

Fifty-Five Plus News

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BREAKING NEWS

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Don't miss our **St. Paddy's Day Lunch** which is being held on St. Patrick's Day (March 17). We'll be serving Beefy Guinness stew, salad, veggies and assorted artisan bread and butter (perfect for dipping in the stew) and cheesecake. Tickets will be \$20.50 for members and \$25.50 for non-members. Tickets are now available at the front desk. There will be 110 tickets for sale. Ticket sales will end as of March 7 at 3:00pm. Our entertainers that day will be Brian O'Sullivan and Conrad Kipping, who will be doing Celtic-based selections.

You have an opportunity to go to **Stratford** to see "Chicago." The trip is set for Wednesday April 29. Balcony seats are waiting for you! Price is only \$160 which includes luxury coach, theatre tickets and lunch, as well as a bit of time to shop in Stratford. Cut-off date is March 11, so you need to act soon! Sign up at the front desk.

Check out the **classes** being offered for spring. There's a lecture on "Camp X" on June 2. There are 2 workshops: one on "De-cluttering and Downsizing" which has just been moved to Friday April 24, and another titled, "Executors Beware!" on May 1. Don't miss the "Camp X" lecture on June 2: it's going to be fascinating. Ballroom Dance is being offered on Tuesday evenings starting March 31. Country Line Dance is coming on Thursday evenings starting April 2. If you don't register in time, these great classes get cancelled so don't procrastinate!

FROM THE 55+ STAFF WORKING GROUP

The next meeting of the 55+ Club Staff Working Group is being held on March 9th. Tom Donoghue of Care & Share will be making a presentation. We will be discussing sponsorship issues and a possible spring open house to be held in June. Volunteer training and vulnerable sector screening will also be on the agenda.

DROP-IN GAMES



DUPLICATE BRIDGE (TUESDAY)

Feb. 4: N/S Hugh & Eveline; E/W Julie & Sue. Feb. 11: N/S David & Cathy; E/W Bob & John. Feb. 18: N/S David & Cathy; E/W Wilkie & Cathi. Feb. 25: N/S David & Cathy; E/W Audrey & Barry.



EUCHRE (WEDNESDAY)

Feb. 5: HS86 Marg; 2ndHS 81 Laura; 5LH Judi & Richard. Feb. 12: HS83 Jane; 2ndHS 74 Marg S.; 3LH Maureen & Jane. Feb. 19: HS78 Chris; 2ndHS 70 Fred; 5LH Susan. Cancelled Feb. 26.



BRIDGE (WEDNESDAY)

Feb. 5: Joan Marshman was the big winner with 5,690. Top spot went to Jane Hachey on Feb. 12 with 5,760. Don Corrigan was the big winner on Feb. 19 with 5,710. Donna Martinello won on Feb. 26 with 5,830.



BRIDGE (FRIDAY)

Feb. 7: Angelo Tiozzo was the big winner with 5,100. Al Huff turned in a lovely 7,190 on Feb. 14. Feb. 21 saw Doris Harvey win with 5,210, very narrowly edging out Kelly Matthews who had 5,200. Julie Donkersley won on Feb. 28 with 5,730.



MAH JONG NATIONAL (WEDNESDAY)

Feb. 5: Sandra Iwasiw took top spot with 660. Mirielle Lan was the big winner on Feb. 12 with 600. Deb Kimpton won for the first time on Feb. 19 with a beautiful 860. Ruth Geddes upped the ante on Feb. 26 with 870.



MAH JONG ORIENTAL (THURSDAY)

Missed January 16 which saw Judy Ahamad win with 3,926. Feb. 6: Mary Raybould took first place with 3,262. Al Huff was the big winner on Feb. 13 with 3,528. Top spot went to Mirielle Lan on Feb. 20 with 2,082. Mirielle had an exceptional hand on Feb. 27: we're consulting other clubs as to how to count it.



BID EUCHRE (FRIDAY)

Kevin Chisholm was the big winner on Feb. 7 with 310. Top spot went to Al Huff on Feb. 14 with 288. Dina Rintjema won on Feb. 21 with 326. Cancelled Feb. 28.



NEWS AND NOTES

We now have the ability to **recycle household batteries** at the 55+ Club. There will be a small container at the front desk for your lithium ion batteries, your 6 volt and 9 volt batteries, and your button batteries. To avoid short circuits, kindly tape the ends with masking tape (or our receptionists can add the tape).

Diane Ward has taken on the **friendship outreach** position. The Club sends sympathy cards or get well cards and 90th birthday cards as appropriate. If you know of someone who would appreciate one of those cards, please let Diane know at 1dianeward@gmail.com.

If you didn't see **Kinky Boots** downtown, you may want to join our trip on March 26. The story is hilarious and you'll get to experience the Hamilton Family Theatre.

We just been advised that the library received the grant they had applied for. Therefore, we are able to offer the **iPad for Seniors** sessions at no charge. This is a partnership between the 55+ Club and the Library. Register now!



TRIPS

What a line-up Susan Reid has come up with! Travel to Stratford to see "**Chicago**" on April 29. Watch the **Blue Jays** or enjoy **Ripley's Aquarium** on May 6. Then in June, return to Bingeman's for a great lunch and a toe-tapping **Abba tribute**. Flyers are available at the front desk. More goodies to come (sneak peek, think cruise ...)



DINNERS OUT

On March 11, we're trying the new **East Side Mario's**. Please sign up at the front desk so Barb knows how many seats to reserve. Thanks for all your work, Barb!



CAFÉ 55

Remember that the breakfast at **Sunset Grill** has been moved to March 25 to avoid a conflict with a local event. Join Diane Ward for breakfast at 9:15 at Sunset Grill in the Longo's plaza. Thanks, Diane!

SMILES



Husbands are husbands. A man was sitting reading his papers when his wife hit him round the head with a frying pan. "That was for the piece of paper with the name Jenny on it that I found n your pants pocket." The man then said, "When I was at the races last week, Jenny was the name of the horse I bet on." The wife apologized and went on with the housework. Three days later, the man is watching TV when his wife bashes him on the head with an even bigger frying pan, knocking him unconscious. Upon regaining consciousness, the man asked why she had hit him again. The wife replied, "Your horse phoned."



BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Josie Schwarzli, Kevin McWhinnie, Margaret Emmerson, Marilyn Ferguson, Sandra Brown, Judy Ahamad, Ron Gould, Al Huff, Cathi Mount, Wanda Richards, Beverley Whittaker, Norma Cairns-Dalton, Mary Copp, Margery Costello, Marie Cote, Anna Daly, Cheryl Davis, Donna Gutteridge, Trevor Houghting, Kim Laird, Judith Marnoch, Jeannette McGuire, Keith McMinn, Joan Natoli, Kathleen Peel, Pamela Polley, Karen Rae, Parameswary Sithinnaygam, Angelo Tiozzo, Beth (Elizabeth) Tomasi, Sinnethanagam Vairavapillai, Alison Von Criegen, Jack Walker. Celebrate!



BOOK CLUB

The book for March is "**Ru**" by Kim Thuy. We are carried along on an unforgettable journey from a palatial residence in Saigon to a crowded and muddy Malaysian refugee camp, and onward to a new life in Quebec. Join us on March 27!



TRAVEL CLUB

For March, Marg Curtis invites you to take a **tour of Main Street** in the 40's and 50's. You don't need your winter coat and boots. She'll take you from Park Drive to Albert Street, telling you what used to be in the buildings on the north side of the street. If there's time, she'll bring you back along the south side. Come and learn on March 20 at 1:30!



DID YOU KNOW?

We have a pair of artists for March: **Joan Natoli and Sheila Wilder**. Joan has mostly worked with watercolour over the years, with the mentoring of many wonderful teachers. Recently she has done pieces in both acrylic and pastel. Her subject matter is often things near at hand or landscapes from her travels. Sheila Wilder prefers to work in pencil and in conte. She likes to draw subjects that capture her heart and sometimes tries to do portraits of her favourite people or characters. She's a dedicated amateur, drawing purely for the love and fun of it. Enjoy!

If you have paintings or photographs that you would like to display in our rotating art display, please contact Josie Schwarzli at 905-640-1693 or at schwarzli518@gmail.com. She will fill you in on all the details and set aside a month for your work.

We are hosting the **York Region 55+ Games for Cribbage** at the Ballantrae Community Centre on Monday May 14. We hope some of you will represent our club there. You may also want to look at registering for Contract Bridge for Friday April 24, Progressive Euchre on Friday May 8 or Progressive Bid Euchre on Wednesday May 16. Registration forms are available at the club.

If your name didn't appear in the "**birthdays**" column, it is possible you didn't check the box to allow the publication of your birth month. Check with Jen if you are in doubt. We want to wish you birthday congrats!

Did you remember to renew your **membership** for 2020? If you're not receiving newsletters, perhaps you might want to check at the front desk to see if you did actually sign up for 2020. Membership cards will be coming.



TABLE TENNIS TIPS

The number of table tennis players on Monday afternoons is growing and we now have some more advanced players coming out. This means the level of competition is going up for those who wish it, as well as maintaining our normal playing for fun for those who just want a good workout and a chat with friends. Your choice!

MARCH ART DISPLAY



Joan Natoli's Calm Waters



Joan Natoli's Birches



A Yorkshire Blizzard



Cat in a tutu!



Sheila Wilder's sketch of Emma Thompson