

Fifty-Five Plus News

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BREAKING NEWS

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There are 5 tickets left for our Valentine's lunch being held on Wednesday February 13. We're going to enjoy the keyboard stylings of Ron Wilmott.

Our **membership year** runs from January to December. Cost is only \$20 per year. Best bargain around! Starting in February, we drop your email from our distribution list if you didn't renew.

Eleven people turned out for **bid euchre lessons!** Obviously it's very popular. There are only 3 more lessons, all on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00: February 4, 11 and 25. Thanks to Peg Kirby, Vic Goldman and Maureen Irwin for giving of their time to teach this fun game!

We've also had a great response to the orientation on the **defibrillator**. The Town will provide some specific dates next week. The information will be sent in an update but you will also be able to find it on the Town website under Recreation.

Pat McCarthy has just announced an **Easter Basket Workshop** on Monday April 15 from 10:00am to noon. All materials will be supplied. Pat will provide details on cost as soon as she scopes out the price of the materials. People were hugely disappointed when she didn't offer a Christmas Centrepiece Workshop (she'll offer one this December!) so mark your calendars for her Easter workshop.

FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Voting for the new name of the centre has now ended. We hope to have the results available shortly. There's a lot happening in the background to get the new centre set up. We have an organizational structure, we have job descriptions and we have the start of a 55 Plus website on the Town website. We're setting a mechanism in place to collect stats for the usage of the building, something that is required when applying for grants. We're putting in place ways to recognize volunteers. Preparations are underway for the official launch on Saturday, March 23 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm: all are invited to attend. Dignitaries will be present. The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is February 11.

DROP-IN GAMES



DUPLICATE BRIDGE (TUESDAY)

January 7: N/S David & Cathy; E/W Jane & Kathryn. January 14: N/S Cathy & David; E/W Julie & Carol B. January 21: N/S Gord & Gail; E/W Bruce & Bev. January 28: N/S Gord & Gail; E/W Cathi & Wilkie.



EUCHRE (WEDNESDAY)

Jan. 2: HS76 Rick; 2ndHS 73 Alvin; 4LH Susan. Jan. 9: HS91 Rick; 2ndHS 77 Evelyn; 4LH Susan, Rick, John. Jan. 16: HS79 Rick; 2ndHS 76 Marg; 4LH Dave & Barb. Jan.23: HS79 John; 2ndHS Judi; 3LH in 1 game Jacques; 3LH Dave, Susan, Alvin. Jan. 30: HS73 Alma; 2ndHS 67 Kathy; 4LH Alma & Marg.



BRIDGE (WEDNESDAY)

Carol Baker got the year off to a good start on January 2 with 6,220. Top spot went to Jane Hachey on January 9 with 5,900. Doris Harvey won on January 16 with 6,180. Doris won again on January 23 with 6,080. Al Huff won on January 30 with a lovely 8,170: Betty Ann Rafuse had a nice 7,680.



BRIDGE (FRIDAY)

Anna Bartell won on January 4 with 6,610. Don Corrigan took top spot on January 11 with 5,670. First place went to Cathi Mount on January 18 with 5,430. Jane Hachey won on January 24 with 4,640.



MAH JONG NATIONAL (WEDNESDAY)

Marilyn Ferguson got the year off to a great start with 615 on January 2. Diane Wiseman topped that with 620 on January 9. Top spot went to Mirielle Lan on January 16 with 585. Jeannine Clarke won on January 23 with 420. First place went to Marcia Paci on January 30 with 695.



MAH JONG ORIENTAL (THURSDAY)

Jan. 3: Donna Beckett won with 2,702 edging out Richard Calvert (2,696) by 6 points, edging out Evelyn O'Connor (2,690) by 6 points! Arlene Heywood took first place on Jan. 10 with 5,892. Top spot went to Mary Raybould on January 17 with 4,354. Glenda Dunkeld won with 3,282 on January 24.



BID EUCHRE (FRIDAY)

Audrey Gibson won on January 4 with 334. Top spot went to Richard Calvert on January 11 with 385. Jacques Rodrigue won on January 18 with 314. The big winner on January 25 was Kevin Chisholm.



NEWS AND NOTES

The success of our new centre hinges upon our **volunteers**. We'd like to introduce new activities such as bingo and daytime bid euchre and daytime euchre but we need folks to head it up, with other folks to help them. We would love to offer TED (Technology, Education and Development) Talks but we need somebody to head it up.

We're very excited to tell you that we have someone who will head up a **Rotating Art Display Committee**. If this is an area that interests you, please contact me or contact the reception desk to let us know. We're looking for people who have contacts in the local art community. This could be a mutually beneficial arrangement between the centre and the artists who wish to display/sell their works.

We'd also like to have a **Website Committee**. The Town has started a website under "Recreation" but it needs more input to populate it.



TRIPS

Return to Grace has 22 seats left. The Mysteriously Yours – Murder Mystery at the Old Mill has only 21 seats left. Whistling Gardens and Dundurn Castle has only 19 seats left! Dear Evan Hansen is slated for June 26 and will likely be a sell-out.



DINNERS OUT

Due to a conflict with our own club lunch, Barb is moving her February lunch to February 6. Instead of the second Wednesday, it's the first Wednesday of the month, so mark it on your calendar! The location will be **Swiss Chalet**. This is always a popular destination. Please sign up at the front desk. As always, thanks to Barb Pollard for putting these things together!



CAFÉ 55

The group will meet at **Vi Pei** on February 20. Come at 9:15am and join this fun crowd! Enjoy great social time and wonderful food! Thanks as ever, Diane!

SMILES



I was in a public toilet and had just sat down, when I heard a voice from the next cubicle. He said, "Hi! How are you?" Embarrassed, I said, "I'm doing fine". The voice said, "So what are you up to?" I said, "Just doing the same as you, sitting here!" He said, "Can I come over?" Annoyed, I said, "Rather busy right now." The voice said, "Listen, I will have to call you back. There's an idiot next door who's answering all my questions."



BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Arlene Heywood, Cyril A. A. Back, Eleanor Rudner, Joan Marshman, Koula Lakas, Margaret Schell, Marjorie Fretz, Muriel Nicholson, Pauline Hirsch, (blank), Susan Geyer, Gillian M Iszard, Linda Peever, Valerie Starr, Catherine Crawford, Tricia Flaherty, Pat Hartley, Gail May, Nicoleta Puscariu, Darlene Soles, Judy Axelson, Lois Baker, Vimalathe Balasubramanian, Anita Boldireff, Eleanor Fintelman, Susan Gray, Wendy Guthrie, Katherine Kinnear, Brigitte Kroen, John Lan, Kathleen (Kaye) Lopez, Betty Mansfield, Mary Matthews, Hugh McQuillan, John McTavish, Bill Milos, Velrami Moegle, Richard Nabzdyk, Dorothy Quinn, Marg Rochon, Barbara Royko, Parameswary Sabaratwam, Wendy Sear, Constance Stuy, Ellen Watson, Kathi Williams. Celebrate!



BOOK CLUB

For February, we're reading "**His Whole Life**" by Elizabeth Hay. Jim lives in New York with his Canadian mother and American father, George, until the sudden deaths of his aunt and uncle lead him and his parents back up to the lakeside property to tie up loose ends. Both a coming-of-age story and a study of a marriage in decline.



TRAVEL CLUB

On February 15, Teresa Kusatz will share her trip to **Scotland and Ireland**. Beginning in Edinburgh, she visited several Scottish castles around Glasgow and Perth, and then made her way south through Galway and Killarney, touring the Ring of Kerry, the famous Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, and finally ending her trip with a few days in Dublin. This was a unique, privately-led trip so you won't want to miss her presentation.



DID YOU KNOW?

When you're in on Thursday afternoons, say hi to our newest receptionist, **Joan Bell**. She offered to help out on the desk. Judi and Lori gave her some training for a couple of weeks and now she's flying on her own! This lady is a keeper! Welcome, Joan, and thank you!

One of the unsung heroes of our group is **Eleanor Dagleish** who forms our Friendship Committee. Whenever a member passes away or is very ill, we try to let Eleanor know about it. She sends a sympathy card or whatever is appropriate for the situation. The trick is we need to let her know. Perhaps if you have a friend in that situation who is indeed a member you could advise the receptionist who can pass the message on to Eleanor. Eleanor has quietly done this job for years and we very much appreciate what she does.

Another of our unsung heroes is **Pat McCarthy**. Pat is our Décor Convenor. She was responsible for arranging the Christmas decorations. She's looking after the display case, putting in interesting collections for members to look at (and if you have unique collection, she'd love to feature it!). She's been working on making 6240 feel like a welcoming place, feel like home. That's a huge factor in making people feel comfortable in our new surroundings.

Kelly Matthews has kindly been offering help with darts on Monday afternoons. He gets everything set up and offers tips for those who would like to learn to play. If you played darts in university days and you'd like to try again, join Kelly on Mondays from 1:45 to 3:45.

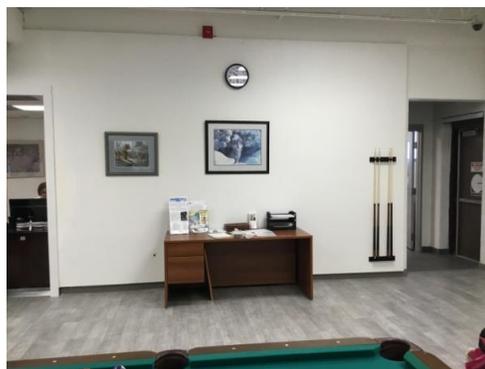
The **travel meeting** on January 25 was very successful. There were many destinations discussed. The most popular at this point is a cruise on the Danube. Another popular item was a trip to Portugal, with part land and part cruise. A travel agent will research options and bring the results to the next meeting.

The Town has set up a new email address for correspondence. Instead of sending to ws55plus@outlook.com, please address emails to 55plus@townofws.ca. This will ensure that all emails receive prompt attention.

OUR LOUNGE

Our lounge has a new look!. It's amazing what a difference a few pictures can make. See if you can figure out the theme! Everybody seems to have a different interpretation!

Many thanks to the talented Jeff Carter who came over to hang the pictures and the pool cues! Thanks also to Joan Bell for her 2 lovely "wolf" pictures! Come and check out the lounge!



PRIME RIB TIME LUNCH



Our "chef" Rod Hooper with Maria



Rod with Virginia Gould



Our entertainers, Treo, had us rockin'



Nobody went home hungry!

