

CENTERS' CHATTER

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From the President

School is back in for another year. That means fall is on its way. Tomato wagons have already been rumbling through the town heading for Highbury Canco for processing. Soon the leaves will be turning; the farmers will be harvesting their beans and corn. Everyone will be getting the crops off the fields preparing for, well you know what comes next?

On September 24th we are headed for Petrolia for the music of the Beatles. Two days later we will be back at the Centre for our Hotdog BBQ and Games Day. Fun for all, hope to see you there. Next, the Murder Mystery. We're going to an all inclusive resort where someone may be murdered. Keep an eye on your back. Food and fun for all!

We welcome the Alzheimer Society on Thursday mornings, and if you know anyone who would like to join, please encourage them to come out. Christine Lehn continues to keep us in line and we are thankful for her presence. Sarah is very helpful and fun to be around. Christina is keeping the facility clean and welcoming. Special thanks to Qirui Li for being our summer student, our members enjoyed his company. Continue to enjoy your centre and participate in the activities.

President, Cliff Hartwick



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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

It's hard to believe summer is over. It was a pleasure having Quiri Li join us for 8 weeks. He was very helpful. Good luck to him in his future endeavours. We travelled to Petrolia for "Good

Vibrations", what a great show. There are still a few tickets left for the Beatles Show. They never disappoint.

Every month, the Senior's Advisory Committee has a presentation on the 2nd Wednesday at 10 a.m. This summer we had some outings to the Marina for a concert sponsored by Venvi and to Meadowbrook Church where the Border City Barkers performed for us sponsored by SECC. Please tell your friends to come and participate in these events. On Wednesday September 9 at 10 a.m., we will be hosting all the candidates for the upcoming election. They will introduce themselves then take questions from the audience. sponsored by SECC. Please tell your friends to come and participate in these events. We have Crime Stoppers and Reid's Funeral Home coming soon.

We have our regular fundraisers this fall again, Games Day, Murder Mystery, Fashion Show and Christmas Dinner. Last year we joined with the Lion's Club for a Dart Tournament. This will be an annual event open to the public. This year it will be on Sat. Nov 7

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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.

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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 & FRIDAY	1:30 pm. 7:00 pm
LINE DANCING	MONDAY & THURSDAY	9:00 am. 7:00 pm.
PEPPER	SUNDAY WEDNESDAY	1:30 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.

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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

September 1 - Hotdogs	October 6 - Chicken
September 8 - Hamburgers	October 13 - Pork kebabs
September 15 - Liver & Onions	October 20 - Meat loaf
September 22 - Sausages	October 27 - Lasagna
September 29 - Pulled Pork	

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Oct. 22nd

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Sept. 23-26th \$1339 Dbl

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Sept. 25-28th \$1339 Dbl

Nov. 12-15th

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Oct. 1-2 \$295 Dbl

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Oct. 4-7th \$1315 Dbl

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REGULAR CENTER ACTIVITIES - September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Lunch: Hotdog BBQ Must sign up by previous Thursday				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	LABOUR DAY CLOSED	Lunch:Hamburgers Must sign up by previous Thursday	SAC			CARD TOURNAMENT
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Lunch: Liver & Onions Must sign up by previous Thursday				CARD TOURNAMENT
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Lunch: Sausages Must sign up by previous Thursday		PETROLIA TRIP		GAMES DAY & HOT DOG BBQ
27	28	29	30			
		Lunch: Pulled Pork Must sign up by previous Thursday				

Regular Weekly Activities

Pepper 1:30	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 - October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						CARD TOURNAMENT
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Lunch: Chicken Must sign up by previous Thursday				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	THANKSGIVING CLOSED	Lunch: Pork Kabobs Must sign up by previous Thursday	SAC			CARD TOURNAMENT
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Lunch: Meatloaf Must sign up by previous Thursday				MURDER MYSTERY
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Lunch: Lasagna Must sign up by previous Thursday				HALLOWEEN

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Happy Birthday

September

Lorna Tatomir	1	Cheryl Scorrar	12
Linda Regehr	1	Ben Neufeld	13
Sharon Robinson	2	Walter Balsam	14
Pamela Quirk	3	Beth Smith	16
Louise Tiessen	4	Loraine Fox	18
John Charlton	5	Cathy Rubinski	19
Jean Clark	5	Sylvia Schippers	20
Marilyn Harrison	6	Helen Dawson	21
Roger Tiessen	7	Greg Triferis	22
Russell Smith	8	Marion Liebsch	23
Janice Countess	9	Heather Hyatt	25
Moyra Habing	10	Tom Nielson	25
Mary Hrabets	10	Ross MacKintosh	27
Michelle Koop	12	Mike Lucas	28
Patricia Macher	12	John Barnett	28

October

Patricia Fox	1	Susan Kraus	23
Alan Quick	4	Ann Woodrow	23
Leo Smith	5	Charlotte MacLellan	24
Ken Enns	7	Bob Read	24
Wayne Cunliffe	7	Amy Harrison	26
Christine Ball	8	Clarence Ware	29
Susan Power	9		
Pilar Silveira	12		
Catherine Comiskey	13		
Norm Henderson	13		
Mike Ciaceli	14		
Peggy Doyle	14		
Mary Ann Sherman	15		
Donna Bilti	16		
Dale Smith	16		
Sally Bell	17		
Brian Evans	21		

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

Lisa Renee Knight
Peggy Doyle
Mike Doyle
Edmond Rollier
Linda Regehr
Ed Regehr
Jennifer Mitchell Witteveen



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