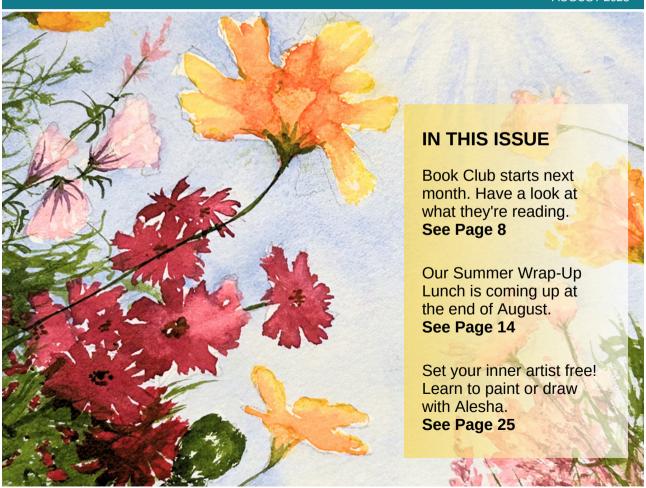
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Cover Photo: This beautiful watercolour was painted in Alesha Buczny's Watercolour Class. Alesha teaches Drawing, Watercolour and Alcohol Ink classes. Fall class registration has already begun! Visit yycseniors.com to sign up.

We are Located in the Triwood Community Centre 2244 Chicoutimi Dr NW Calgary, AB T2L 0W1

NOTE: Photos are taken at events and programs. This is another way we promote our centre. If you choose not to have your photo taken, please inform the photographer.

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| Member Services | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM |
| Registrations | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM |

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FROM THE DESK OF THE **Executive Director**

Jeanette Provo has been the Executive Director since 2018. With her many talents and vast experience, she brings diversity, a friendly atmosphere and an excellent reputation for our welcoming Centre.



Hi All!

It is so hard to believe summer is half over. Where has the time gone?

We have more exciting events going on for the remainder of the year. Please read your eblasts and Gazette to stay in the loop.

The Events Committee has already started preparing for 2024 and our sponsors have been absolutely amazing about sponsoring many of our events for 2024! Chartwell, Revera and R&D Retirement Solutions are providing us with a lot of our Presentations for next year. There are a lot of interesting topics and I will be preparing a list for you to view soon. The members have asked for more and our aim is to fulfill that request. Please tell us what you are interested in trying and we will do our best to work on your request.

Our current sponsors are Chartwell, Revera (Scenic Acres, The Edgemont and Scenic Grand), Beltone, Origin, R&D Retirement Solutions and Brix Real Estate. I would like to thank all of you for your sponsorship as well as support for our events this year!! It has been truly amazing!

If you want tickets for the **Summer Wrap-up** please get them asap because the Stampede BBQ sold out and people were

looking for tickets. The cut off will be August 21st and no later.

Class registrations are now open. If you wait too long the class will either fill up or be cancelled, so don't wait on this either.

So for the Fall session we have a number of special events going on. September 15th is our **Golden Bowlers** bowling event being held at the Bowling Depot. Limited spaces left for this and you must be a member. This event is free. 5255 McCall Way NE #146, Calgary, AB T2E 5S6

Our **Housekeeping Program** is about to launch in September. Let us know if you are interested.

Our **Super Membership** has done extremely well since January. Lots of members are signing up and taking advantage of the offerings at other Centres. For our Stampede BBQ we had members from Bowcliff Seniors, Parkdale Nifty Fifties and Greater Forest Lawn attending so it definitely is becoming well utilized.

I hope you are all enjoying a fantastic summer! We look forward to seeing you at our Summer Wrap-up and our Games Afternoon on September 1st!

Take care all!

Jeannette Provo Executive Director

President's Report

Sharon Dun has been with Confederation Park as a member, board member, Vice President, and, in 2023, President. Very approachable and compassionate, Sharon would love to meet you if she hasn't met you yet.



e are so lucky to live in Calgary and have so many green spaces to enjoy. I would like to introduce you to a "hidden gem" in North West Calgary by the

name of Silver Springs Botanical Gardens.

The gardens are located off Silver Springs Gate NW which is the street running in front of Value Village. The parking area is on Silver Springs Drive NW, adjacent to the baseball diamonds. This is also the main area.

Oak Grove Picnic Area The paths are well groomed with mulch and lead through the various themed gardens. There are lots of benches to sit on for a rest, interesting sculptures and, of course, everchanging fabulous gardens and picnic tables in some treed areas.

The lower area is fairly flat so if you have mobility issues you should still be able to enjoy the gardens. You can follow the gardens on Facebook and Instagram. Enjoy!

Sharon Dun President



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HIDDEN MESSAGE

Boutique on the Park

Thank you all for your kind words and donations to our beautiful Boutique.

We accept clothing donations on Fridays by appointment only.

WHY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY????

- we can contact you, if by error, a family treasure was left in a pocket

OR

- other items in the bag are not clothing and could have dropped in by accident.

We certainly do not want anyone to donate a family treasure by mistake.

At this time, we are **only** accepting the following:

Gently used clothing
Purses
Shoes/boots
Ties
Scarves
Coats
Jewelry

We are no longer accepting underwear unless the garment is NEW and has the store tag still attached.

We are NOT accepting any house hold items at this time.



NOTICE: The Boutique is CLOSED FOR SUMMER

Boutique Hours in September: Mon-Tues-Thurs 12-3PM Wednesdays and Fridays by appointment



Beginning again in September, If at any time the boutique is not open and you wish to shop, please just let Richard or Debbie know and we will open the boutique up for your shopping pleasure.



12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Mon, Tues & Thurs Wed & Fri by Appointment







Located in the Foothills Room (downstairs)

Book Club

Book Club meets the First Monday of the Month at 1:00 PM in the Pub downstairs at the Centre.

Come on out and try a meeting.

Head up to the Office if you'd like to join.

WHEN: First Monday of the month from September to June

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM WHERE: Downstairs in the Pub

HOW WE CHOOSE TITLES: We select titles to be discussed well in advance so there is time to share or borrow books. Any Book Club member can suggest a book, fiction or non-fiction. The group will choose from the titles presented.

THE DISCUSSION: The person who promoted the book will lead the discussion. We'd like everyone to try - no experience is required. Differences of opinion are encouraged and make the discussion more interesting. At the end of the meeting, we will rank the book from 1-10.



Sample Discussion Questions

A full list of questions will be provided to each Book Club Member.

What feelings did this book evoke?

How original

and **UNIQUE** was it?

What did you like least

about this book?

How honest do you think the author of this memoir was being?

What did you like 🖞

about this book?

What

CHARACTERS

in the book do you relate to?

Did this fictional book seem realist?

What new things did you

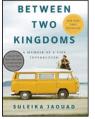
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Book Club

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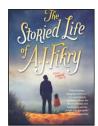
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Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted by Suleika Jaouad FEBRUARY

The Storied Life of AJ Fikry by Gabrielle Zavin



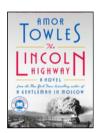


OCTOBER

Still Life by Sarah Winman

MARCH

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles





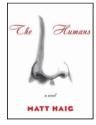
NOVEMBER

Shrines of Gaiety by Kate Atkinson

APRIL

Homecoming by Kate Morton



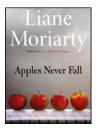


DECEMBER

The Humans by Matt Haig

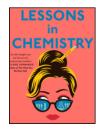
The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn





JANUARY

Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus



Tea & Conversation



Thru July & August!

Neil and Frankie will be scooping Ice-cream bowls for only \$2/scoop!

Thank you all for your donations to the Tea & Conversation program, vour is greatly appreciated support and needed.

Studies have shown that participating in an event like T&C has positive benefits for your emotional, mental and physical well-being. Stay active and stay involved.

T&C has been filled with a gazillion wonderful memories and we thank you all for letting us be part of your lives.

> To all of our Volunteers... Thanks a million



AUGUST 2023

| August 3 | Sox & Sax |
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| August 10 | Randy Poirier |
| August 17 | Greg Rumpel |
| August 24 | Randy Poirier |
| August 31 | Randy Poirier |

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| Sept 7 | Sox & Sax |
| Sept 14 | NO T&C |
| Sept 21 | Greg Rumpel |
| Sept 28 T | imeless Reflections |
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We love to bowl!

Activity Centres from all around Calgary will be participating in Golden Bowlers, our new annual Fall bowling event at the Bowling Depot on McCall Way NE! We want you to join our team and participate in this very fun, friendly competition! Sign up for our bowling teams online at yycseniors.com or by calling us at 403-289-4780. Friday, September 15th, 11AM - 1PM at The Bowling Depot. Call us to join our bowling team!



Includes:

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Friday, September 15th 11 AM - 1 PM





A contestant on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" had reached the final plateau...

If she answered the next question correctly, she would win \$1,000,000. If she answered incorrectly, she would pocket only the 32,000 milestone money. And as she suspected it would be, the million-dollar question was no pushover. It was, "Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest, but instead lays its eggs in the nests of other birds? Is it A) the condor; B) the buzzard; C) the cuckoo; or D) the vulture?"

The woman was on the spot. She did not know the answer. And she was doubly on the spot because she had used up her 50/50 Lifeline and her Audience Poll Lifeline. All that remained was her Phone-a-Friend! Lifeline. The woman hoped she would not have to use it because ... her friend was, well .. blond. She had no alternative. She called her friend and gave her the question and the four choices. The blonde responded unhesitatingly: "That's easy. The answer is C: The cuckoo."

The contestant had to make a decision and make it fast. She considered employing a reverse strategy and giving Regis any answer except the one that her friend had given her. And considering that her friend was a blonde, that would seem to be the logical thing to do. On the other hand - the blonde had responded with such confidence. such certitude. that the contestant could not help but be persuaded.

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I need an answer," said Regis.

Crossing her fingers, the contestant said, "C: The cuckoo."

"Is that your final answer?" asked Regis. "Yes, that is my final answer."

Two minutes later, Regis said, "That answer is ... absolutely correct! You are now a millionaire!"

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August Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Wrap - up DOORS 11:30 AM T&C (Entertain | \$10M, \$20NM LUNCH 12:00 PM | Historic Boat Tour of Chestermere Lake 109 E Chestermere Dr 1:30-2:15PM FREE, Tickets Req'd | Historic Calgary: Little House on the Prairie Calgary Public Library 800 - 3 ST SE 7 - 8:30 PM - FREE | TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM SOX & SAX | STRATHMORE STAMPEDE Strathmore Stampede Aug 4 - Aug 7 33 Wheatland Tr Begins 1PM Daily | Calgary Fringe Festival Aug 4 - Aug 12 Variety of Venues Box Off: 1215-10Av SE |
| CANMORE FOIR Music FESTIVAL Canmore FOIR Festival Aug 5 - 7 Centennial Park, Canmore | HERITAGE DAY (Centre Closed) | National Sneak a Zucchini Onto Your Neighbour's Porch Day! | August Garden Tour LOUGHEED HOUSE 7PM - 8PM \$15.00 | TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM RANDY POIRIER | Calgary Japanese Festival Omatsuri Aug 11 - 13, Max Bell Fri 7PM - 11PM Sat/Sun 10AM - 5PM | Calgary Police Rodeo Cochrane Lion's Rodeo Grounds 1:00 PM |
| Calgary Dragon Boat Festival Aug 11 - 13 North Glenmore Park Sat/Sun 7AM - 7PM FREE + Vendors | 14 | 15 | Shaw Charity Classic Aug 16 - 20 Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club FREE & Up | TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM GREG RUMPEL | 18 | Chinatown Street Festival Calgary Chinatown 11AM - 7PM FREE + Vendors |
| Monster Jam Aug 19 & 20 GMC Stadium Pit Party 12:30 Doors 2 PM | 21 | Global Fest Aug 17 - 26 Elliston Park Tickets & Bus See Schedule Below | 23 | TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM RANDY POIRIER | Birding on St Patrick's Island 656 Confluence Wy SE 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Tickets \$5 | The Great Outdoors Comedy Festival Prince's Island Park 6:30 PM |
| Cirque du Soleil Kooza Aug 25 - Oct 8 Stampede Park Tickets Required | 28 | 29 | 30 | SUMMER WRAP-UP then stay for TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM RANDY POIRIER | 6 A M E 12:00PM - 3 \$10.00 PER PERSON • | BU9 2'TL • M9 00: |

Global Fest Schedule Aug 17 - 26 Elliston Park

FIREWORKS
THURSDAY, Aug 17: Austria
SATURDAY, Aug 19: Italy

TUESDAY, Aug 22: Portugal THURSDAY, Aug 24: Spain SATURDAY, Aug 26: Finale



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MOBILE DENTAL HYGIENIST: Patricia's Mobile Hygiene visits our Centre regularly on Mondays. Please call the office at 403-289-4780 or Patricia directly at 403-465-1552 to book an appointment.

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LAWYER APPOINTMENTS with Arlene Blake are available for our members by appointment only. Call 403-289-4780.

Recipes FROM THE GARDEN

A father passing by his son's bedroom, was astonished to see the bed was nicely made, and everything was neat.... Then, he saw an envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow. It was addressed, "Dad." With the worst premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter, with trembling hands...



"Dear, Dad. It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I eloped with my new girlfriend, Stacy, because I wanted to avoid a scene with you and Mom.

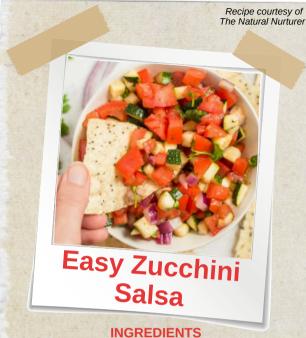
Stacy is really nice but I knew you would not approve of her because of her piercings and tattoos. But dad, she's pregnant and I couldn't let her raise the baby on her own. She's 10 years older than me— this is a good thing because she already has a home and a motorcycle! We'll be living in her trailer in the woods, that already has a stack of firewood for the whole winter.

Even though we don't have jobs, we'll be growing marijuana in our garden to sell and trade with the other people in our commune! Don't worry, Dad. I'm 15, and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Love, your son, Joshua.

P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table. Call when it is safe for me to come home!"





- 1 med zucchini, diced small
- · 4 large plum tomatoes, seeded & diced small
- 1/3 cup white or red onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- · 2 tbsp lime juice
- 1/2 tsp lime zest
- · 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp cumin
- 3/4 tsp salt or to taste
- hot sauce (optional), to taste

DIRECTIONS

- Add all ingredients to a large bowl. Stir to combine. Taste and add more salt or seasoning as needed.
- 2. Salsa is best served within a few hours of making. As salsa sits, more liquid will release from the vegetables. You can drain off some of the juices if desired or enjoy it as is.

For this and other tasty zucchini recipes, visit: https://thenaturalnurturer.com/easy-zucchini-salsa/

Health & Wellness

Social prescribing is the next step to better health

What if you were diagnosed with high blood pressure, diabetes, or any other health condition? You would expect your doctor to discuss the best treatments, and more often than not, you would receive a written prescription for medication.

But what if, along with your pills, you also received an Rx to join a community gardening project, or meet up with a seniors' choir group, or connect with a particular social support tailored to your unique situation? "Social prescribing"* recognizes that health—and our healing—can't be treated just by doctors or medicine alone.



What is social prescribing?

Seniors experiencing a chronic health condition in particular know that their illness can have a significant effect on their life beyond physical symptoms. It can be more difficult to go out, take care of their home, or spend time with loved ones. That's why it's important to treat the person, and not just the condition. Social prescribing does exactly that by connecting people to different types of community supports*, including social events, fitness and wellness resources and social supports.

The senior with high blood pressure, for example, along with a script for meds and encouragement to modify diet and exercise, could be referred to a community worker. That worker, learning from the senior that they enjoyed dancing, would connect them to a ballroom dancing class.



How social prescribing addresses social isolation

We now know that there is a long list of negative health effects that come from being socially isolated, even when no underlying medical condition is present. Social prescribing helps to address this, and although it is relatively new, research and practice from the UK show that it can improve recovery rates and make people feel better, physically, mentally, and emotionally.

How retirement living can help

More seniors are discovering that a retirement residence lifestyle can balance built-in friends and social activities with continued independence. A supportive community of peers and staff, fitness and wellness classes, social events, activities and outings, along with nutritious meals and numerous on-site amenities, all combine to offer a positive prescription for an active and fulfilling life.

Visit Chartwell's Health & Wellness Blog for more information https://blog.chartwell.com/en/2023/03/social-prescribing-is-the-next-step-to-better-health

Pantry Program

Our Pantry Program runs during T&C Only: Thursdays, 1:30PM - 2:30PM. If you are interested in utilizing our Pantry, please contact Debbie at 403-289-4780. Ext 206

WHAT IS THE PANTRY PROGRAM?

Our Pantry Program is a way that we can help each other through difficult economic times.

With the cost of the basic necessity of food increasing daily, it is difficult to make ends meet. Even transportation to and from the grocery store can be very expensive and nerve racking for many of our members. Our Pantry Program helps alleviate financial pressures by providing about a weeks' worth of food without the need to make a trip to the store.

Our pantry helps everyone whether rich, poor, healthy, ill, or are just short on funds. Every Pantry participant is treated with respect and dignity; we do not discriminate or judge. Not only do we try to provide nutritional items for meals, we also hope participants will have a little bit left in their budget to spend on a few 'wants,' rather than just 'needs.'

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. We are so happy to offer this service and hope that the money you save can bring you one less bill to worry about.



WHO QUALIFIES?

There are no financial qualifications to access our Pantry. All participants must join the Pantry Program (free membership) and complete a contact card. All personal information we receive is confidential. All you have to do is order your hamper and pick it up.

WHAT IS IN THE PANTRY?

Depending on donations, our pantry is primarily filled with non-perishable items such as pasta, cans of pasta sauces, fruits, vegetables, beans, soups, canned fish, canned ham or chicken meat, oils, dry goods, packaged foods, cereal, dry mixes and snacks (such as granola bars etc.). Small packages of pet treats and toiletries may also be available.

HOW TO ORDER

All pantry hampers must be ordered through the office at 403-289-4780. All orders must be in by Tuesday at 3:00PM, so they can be prepared by our volunteers.

PICK-UP

Please be on time for your pickup. Pantry pickup is Fridays, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM, Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre Office: 2244 Chicoutimi Dr NW, Calgary.

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to our Pantry, please make sure all food donations have NOT expired and are in small portions for one or two people. Cash donations are greatly appreciated. Bring donations to the Office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 AM - 2 PM, or at T&C on Thursdays from 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM.



Next Year's Events

2024 Dates to Remember

Friday, Jan 26th, 2024

Lunch & Learn (Topic: Diabetes)

Sponsor: Revera Chef

\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members

Friday, Feb 16th, 2024

Family Day Lunch with Presentation

Sponsor: R&D Retirement Solutions \$10 Members. \$20 Non-Members

Friday, March 22, 2024 **Annual General Meeting**

Pizza served

Friday, April 26, 2024 **Volunteer Appreciation**

Sponsor: Chartwell

Friday, May 10, 2024

Mother's Day Tea & Fashion Show

with Fancy Hat Contest

Sponsor: Revera

\$15 Members, \$25 Non-Members

Wednesday - Friday, May 22-24, 2024 **Garage Sale Sorting Days**

Saturday, May 25, 2024 **Garage Sale**

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Stampede BBQ Sponsor: Chartwell

\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members

Friday, August 30, 2024 **Summer Wrap-Up** \$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members Continued from page 13

Three days later, the contestant hosted a party for her family and friends including the blonde who had helped her win the million dollars. "Jenny, I just do not know how to thank you!," said the contestant. "How did vou happen to know the right answer?"

"Oh, come on," said the blonde.

"Everybody knows that cuckoos don't build nests.

They live in clocks."

(We apologize to our blonde friends who we know are too smart to be offended!)



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Locations



Market Mall 3625 Shaganappi Trail NW

7015 Macleod Trail SW #107

- Medical letter, including copy of Audiological Evaluation to referring physician available upon request
- · Services available in English & Farsi
- Feel free to call us at: 403 252-5582

beltone.ca

Origin At Home

Origin at Home is happy to be a new sponsor at Confederation Park 55+. Come say hi to Debra Chernesky - wellness coordinator if you're attending the Tea and Conversation on Thursdays. Debra would love to chat about how Origin at Home companions can help you live well at home.

At Origin at Home, we are dedicated to enhancing your quality of life with a wide range of personalized services. Our highly trained companions prioritize your well-being, ensuring every visit revolves around preferences and needs. From fitness programs and life enrichment activities to meal planning and dementia-friendly strategies, we are here to support a fulfilling lifestyle. Here's what our companions can offer:

Personalized Fitness Programs: Custom fitness programs, designed to meet your goals and abilities.

Life Enrichment Activities and Hobbies: Engaging activities tailored to your interests. supported by our companions.

Healthy Home and Light Housekeeping: Companions help with light housekeeping, organizing, and safety assessments, ensuring a clean, organized, and safe home.

Meal Planning and Preparation: Delicious and personalized nutritious meals to vour preferences. with assistance from our companions.

Errands and Appointments: Companions help with grocery shopping, prescription pick-ups, and appointments, adding a touch of fun along the wav.

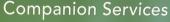
Dementia-Friendly Strategies: Compassionate support and engaging activities for individuals with dementia, promoting well-being.

Conversation Meaningful Visitina: and Companions provide a comforting presence, ready to listen and share stories.

Your satisfaction and well-being are our top priorities at Origin at Home. Experience the personalized

caring support vou deserve.







To learn more or schedule a free consultation, call Debra at 403-919-7147, or visit her at T&C on Thursdays.

originathome.ca

Debra Chernesky – Wellness Coordinator, attending Tea & Conversation



Art with Alesha Buczny

















Crossword

Thank you to bestcrosswords.com for this game.

be s t crosswords

Casual - Easy

Published July 7, 2023

ACROSS

- Love: 5-Stiff bristle: 1- The
- 9- Midday: 13- Dutch cheese:
- 14- Follows orders: 16- Yen:
- 17- Maryland athlete, for short:
- 18- Medicinal shrub:
- 19--do-well:
- 20- "Orinoco Flow" singer:
- 21-Old California fort;
- 22-Washed lightly:
- 24- Dundee denizen:
- 26-Skin disorder:
- 27- The devil:
- 29-Harangue;
- 33-Participant:
- 34-Hearing organs;
- 35-Long ago:
- 36-Tasteless items, junk;
- 37-Seraglio:
- 38- Naught; 39- Capital city of Western Samoa:
- 41- Not new:
- 42- Having some prominent
- blood vessels: 44- Announces formally:
- 46- Settle a loan:
- 47- Female child:
- 48-Wise men:
- 49- Moolah; 52- Ignited;
- 53- Suffragist Carrie;
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- a soul:
- 4- The laying on of paint thickly;
- 5-Already?:
- 6- Movie critic Roger:
- 7-Look after: 8-Writer Rand:
- 9- Convent: 10- Raw materials:
- 11- Double curve:
- 12- Dweeb: 15- Bitter derision:
- 23-CD earnings:
- 25- Popular rental:

- 26-Displayed dirty laundry:
- 27-Land's end?: 28-Room at the top:
- 29-Challenges; 30-Ancient region of Asia
- Minor: 31-Salty:
- 32-Slipperv:
- 33-Somewhat: 34-Art supporter;
- 37-Hasty:
- 40-Branch of mathematics: 56-I did it!:
- 42- out (relax);

- 43-Connoisseur:
- 45-Goal, intention:
- 46-Child's toy: 48-Brit's half-note:
- 49-Beaver creations:
- 50- Black-and-white cookie:
- 51-Sudden assault:
- 52-Son of Jacob and Leah ;54- I'd hate to break up ;
- 55-Revenuers, for short:
- 59-Fido's appointment;

Thank You Sponsors















BRIX



WHAT TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD **BUT STAYS IN ONE CORNER?**

dog can bring a ball back Confederation Park My neighbour claims his

That seems far-fetched to me.

Don't trust those trees in

They're kinda shady.

What shoes do lazy people wegr!

Loafers

How did the barber win the race?

He knew a shortcut.

We are happy to be part of the Good Food Box program through Calgary's Community Kitchen.

A guy walks into a bar...

SMALL **20 LBS** **MEDIUM** 30 LBS

Boxes filled with an array of fresh fruit and vegetables are available to all members

Order your Good Food Box through Richard Ma - 403 289-4780, ext. #200

What's Happening at Triwood



CROSSWORD Answer from Page 26





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July Highlights

Thank you to Beltone for the Ice Cream Sandwiches!

We all had a great time at our Stampede BBQ last month!









Thank you to Chef Darcy Genest of Chartwell Royal Park for the amazing BBQ Beef on a Bun!

Thank you, as well, to
Tara Hengst, Tomoko Sato and Alexa
Shaw from Chartwell & our Volunteers we wouldn't have this lunch without you!

Memberships

Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to volunteer for these or any other position. please contact Richard at 403-289-4780 or visit the Office for a Volunteer Application Form.

- Kitchen Weekly
- Events Setup / Serving / Clean Up
- Poker Tournament Oct 20th
- ACE Airport Casino Dec 23rd & 24th

Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference.

- Kathv Calvin

- Events Committee Members
- Office Help folding, proof reading
- Fundraising (contacting sponsors)
- Phoning members who don't have email
- **Sourcing Silent Auction Donations**



RFGULAR MEMBERSHIP

(Half price beings in June)

MEMBERSHIP

(or add \$15 to bump up)

If you prefer to visit Confederation Park 55+ exclusively, choose a Regular Membership.



If you are visiting two or more Super Membership locations, we suggest to choose a **Super Membership** to help you save on membership fees.



- Member pricing for **classes**, activities and events
- Members can make appointments with a Lawyer, Podiatrist, Commissioner of Oaths, Dental Hygienist, and have assistance with their Taxes
- Join our members-only Clubs!
- Attend special members-only events
- Full AGM voting rights for those 55+
- Associate Membership for those under 55
- · Monthly newsletter, The Gazette and weekly eBlasts the keep members up to date on Centre and Community Events

Super Membership Locations Bowness Seniors' Centre Bow Cliff Seniors Confederation Park 55+ Greater Forest Lawn 55+ Unison at Kerby Centre Ogden 50+ Parkdale Nifty 50s

All adults (18 and over) are welcome at Super Member Activity Centres.

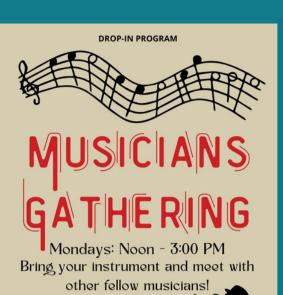
Super Member Activities

The last few pages of our newsletter contains events at our Super Member Centres.

Super Members are welcome to attend member-only functions, events & programs at member rates.



SUPER MEMBERSHIP & FRIEND CENTRE ACTIVITIES





support@gfls.org

GFLSS

THURSDAYS 9:30AM-12:30PM STARTING JUNE 15TH

> BOW CLIFF SENIORS CENTRE 3375 SPRUCE DR SW

BRING YOUR OWN PROTECT

NO INSTRUCTION
\$5 OROP IN FEE INCLUDES COFFEE/TEA



Bowness Seniors' Centre

6422 35th Ave. NW, Calgary AB, 403 286-4488

Chair Zumba

Tuesday 12:30 – 1:30 August 15, 22

Members & Super members: \$15.00 Non-members: \$20.00

SEEKING ARTISTS!

Come and join our group of local painters and artists as they work on their individual projects and the occasional group endeavour. Artists will need to provide their own supplies.

GFLS offers a well lit room along with coffee/tea/water.

ART GROUP

WEDNESDAYS; 9 AM \$2 Members \$5 Non-Members



3425 - 26 Avenue SE Calgary, AB 03-272-4661 support@gfls.org



SUPER MEMBERSHIP & FRIEND CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Bowness Seniors' Centre

6422 35th Ave. NW, Calgary AB, 403 286-4488

SUMMER ACTIVITY CLASSES

Fitness Tuesdays & Thursdays
Free Drop in Indoor Walking.
Bring your own lunch.

Eastern Practice with Joanne
who is providing us with a program that will
have components of seated yoga, Tai Chi
Cha & Qi Gong! Wednesdays from now
until July 26, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM,
Sign up by calling the Bowness Office:

403-286-4488 \$30 Members & Super Members





SUPER MEMBERSHIP & FRIEND CENTRE ACTIVITIES

New Grief Group



Thursdays: August 17 - October 5 | 1:00 pm Revised Dates

Join our support grief group to rediscover yourself after loss and learn skills to start enjoying and living your best life again.

*Register by calling (403) 234-6566, or emailing Lola Fariyibi at lolaf@unisonalberta.com



Foot Clinic

AUGUST 21 & 25
Call the Bow Cliff Office
at 403-246-0390
to sign up for a
FREE SESSION

Seniors CLIFF

DROP-IN PROGRAM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

2nd & 4th MONDAYS
OF THE MONTH AT 10 AM

UPCOMING TOPICS:

AUGUST

August 14 - TBA August 28 - Affirmations

SEPTEMBER

September 11 - The Power of Language **September 25** - Living a Transgender Life (with guest speakers)



3425 - 26 Avenue SE Calgary, AB 403-272-4661 support@afls.org **REGISTERED PROGRAM**

Tai Chi with Adrian

Fridays, 9-10 AM

6-Week Session \$45 Members / \$55 Non-Member

Single Session

\$8 Members / \$10 Non-Members Register with the Front Desk





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SUPER MEMBERSHIP & FRIEND CENTRE ACTIVITIES



Fall Watercolour Book Thursdays | Aug 10 - 31 | 10 am

Members: \$89 | Non-Members: \$119
Register at unisonalberta.com

Build a book from scratch and fill it with fall images and some letter that you will create with a variety of mixed media. Beginners are welcome for this class.







403-246-0390

3375 Spruce Dr NW Calgary, AB T3C 3A3

SUMMER 2023 DROP-IN PROGRAMS

| BRIDGE | DAY | TIME | DROP-IN \$ | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Party Bridge | Tuesdays | 12:30-3:00 | Memb.—\$4 , Non-Memb.—\$5 | | | | |
| Duplicate Bridge | Fridays | 12:30-3:00 | Memb.—\$4 , Non-Memb.—\$5 | | | | |
| GAMES | | | | | | | |
| Hand & Foot (card game) | Mondays | 12:30 -3:00 | \$3 | | | | |
| Bingo | Wednesdays | 1:15-3:15 | \$3 (additional game card fees) | | | | |
| Crib | Thursdays | 12:30-3:00 | \$3 | | | | |
| ARTS & CRAFTS | | | | | | | |
| Crafts & Coffee | Tuesdays | 9:30-12:00 | \$3 | | | | |
| ART Group (paint & craft) | Thursday | 9:30-12:30 | \$5 | | | | |
| OTHER | | | | | | | |
| Lunch* MUST RSVP | Wednesdays | 12:00 -1:00 | Memb.—\$12, Non-Memb.—\$14 | | | | |
| Convo & Learning Café | Fridays | 10:00-12:00 | FREE! | | | | |

SUPER MEMBERSHIP & FRIEND CENTRE ACTIVITIES



403-279-2003 2102 69 Ave SE, Calgary, AB

HAPPY HOUR SPECIAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 @ 4:00

ITALIAN PASTA

SIDE OF GARLIC BREAD



ORDER BY AUGUST 22



Gardening Information Session at Ogden 50+

Q&A to Follow Come with your questions!

Wednesday, Aug 30th 1 PM - 3 PM in the Gallery

Hosted by Christine Poole & Mark Haskell







Are you concerned about a senior in your community?

Are your worried about an isolated senior who has no support from family and friends?

Do you know a senior who is struggling to meet their basic needs?

Have you met an at-risk senior who needs more support to remain independent in their home?

If so, Senior Connect is here to respond and help



SeniorConnect relies on community members like you calling in to become aware of and connect with these at-risk older adults to offer support

We will be hosting a community education session to discuss how our program can help on:

Date: Monday, August 14th, 2023 Time: 11am

Location: Parkdale Nifty Fifties Seniors Association 3512 5th Ave NW, Calgary





Chartwell

Downsizing Seminar

at Parkdale Nifty Fifties

August 28 2023 • 11:30AM





Visit Chartwell.com to #ReThinkSeniorLiving