

Fifty-Five Plus News

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BREAKING NEWS

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Our **Spring Lunch on Friday April 12** will feature bone-in baked ham, scalloped potatoes, mashed squash, green beans, bread and butter, plus homemade carrot cake with cream cheese icing. Sales will start March 7 to members only, with only 100 tickets being available. Tickets will be priced at \$20 with the HST included in the ticket price. We're heard that Laurie's Catering is excellent and she makes her scalloped potatoes the way they should be made!

Tickets are sold out for our St. Patrick's Day lunch. You may wish to put your name on a waiting list.

There will be a **General Membership meeting** on Monday March 25 at 10:00am. Thanks to the careful financial management and wise investment strategies of Mary Haynes and other treasurers, the former 55 Plus Club has a reserve fund that must be used to purchase equipment which will benefit all the members. We will present some items for your consideration, with costs. Please come with your suggestions!

For the moment, we have decided to put **daytime bid euchre** on Monday afternoons. Table tennis, darts and shuffleboard are also on that afternoon in the larger room. It may turn out that bid euchre will have to be played in the lounge. We hope lots of people turn out for Monday bid euchre!

FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

You've all received an invitation to the Official Opening of 6240 on Saturday March 23. Please try to let us know if you plan to attend: we don't want to run short on snacks! The Advisory Committee has chosen a name for the new centre. This recommendation has to go via staff report to Council on March 5. We hope Council will accept Marilou Murray's recommendation. The next meeting of the Advisory Council will be held on March 11.

DROP-IN GAMES



DUPLICATE BRIDGE (TUESDAY)

February 5: N/S Bruce & Bev; E/W Trevor & Janet. February 12: N/S Al & George; E/W Wilkie & Barry. February 19: N/S Howard & Bev; E/W Bruce & Bev. N/S Howard & Bev; E/W Barry & Wilkie.



EUCHRE (WEDNESDAY)

Feb. 6: Feb. 13: HS86 Judi; 2ndHS 77 Maureen; 5LH Dave; 3LH in 1 game Jacques & Alvin. Feb. 20: HS83 Dave; 2ndHS 72 Margaret; 4LH Audrey.



BRIDGE (WEDNESDAY)

February 6: Sheilah Kilroy took first place with 5,090. Jane Hachey won on February 20 with 6,060. Top spot went to Mary Smith on February 27 with 4,930.



BRIDGE (FRIDAY)

February 8: Al Huff took first place with 5,230. February 15: Top spot went to John McDougall with 6,370. Barry Rafuse was the big winner on February 22 with 4,250.



MAH JONG NATIONAL (WEDNESDAY)

February 20: Mirielle Lan won with 340. Mah jong got snowed out on February 27. Welcome back, Marilyn!



MAH JONG ORIENTAL (THURSDAY)

Donna Beckett turned in a lovely 7,400 on January 31. Feb. 7: Marg Schell won with 1,646. Feb. 14: Evelyn O'Connor took first place with 6,956. Top spot went to Joan Devlin on February 21 with 2,972. Bev Hill was the big winner on February 28 with 4,470.



BID EUCHRE (FRIDAY)

Carlo Tomasi won on February 1 with 255. Top spot went to Richard Calvert on February 8 with 302. Glenda Dunkeld was the big winner on February 15 with 325. Peg Kirby won on February 22 with 332.



NEWS AND NOTES

We will be shutting down the marvellous website, www.stouffville55plusca, as of March 31. We expect to have the 55 Plus section of the Town website in good shape by that time. Check it out!

A group of travellers is planning an 8-day **cruise** on Rhine from Cologne in Germany to Switzerland. There will be an extended stay in Switzerland. Details regarding pricing will be available shortly.

Lori Cliff, our **reception** convenor, thanks all the people who kindly filled in when some of our receptionists were ill or unable to cover their shift. Our reception people are just like you: they have operations, they have doctor's appointments. If you can help, even just to fill in, on the reception desk, please let one of the receptionists know. We'll "train" you: you don't even have to use a computer. Just be a welcoming face, help people to fill in forms, give tours to new members or take money for lunches. It's only 3 ½ hours per week!



TRIPS

The Dundurn Castle/Whistling Gardens trip is full with a waiting list. Space is available for Return to Grace, Murder Mystery at the Old Mill and Dear Evan Hanson. Details are on the website.



DINNERS OUT

Barb Pollard has advised that she will be returning from lunches to dinners at 5:00pm. The restaurant for March will be **Swiss Chalet** on March 13. She had to cancel last month because the date was moved to the first Wednesday. Barb puts a lot of work into making these arrangements, so please support her by having the courtesy to sign up at the front desk!



CAFÉ 55

Diane Ward has moved our March Breakfast Out to **March 27** to avoid a conflict with another local event. Come at 9:15 and enjoy a delicious breakfast at **Vi Pei**. Good company and wonderful food! Thanks, Diane!

SMILES



Fond Irish memories of fathers and sons (slightly sanitized version):

I remember when I took my son out for his first pint. Off we went to the local pub only two blocks from the cottage. I got him a Guinness but he didn't like it so I drank it. Then I got him a Kilkenny: he didn't like that either, so I drank it. Finally, I thought he might like some Harp Lager. He didn't. I drank it. I thought maybe he'd like whisky better than beer so we tried a Jamesons: nope! In desperation, I had him try that rare Redbreast, Ireland's finest whisky. He wouldn't even smell it. What could I do but drink it? By the time I realized he just didn't like to drink, I could hardly push his stroller back home!



BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Josie Schwarzli, June Miller, Kevin McWhinnie, Margaret Emmerson, Marilyn Ferguson, Marjorie Costello, Peggy Mowat, Ruth Mitchell, Sandra Brown, Winnifred McLeod, Judy Ahamad, Ron Gould, Alma Venier, Al Huff, Cathi Mount, Judy Prince, Wanda Richards, Beverley Whittaker, Norma Cairns-Dalton, Sue Clubine, Mary Copp, Marie Cote, Cheryl Davis, Mickey Gohn, Catherine (Cathy) Gregg, Donna Gutteridge, Trevor Houghting, Mildred Jane, Kim Laird, Judth Marnoch, Marianne Mazza, Jeannette McGuire, Greta McIlravey, Maryanne McManus, Don Morgan, Joan Natoli, Kathleen Peel, Louise Pogue, Philip Port, Shirley Richards, Klaus Rossler, Parameswary Sithinnaygam, Elizabeth Tomasi, Sinnethanagam Vairavapillai, Jack Walker



BOOK CLUB

Our March book is "**Beartown**" by Fredrik Backman. This dark contemporary novel tells the story of Beartown, a town with high hopes for both its local hockey team and its own future, and the serious crime they try to cover up to make their aspirations reality. Join us on March 22 at 1:30!



TRAVEL CLUB

On March 15, Dave Brooks will talk about his 2017/2018 trip to **Newfoundland**. He drove east with all his camera gear and took the ferry, staying at Grand Falls NB and Port Hastings, Cape Breton. His adventures were in the Port aux Basque area, Cod Roy, Rocky Harbour, Gros Morne, Deer Lake and St. Anthony. He took a boat tour to see icebergs and whales. He also saw the Viking village, L'anse aux Meadows and stopped at the Insect Emporium. A very unique voyage by a very talented photographer! You won't want to miss this one!



DID YOU KNOW?

As you are aware, photos are taken at our lunches. The Town is obliged to obtain **permissions for photos**. You will notice that the lunch sign-up sheets will carry a phrase regarding photo permissions at the top, plus a column down the right-hand asking whether you give your permission for your photo to be taken (with a Y/N). The phrase at the top will read: "I understand that any photos taken will be Town property and considered for display in brochures, on the Internet or other Departmental or Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville marketing campaigns." This doesn't necessarily mean that your photo will be used in those areas. We hope you will consent because we want to build photo galleries on the new Town website, showing how much fun it is to be a member of the 55 Plus Club.

Our **library shelves** are looking depleted. If you have purchased books in the last six years and you're done with them, perhaps you would be kind enough to donate them to our little library so others could enjoy them. Regrettably, we can't take your old, yellowed paperbacks or your old magazines. We try to keep only books published in 2010 or more recently. You can bring your donations to the front desk and our reception people will take it from there. Any books we can't use will be donated to the Port Perry Public Library for their book sale.

The kind folks who've been organizing our **monthly seminars** would like a break. Is there anyone there who would like to organize interesting and educational presentations on a monthly basis? Topics could be how to use tax software, how to deal with a spouse with Alzheimer's, etc. We have resources in our community who would be willing to do these presentations: we just have to ask.

Don't miss our **Easter Basket Workshop** which is coming up on April 15 at 10:00am. Cost is \$20, with all materials supplied. Pat McCarthy will only accept 12 people. As Easter gets closer, this will fill rapidly!

TABLE TENNIS TIPS



Rallying is great fun and the best way to improve our game. But sometimes people want to test themselves out and play for points. We might arrange a session for those who feel those urges. Did you know that the game has changed over the years? The main ideas are: 1. An open palm serve, the ball rising at least 6" in the air before being hit; 2. Games of 10 points; 3. Two points in a row then the other person serves. Got it? Things have become simpler.

OUR VALENTINE LUNCH



Waiting for the call to the buffet!



Delicious buffet provided by Suzy's Catering



Wilf & his Valentine tie!

