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MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE 22 WATER STREET, MARKHAM, ON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT... Les Miscampbell



Hello everyone. This is my first opportunity to communicate with you in our newsletter. September is an exciting and very busy time for a new President. Fortunately, I'm supported by a strong, experienced Board and the Past President has been a constant source of wise counsel and good advice. I hope your summer passed enjoyably and leaves you recharged and ready to take full advantage of the programs being offered by the club this Fall.

The current member renewal process begins Tuesday September 3rd to Friday September 13th. City of Markham staff will be on-site from Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to process your renewal. They will be stationed in the Board Room at the Markham Seniors Activity Centre. Payment may be made by credit card or by cheque payable to City of Markham. After September 13th current members may renew their membership by visiting the Front Desk where a volunteer will assist you and accept payment.

New members may also register with Markham City staff in the September 3rd to September 13th period after completing the new OAIA Membership Application form at the front desk.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place this year on Monday October 21st beginning at 1:00p.m. Please mark your calendars accordingly. This year marks our 36th year of incorporation. Our constitution requires a quorum of 10% of the membership in attendance to vote so please plan to attend. A few binders will be available at the front desk that you can sign out and review three weeks prior to the meeting.

The binders will contain: the 2024 meeting agenda, the 2023 meeting minutes, the 2023-24 year end financial statements, the Compilation Engagement Report from our Chartered Accountants and the Constitution & By-laws Document with any proposals for revision. If you have any amendments or changes to our Constitution you wish to have voted on, they must be received by the Secretary on a formal Constitution and By-laws Revision form, no later than 14 days before the meeting in order to be considered. The form can be obtained from the front desk.

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MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE 2024 BUILDING CLOSURE DATES

DATE	HOLIDAY/REASON FOR CLOSURE
Monday, February 19 th	Family Day
Friday, March 29th	Good Friday
Monday, April 1st	Easter Monday
Monday, May 20 th	Victoria Day
Monday, July 1 st	Canada Day
Monday, August 5 th	Civic Holiday
Friday, August 16th @ 5pm to Sunday, September 1st, 2024	Annual Building Maintenance
Monday, September 2 nd	Labour Day
Monday, October 14th	Thanksgiving
Friday, December 20th	CLOSES AT 5:00pm
Saturday, December 21st to Wednesday, January 1st	Closed for the Holidays



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<u>Note</u> - Members are reminded both they and the public can view the newsletter at: <u>www.markhamseniorcentre.com</u>. Use caution before providing personal information.



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TAI CHI

The new session for Tai Chi will commence on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. There will be nine (9) classes which will end on October 30, 2024.

Registration for the New Year (September 2024 to August 2025) commences on September 3, 2024, at 9.00 a.m. in the lobby. As we are all aware, Tai Chi is excellent for our minds, bodies, good posture, balance, etc.

The cost per person will be \$50.00 for the period of nine (9) classes. We welcome new members.

Hope you are enjoying the nice bright beautiful sunny days which nature has given to us, up to now.

May Annamuthodo—Convenor Nancy Kamanga—Co-convenor

KNITTING CLUB

Welcome new members and returning members,

It is good to be back looking ahead to the new year. As the convener for the Knitting Club I am looking forward to seeing everyone back and ready to knit, and also extending a welcome to anyone who might like to join our group.

We meet all year round on Wednesday afternoons from 1 P.M. until 4 P.M. It is a chance to meet new people and learn a new skill. If you already knit you are still welcome, maybe you will bring along some new ideas. We will help non knitters learn a new hobby.

Just a reminder, if you come across any yarn while doing a closet cleaning and don't have a use for it anymore, we are willing to take it. It is amazing how a little ball added to another little ball will make up into something special for someone.

Place your donation in a bag and mark it with my name. We greatly appreciate it.

Hope to see you anytime starting September 4, 2024.

Joyce Bulgin-Convenor



FROM THE TRAVEL DESK

We launched the St. Jacobs Market trip in July, scheduled for Thursday, September 12th.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this one as we were not able to fill the bus with the minimum number of seats required for the trip.

Going forward, the Oktoberfest – Kitchener-Waterloo trip we launched on August 6th is looking good and as of Tuesday, September 3rd, non members are welcome to sign up.

This trip is on Tuesday, October 15th. Cost for members is \$120.00 and for non members \$125.00. Buffet lunch. Pick up a flyer at the Travel Desk for full details.

Our last trip of the year — our Christmas trip will be on Thursday, November 21st. Lunch will be on your own at Niagara-on-the-Lake. You may want to eat a light meal as dinner starts at 4:30p.m. We may want to change lunch to an enroute or the outlet mall on the QEW if the weather is not that good. Time will be a factor. After lunch, we will go to the Shaw Festival to see a live performance of "My Fair Lady". A full dinner will be served at the revolving Restaurant at the top of the Skylon Tower. Meal selections include 1) Roast Prime Rib Beef, 2) Grilled New York Sirloin Steak, 3) Breaded Breast of Chicken, 4) Grilled Canadian Salmon Filet, 5) Vegetarian Eggplant Parmesan. Your selection is required at the time of booking. While you enjoy your dinner, you will see a beautiful view of both the American and Canadian Falls all lit up in coloured lights. The lights continue after dinner when we board the bus and tour Dufferin Island and River Road in front of both the Canadian and American Falls. Cost for members 189.00 and for non members \$194.00. Flyers for this trip will be available by the end of September. Check the Travel Desk for the launch of this one.

Occasionally, we require floaters (people to fill for our regular team volunteers who are not available for their shift). If you would be interested in volunteering for a two hour shift, please contact the Travel Desk and let us know. the day(s) you would be available, and if you would prefer morning or afternoon.

The Travel Desk Hours are as follows:

Monday 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.
Tuesday 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.
Wednesday 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.
Thursday 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.

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 Robin Bryan

Convenor Co-Convenor



LIBRARY

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready to visit the OAIA Library to borrow a book or two.

We are now stocking puzzles for you to borrow. They are displayed on the top of the shelves. We are using the honour system; you do not need to sign out your selections. Please place your returned books in the return bin so we can keep track of usage.

We continue to accept donations of new and "like new" novels. Just place them inside the library, under the "donations" sign. We ask that you do not drop off dated, damaged or non-fiction books. Items that we are not accepting include calendars, magazines, and cards.

Many thanks to Donna, Mary Lou and Susan who volunteer their time processing and shelving books. They keep our library looking clean and inviting.



Angela Stewart

Library Convenor

MELODY MAKERS

We are back in full swing.

Our first concert will be Monday, September 30th starting at 11:45-12:45pm. \$2.00 Entry fee and \$1:00 for coffee, tea and cookies.

Concerts are held on the last Monday of every month.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Norma Matus.



SIGNING UP FOR PAID PROGRAMS

Please when you sign up to attend a paid program such as Zumba, Line Dancing, Exercise etc. and you find out you cannot participate, please advise the convenor for this Program asap. The Instructor for these programs has to be paid. The fee for each Participant is based on the number of attendees. When you do not show on the first day when you pay, and have not let the convenor know they are now short on money.

The front desk will have the convenors name.

Thank You.

The Board.

BID EUCHRE

MONDAY EVENINGS - 6:30 - 10:00 (CRAFT ROOM)

If Monday is a Holiday we will play on Tuesday same time and place.

COST - \$2.00 (Covers Prize Money and \$.50 Facility Fee)

PRIZE MONEY - First \$8.00, Second \$6.00, Third \$5.00

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If you have never played before, the following is a brief description.

You play in teams like regular euchre dealt 8 cards and you bid on how many tricks you think you and partner can take. It is easy and a little more challenging than regular euchre. We use two decks of cards (face cards only). If you are interested in learning, come out and just watch for a night or two and then join in.

Ken and Bev. Budarick – Convenors (905-294-5111 Front Desk)



DJEMBE DRUMMING

Wednesday Noon — 1:00 p.m. In the Craft Room. Sign up at the front desk.

Cost depends on number of participants.

MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In the Craft Room. Come out and enjoy a game with friends and neighbours

Margaret Crowley - Convenor

CANASTA

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

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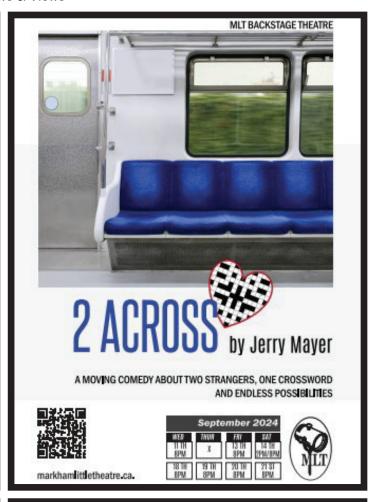
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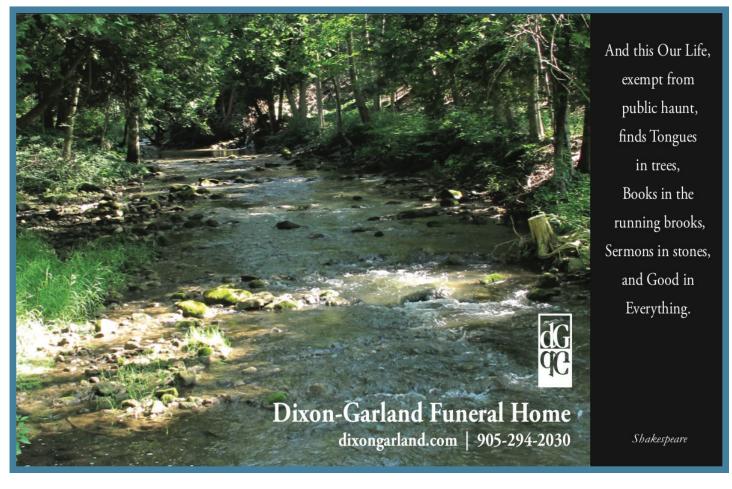
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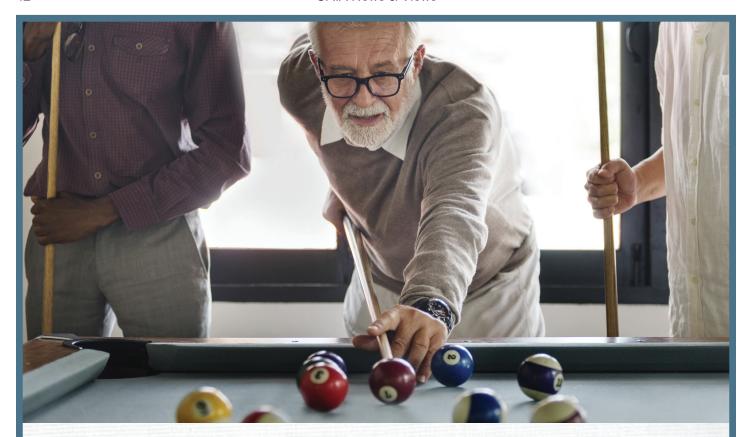
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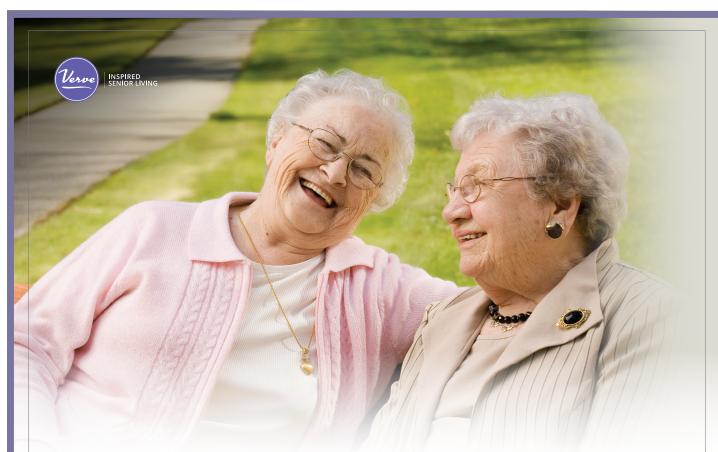
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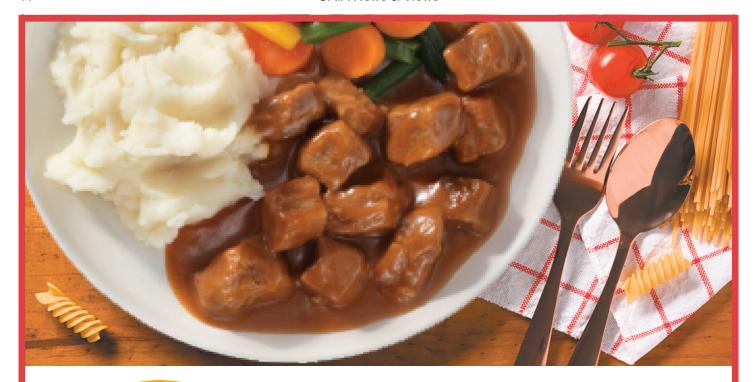
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