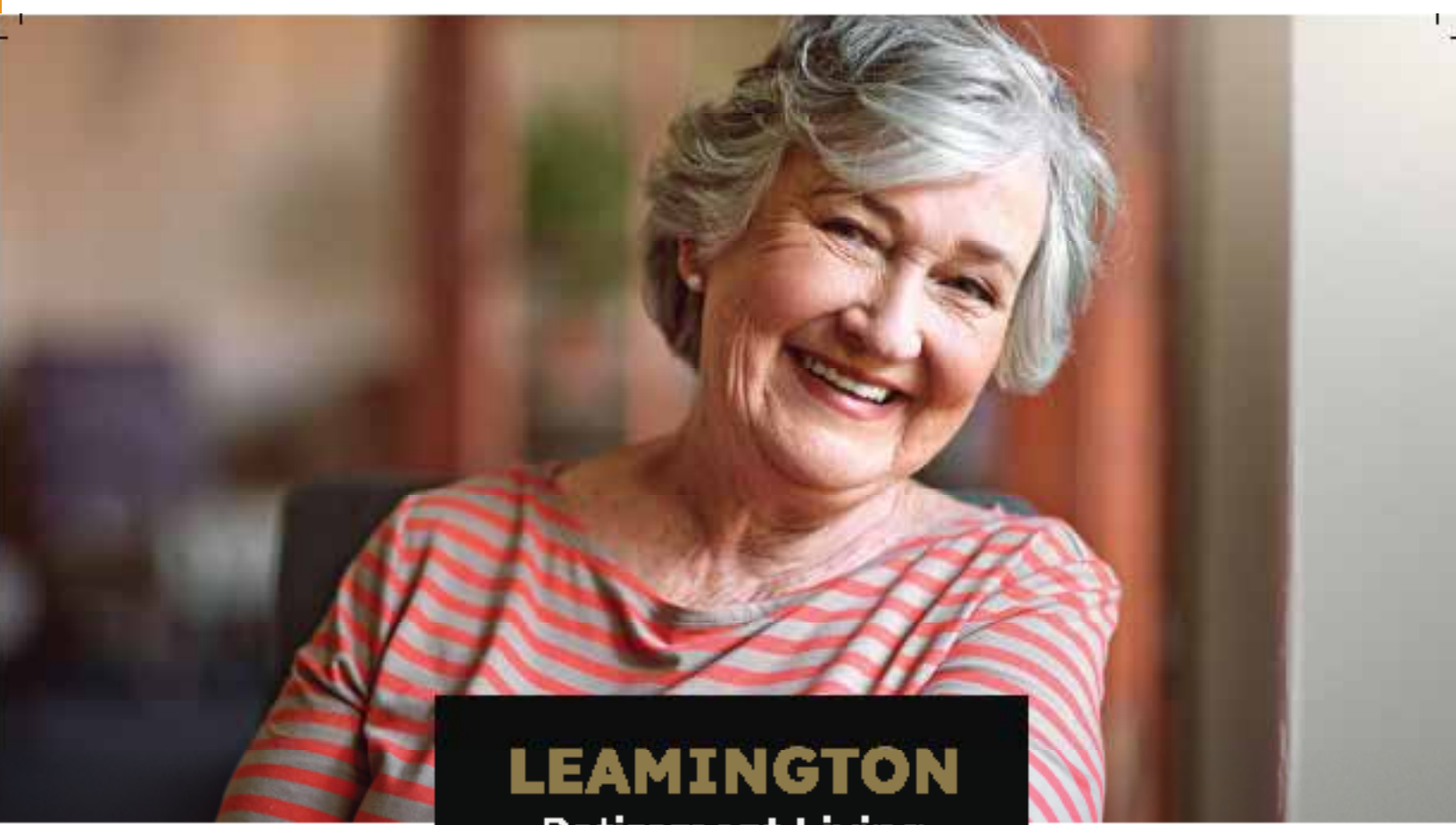
Welcome New Members

Andy Czap
Brian Evans
Vicki Evans
Art Cocks
Joan Cocks
Terry McLaughlin
Patricia Fox
Helen MacDonald
Chris Edgar
Ken Lavender

Sheila Simpson
Mary Mason Rogers
Ken Enns
John Charlton
Peter Dickie
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DATE

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TIME

START FROM 10

LOCATION

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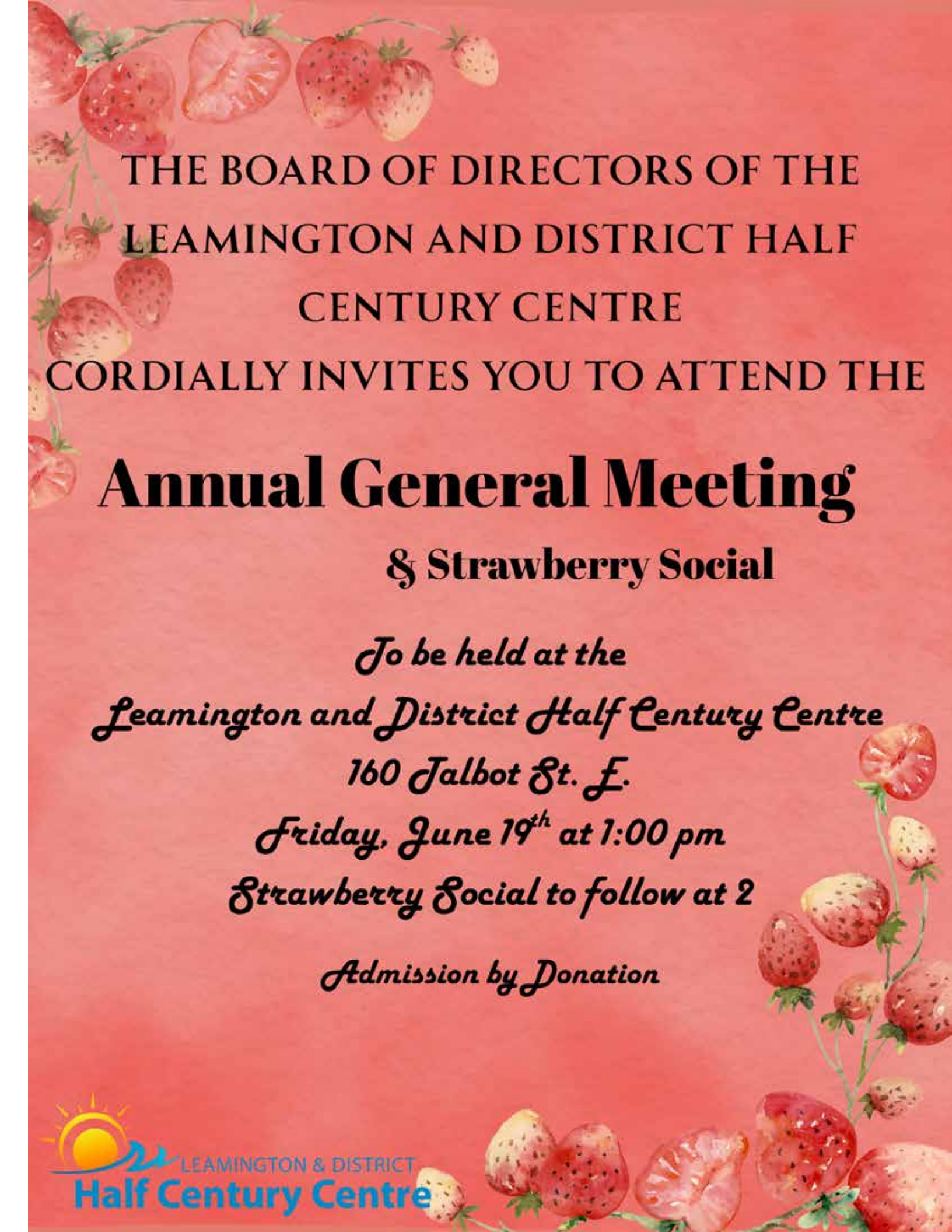
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We will be stopping for lunch at Chuck's. Tickets are limited! Please sign up one month in advance!



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