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CONFEDERATION PARK 55+ ACTIVITY CENTRE NEWSLETTER

#### JANUARY 2024

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**Cover Photo:** The Penguin Walk, at the Calgary Zoo, offers up to 14 king penguins an opportunity for wintery enrichment as well as additional daily exercise. Photo courtesy of and for more info, visit: https://www.calgaryzoo.com/events/penguin-walk.

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday ...... 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Member Services ..... 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Registrations ...... 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

#### OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING EVENTS

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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WE ARE LOCATED IN THE TRIWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE 2244 Chicoutimi Dr NW Calgary, AB T2L 0W1

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# Our Team

# 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.



#### Happy New Year!

I hope you are all well rested and ready to get back to work with classes, clubs, and so forth!!

We have a very exciting year ahead with some new and

interesting events that we will be hosting. A wide variety of new presentations and we think it is going to be another amazing year here at Confed Park!!

Keep your eyes on our website, brochures and Gazette for all the new and exciting things coming your way. And as always, if you have any new ideas that you would like to see us try, we are always open to suggestions.

Now that we have our housekeeping program up and running, we are on to the next project. This one will be our frozen meal program which is going to take some time to get in the works but it is my hope that we might get it going by April of this year. There are a lot of moving parts anytime you start a new program and this will also be another of those projects. Bear with me as I work through this process.

We have some new rules around our eblasts which we send out to members, Super members and our community partners each week. We have heard a lot of people say they are not getting the information we provide and we have learned a lot of people are unsubscribing from their eblasts. This is our only quick way of communicating to members anything that may be happening, changing or otherwise. If the T&C is cancelled due to a scheduling conflict, this is the guickest and most effective mode of communicating to all of you as guickly as we can. We have also heard, "We didn't know that!" What we need members to understand is with the great effort we make to communicate via our eblasts. Gazette, website, brochures and social media. there is really no excuse to say that you did not know something. We are not able to resubscribe you to your eblasts without your permission, so we will need an email or letter from you asking us to do this for you. If you are not concerned about missing out on events, classes being cancelled due to low enrollment then it is not something you need to worry about, but if you wish to stay in the know about what is going on you may want to stay subscribed and also read the eblasts as they do have a lot of really good information.

We appreciate the support we continue to get from members around some of our processes as it is a lot of work to run our organization and the staff are striving to make our processes more efficient in order to make your experience a good one. Communication is extremely important not only from the centre, but also from the different groups as to what they are doing. Because we are a small staff and our centre continues to grow and get busier and it is absolutely imperative that the communication remains strong.

Thank you all so much!! Let's have a terrific 2024!!

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Jeannette Provo Executive Director

# Meet Our Board

Each month, a member of the Board of Directors will be sharing their background with you so you can become a bit more familiar with them and what they do at the Centre. If you would like to join our Board of Directors, please contact Jeannette at ed@yycseniors.com.



# Welcome to the New Year!

I am Neil Little, Chair of the Finance Committee, Board Treasurer and a

member of The Governance Committee of Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre. I was elected to the Board of Directors in March of 2022 and thoroughly enjoy working with the Board, The Staff and Members.

My motivation for becoming involved with Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre goes back to my days as an active Rotarian, where the motto was "service above self."

The Finance Committee meets regularly to review the monthly financial statements of the Centre and ensure we are on track and on budget.

Working with Executive Director Jeannette and bookkeeper Kim, our annual budget is prepared each fall for the ensuing fiscal year and approved by the Board. Board oversight of finances is an essential element of all organizations. Annually, our auditor reviews in more detail our financial operations to ensure controls are in place and are being adhered to in accordance with our Finance policy.

My work with the Governance committee involves reviewing all current policies to ensure they are appropriate, current and if necessary, amended or replaced. This committee also reviews our Strategic Plan and bylaws annually.

My background is in Finance and I have worked in senior financial positions in industry over my 50 year career. I am an avid reader, lifelong avid golfer and volunteer at the Board level with another organization as well.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Neil Little Treasurer

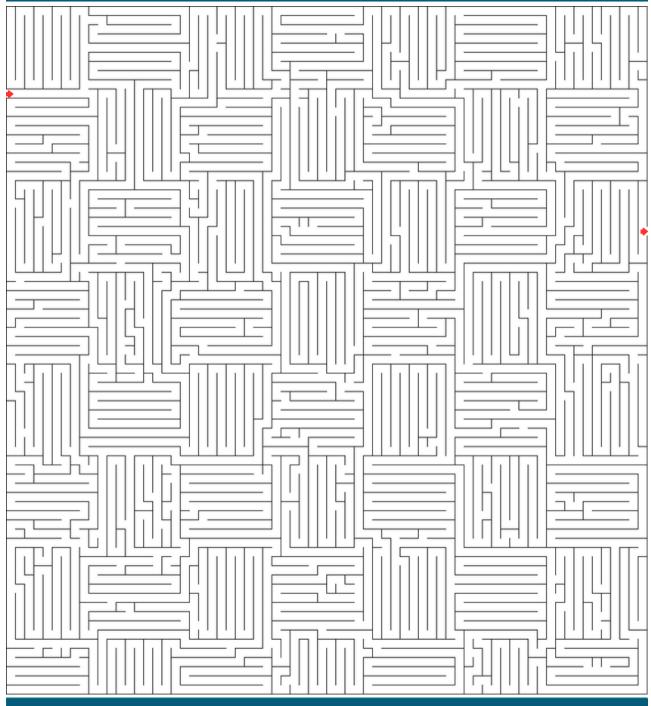
# Sudoku

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Sudoku is easy to play and the rules are simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3

# A-Mazing!

ANSWER at yycseniors.com. Thank you to Discovery Education PuzzleMaker for this game.



#### The boutique is open for business! Hours: Mon-Tue-Thurs 12 PM - 3 PM Wed & Fri by appointment.

# Boutique on the Park



403-289-4780



LOCATED IN THE Foothills Room



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

#### DONATIONS

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.

#### **DONATION ITEMS**

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

Gently used clothing Purses Shoes/boots Ties Scarves Coats Jewelry

#### UNDERWEAR:

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.

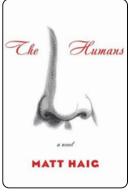
Please visit the office to open the Boutique for you during regular office hours.







# **Book Club**



Book Review

Matt Haig

This month we reviewed 'The Humans' by Matt Haig.

This was a very analytical book and I have never witnessed such a quiet thoughtful and earnest discussion as the one we had. We were also a smaller group that Monday.

The story is one of an Alien who has been sent from a distant planet to eliminate the mathematical discovery of the professor whose body he has to inhabit. He also has to eliminate anyone else with whom this professor might have shared his discovery. Humans are apparently not equipped for the consequences of this discovery. Indeed this alien has to suppress his intense distaste for our species.

The author, invests the humans in this book with many of his own feelings and foibles. Our Alien starts out, his transfer having been rather botched by his handlers- walking naked down a motorway at about midnight just outside Cambridge England. He does not perceive the need for clothes, is able to pass through locked doors, and some useful non human activities. He is repelled by his own appearance and that of mankind. Slowly as the book progresses and he starts to carry out his task, the human ness of Humanity, our music, poetry and that, baffling to him, emotion love, start to rub off on him. He is amazed and disturbed after he has killed his first victim. Had he done that within the first hour of arrival it would not have bothered him at all.

Thus the Author is using this Alien as well as his immediate family and friends to show us ourselves. As the Author says - "If you do not like this book- then you do not like me". A great deal of Matt Haig lurks in these pages. These are very British humans.

Our scores started with mostly 8, 8.5 one 6 and two 7. By the end of our very thoughtful talk there was an outbreak of 9, and 6 became 7! Some of us had read more thoughtfully than others and there was plenty of meat for philosophical discussion. Even the attitude of the Voldorians is flawed and dare I say rather human.

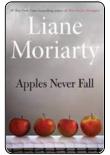
Here is one thought we were left with "Is empathy inherent or is it learned?" We did also agree that Free Will is somewhat limited. One of the conclusions swiftly gleaned by our Alien is that Humans disregard people of great learning, but absolutely worship idiots. That hit home for me.

Next month we will be discussing "Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty Happy New Year!

DECEMBER Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty

Submitted by

Jean Kensit



Register for this event in person at our Office or online at yycseniors.com.

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#### JANUARY 26, 2024 FROM 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM CHARLESWOOD HALL | 2244 CHICOUTIMI DR NW

#### LUNCH

Provided by The Edgemont, The Scenic Grande and Scenic Acres Retirement Living

Your delightful lunch will include Butternut Squash Soup, a variety of fresh Salads, Cold Sandwiches, a Vegetable Platter ending with delicious and tasty desserts.



Amy Michoc-Barnes 587-296-4871



**Monika Jones** 403-208-8641



The Edgemont Angela Catton 403-241-8990

#### LEARN

Presentation by Crowfoot Pharmacy

- What is Diabetes
- Diabetes Progression
- Prevention of Diabetes
- Treatment of Diabetes
- Normal Blood Glucose Ranges
- Correct Blood Glucose Measurement
- Healthy Eating & Carb Counting

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**\$15 Members & Super Members |** \$25 Non-Members

 $Menu\ subject\ to\ change\ without\ notice.\ Advanced\ tickets\ only.\ Assigned\ seating\ unless\ arranged\ at\ time\ of\ ticket\ sale.\ No\ refunds.$ 

**CROWFOOT PHARMACY** 



# Featured Event

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# Tea & Conversation

#### Thursdays at 1:30 PM



CHEERS TO A NEW YEAR

and another chance for us to get it right.

OPRAH WINFREY

It is that time of the year for us to deal with "Old Man Winter"....COLD, SNOW, ICE and the FLU and Covid.

- Bundle up and stay warm: winter boots, gloves, hats and winter coats are a must.
- Remember to take extra precautions when shoveling the snow don't be afraid to ask for help.
- Make sure you have anti slip boots and shoes to help prevent you from a fall on the ice.
- Wash your hands frequently and cough into your elbows. If you are not feeling well, stay home and seek medical attention if needed.

# We would like to thank all of our wonderful **volunteers**; we count on you week after week and you never let us down. Thanks a million!

Thank you all for your monthly, weekly and annual **donations** to the Tea & Conversation program. Your support is greatly appreciated and needed. JANUARY 2024 Jan 4 ...... Sox & Sax Jan 11 ...... Greg Rumpel Jan 18 ...... Timeless Reflections Jan 25 ...... Greg Rumpel

# Stay Active & Stay Involved

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



# Tea & Conversation













**TEA & CONVERSATION** 

Thursdays 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM















# **Upcoming Events**

No ticket sales at the door. Advanced tickets ONLY at yycseniors.com or at the office.



Fri, Jan 26th Lunch & Learn Topic: Diabetes \$15 Members \$25 Non-Members 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Tues, Jan 30th Presentation Effective Communication & Healthy Aging FREE 10 AM - 12 PM





Tues, Feb 13th FREE Presentation **Government Benefits presented by Alberta Blue Cross** 10 AM - 12 PM

Fri, Jan 12th **Games Day** \$10 Tickets Includes 2 slices pizza 12 PM - 3 PM





Tues, Jan 30th Winter Cabin On the Lake with Carol Marasco \$40 Members \$75 Non-Members 10 AM - 12 PM

Fri, Feb 9th Games Day \$10 Tickets Includes 2 slices pizza 12 PM - 3 PM





Tues, Feb 27th **Sunset Bridge** with Carol Marasco \$40 Members \$75 Non-Members 10 AM - 12 PM

# Register at yycseniors.com

# Intergenerational Club

#### John visited his grandpa who lived way out in the country.

On the first morning of the visit, John's grandpa prepared a breakfast of bacon and eggs. John noticed a film-like substance on his plate, and asked, "Are these plates clean?"

His grandpa replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get them. Just go ahead and finish your meal."

For lunch, Grandpa made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates, as his appeared to have specks of dried egg on it. "Are you sure these plates are clean?" he asked.

Without looking up, Grandpa said, "I told you before, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them!"

Later, as John was leaving, his grandpa's dog started to growl and wouldn't let him pass.

John said, "Grandpa, your dog won't let me get by!"

Grandpa yelled to the dog, "Cold Water, go lie down!"



(FORMERLY KNOWN AS LINKAGES)

### Intergenerational Club

! HAVE FUN ! MAKE A FRIEND ! CONNECT WITH STUDENTS FROM ST FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL TO SHARE WISDOM, STORIES & LAUGHS!

**NEXT MEETING DATES:** 

Monday3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Jan 15th & 29th Feb 12 & 26th



Register with Nigel: 403-289-4780

#### THANK YOU FOR MAKING LAST YEAR SPECIAL!

With your generous help, we can offer even more programs and events this year! We thank you and extend our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support.

#### Thank you to our Donors who generously donated a total of \$19,110.50:

Bill Crist Birait\*\* Carole McIntosh Dwight Ivy Boschman Jane Perry Jeannette\* Joyce Judy Kim Polvi Lorraine Vitone Lynda Lyster Maureen Bolen Susan Terry Thelma Shulyk All Anonymous Donors

#### 2023 President's Appeal Campaign

We are thrilled to announce that our campaign exceeded our expectations with an incredible 168% response rate! Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, the pantry program has been successfully launched, and we can provide food for our members and community. Your kindness ensures that no one goes hungry this winter.



\*Monthly \*\*Quarterly Donation

To become more involved in our Centre, please call us, visit in person or on our website, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or NextDoor.

# Our 50th Year in Photos























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# January

#### ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY					
<b>SEATED YOGA</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Jan 8 - Mar 18	<b>CRIB</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Jan 2 - Mar 19	<b>THE WORX</b> 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Winter: Jan 10 - Mar 13	<b>WOODCARVERS</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Jan 4 - Mar 7	<b>ZUMBA GOLD</b> 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Winter: Jan 12 - Mar 15					
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1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Jan 8 - Mar 18 CHINESE MAHJONG CLUB 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Winter Cabin: Jan 30 Sunset Bridge: Feb 27 Positano Italy: Mar 26	<b>BELLY DANCING</b> 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Jan 10 - Mar 13	TE						
Jan 8 - Mar 18 <b>BOOK CLUB</b> 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 4	<b>TAI CHI Beginner</b> 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Winter: Jan 23 - Mar 26	<b>BALLET for Seniors</b> 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Jan 3 - Mar 6	<b>Thursdays</b> 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM **See pages 10 & 11	Buy a Gift Certificate for					
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<b>WATERCOLOURS</b> 1:15 PM - 3:15 PM Jan 8 - Mar 18	TAI CHI Intermediate		yycseniors.com/t&c	at the Office					
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INTERGENERATIONAL CLUB: SEE PAGE 13 3:30 PM - 5:15 PM	<b>HARMONY FIRST</b> 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Jan 9 - May 28	*CHARLESWOOD - ROOM ACCESS BELOW							
Jan 15 & 29, Feb 12 & 26 Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13 & 27	<b>Sharing Handicrafts</b> 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm								
CENTRE CLOSED No Classes: Eab 10th 2024	Jan 2 - Mar 19	2244 Chicoutimi Dr NW Ca		FFICE: Up stairs to the right					

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Feb 19th, 2024

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Indoor Stair lift is available.

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# Sudoku Answers



# Explore what retirement living has to offer.

### Scenic Grande

RETIREMENT LIVING

8720 Scurfield Dr NW 587-296-4871 RETIREMENT LIVING Monika Jones 150 Scotia Landing NW 403-208-0338

Scenic Acres

The Edgemont Angela Catton 80 Edenwold Dr NW 403-241-8990

Whether you are looking for independent living, assisted living or memory care, our retirement homes offer a safe environment with personalized care options and recreation programs to suit your needs. Call us for a personalized tour.

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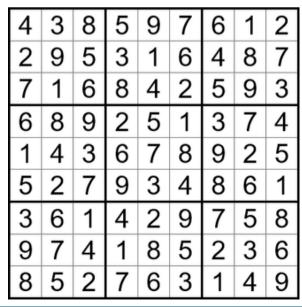
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#### SUDOKU PUZZLES ON PAGE 5

#### SUDOKU MEDIUM

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#### SUDOKU HARD



# JANUARY

# Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY						
1	2 Sudios Clenbow at the Edison Nov 24 - Mar 3 Glenbow Museum FREE Admission	3	4 TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM SOX & SAX	5 Winged & Wild 10 AM - 3PM \$8 Seniors Bow Habitat Station 1440 17A St SE	Last weekend ZOO LIGHTS Jan 6-7						
8	9	10 Wool & Warmth 6:30 - 9:30 PM Fort Calgary	11 TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM GREG RUMPEL	CAMES AFTERNOON With Pizza JTs PUB, 12-3PM \$10 per person See Pg 25	2024 Canadian National Skating Championship Jan 8-14 Winsport						
<b>15</b> <b>INTER- GENERATIONAL</b> <b>CLUB</b> Jan 15 & 29th 3:30 - 4:30 PM <b>See Pg 13</b>	HIGH PERFORMANCE RODEO Jan 15- Feb 4 Various venues throughout Calgary	17	18 TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM TIMELESS REFLECTIONS	19	East Villiage Hygg Hut on Riverwalk Fridays & Saturday Fri 2-6PM: Live Mus Sat 11 AM - 5 PM						
Sensory Friendly Day @ Regal Cat Cafe 9:30-10:30AM and 7:00-8PM 303 10 St NW	23	24 Wool & Warmth 6:30 - 9:30 PM Fort Calgary	Robbie 25 Burns Day TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM GREG RUMPEL	26 LUNCH & LEARN ABOUT DIABETES 11:30AM-2:30 PM \$15 M, \$25NM See pg 15	Calgary RV Exp BMO Centre Jan 25 - 28						
€ 29 PAINT WITH CAROL MARASCO Winter Cabin on the Lake TUESDAY 10AM-12PM \$40M, \$75 NM See Pg 23 ►	30 FREE PRESENTATION Effective Communication & Healthy Aging 10 AM - 12 PM See Pg 25	31	VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMA The gift of your ti Centre immense volunteers on April	THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2023 VOLUNTEERS AND, ESPECIALLY, TO OUR CHRISTMAS CASINO VOLUNTEERS! The gift of your time through the holidays has helped our Centre immensely. We would love to see you join all our volunteers on April 12th at our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. Mark your calendars for a party you won't forget!							
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Members & Super Members are entitled to ONE FREE Personal Classified Ad per month! Only \$5/text ad; Business Card Size: \$45 Colour, \$30 B/W Submissions: marketing@yycseniors.com

# Classifieds



#### Patricia's Mobile Dental Hygiene

#### THURSDAY APPOINTMENTS 403-289-4780



**PODIATRIST APPOINTMENTS:** We offer podiatrist service for Members and Super Members. Next visits Jan 5th & Feb 16th. Please call us at 403-289-4780 to book.

LAWYER APPOINTMENTS with Arlene Blake are available for Members and Super Members. Next visits: Jan 22nd & Feb 5th. Please call us at 403-289-4780 to book an appointment.

**COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS** for Members & Super Members: If you require a witnessed signature for certain documents such as affidavits or statutory declarations, call Jeannette to book an appointment directly with her. 403-289-4780, Ext 202.

**HOUSEKEEPER WANTED:** Full-time, competitive wage. Must have access to a vehicle, a clean drivers abstract and valid DL as well as a police check. Please contact Jeannette or Nigel at 403-289-4780 or email ed@yycseniors.com.

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH: January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month in Canada. When a person is diagnosed with dementia, the Alzheimer Society is the first place to turn – and First Link® is the connection to support, care, knowledge, expertise, and referrals. Visit alzheimer.ca for information about this valuable program.

**CAREGIVERS ALBERTA:** Number to call if you are a Caregiver and need support. 1-877-453-5088. This number can help you find resources and supports you may need, plus a coach to help you in your journey. Note: This organization has amazing information that can assisted you as a Caregiver.

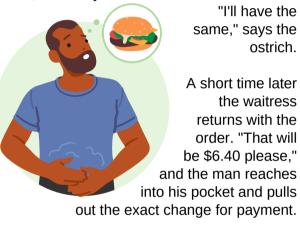
# Recipes

Recipe & photo courtesy of

tasteofhome.com

#### A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him...

As he sits, the waitress comes over and asks for their orders. The man says, "I'll have a hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?"



The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "I'll have a hamburger, fries and a coke," and the ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Once again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes a routine until late one evening, the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the waitress. "No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and salad," says the man, "same for me," says the ostrich.

A short time later the waitress comes with the order and says, "That will be \$12.62."

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### Salmon Patties

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 5 saltines, crushed fine
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can (14-3/4 ounces) salmon, drained, bones and skin removed
- 2 teaspoons butter

#### DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large bowl, combine the first 6 ingredients. Crumble salmon over mixture and mix well. Shape into 6 patties.
- 2. In a large skillet over medium heat, fry patties in butter for 3-4 minutes on each side or until set and golden brown.

Refrigerate patties for up to 2 days or freeze up to 3 months. Reheat in air fryer or microwave.

# Health & Wellness



### White and Grey Hair Care Tips

You heard it here first: white and grey hair is trending, and many women are proudly going silver. But why do we even go grey? How do you treat aging grey hair? How can you enhance your white, grey hair? Luc Vincent, an expert hairstylist, gives us all the essential white and grey hair care tips

#### The Science Behind White and Grey Hair

Also called canities, white and silver hair is a topic often debated by scientists since its cause and development are still mostly unknown. However, one thing is certain: heredity genetics is the primary factor.

From birth, we know that the colour of our hair, just like our eyes, is coded in our DNA. We also know that colour is created by melanocytes—melanin cells. For instance, ebony-coloured hair has many melanin cells, and white hair has very little.

When melanocyte production is disturbed, an air bubble is coded instead of melanin, and the hair becomes colourless. As a result, the hair appears white, but it is actually semitransparent. Grey hair occurs when a small

amount of melanin is still mixed in with keratin. In other words, a lack of melanin production is at the root of white hair.



#### **Hair Care Essentials**

For maintaining grey hair, I recommend the Sans Yellow shampoo and conditioner. These products do not leave a purple sheen in your hair and gently eliminate yellow tones, leaving your hair shiny and soft without weighing it down.

Pool chlorine can also yellow your hair. Before swimming, lather your hair with a leave-in conditioner and put on your bathing cap. Afterwards, simply rinse it out: the conditioner will have protected your hair from the chlorine.

Is your hair brassy and yellow? If the stubborn yellow in your hair still won't disappear, you can go to the salon for a hair gloss or lightener to eliminate yellowing on specific hair strands. Afterwards, you can maintain your white hair

> daily using the Sans Yellow shampoo and conditioner. Read more at https://chartwell.com /blog/senior-health-wellness/caretips-for-white-and-grey-hair

# Pantry Program

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



# How to order from the Pantry

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

#### **PICK-UP**

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



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Once again the man pulls exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?"

"Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and I found an old lamp. When I rubbed it a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there."

"That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"

"That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a

Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man.

The waitress asks, "One other thing, sir, what's with the ostrich?"

The man sighs, pauses, and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with long legs who agrees with everything I say."



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# **Origin At Home**

Come say hi to Debra Chernesky, **Origin at Home**'s Wellness Coordinator, when you're attending Tea and Conversation on Thursdays. Debra would love to chat about how Origin at Home companions can help you live well at home.

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Debra Chernesky – Wellness Coordinator, attending Tea & Conversation



# Did you know?

Here's a little something that we do that you may not know about! For more information about this month's tidbit, please contact Jeannette at ed@yycseniors.com.

#### Did you know that Members and Super Members have one free personal classified ad each month?



We have offered this free service for over a year and only a few members have taken us up on it! You can use the ad to rent a room, sell household items, say happy birthday to a friend or even organize a party! Contact Marie for details: 403-289-4780 Ext 203, marketing@yycseniors.com.

# FUN FACTS Thank you to BBC Science Focus for these Fun Facts

A cloud weighs around a million tonnes. A cloud typically has a volume of around 1km3 and a density of around 1.003kg per m3 – that's a density that's around 0.4 per cent lower than the air surrounding it (this is how they are able to float).

- Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than people. True, there are only five welldocumented fatal lightning strikes on giraffes between 1996 and 2010. But due to the population of the species being just 140,000 during this time, it makes for about 0.003 lightning deaths per thousand giraffes each year. This is 30 times the equivalent fatality rate for humans.
- Earth's rotation is changing speed.

It's actually slowing. This means that, on average, the length of a day increases by around 1.8 seconds per century. 600 million years ago a day lasted just 21 hours.

- Animals can experience time differently from humans. To smaller animals, the world around them moves more slowly compared to humans. Salamanders and lizards, for example, experience time more slowly than cats and dogs. This is because the perception of time depends on how quickly the brain can process incoming information.
- All the world's bacteria stacked on top of each other would stretch for 10 billion light-years. Together, Earth's 0.001mm-long microbes could wrap around the Milky Way over 20,000 times.
- The fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia. The 36-letter word was first used by the Roman poet Horace in the first century BCE to criticise those writers with an unreasonable penchant for long words. It was American poet Aimee Nezheukumatathil, possibly afraid of their own surname, who coined the term how we know it in 2000.

## Crossword

#### **ANSWER ON PAGE 28**

Thank you to bestcrosswords.com for this game.

#### best crosswords Hard Puzzle#7 Published Dec 28, 2023 ACROSS 1-Typeface; 5- Civil rights org.; 10-Low- diet: 14-1997 Peter Fonda role: 15-Prestigious award; 16- Interstellar dist.: 17-Ardor: 18-Shorthand whiz: 19-Top of the line: 20- Cuban dance:

- 22- Run hastily:
- 24-Small cavity in a rock;
- 25-Mound stat:
- 26- Small portable house:
- 30-Gobackin:
- 34-Norwegian king;
- 35-Give up;
- 37-Story;
- 38-Literary monogram;
- 39-Before, to Byron;
- 40- Kenan's comedy partner;
- 41-Sugar substitute?;
- 43-Beethoven dedicatee:
- 45- Moore of "G.I. Jane";
- 46- Chooses:
- 48- Like a Mel Brooks movie;
- 50-That's gotta hurt!;
- 51-Mayday!;
- 52-Letter opener;
- 56-Like high, thin clouds;
- 60-In the thick of;
- 61-Rapids transit?;
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- 13- Rabbit; 21-Pull: 1-Fluffy matter; 2-Olive genus; 23-Live and breathe; 3- Kind of tide: 26-Language elements; 4- City in W central Israel; 27-Tree-lined walk: 28-Twangy; 6-Regarding; 29- Physicist Bohr; 7-Hole in one; 30-Like non-oyster months; 31-Selfishsort: 9- Move forward; 32-Varnish resin; 10-Urgent; 33-Thing of the past; 11-Sitting on; 36- "tu" (Verdi aria); 12-Baseball's Sandberg; 42-Bring back into stock;
- 43-In the right:
- 44-Least difficult:
- 45- Undress:
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- 49-High peak;
  - 52-Small amounts:
  - 53-Throw off; 54-Verdi opera;
  - 55-Broccoli \_\_\_\_ (leafy vegetable);
  - 56- "Barton Fink" director;
  - 57-Agog;
  - 58-Hatcher of "Lois and Clark";
  - 59- Outer boundary:
  - 62-Magic org.;

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- One or Two Volunteers to Phone members Jr Jry mc everv month

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- Oscar Wilde



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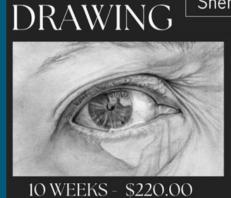
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