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MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE 22 WATER STREET, MARKHAM, ON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT... Mark Barrett



Hello everyone. As we bid farewell to 2023, I'm reminded again of how very fortunate we are to live in Canada.

The draft minutes from our Annual General Meeting which took place on Monday, October 23rd are now available in the library for your perusal. Along with the other board members, I look forward to our annual meeting as it provides us not only with an opportunity to share information with you but to also recognize and express our appreciation to the volunteers who run our programs and help out at the club in so many other ways.

Speaking of volunteers, if you are familiar with the Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act (O.N.C.A.) I invite you to join a committee I am convening to review our documentation and processes to ensure we remain in compliance with the act. We could also use some help in the club office from someone with Microsoft Office applications knowledge, specifically Word & Excel. If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities, leave me a note with your name and contact information at the front desk and I'll get back to you.

Our Christmas turkey dinner with all the trimmings will take place on Friday, December 15th. The event is being organized by Gillian Scraggs and catered by the Village Grocer who always do a super job. Remember, these special events could not happen without the organizer and their assistants who help to decorate, serve and clean up following the meal. We sincerely thank them all for their efforts.

It is encouraging to see so many new members and returning members. I extend a warm welcome to you all. Please do remember to pick up your permanent membership badge. I'm told there are a lot of badges at the front desk waiting for their owners to claim them.

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.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you and your loved one's peace and goodwill and the very best over the festive season and the New Year.

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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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MONSTER BASH LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 27TH

We wish to thank the businesses who generously contributed door prizes for our Monster Bash Lunch on Friday Oct. 27th. They are:

Anna Masci	Chartwell Rouge Valley
Melanie Cramp	Amica Unionville
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Patty Smith	Chartwell Oak Ridges
Nalini Sheasankar	Stouffville Creek'
Jessica Underwood	Buckingham Manor
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Mike Williamson	Loblaws Bullock Dr. Markham
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Paul Cicchini	Duchess of Markham
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I would also like to thank the special people—Volunteers, without them the lunch would not have been a success.

Brian Webb - Piano Player, Muriel Thompson –Centrepieces, Mary Lou Busato, Donna McGraw, Joan Green, Esther Morresi, Heather Lammachia, Jeanette Davidson, Catherine Matias, Margaret Hawryluk and our MC Wendy Wise.

Many, Many thanks
Jeannie Colvin



LUNCH AND LEARN
Monday December 11th
12 noon-1.30pm

This month we welcome York Region Police too advise and teach us how to avoid all the scams and frauds that we are experiencing.

From scam phone calls. Invasion to our computers.
Theft of identity and personal papers etc. etc.

There are new frauds every week so come and learn how to avoid being a victim Please sign up at front desk so that we can get an idea of attendance

Bring your lunch
\$2 Coffee or Tea. Cookies Provided.

Starting January we hope to have some fun and entertaining programs added to Lunch and Learn.....watch notice boards, poster in lobby and in Newsletter.

For your information Donna Jacobs will be the new convenor starting January

CRAFT SALE

A craft sale will be held in the Lobby on Dec. 18 to 22nd. 10am to 3pm.

Come and check out the items made by the Thursday Craft Group. You might find some treasures for Christmas gifts.

Wendy Wiise

TAI CHI

Tai-Chi commenced on November 1, 2023, and will end on December 20, 2023. Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. The next session starts on January 3, 2024. Please sign up at the front desk for the next session. It is important that you sign up at the front desk because the cost is usually based on the number of participants - the more participants, lesser the cost.

May Annamunthodo
Convenor



Melody Makers

Come out and enjoy a great concert put on by our Melody Makers December 18th 11:30 am—1:00 pm
Come and sing along to all your favorite Christmas Carols

\$2 entry and \$1 coffee tea cookies.....



CRIBBAGE MEDALS

Congratulations to Janet Anderson and Veronica Hembruff for winning GOLD at the York Region 55+ Winter Games Cribbage Tournament on November 3, 2023, in Ballantrae. Fourteen teams battled through the afternoon, but Janet and Veronica were impossible to beat. They won all games played.

As well, congratulations go out to Wayne Crawford and Debra Conrad-Knight. They placed third for a bronze medal at the same tournament. Well done, everyone.



From the Travel Desk.....

We will be closing the Travel Desk on Wednesday November 29th at 2:00 PM to give the Team a well deserved break, and time to get ready for the Holiday Season. We will re-open after we received the Trip schedule for 2024. We usually receive it by the end of January. Our Team will meet, at that time, and choose trips that we hope you will enjoy. We want to thank those who came forward throughout the year and told us how much they enjoyed the various events, and suggestions for future trips.

Our last trip of the Year is November 30th.

We want to thank all those who came with us. You made the trips more enjoyable and it was a pleasure to accompany you. We look forward to many familiar faces and new ones in the future.

We want to take this opportunity to wish Everyone a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, Season's Greetings and Happy Hanukah.

Finally, I WANT TO THANK MY TEAM ---- Lyn Bryan, Darlene Marcellus, Noreen Foh, Gloria Smith, Helena Miscampbell, and Tom Morino.

You are the Best

Mary Lou Busato, Convenor

We are looking at 2 Musicals next Year, My Fair Lady, at the Shaw Festival, in Niagara -on -the - Lake and Jersey Boys at the Hamilton Theatre



BOOK CLUB 2

The second Wednesday of the month from 1-3 pm.

Last month's book, The Guest Room by Chris Bohjalian stimulated a good deal of conversation. The average rating we gave the book was 6.5/10. This month we are reading a Judy Picoult book called Small Great Things. The story concentrates on an African-American labor/delivery nurse, Ruth Jefferson, in charge of newborns at a fictional Connecticut hospital. Ruth is ordered not to touch or go near the baby of a white supremacist couple. After the baby dies in her care, Ruth is charged with murder, and taken to court.

Donna Jacobs Convenor

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

LIBRARY

Be sure to drop into the Library, located inside the coffee lounge. There are quite a few new novels, some good biographies and a couple of games and puzzles you might want to borrow. Currently, we are only accepting recent novels in good condition. If you are someone who reads a new book and it doesn't look like anyone touched it, we want your donation. If you are someone who has a stash of old books that you want to get rid of, we probably don't want your donation. It is hard to throw away books, but the OAIA Library is small, so our books need to be top notch. We are using the honour system, so you are free to help yourself to a book or two. Once you have finished reading them, please place your books in the return bin so we can keep track of usage.



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Library Convenor

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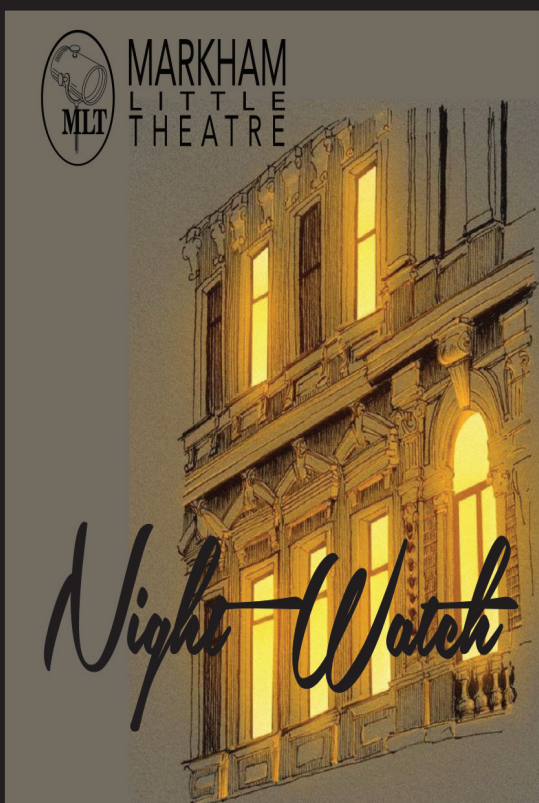
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See You at the Movies!





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As we all settle in for the coming of winter and the holiday season, Markham at the Movies wants to thank each one of you for joining us this season for our fall screenings. Our faces light up as you come and help us fill the theatre, to share an evening enjoying award-winning TIFF films right here in Markham! Until we see you again in January ... keep safe, keep warm and keep the holiday spirit glowing within your home!



Mark your calendars

- Mid-December: Announcement of the Winter 2024 films on our website
- Tuesday Film Nights: January 23, February 27 and March 26
- Tuesday, January 16: Make-up Date for *The Eight Mountains*
Another opportunity to see this wonderful film

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We look forward to seeing you in January 2024

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