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MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE 22 WATER STREET, MARKHAM, ON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT... Les Miscampbell



Hello Everyone,

The festive season will soon be upon us. It seems to arrive earlier each year. The club will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 21st until re-opening Jan. 6th, 2025. The auditorium floor is still scheduled to be replaced Dec. 16th and the work completed by Jan. 6th 2025. The auditorium will be out of service for this period.

It was my honour to participate in the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph on Nov. 9th and to lay a wreath there on behalf of the OAIA. It made me mindful of the many rights and freedoms we all enjoy as a result of the sacrifices made by those who served and fought for us in the past.

The draft minutes from the Annual General Meeting held Oct. 21st are now available in the library for your review. Along with the other members of the Board I look forward to our annual meeting as it provides us an opportunity to share information with you and to also recognize and thank the member volunteers who run our programs and help out at the club in a variety of ways.

You may have noticed that a new tree has been planted near our front entrance. Unfortunately, the lines in our parking areas are not scheduled to be painted until the spring.

I've been informed of a transportation service offered in York Region that may be of interest to you if you are 65 or older. The service named: On-Request 65+ offers safe transportation from your home to any location in York Region within 5 kilometers. This can be a bank, grocery store, medical appointment or community centre. The service hours are 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. To book a ride or obtain more information call: 1-866 744-1119.

Please remember Covid-19 and seasonal flu variations are still with us. If you do not feel well, please stay at home, test yourself and only return to the club when you are sure it is safe for you and others to do so. Wearing a mask is an individual choice but it is still strongly encouraged indoors by health professionals.

On behalf of your Board, I wish you and your loved ones, peace, good will and all the very best over the festive season and coming New Year.

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	2024 BUILDING CLOSURE DATES	
	DATE	HOLIDAY/REASON FOR CLOSURE
	Monday, February 19 th	Family Day
	Friday, March 29 th	Good Friday
	Monday, April 1 st	Easter Monday
	Monday, May 20 th	Victoria Day
	Monday, July 1 st	Canada Day
	Monday, August 5 th	Civic Holiday
	Friday, August 16 th @ 5pm to Sunday, September 1 st	Annual Building Maintenance
	Monday, September 2 nd	Labour Day
	Monday, October 14 th	Thanksgiving
	Friday, December 20 th	CLOSES AT 5:00pm
	Saturday, December 21 st to Sunday, January 5 th , 2025	Closed for the Holidays
<u>MEMORIAL POSTINGS</u>		
<p>At the October 2024 board meeting, the board approved the posting of a memorial for recently deceased members in the club newsletter. The current form used to request a special occasion card has been updated so that when a member requests that a card be sent in the event of a death, they can also request a newsletter memorial posting. The deceased member's name will be the only information included in the newsletter posting. If there are any postings, they will appear in this space.</p> <p>There are no memorial postings for this edition of the newsletter</p>		

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www.markhamseniorcentre.com. Use caution before providing personal information.



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Our club President Les Miscampbell laying a wreath on behalf of Older Adults in Action at the Remembrance day ceremony.





**People who ask
me what I'm
doing tomorrow
probably assume
that I even know
what day of the
week it is.**

Don't you hate it
when you put
Something in a
safe place so
you don't
lose it...
Then freakin'
forget where
that safe place is!



2024 Monster Bash Luncheon

Thank You

The Monster Bash Luncheon was held on Friday, October 25, 2024. Jeanne Colvin, Convenor, would like to thank all of the volunteers for their help. Without volunteers, the luncheon would not have been such a success. Thanks go out to:

Janet Whiteley—MC, Al Falcao—Piano Player, Muriel Thompson—Hallowe'en themed centerpieces, Mary Lou Busato, Donna McGraw, Joan Green, Jean Evelyn, Margaret Crowley, Gloria Smith, Maureen Ledgard, Heather Lamacchia, Esther Morresi, Margaret Hawryluk, and Janet Anderson.

A BIG thank you as well to all of the donors for their wonderful door prizes:

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Anne & Mario Folco - Folco's Ristorante

Mike Wong - Food Basics

Mike Williamson - Loblaws Markham

Christina Cammasoli - Tim Horton's (Hwy 7 near Wootten Way)

Tom Olidis - Station Pizza Parlour & Spaghetti House

Sean VanSpall - Vanspall's No Frills, Markham

The OAlA Board of Directors would also like to extend their sincere thanks to Jeanne Colvin, Convenor, for organizing another wonderful event. We recognize that it takes a tremendous effort to organize events for the membership. Thank you, Jeanne.

Hello from the Wednesday Afternoon Knitting Club.

We have enjoyed knitting for everyone this year and would like to thank the members for their interest in our projects.

Also many thanks to the people who have donated materials to keep us producing the many items for you.

Remember to keep an eye on our cabinet for the changing products.

The days are closing in on us but by the middle of this month the shortest day of the year will turn things around and the days will be getting longer again.

We hope you have a good holiday and come back in January. It is a great time of the year.

Be safe.

Joyce Bulgin - Convenor

MELODY MAKERS

The final concert of 2024 took place on Monday November 25th.

Due to the auditorium being closed Dec 16 to Jan 6 we cannot have our usual Xmas concert in December.

Our regular last Monday of the month concerts will continue starting Monday, January 27th.

Please come to enjoy and support the band.

Norma Matus.



TAI CHI

The last Tai Chi class ended on November 6th. The new session, which commenced on November 13th, comprises of the (5) classes that will end on December 11, 2024.

A new session will commence on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. A sign-in sheet will be inserted in the book at the front desk at a later date.

May Annamunthodo, Convenor

Nancy Kamanga, Co-Convenor

ART PROGRAMS

Water Colors - Tuesday Morning 9-30-12:00pm & Afternoon 1:00-3:30pm.
January 14, 21 & 28. February 4, 18 & 25. (No class February 11), March 4

Limited spaces available

Acrylics - Wednesday Afternoon 1:00-3:30pm.

January 15, 22 & 29. February 5, 19 & 26. (No class February 12), March 5

Waiting list only

Please sign up in the binder at the Front Desk.

Convenor—Susan Flatt



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

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In the Craft Room.

Sign up at the front desk.

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of participants.

Diana Baron, Convenor

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

905-294-5111, Keith Shopman

From The Travel Desk

We have just finished our last trip of the year. What a way to end the year. We went to the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake to see a live performance of "My Fair Lady". What a performance! It was lovely---a real feel good show. The feedback has been all good. The music, dancing, costumes, singing and acting were terrific. Kristi Frank (Elisa Doolittle) had a very powerful and beautiful voice. The actors who played Elisa's father and Professor Higgins were understudies and both turned in powerful performances. The whole cast and crew put on a terrific show. After the show, we went to Niagara Falls to have dinner at the Revolving Restaurant at the top of the Skylon Tower. We enjoyed a beautiful view of the Canadian and U.S. falls all lit up for the Christmas season. After dinner, we were able to get a view of all the Christmas decorations at ground level. This trip sold out in just over two hours. We could have taken a second bus, but were unable to get additional tickets for a second show. After talking to Craig, and informing him that there were quite a few empty seats in the centre section of the theatre, we found out that the tickets in this area were \$150 and up. That would have made the trip very expensive. After talking with the people on the trip, they were pleased with their seats. We had a terrific group of people. Thank you very much for traveling with us. Our Driver, Doug, was a real treasure. He was so informative, interesting and entertaining. We hope we can have Doug for future trips in 2025.

Please note that the Travel Desk will close on Thursday, November 21, 2024 and will reopen after the end of January 2025. The exact date will be determined at a later date in 2025.

The Travel Team would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have travelled with us this year and hope to see many familiar faces and some new faces in 2025.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings, Happy Hanukah. Whatever way you celebrate this wonderful time of the year, stay safe, stay well. Enjoy!

Mary Lou Busato, Convenor



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& Happy New Year!**

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gifts of love, peace
and good health."*




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