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MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE 22 WATER STREET, MARKHAM, ON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT... Les Miscampbell



Greetings Everyone,

This will be the last News and Views available in printed form. The newsletter will continue to be available on our website markhamseniorcentre.com.

Our volunteer appreciation luncheon took place on Wednesday April 30 at the Mandarin restaurant on Copper Creek Dr. in Markham. 117 OAIA volunteers were in attendance. The theme of Volunteer Week this year was "Volunteers make waves, together we make ripples of change." Volunteers are the lifeblood of our club and our luncheon event is a great opportunity to thank the many volunteers who donate their time, energy and expertise to enable us to offer our many activities and events. Special thanks to Helena Miscampbell for organizing the event and Mark Barrett for managing the invitation list.

The next special event on the club calendar is a Mother's Day luncheon on Friday May 9th. Thanks go out to Wendy Wise, Mary Lou Busato, Jeanne Colvin and her many helpers for organizing the event.

Now for an update on club elections. The members of the Nomination Committee are Mary Lou Busato, Gloria Smith and Ken Budarick. Nominations were accepted from April 7th to April 28th. The acclaimed Board members are: Assistant Treasurer Michelle Perry and Membership Director Joan Green. The Vice President position is vacant at this time. Congratulations to all of the acclaimed candidates.

There will be an election to fill three Director at Large two year positions. The declared slate of candidates are: Janet Anderson, Donna Jacobs, Keith Shopman and Carol Sparks. My thanks and appreciation go out to all the candidates who accepted a nomination for a Board position.

The election will be held Monday May 12th through Thursday May 15th from 10:00 am to 3:00pm and from Friday May 16th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You must be a current member in good standing to cast a vote. Please have your membership card available for presentation.

The new Board will hold their first meeting on Tuesday June 10th.

Enjoy your club and don't forget to thank the volunteers who run your favourite activity or event. Your offer to help them with set up and cleanup is always welcome and appreciated.

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2025 Notice of Election

VOTING DAYS

Monday, May 12th to Friday, May 16th

POLLING STATION HOURS

Monday to Thursday – 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

Friday - 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

To vote you must be a current member in good standing.

Please have your membership card available for presentation.

Nomination Committee

Chair – Mary Lou Busato

Gloria Smith

Ken Budarick

2025 ELECTIONS - BOARD POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Vice President

Duties: 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. May sit as ex officio member of the committees of the Club. Shall oversee the Front Desk operation and provide general guidance to all other Club operations.

Assistant Treasurer

Duties: 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

Duties: 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

Duties: 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 continued to provide 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 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 most 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 in February voted to stop printing black and white copies of the newsletter three months following the initial announcement. **This 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 new session of Tai Chi will commence on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 10.30 a.m. 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 is a sign-in sheet at the front desk for your convenience - name, telephone number and e-mail address. Please sign in as soon as possible. Please note that in the event of inclement weather i.e. when York Region school busses are cancelled under the directive of the City of Markham, the Senior Centre (O.A.I.A.) will also be closed.

May Annamunthodo - Convenor

Open a New Page - Step Out of Markham

In the afternoon of March 14th 2025, the athletes and cheering squad of our table tennis group geared up for the “Seniors 60+ Table Tennis Tournament - Spin & Smash” held at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto in Scarborough. This tournament aimed to provide a fun day for seniors and promote multicultural friendship. It brought together about 35 athletes and 40 participants of 4 teams from the communities to share love and passion for table tennis.

With the enthusiastic support and encouragement of our cheering squad, our 10 athletes group named “Markham Seniors Plus Team” finally won 3 matches (2 men’s singles & 1 women’s singles). We were excited and jolly when our Ms. Feng Juan received the women’s singles trophy.

I am thrilled to see how the excitement and enthusiasm for the competition motivated our players to practice well in advance and share experience with the teammates.

Thank you to the efforts of our Table Tennis program convenor, Alphie Cheng, for arranging this wonderful activity, and the commitment of our athletes and cheering squad.

Reported by: Eric Tam - Table Tennis program convenor



Markham Seniors Plus Team



Cheering Squad



Women's
Singles Trophy



Women Athletes



Tournament Venue



CHESS

Do you play chess?
Come out and have a game or two.
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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

Monday May 5th, and Monday June 2nd, 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, the last concert until the Fall.

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

Norma Matus



GARDENS

There are still some garden plots available. Sign up in the activity book for the plot you would like, bring \$20 and take a copy of the guidelines. Sometime in Spring, the city will come and turn over the soil for us and I will provide 2 bags of fertilizer for each of us. We ask that you don't plant any invasive species and check that you have locked the gate.

We think that you will enjoy nurturing your plants and enjoying your harvest throughout the summer.

Convenor - Donna Jacobs

TRAVEL DESK

Our first trip to Famous People Players Theatre was a great success from all the comments received from those attending the event. The meal, performance and the Staff were excellent. It was so heartwarming to see these people dealing with their challenges. What an inspiration. An update on the following trips "Crazy For You" is sold out. That trip will be on Thursday, May 1st. "The Peterborough Lift Locks" in Peterborough, and the Ojibwa Indian Reserve at Curve Lake is **sold out**, but there is a wait list. The date for this trip on Wednesday, June 11th. If you are interested, please sign up at the Travel Desk. No money required. Just leave your name and phone number and when an opening becomes available, we will call from the names on the **wait list**. This is a cruise with lunch at Jack's Restaurant in Peterborough. Our second boat trip is on Wednesday, July 9th. We will board the Wennonah II and cruise Lake Muskoka for 2 1/2 hours. Enjoy a full turkey lunch on board. We will finish our day at the Mariposa Market, in Orillia, where your eyes will be bigger than your stomach. This trip is on its way to selling out. There will be no trip in August.

There is an issue with the trip we picked for September called "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" at Stratford's Avon Theatre. The issue is the price of the show. Just when things were going so smoothly. Negotiations are underway, but we may have to change to another trip. Our October trip "Witness for the Prosecution" is on for Thursday, October 30th at the Hamilton Theatre, Cambridge. We will launch this trip in the months ahead. We are awaiting confirmation for our Christmas Show. We should get more information in the next couple of months. On behalf of our Team, I would like to thank all who travel with us. We really enjoy your company and appreciate your support.

Mary Lou Busato, Convenor

BOOK CLUB # 2

We meet the second Wednesday of every month from 1 to 3 pm. The last book we read, "Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin, got very mixed reviews from our group. We are now reading, "The Perfect Son" by Barbara Claypole White. If you are interested in joining us add your name to the waiting list and you will be welcomed as soon as there is an opening.

Convenor – Donna Jacobs

LIBRARY

We are going with a Canada theme in the Library for the next couple of months. As you walk in you will notice that the featured books are by Canadian authors. If you see space, please feel free to place a Canadian book from our collection on the feature shelf. Thank you for donating your new and "like new" books. We are beginning to get a nice collection of novels. Many thanks to the library helpers, who shelve the books and keep the library tidy. We continue to accept donations of new and "like new" novels. Just place them inside the library, under the "donations" sign. No need to sign out your selections as we are using the honour system. Please place your borrowed books in the return bin so we can keep track of usage.

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

Carol McKnight
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