

### President's Report



**Les Miscampbell**  
**President**

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Nov. 2025 News and Views President's Report

Hello Everyone,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and our fine October weather. With the Fall comes a new flu season and the reemergence of the latest variety of Covid 19. Covid and flu shots are now available for those who choose to take them. Please stay at home and don't come to the club if you don't feel well. Test yourself and don't return to the club until you are sure that it is safe to do so. Wearing a mask is an individual choice but it is still strongly encouraged indoors by the health professionals.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday afternoon, October 21st, 2025, and we had an excellent turnout. The board thanks all who attended and participated in the meeting. The board looks forward to our annual meeting as it provides us not only with an opportunity to share information but to recognize and express our appreciation to the many volunteers who run our programs and help out at the club in so many ways. I invite others to join our great team of volunteers by completing a volunteer application. Applications can be obtained at the front desk or from the washroom wall bulletin board. We are especially soliciting applications from members with backgrounds in information technology, Microsoft Office applications or finance.

We welcomed a host of new members this year. Joining a new organization can be a daunting experience. If you encounter a new member attending one of your activities, please introduce yourself and offer to familiarize them with the club.

Enjoy your club. Take good advantage of the various program offerings. Wear a smile and offer to help your program organizers and Convenors with the cleanup after your activity. It will always be appreciated.

Take care and stay well.  
Les

## MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE 2025 BUILDING CLOSURE DATES

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

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### MEMORIAL POSTINGS

The board has approved the posting of a memorial for recently deceased members in the club newsletter. When a member requests that a card be sent in the event of another member's death, they can also request a newsletter memorial posting.

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## Letter from the Editor

Hello. Oh boy! November is already here. Soon we will be shoveling snow and bundling up from the cold. I do find that as I age it is more difficult to handle the nasty weather. Shoveling the snow in front of my door is a chore. Oh well...

We need articles, jokes, recipes, comments, anything that can go in a newsletter and we need it from you. This is your newsletter. If you have anything to contribute, please send to:

[newsandviewsmarkham@gmail.com](mailto:newsandviewsmarkham@gmail.com)

Next month promises to be a very special one for the newsletter.

Peter Robinson  
Editor

## Thursday Craft Group

We are very busy getting items ready for our next sale.

We would appreciate any donations of material and thread you might have stored in your cupboards or elsewhere.

Thank you, The Craft Group,



## Christmas Craft Sale!

November 25, 26 & 27, 2025

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Great variety of handmade items including Christmas decorations.

## Cribbage!

Tuesday Afternoon - 1:00-3:30 - West Room

COST - \$2:00 (Covers Tea/Coffee and treats and \$.50 Facility Fee)

Thursday Afternoon - 1:00-3:30 - East Room

COST - \$2.00 (Covers Tea/Coffee and treats and \$.50 Facility Fee)

All are welcome to join us new and Experienced Players are welcome.

Jeanne Lafond - Convenor





## BID EUCHRE

MONDAY EVENINGS - 6:30pm – 10:00pm  
(Craft Room)

If Monday is a Holiday, then 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

Fourth \$4.00 (Depends on attendance)

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

The game is played in teams similar to regular euchre. Eight cards are dealt. Each player bids on how many tricks he or she thinks they can take.

It is a little more challenging than regular euchre. Two decks of cards are used (face cards only). If you are interested in learning, come out and watch for a night or two and then join in.

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



## TAI CHI



Wow! Is Tai Chi ever good for your body! I believe that I have noticed a big difference in myself, in the last two months, particularly with my strength balance. The next full session will begin on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Come and try it out! You might enjoy it too!

Donna Jacobs - Convenor

## Many Thanks!

Many thanks again to Mary Lou for keeping the Library clean and tidy. My goal is to keep the room inviting for our members, and the books enticing for our members. Thank you to those who donate your new and “like new” books; they are appreciated. 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. If you want a puzzle, take a puzzle. You can take one for a friend if you would like. We have a lot of puzzles.

Angela Stewart  
Library Convenor



## Melody Makers

### Words of wisdom?

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change. That being said...

# How many animals can you see?



We will let you know how many there really are next month...

### Monday Morning Bridge

9:00am to 11:30am

In the Craft Room. Come out and enjoy a game with friends and neighbours.

Margaret Crowley - Convenor



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

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

First concert Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am to 12.30pm.

December Christmas Concert will be December 15th

Bring your dance shoes, lets have fun.

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

Norma Matus - Convenor



### CHESS



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

Every Friday in the Craft Room

10:00am to noon.

Teaching available.

Frank Dencshazi - Convenor

Contact Front Desk: 905-294-5111



# Travel

It is hard to believe that we have only two trips left for this year, and by the time this is published, there will be just our Christmas show on December 4th. Incredibly, it sold out in two hours. This trip is in the Kitchener/Waterloo area. After a delicious lunch at Golf's Steakhouse and Seafood Restaurant, we will enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music with entertainment from the Guse family and friends. Our final stop of the day will be to view the Christmas lights at Bingemans. The trip is sold out, but you are welcome to put your name and telephone number on our "Wait List".

Our next trip will be on Thursday, October 30th. We will be going to the Hamilton Theatre in Cambridge to see a live performance of an Agatha Christie murder/mystery novel "**Witness for the Prosecution**", based on a 1957 movie starring lead actors Tyrone Power, Marlene Dietrich, and Charles Laughton. We get to be part of the performance. The audience is the jury, and we get to solve the murder. Expect the unexpected. Prior to the theatre, we will enjoy a delicious luncheon at the popular Golf's Steakhouse and Seafood Restaurant. By the time you read this month's newsletter, it will be the beginning of November. We will update you on this event in the December newsletter.

On Tuesday, September 23rd., we enjoyed a beautiful day in Stratford. We were there to see the highly recommended performance of "**Dirty Rotten Scoundrels**" at the Avon Theatre. It was funny, a little raunchy, but well acted, and very entertaining. The standing ovation was well deserved. Before the performance, we visited the Rheo Thompson Candy and Chocolate Store. We followed that up with a great lunch at the Parlour Inn. The dessert "Pavlova" was soooo good. We would have enjoyed shopping on the Main Street, but our schedule was too tight. Maybe another time.

# Desk

The 2026 lineups for the Stratford theatres, and the Niagara-on-the-Lake theatres are now available. We are looking at Guys and Dolls at the Festival Theatre, Stratford and Funny Girl at the Shaw Festival Theatre, Niagara-on-the-Lake. **Guys and Dolls**, playing at the Stratford Festival Theatre is a musical set in 1950's New York City, where a gambler falls in love with a missionary from Havana and embarks on a story of love, gambling bets, and jazzy tap dancing. This Broadway classic takes on the dichotomy between good and evil through both protagonists' very opposing backgrounds. The Broadway classic **Funny Girl**, playing at the Shaw Festival Theatre is based on the 1968 movie of the same name starring Barbara Streisand as Fanny Brice, who started out on the New York City vaudeville stage and works her way up to stardom on Broadway. While Fanny thrives, her relationship with her suave, imprisoned husband, Nick Arnstein played by Omar Sharif is another story.

We are trying to get a head start on trips for 2026. We usually do not get the full lineup of events offered until the middle or 3rd. week in January 2026. At that time, the Team will book the Board Room and come up with the line-up for the year. If anyone has any trips, they think our members might be interested in, please do a short write-up and leave it at the front desk for the travel desk.

Stay safe---stay well  
Mary Lou Busato, Convenor





## Knitting!



The Members of the Wednesday Knitting Group have been very busy creating a variety of knitted and crocheted items that you can see in the glass cabinet in the main hall. We appreciate all the donated yarn that has enabled us to produce a variety of items for sale in the cabinet and at a sale we hope to have at the end of October.

If you or your friends have small or large amounts of yarn you no longer want, please leave at the front desk. Thanking you in advance. 😊

Valerie McCune - Convenor



## Garden News!

### The Gardens

Once again, we had a successful year growing vegetables and herbs. By now, the gardens should be cleaned up and keys returned for next year.

As I write this, there is one plot, #8 available for next year. Also, plots #5 and #6, which are not as good as the rest, are also available at a reduced price.

I will touch base with everyone in April to collect your \$20 and provide everyone with their keys and fertilizer.

Have a relaxing winter.

Donna Jacobs - Convenor





**CANASTA**

We meet from 12:30pm - 4:00pm in the West activity 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.

Keith Shopman - Convenor

**DJEMBE DRUMMING**



Wednesdays Noon – 1:00am

In the Craft Room. Signup at the front desk. The cost depends on the number of participants.

Diana Baron - Convenor



On a beautiful sunny Friday morning on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, our OAlA hosted our welcome back summer BBQ. This event turned out to be well attended. Thanks to the board for providing us the budget to present this event. Furthermore, our thanks go out to M&M's. for a well catered and organised BBQ. The ice cream truck was a delightful surprise which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Wendy Wise and her volunteer team lead by Mary Lou Basato which made this event successful.

Keith Shopman - Convenor



# Book Clubs!

## BOOK CLUB # 1

**Book Club #1** is held on the **first Wednesday of the month beginning Sept. 3, 10:15am-12:00pm.**

Susan Flatt - Convenor

## BOOK CLUB # 2

We meet every **second Wednesday of the month from 1:00PM-3:00PM**

It's always fun to get together and discuss the books we have read each month. We usually have quite a variety of opinions to share.

Last month, we read **The Book of Lost Names** by Kristin Harmel. This story is set during world war 2 and involves a group who created false I.D.'s and passwords for children escaping German occupation.

We are now reading **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas.

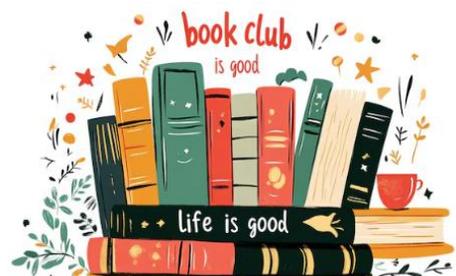
Donna Jacobs - Convenor

Books are chosen from the Markham or Stouffville Library which provides copies for everyone. We have a few books with large print for those who want it. Often there are e-copies or audio copies in the library which you can access on your own.

Our discussions are always lively and provide interesting perspectives from a variety of members.

New Book club members always welcome

The sign-up page is in our large activity binder at the front desk.





## **CURRENT EVENTS PLUS GROUP**

The Group Gathers Every Wednesday  
in the West Activity Room from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

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, videos and PowerPoint information related to the subject of the day will be presented by a member and viewed on a large movie screen.

"Last month, besides current news, some topics were: The Great Lakes, The Brain, Artemis 2, and Physics through the ages. Next month we may cover Canada Trading with China, The Brain (part 2), and Mushrooms."

On entering, please sign in and deposit your \$0.50 in the "Room Fee" basket. A short break is at 2:00pm at which time coffee, tea, and treats may be purchased.

New members are always welcome.



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### 2025 Remembrance Day Service & Ceremony

Saturday November 8, 2025

Remembrance Day Service - 9:00 am

MDVA Upper Hall, 7 Washington Street, Markham

Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremony - 10: 30 am

Veterans Square, 6031 Hwy 7 E, Markham

### Monthly Lunch and Learn

Monday November 17, 2025

“Living Harmoniously with Wildlife” - 11:00 am -

1:00pm

MDVA Upper Hall, 7 Washington Street, Markham

Cost: \$15.00 includes a light lunch and coffee or tea

Interested? Sign up on our website or visit the club

Tuesday–Saturday, 3:00–9:00

PM.

# Remembrance Day

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Karen Rea, Ward 4 Councillor

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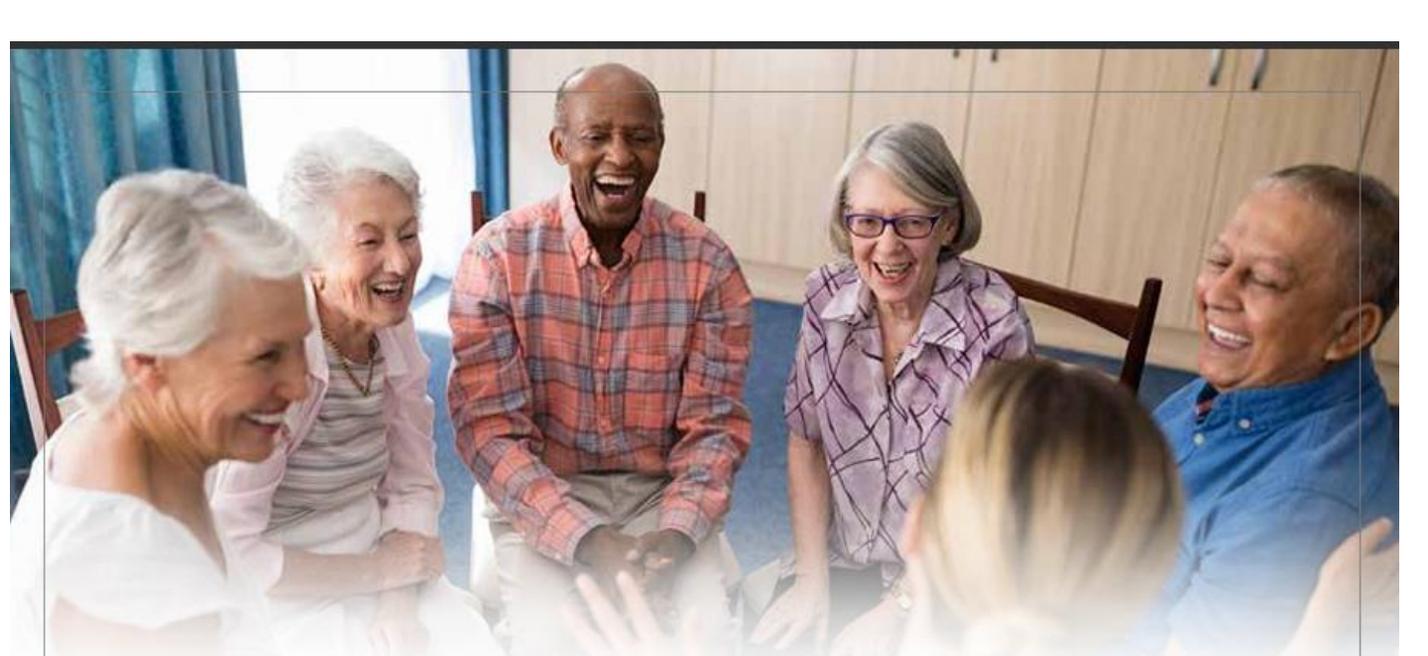
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