

55+ CLUB NEWS!

BREAKING NEWS

Well, we're starting to open up regular activities a little bit more. We now have our first venture into playing cards. The bridge people will be excited to see that there are two bridge slots. You can play duplicate bridge on Tuesday afternoons. This will be limited to seven tables. Everyone must pre-register. Registration is open to residents three days prior to opening registration non-residents. The time frame will be shortened, playing from 1:00pm to roughly 3:00pm. Remember that everything is via pre-registration. Proof of vaccination, photo ID and daily COVID screening also required.

Card games are returning! We have contract bridge coming on Wednesday afternoons, Canasta/Hand & Foot on Tuesday afternoons, both types of Mah Jong on Thursday afternoons and Bid Euchre on Friday afternoons. All card games run from 1:00 to 3:00. Masking and social distancing apply. You must register online: you can no longer just drop in! Standard Covid protocols required (proof of vaccination, photo ID and Covid screening form completion). No food or drink will be available.

Membership renewals are coming in pretty steadily. If you register in December, you pay the 2021 rate of \$20.50 and your membership goes through to the end of 2022. If you register in January, you'll pay the 2022 rate. If you paid for the St. Patrick's Day Lunch, you have a credit to your account which can be used to offset your membership fee. You may also request a refund of the money from the St. Patrick's Day Lunch.

We regret that Pat McCarthy's **Christmas Centrepiece Workshop** has been cancelled for this year.

FROM THE 55+ STAFF WORKING GROUP

The 55+ Club Staff Working Group met on November 22. There was considerable discussion regarding the Town's new logo and branding policy. The 55+ Club website will be entirely redone to be AODA compliant. Barb and Jen are working on a new schedule to include other card groups. It was noted that the Club will be open while activities are happening but only to pick up information: it is NOT open for drop-ins.

THE BOOK CLUB RETURNS!

Our Book Club will be returning on Friday January 24 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. The book for January is “Nineteen Minutes” by Jodi Picoult. The story is set in a small, ordinary New Hampshire town where nothing ever happens until the day its complacency is shattered by a shocking act of violence. In the aftermath, the town’s residents must come o terms with the role they played in the tragedy.

ART GROUP

The convenor of the Art Group, Diane Ward, wants to make sure everyone knows the group is getting together on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30pm. (It was Wednesdays before). Anyone who’s interested is welcome to join the group. You must bring your own materials. Tables will be socially distanced. It’s an opportunity to paint and learn with like-minded people Questions should be directed to Diane at 1dianeward@gmail.com .

SMILES

A Politically Correct Holiday Greeting:

Best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral, winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most joyous traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, but with respect for the religious persuasion of others who choose to practice their own religion as well as those who choose not to practice a religion at all; plus, ... A fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the generally accepted calendar 2022, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions have helped make our society great, without regard to race, creed, colour, religious, or sexual preferences of the wishes.

Disclaimer: This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It implies no promise by the wisher to actually implement any of the wishes for her/himself or others and no responsibility for any unintended emotional stress these greetings may bring to those not caught up in the holiday spirit. Thank you!



BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Alan Wolfe, Carol Barber, Damiana McQuigge, Doris Williams, Eleanor Dalglish, Joyce Burd, Marie Adams, Mary Smith, Nellie Paterson, Phyllis Ritchie, Robert Price, Jim Sanders, Diane Ward, Jan Arnold, Mike Denny, Judi Funnell, Richard Goad, Joan Graham, Betty Hoover, Ellen McGill, Mary Pescador, Barry Rafuse, Andrew Skinner, Barbara Thorp, Alice Van Dusen, Marie Baba, Carol Fallahay, Barbara Jannetta, Evelyn Lawrence, Bonny Mittman, Peter O'Brien, Diana Pitour, Susan Robinson, Sally Sandiford, Linda Schell, Alice Scott, Howard Shrimpton, Ron Wilson. Celebrate!

NEWS AND NOTES

How do you like our new look? All Town communications are being standardized to align with the recent re-branding and to meet AODA standards. It's a work in progress, folks! It will be changing a bit over the next little while so bear with us!

Christmas Lunch at the Legion has been CANCELLED. Unfortunately, we did not have enough interest to ensure the Legion were able to recover costs associated with the event. We will revisit the idea of a member lunch in the New Year.

If you are reading this newsletter, it means you renewed your **membership** for 2022 at the 2021 rate of \$20.50. Those who only renew in January will pay the 2022 rate. Tell your friends they can renew online at townofws.ca/Active. Just so we're clear, you can't just walk into 6240 to renew your membership. You CAN walk into the Leisure Centre to renew OR you can renew online.

If you are **over 90**, previous membership policy continues. However, you do have to contact Jen to make sure she has your information on file.

Don't forget our first **Breakfast Out** at Sunset Grill on December 8 from 9:15 to 10:30. Pre-registration required.

Pat Ogston is looking into **Dinners Out** for January. In past years, some preferred to switch to Lunches Out to avoid driving in the dark. Contact Pat at: patogston@bell.net to let her know your preference.

Carl Dixon, former lead singer of Corey Heath, April Wine and (for 8 years) the Guess Who, is performing at 19 On the Park on Sunday February 26, 2022 at 8:00pm. Club members are being offered a 2-for-1 deal! Your total cost would be \$41.55. Two rows of seating are being reserved for Club members. You will need your mask and proof of vaccination to enter the building to buy your tickets. The box office is open Wednesday to Saturday, 12:30 to 4:00pm. This special offer is available until January 15, 2022.

ONE DAY AT THE NORTH POLE

One Christmas long, long ago, Santa was getting ready for his annual trip. There was one problem after another that year: a few of the best elves came down with the flu, and the trainee elves didn't make toys as fast as the usual guys so Santa was really feeling the pressure of being behind schedule.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that one of them was about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out somewhere. He ran around in a panic until he found them, then went inside and Mrs. Claus told Santa that her mother was coming to visit! Needless to say, this stressed poor Santa even more.

Then, when he began to load up the sleigh, one of the runners cracked and the sack fell to the ground and scattered toys everywhere. Fuming, Santa found a couple of carpenter elves to fix the sleigh and went into the house for a cup of coffee and a shot of whiskey.

When he went to the cupboard, he found that the elves had been hitting the liquor and there was nothing left to drink. An empty bottle fell out of the cabinet and shattered all over the floor. Scowling, he went to get the broom and found that mice had chewed up the straw and it was hardly usable.

Just then his doorbell rang and Santa muttered and cursed to himself all the way to the door. He opened the door, and there was a little angel there, dragging a great big Christmas tree. The angel said, "I'm running late, where do you want me to put this tree, fat man?"

And that is how the little angel came to be on top of the Christmas tree!





WARM WISHES TO ALL FOR CHRISTMAS

AND THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

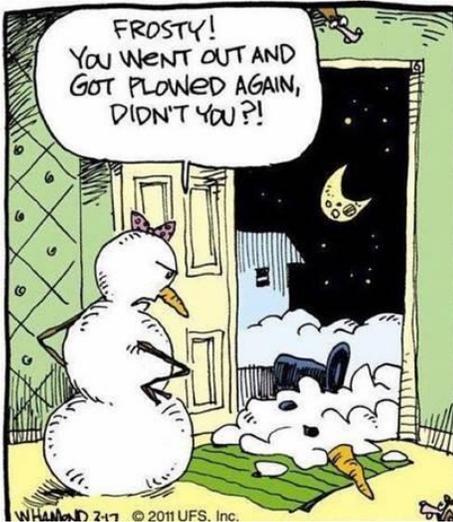
ENJOY THIS TIME WITH FAMILY!

STAY WELL AND BE SAFE!

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS!

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN WE CAN ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN!

HOLIDAY HUMOUR



How do you know if a snowman has been in your bed?

You wake up wet.

What do you call an old snowman?

A puddle.

What do you call a snowman with a cup of tea?

Melted.

Why was the snowman rummaging in the bag of carrots?

He was picking his nose.

What do you call ten Arctic hares hopping backwards through the snow together?

A receding hare line.



**CYRIL BACK, 99 YEARS OLD AND A WORLD WAR 2 VETERAN,
ATTENDED REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021 AT THE STOUFFVILLE LEGION
PHOTO THANKS TO GARY GORNIK**

