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MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE 22 WATER STREET, MARKHAM, ON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT... Mark Barrett



Hello everyone. There are quite a few permanent ID cards at the front desk awaiting their owners. Please exchange your temporary member ID card for your permanent ID card as early as you can. Be aware your temporary card has an expiry date along with a date when your permanent card will be ready for pick up. To those who haven't yet renewed your membership please do so. I recognize sometimes we get busy, and things fall through the cracks, so this is just a gentle nudge. To those who have renewed, thank you.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Monday afternoon, October 23rd, 2023, and we had an excellent turnout. The board thanks all who attended and participated in the meeting. The board looks forward to our annual meeting as it provides us not only with an opportunity to share Information but to recognize and express our appreciation to the many volunteers who run our programs and help at the club in so many other ways. I invite others to join our wonderful team of volunteers by completing a volunteer application. Applications can be obtained at the front desk or from the washroom wall bulletin board. I'm especially soliciting applications from members with backgrounds in information technology, Microsoft Office applications or finance.

It is encouraging to see new members joining the club so please make them feel welcome. Being new to an organization is always a bit daunting so introduce yourself and offer to show them around.

Remember Covid-19 with its various mutations are still around so let's not become too complacent. If you don't feel well, please stay home, test yourself and only come back when you are sure you it's safe for you and others to do so. Wearing a mask is an individual choice but it is still strongly encouraged indoors by the health professionals.

Enjoy your club. Take advantage of the various program offerings. Wear a smile and offer to help your program organizers with the cleanup after your activity. It will be appreciated.

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MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE
2023 BUILDING CLOSURE DATES

DATE	HOLIDAY/REASON FOR CLOSURE
Monday, February 20 th	Family Day
Friday, April 7 th	Good Friday
Monday, April 10 th	Easter Monday
Monday, May 22 nd	Victoria Day
Saturday, July 1 st	Canada Day
Monday, August 7 th	Civic Holiday
Friday, August 25 th @ 5pm to Sunday, September 3 rd	Annual Building Maintenance
Monday, September 4 th	Labour Day
Monday, October 9 th	Thanksgiving
Friday, December 22 nd	CLOSES AT 5:00pm
Sunday, December 24 th	Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25 th	Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 26 th	Boxing Day
Sunday, December 31 st	New Year's Eve
Monday, January 1 st , 2024	New Year's Day

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From the Travel Desk.....

We have just completed our annual fall trip. This time we picked the Old Mill Alpaca Farm in Brighton, but first we made a few stops including lunch. We started out visiting The Big Apple and stocked up on apples, and apple products. Everything was delicious, but their apple/raisin loaf was the best. It weighed a ton and was twice the length of a normal loaf. Delicious toasted with butter or jam. We had to change our restaurant for lunch due to a fire at the Whistling Duck Restaurant in Brighton. We had a delicious meal at the Waring House in Picton. The staff was ready for us and we enjoyed a lovely meal served quickly and efficiently. The weather was perfect and we were able to enjoy the outdoors at the Waring House after our meal. It is a beautiful place. The weather continued in our favour. Our final stop was visiting the Old Alpaca Farm where we got to pet and feed the Alpacas. We got to see the products they make from the fleece (the animals get sheared once a year in May). The socks felt toasty warm and the dryer balls were a bargain at 3 for \$25.00. We had a great group on the bus and a terrific driver. The day was the best.

Our final trip of the year will be our Christmas trip on Thursday, November 30th. This time we are heading west to Kitchener/Waterloo area. We will start with lunch at the Golf's Steak House. Enjoy a meal of your choice (5 selections), including a salad bar, dessert, tea or coffee. We have reserved seats at the WMB Church in Waterloo. I spoke with Lisa at the Church to ask if the Church is walker friendly. she confirmed that there is easy access. You enter the Church from ground level. The show is called the Sounds of Christmas. Take a Musical journey through the many styles of Christmas music from Traditional to Country to Gospel featuring Harmony Singing, Toe-tapping instrumental and Various Styles of Dance. We have been told from our provider, that they are sending four buses including our bus. The other three attended the same event last year. The cost is \$150.00 for members and \$155.00 for non members. Seats are still available. Pick up a flyer at the Travel Desk. As of this writing, there are 18 seats left. Do not be disappointed , sign up early. If the trip is full, put your name on the wait list. We usually have some cancellations.

We will be closing the Travel Desk at the end of November to give the team a well deserved rest, and time to prepare and enjoy the Christmas Season.

Mary Lou Busato, Convenor



CURRENT EVENTS PLUS GROUP

The Group Gathers Every Wednesday
in the West Activity Room from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Come and join our "Group". The program consists of members getting to know each other through, sharing humour, discussing current local and world events, plus other subjects of interest. Pictures and videos related to the subjects of the day will be presented by a member and viewed on a large movie screen.

On entering, please sign in and deposit your \$0.50 in the
"Room Fee" basket.

Do come and enjoy each other's company.
See you all on Wednesday afternoons.

Carol McKnight
Convenor

Robin Bryan
Co-Convenor



O.A.I.A. CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**Friday, December 15th @ 12.30 pm**

Tickets \$30 each

Tickets will be on sale for Members Nov. 15th 2023

Tickets for Non-Members on sale 1 week prior to the event.

Gillian Scragg

**KNITTING CLUB**

Hello everyone,

The members have been inquiring about a bazaar again this year but the annual bazaar featuring every activity in our busy building will not be happening. The Knitting Club has decided to have their own as we did last year before and after the Christmas Dinner. It has been approved and will be a go.

It will start at 10:30 A.M. to 12 noon and then continue from approximately 1:45 to 2:45. There will be the usual merchandise for sale; hats, mitts, scarves, children's articles, toys and sweaters for all ages.

There will also Afghans, baby blankets and a few other items that might catch your eye.

We hope you will drop by to look. These purchases might be for your favorite person, a secret Santa or maybe a mitten tree for the homeless.

I would like to thank the people who have dropped off yarn and supplies for our usage.

Everything will be used.

Enjoy the season and hope to see you on December 15/23.

Joyce Bulgin - Convenor

Melody Makers

Come out and enjoy a great concert put on by our Melody Makers
 Concerts are the last Monday of each month.....except December
 October 30th.....November 27th.....December 18th
 \$2 entry and \$1 coffee tea cookies.....



Lunch and Learn

Unfortunately we had to cancel October as lack of participation
 Hopefully November will be better.....

November lunch and learn is November 13th at 12 noon

This event is ...Aretha Franklin Queen of soul.....Her life story starting as a 10 yr old.

Gospel singer to becoming a best selling musical artist to a civil rights activist This will be presented by Daniel Alonso and sponsored by Amica Unionville

This will be a great event.....
 \$2 entrytea coffee and cookies etc
 Please sign up at front desk

Norma Matus



“December lunch and learn will teach us how to avoid all scams
 Details in next months newsletter”

News from the Watercolor and Acrylics Painting Classes

OIAA members from all walks of life and diversity would gather in the west activity room weekly with a common interest in the passion for art painting. Some are beginners while others are masters from many years in the art. No one feels intimidated regardless of experience. We treat and support each other with respect and even lend supplies to one another to those who forget to bring or don't have during class. Many friendships have developed in these fun classes over the years.

We are fortunate to have an excellent teacher in "Hurricane" Fiona Evans who provides the lessons for the two watercolor classes on Tuesday mornings and afternoons. She also conducts our acrylics painting classes on Wednesday mornings. These classes are so popular and in high demand. Usually there's a wait list for other OIAA members wanting to participate.

Watercolor painting is trickier than acrylics painting. The former is an exercise of patience as we wait for the paint to dry or not to dry before applying the next layer of paint to accomplish the end result. With experience comes satisfaction. Acrylics painting is more forgiving as we cover layers of paint to exaggerate our vision and style or to cover up mistakes.

Every session starts off with a review and critique of the previous class assignment. Helpful suggestions are provided by our art teacher for each participant's submission as well as a flood of compliments and encouragements. New lessons begin with a finished painting posted by Fiona. A demonstration of specific techniques, information on paint color choices, brush sizes and types, and additional tools are given in the step-by-step instructions. No one is left stranded to achieve their final piece. Assistance and guidance are available while our instructor goes around the tables giving individual attentions.

Before our summer break, for many years we held potluck luncheons at Paula Cashen's lovely home up north. This past spring, Paula did all the work organizing a luncheon for us at Boston Pizza. We are like a big family!

Our artists will soon be showcasing some of our paintings in the coffee lounge. Please feel free to look at them. They are there for your viewing pleasure.

If you are interested in participating in one of the Tuesday watercolor classes, please contact the Front Desk to find out how to have your name added to the waiting list. Currently the Wednesday morning acrylics class is full. However, if there are ever enough willing seniors who want to start another class, we could commence a class for Wednesday afternoons. This is only a possibility for now depending on how many people sign up on the waiting list at the front desk.

Convenors.... Vicki Weir (Watercolor Class)

Andrew Gordon (Acrylics Class)

Djembe Drumming

Wednesdays Noon—1:00 p.m.

In the craft room.

Sign up at the front desk

Starts September 13th 2023

MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Casual Bridge 9:00am - 11:30 am

Come out and enjoy a game with your friends and neighbours.

Margaret Crowley
Convenor



Come and Join our Canasta Group

We meet from 1 PM to 4 PM every Thursday for a fun afternoon and camaraderie. If you are interested in learning a new card game, or wish to renew your skills.... contact the front desk

Front Desk 905-294-5111
Convenor. Keith Shopman

Another year has passed and we're all a little older,
There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand about, "Living in the Past,"
We used to go to weddings, football games and lunches..
Now we go to funeral homes and after funeral brunches.
We used to go out dining and couldn't get our fill,
Now we ask for doggie bags, come home and take a pill.
We used to travel to places near and far,
Now we get sore arsis from riding in the car!
We used to go to nightclubs and drink a little booze,
Now we stay at home at night and watch the evening news.
That my friend is how life is, and now my tale is told,
So enjoy each day and live it up, before you're too damned old !!





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