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MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE 22 WATER STREET, MARKHAM, ON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT... Les Miscampbell



Springtime Greetings Everyone,

The clocks sprung forward and the April showers will soon be bringing May flowers. It is also time to let you know that the 2025 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will take place at Noon Wednesday April 30th at the Mandarin Restaurant, 88 Copper Creek Drive, Markham. The Board and I look forward to welcoming all our deserving volunteers. My thanks go out to the Board members involved in the attendee selection process with a special thanks to Helena Miscampbell and Mark Barrett for coordinating this popular annual event.

As mentioned in the March newsletter, elections for your 2025 Board of Directors will take place in May. There are six positions to be filled: Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, Membership Director and three Directors At Large. Each term is for a 2 year period. The notice of voting, call for nominations and a nomination form are included in this newsletter. If you have questions, the members of the Nominations Committee are Mary Lou Busato, Gloria Smith and Ken Budarick. Nomination forms are available at the Front Desk beginning Monday April 7th and may be submitted until 1:00 p.m. April 28th Voting will take place the week of May 12th through until May 16th.

These Board positions are very important for the continued success of our club. Please reflect on how much enjoyment the club provides to you and how you can give back by accepting a nomination for a Board position. Yes, it does take time, dedication and commitment to carry out Board duties. The reward comes from knowing that your contribution makes a positive difference at the club.

Enjoy our club and thank the volunteers you encounter as you participate in your favorite activities. Helping with set up and clean up is always appreciated. Set aside Friday May 9th to attend our Mother's Day Luncheon. Plans are underway to offer the event again this year.

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MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE 2025 BUILDING CLOSURE DATES

DATE	REASON FOR CLOSURE
Monday, February 17th	Family Day
Friday, April 18th	Good Friday
Monday, April 21st	Easter Monday
Monday, May 19th	Victoria Day
Tuesday, July 1st	Canada Day
Monday, August 4th	Civic Holiday
Friday, August 22nd @5:00pm to Sunday, August 31st	Annual Building Maintenance
Monday, September 1st	Labour Day
Monday, October 13th	Thanksgiving
Tuesday, December 23rd @5:00pm to Thursday, January 1st, 2026	Closed for the Holidays

MEMORIAL POSTINGS

The board has approved the posting of a memorial for recently deceased members in the club newsletter. When a member requests a card be sent in the event of another member's 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 memorial postings, they will appear in this space.

JIM LYLE

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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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O.A.I.A. ELECTIONS 2025

Call for Nominations

Nominations may be submitted to the Nomination Committee via the nomination box at the Front Desk beginning Monday, April 7th until 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 28^{th.}

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Front Desk. The Board positions needing to be filled are:

POSITION	TERM

VICE PRESIDENT 2 YEARS

ASSISTANT TREASURER 2 YEARS

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR 2 YEARS

3 - DIRECTORS AT LARGE 2 YEARS

Polling stations will be open from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 12th thru Thursday May 15th and from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 16th.

Nomination Committee

Mary Lou Busato, Gloria Smith, Ken Budarick

2025 ELECTIONS - BOARD POSITIONS TO FILL

Vice President

<u>Duties:</u> Shall work with the President and other Board members in the management of the affairs of the Club; chair official meetings of the Club in the absence of the President. <u>May sit as ex officio member of the committees of the Club.</u> Shall oversee the Front Desk operation and provide general guidance to all other Club operations.

Assistant Treasurer

<u>Duties:</u> Shall assist the Treasurer in the duties of the Treasury Office. Will assist in managing our day-to-day accounting and finance requirements. Create, balance, and maintain accurate deposit sheets and coordinate bank deposits. Confidentiality, organizational skills, and accuracy are important qualifications for this position.

Membership Director

<u>Duties:</u> Shall work with the City of Markham on membership promotion, registrations and ensuring membership lists are up to date. Shall monitor and intervene when necessary to confirm program Convenors are adhering to membership policies & procedures requirements. Shall, in conjunction with the City of Markham organize and oversee the annual membership renewal drive.

Director at Large

<u>Duties:</u> Will fulfill a support and communication role with the Program Convenors of the Club. Will aid and support their portfolio Convenors in fulfilling their responsibilities. The Director at Large will inform their Convenors of planned closures and other Club events that might impact program schedules. They will serve as a conduit to bring any issues that cannot be resolved at their level to the Board for resolution. The Director at Large will also help to update and develop Club policies and procedures. The successful candidates for these positions ideally possess leadership skills, as well as an ability to problem solve and make sound decisions that encourage positive morale.



NEWSLETTER PRINTED COPY ANNOUNCEMENT

Were you aware your newsletter, O.A.I.A. News and Views, has been available for viewing on our website, **markhamseniorcentre.com** for more than 10 YEARS?

During that period, we also made available printed black and white copies in the lobby for members on a first come basis.

Initially, the number of printed copies was quite large because at the time, we realized only a relatively small number of our members used email or had internet access. Over time that situation has changed, and we have gradually reduced the number of printed copies.

A recent review of the membership list revealed that only a very small number of members did not provide an email address to the City of Markham. Further analysis indicates some of these members do in fact have an email address but elected not to provide it to the city. That is their right however by so doing they are reminded they will not receive a notification of club closures in the event of bad weather or any other broadcast messages the club may send out.

Because the number of members now without internet access is very small and in consideration of the environment, the board has voted to stop printing black and white copies of the newsletter three months following the initial announcement. The May 2025 edition will be the last one printed.

The newsletter will continue to be available on our website. Members can conveniently view it (in colour) from home or on their mobile device. For those members for whom this is still presents a challenge, they can view it on the desktop computer in the lounge. Written instructions have been provided.

Thank you,

The Board

TAI CHI

The NEXT Tai Chi session will commence on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Auditorium and will end on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. There will be eight (8) lessons and each lesson is always one hour long. The cost of each session is based on the number of participants - the more participants there are, the cost will be less. There will be a sign-in sheet at the front desk for your convenience name, telephone number and e-mail address. For your information, the present Tai Chi session ends on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Please note that in the event of inclement weather i.e. when York Region school buses are canceled under the directive of the City of Markham, the Senior Centre (O.A.I.A,) will also be closed.

May Annamunthodo -- Convenor



CHESS

Do you play chess?

Come out and have a game or two.

Every Friday in the Board Room, from
10 am - noon. Teaching available.

Frank Dencshazi - Convenor Contact Front Desk - 905-294-5111

MELODY MAKERS

MELODY MAKERS perform at our club the last Monday of every month

Come out and support them listening to all your favourites. If you wish to get up and dance that would be awesome

11.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday Feb 24th, March 31st., April 28th, and May 26th, the last concert until the fall.

\$2 entry. \$1 Coffee/tea/cookies.

Norma Matus.



We started our singing group on the **15th of January** and are looking forward to continuing. We are happy to welcome new members, so feel free to stop by and see what we are all about. At present, we are enjoying a variety of music but are thinking about picking a few to perform later this year, or perhaps next year, depending on how the members feel.

Convenor - Donna Jacobs - Contact Front Desk 905-294-5111

TRAVEL DESK

Our first trip of the year is "Famous People Players Theatre" on Wednesday, April 9th, located in the west end of Toronto. We will enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by professional chef Chris Woods and some of the very special needs people at the theatre. After the first course, you will visit the theatre on the premises and enjoy a live presentation of "Twist and Shout" Glow in the Dark. The actors are special needs individuals that not only appear in the show but some will serve you your meal. After the show, you will return to the dining room for a delicious dessert with coffee or tea. Alcoholic drinks are extra. Our last stop will be at a cheese boutique where you will find a variety of goodies. Seats are still available. The cost is \$129.00 for members and \$134.00 for non members. See the Travel Desk for details.

Our second trip is "Crazy For You" on Thursday, May 1st. Lunch will be served at the popular Golf's Steak House in Waterloo where you enjoy one of five different entrees. While your meal is being prepared, enjoy their salad bar. You will finish your meal with dessert. Tea and coffee is included. Alcoholic beverages can be enjoyed at an extra cost. Next you have reserved seating at the Hamilton Theatre in Cambridge for the live musical performance of "Crazy For You", featuring several Gershwin tunes. This trip is "sold out", but you are welcome to put your name on the "Wait List". Cost for this trip is \$179.00 for members and \$184.00 for non members.

We will launch our 3rd trip of the year on Tuesday, April 1st: A 2 hour boat cruise going on a scenic journey through the Trent-Severn Waterway and passing through the Peterborough Lift Locks, taking place on Wednesday, June 11th. Enjoy a lunch at Jack's Restaurant in Peterborough with a choice of two meals 1) fish and chips or 2) a hot chicken, open face sandwich. **Give your choice at the time of booking.** After lunch, visit the Curve Lake Ojibwa Indian Reserve, Whetung Craft Store and Art Gallery. The cost of this trip is \$139.00 per member and \$144.00 per non member.

The Travel Desk Hours are as follows: Monday 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Tuesday to Thursday 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Closed Friday

Check the Travel Desk for a full list of trips for the year. Lastly, I would like to thank our Team, including our floaters, for all their support. In the last couple of months, we have had much upheaval, and we all came together to weather the storm. You are the best.

Mary Lou Busato, Convenor

BOOK CLUB #2

We meet in the board room on the second Wednesday of every month from 1-3 pm. We were happy to welcome two new members to our book club in March. At this point, our club is full but keep checking the activity binder for openings. We are reading *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevon this month.

Convenor- Donna Jacobs

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

Jan Jang Co-Convenor

DJEMBE DRUMMING

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

Cost depends on number of participants.

Donna 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

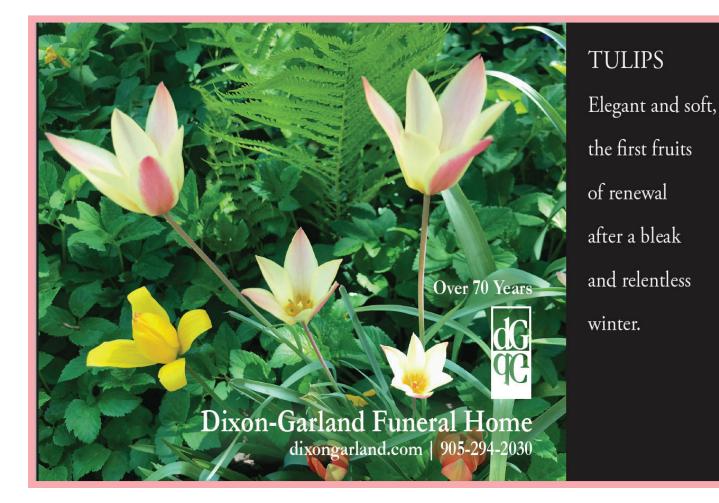
Margaret Crowley - Convenor

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







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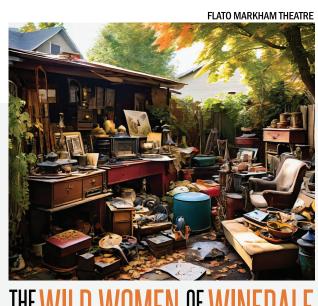
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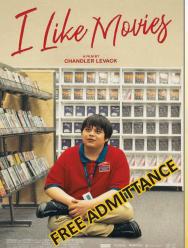
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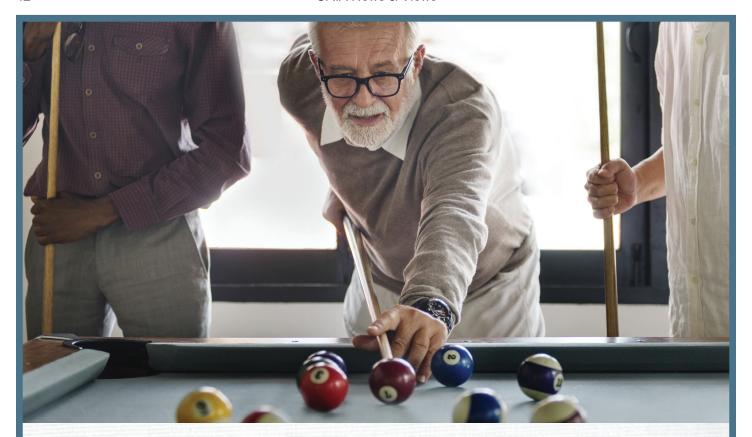
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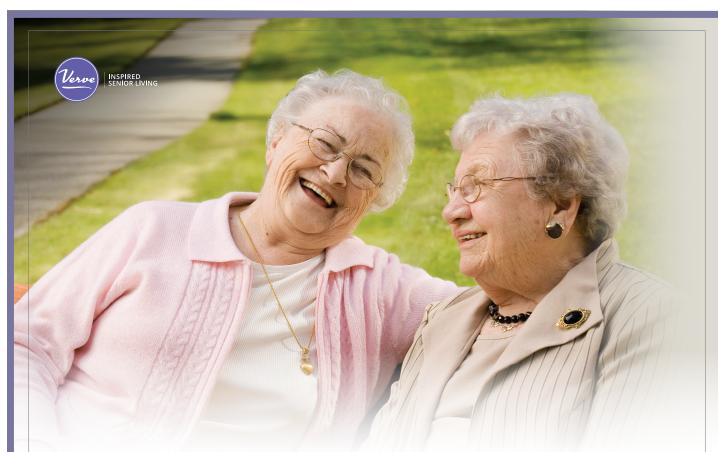
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