

# *Fifty-Five Plus News*

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## **BREAKING NEWS**

### **CONTACTS:**

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#### **Winter Hours:**

Mon. to Fri.  
9am – 4pm

#### **Summer Hours**

Tues. to Thurs.  
9:00am-  
12:30pm

**We're back to regular hours!** Our fantastic receptionists will be “on the job” Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Many thanks to these generous people: we couldn't run the club without them! We'd still like to have some fill-in receptionists for those times when the regulars have appointments. Please leave your name at the front desk if you can help out or contact Lori Cliff.

Al Huff's “**Bridge Practice**” sessions will continue on Friday mornings for those who want to hone their skills in a safe, comfortable environment! Just pay your 50 cent drop-in fee and join the group from 10:00am to 11:30am.

There are still tickets available for our **Parisian café** on Thursday September 12! Cost is only \$10 for a fun event with light refreshments. Come and be Parisian for an hour! Umbrellas, rain, intimate tables with fairy lights, soft French music ...

**Registration** for fall classes at 6240 has started. There are some interesting additions to the schedule, including some evening hours and seminars. This is our first ever venture into ballroom dancing! You can register for the full course or do a drop-in (assuming sufficient registration to run the class) at \$9 per class.

The **Five Crowns** group is “going mainstream.” You'll see them on Monday afternoons in the lounge. Come and see what it's all about!

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## **FROM THE 55+ STAFF WORKING GROUP**

The 55+ Club Staff Working Group will be meeting on September 9. Some of the items on the agenda include membership fees for 2020, an update on the fall/winter programs and an update on the hours of operation. Watch for our bazaar which is coming up on November 23: we're looking for vendors for that occasion. If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Rochelle at 905-640-5577. Congrats to Rochelle on winning one of the Mayor's Merit Awards!

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## DROP-IN GAMES

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### DUPLICATE BRIDGE (TUESDAY)

August 6: N/S Howard & Bev; E/W Dorothy & Jackie. August 13: N/S Howard & Bev; E/W Janet & Peg. August 20: N/S Richard & Mary; E/W Sheila & Wilkie. August 27: N/W Mary & John; E/W Cathi & Wilkie.



### EUCHRE (WEDNESDAY)

August 7: HS92 Rick; 2ndHS 86 Angela; 5LH Barb. August 14: HS78 Barb; 2ndHS 73 Carm; 6LH Fred. August 21: HS91 Angela; 2ndHS 79 Alma; 6LH Susan. August 28: HS86 Barb; 2ndHS 83 Audrey; 3LH/1 game Audrey.



### BRIDGE (WEDNESDAY)

August 7: Mary Davidson won with 5,880. Top spot went to Anna Bartell on August 14 with 5,990. Sue Parsons was the big winner on August 21 with 5,580. Doris Harvey took first place on August 28 with 4,500.



### BRIDGE (FRIDAY)

Dorothy Young got the month off to a good start on August 2 with 5,730. Joan Marshman won on August 9 with 5,540. Top spot went to Jane Hachey on August 16 with 5,560. Al Huff was the big winner on August 23 with 6,190. Betty Ann Rafuse closed out the month with 5,160.



### MAH JONG NATIONAL (WEDNESDAY)

July 31: Mirielle Lan won with 490. Mirielle won again on August 7 with 560. August 14 went to Mirielle again with 505 but Joan McFarlane was close on her heels with 500. Joan Gomes took top spot on August 21 with 615. Ruth Geddes won on August 28 with 520, including a pure hand!



### MAH JONG ORIENTAL (THURSDAY)

August 1: Gladys Cybruch was the big winner with 2,002. Arlene Heywood took first place on August 8 with 3,180. Top spot went to Peg Kirby on August 15 with 3,852. Richard Calvert was the big winner on August 22 with 1,438. Carol Morin won on August 29 with 1,602.



### BID EUCHRE (FRIDAY)

August 2: Glenda Dunkeld took first place with 306. Muriel Nicholson was the big winner on August 9 with 320. Vic Goldman won on August 16 with 333. Bernice Upton won on August 23 with 309. Kevin Chisholm was the big winner on August 30 with 327.



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## NEWS AND NOTES

Tickets are now available for our October lunch, “**A Taste of Italy**”, which will be held on Tuesday October 8. It will feature Suzy’s Catering with meat lasagna, mild Italian sausage prepared with sautéed green peppers, mushrooms and onions, a vegetable medley, two salads (Caesar and garden), garlic bread or an Italian roll with butter. Dessert will be cake and ice cream. A vegetarian option is available. Liz Lightfoot advises that the entertainment will be by Django Djunkies, an instrumental group that plays gypsy swing music.

Tickets are \$20 and are available to members only. This lunch is being subsidized so non-members are not permitted. The cut-off date for ticket sales will be October 1.

Note that the **Foot Clinic** is moved to Friday September 13 because of a conflict with Le Petit Café. Shelley will be on holidays in the next week. Please contact Shelley Bourne if you wish to make an appointment.



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## TRIPS

Seats are still available for the Agawa Canyon, Laurentian Mountains Colour Tour, and San Antonio, Texas. We’re doing our best to run a scaled-down Historical Toronto Tour. The flyer for **Bingeman’s** in Kitchener on December 11 is now available. We’ve extended the time frame so we can see the Christmas light display. We hope to have a November trip ready for you shortly.



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## DINNERS OUT

For September 11, we’re going to return to **Tipperary**. It’s a crowd favourite, good food, good prices! Please sign up at the front desk so Barb knows how many seats to reserve. Many thanks, Barb!



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## CAFÉ 55

Join Diane Ward for breakfast at 9:15 on Wednesday September 18 at the **Sunset Grill**. Great opportunity to meet new people over good food! Thanks as ever, Diane!

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## SMILES



**They are dressed** in heavy boots, parka, scarf, mittens, all ready to head home to the Canadian winter. An old American couple, standing nearby in shorts, is intrigued by their manner of dress. The wife says to her husband, “Look at that couple! I wonder where they’re from?” He replies, “How would I know?” She counters, “You could go and ask them.” “He says, “You want to know, you go ask them.”

She decides to do just that, walks over to the couple and asks, “Excuse me, I’ve noticed the way you’re dressed and I wonder where you’re from?” Dave replies, “Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.” The woman returns to her husband who asks, “So, where are they from?” She replies, “I don’t know. They don’t speak English.”



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## BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Maureen Irwin, Pamela Stierhof, Sandra Iwasiw, Susan Ward, Barbara Palmer, Victor Bergman, Mary Brauer, Jean Kennedy, Sheilah Kilroy, M. Dianne MacKay, Rhonda Milos, Sheila Pope, Alice Woods, Nancy Zalman, Fanny Andersen, Heather Anderson, Sidnei Auler, David Bastiampillai, David Brooks, Nella Cassano, Lori Cliff, Heather Darroch, Arleen Dorich, Rose Dykstra, Reene Eliadis, Carol Grensted, Mernetta Hayden, Allen Hodgson, Lita Melville-Caborde, Lynne Mound, Thurarajah Nalliah, Greta Pijselman, Gnanampelai Rjadurai, Eleanor Rudge, Valerie Sevel, Karth. Sugunabalayogan, Ajit Thomas, Doug Todd, John Carlo Tomasi, Elaine Upper, Nick Vatistas, Renata Zathureczky. Celebrate!



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## BOOK CLUB

For October, we’ll be discussing “**Hillbilly Elegy**” by J. D. Vance. This is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. Books are now available for pick up. Meet on September 27 at 1:30.



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## TRAVEL CLUB

Did you travel to somewhere fantastic in the last year? The **Travel Club** is looking for presenters. We need someone for September 20. Please contact Pat Ogston if you can help. We have a group doing a trip to Austria and Switzerland in September so we’re looking forward to their presentation later on.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

Don Petrie has offered to teach “**Snooker Basics**” on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am starting in September. He’ll work with beginners or those who just want to refresh their skills. We want to be sure that anybody using the new snooker table knows the protocols and rules of play. At some point, we’ll look into forming a “ladder” or leagues. First of all, learn to play! Don recommends the video series by Barry Stark on YouTube.

We now have 2 **wheelchairs** at 6240 to increase accessibility or for emergency evacuation use. One will be stored in the front lounge area; the second will be stored in the larger activity room. These are needed in the event of a fire bell for those who have mobility issues.

Peter Rudner will offer an introductory course for those who would like to learn about our new **sound system**. Anyone who thinks they may need to utilize the speakers should take this course. There’s no charge. Peter knows his stuff. This is a very modern, Bluetooth-enabled portable system that you can pair with your phone. There are wireless mics as well. The date is tentatively September 20.

Marilyn and Murray Ferguson have been working on **our library shelves** so that the books can be shelved in proper alpha order. There’s been some difficulty with the height of the shelves. As always, we ask for your patience!

Some kind souls have been donating some great new books to our **library**. Please enjoy them and return them for others to enjoy!



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## TABLE TENNIS TIPS

Peter and friends will be back on Monday afternoons offering some table tennis fun! It’s like riding a bike: you never forget! We now have 2 ultra-modern tables so come and give them a spin!