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Cover Photo: A new activity at Bowness Park is ice biking! It's the newest form of ice skating with rentals available every weekend until mid-March. It's not as easy as it looks so be prepared for a good workout!

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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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.



Hello everyone!!

It is already a busy year for the staff here at Confed. Lots of planning for the year is already in place with some exciting new additions.

I wanted to thank some really important people who were our life savers for our Casino!! So for all of you who volunteered for this event on December 23rd, 24th or 25th. please know how much we appreciated your help!! It is not easy to get volunteers at the best of times, but during Christmas was even more difficult. But you all stepped up and helped us out. We had many people outside our organization who also helped us and we were very thankful for them as well. We stand to make a pretty good sum of money and that would not have happened without your help!!

I would also like to thank the staff at Ace Airport Casino as thev trulv were wonderful in helping with us out volunteers. Special Thanks to Tony To who was our advisor. Marie's husband, Kevin Woron has taken over the role of coordinating our casino and I want to thank him for all of his work.

Last but not least, Seppo Sarvi who worked all three nights along with Kevin during the casino!! It was a great experience and the volunteers and staff made it so much fun!!

If you have any concerns or new ideas you would like to discuss, please give me a call and we will set up a meeting so I can devote some time to you. We are moving towards a very different way of communicating this year. I would like to do more one-on-one meetings with members to see how we can improve what we are doing. Please do not hesitate to make arrangements to meet with me!

> 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.



Hello!

My name is Linda Earl and I am the secretary this year, for the Board of Directors for Confederation Park Seniors.

I became involved with Confederation park in 2009 when I was looking for something to do after retiring. Since then I have been coming to play crib every week that it is open. I have also participated in art classes and exercise classes and volunteered for many things. I have even participated in teaching sewing at the Centre.

In 2010 I was elected to the board of directors and I have been on and off the board ever since (after 6 years you have to take a year off.) It has been a very interesting experience and I have learned a lot over the years. Being involved with the Board gives you an input into what is happening and how things get accomplished. Without a board there is it no Centre, as contravenes our Bylaws. The Board needs 5 to 11 volunteers to run efficiently - this could include you!

To help the Board accomplish its goals there are Committees. There are several of these committees – all with different but one desired outcome – helping the Board make the best decision possible for the Centre. As a member of the Centre you are eligible to be a member of any committee. All have different aims and objectives and are busy at different times.

- The Nomination committee works to get new people on the Board that are a good fit for what the Board needs. They are busy from October til the AGM in March.
- The Governance Committee work to create and keep all our paperwork organized and up to date. They are busy most of the year with the summer off.
- The Finance committee is another that is a year round with the summer off. They organize the finances of the Centre and our investments, arrange the audit and balance the budget.
- The Events Committee is the one that organizes special events like our Anniversary and big Parties that happen once a year. A lot of the lunches and speaker events are organized through the office but big events are planned and organized by the events committee. This is another year round committee – busier closer to the events they are setting up.
- The Facilities Committee is a fairly new committee as it started when we had to find a new home. At the

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regularly cleaned and maintained.

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 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9. Thank you to puzzles.ca for these great puzzles.

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SUDOKU EASY

Sudoku

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OR CALL NIGEL AT 403-289-4780

AN EXTRA HELPING HAND

SUDOKU HARD

Word Search

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

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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.

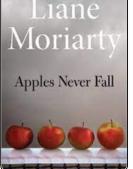
Please visit the office to open the Boutique for you during regular office hours.







Book Club



Book Review Apples Never Fall Liane Moriarty

We started off the Year with 'Apples Never Fall' by Liane Moriarty. This excellent Australian writer wrote about the

family dynamics and dysfunctions of an extremely dedicated Tennis family in Sydney.

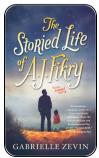
The book opens with intriguing an prologue, and the chapters proceed to swivel back and forth throughout the book from recent past to present. The catalyst to the unravelling of this particular family happens to be a very devious and manipulative young girl. The author also happens to be highly skilled at manipulating her readers as she takes them through the story. None of our group objected to this see-saw style. That was a first. She also shaded our view of the parents by identifying them in one instance as the mother and father of only one of their four children. This is a challenging topic dealt with in a very skillful fashion with plenty to smile about, even as we start to be feeling uneasy about our young mendacious catalyst.

Our scores were universally high ranging from 7 to 10 and a couple went up after our discussion - which was kept orderly by our presenter. A couple of us felt that the very end of the book was surplus to requirements, as our family had recovered from upheaval and was soldering on with rather more focus than at the start of the tale. Nonetheless it does add a delicious very dark flip of the cat's tail. It also implies that psychopaths can be made versus born. There is more than one family with dysfunction in this tale. Those apples certainly didn't fall far from their trees. You just never know.

Next month we will be reading 'The Storied Life of AJ Fickry' by Gabrielle Zevin.

Submitted by Jean Kensit

NEXT MONTH The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry



by Gabrielle Zevin

Featured Event

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

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FRIDAY, FEB 16TH 11:30AM - 2:30PM

MEMBERS & SUPER MEMBERS **\$30 NON-MEMBERS**

BRING YOUR ADULT KIDS! ALL ADULTS 18+ ARE WELCOME

lunchbox

SERVED AT NOON: ASSORTED **CROISSANT SANDWICHES, VEGGIES, FRUIT & DESSERT**

dance & mingle

THE WILD ROSE DUO WILL ENTERTAIN YOU AT 1 PM.

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TICKETS 403-289-4780

Menu subject to change without notice. Advanced tickets only. Tickets are non-refundable. Assigned seating unless arranged at time of ticket purchase.

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Tea & Conversation

Thursdays at 1:30 PM

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you



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 donations to the Tea & Conversation program your support is greatly appreciated and needed. We hope you enjoy your time at Tea & Conversation as much as we enjoy having you.

May your troubles be less May your blessings be more Stay Safe & Be Well



Feb 1st Sox & Sax Feb 8th Walkin' on Sunshine Feb 15th Walkin' on Sunshine Feb 22nd Timeless Reflections Feb 29th 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















Thursdays 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM











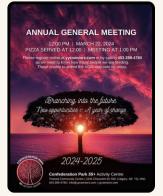


Upcoming Events

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



Fri, Feb 16th Family Day Lunch & Dance \$20 Members \$30 Non-Members 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Fri, Mar 22nd Members ONLY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Pizza Served FREE 12 PM - 2:30 PM





Fri, Feb 9th **Games Day** \$10 Tickets Includes 2 slices pizza 12 PM - 3 PM Fri, Mar 8th **Games Day** \$10 Tickets Includes 2 slices pizza 12 PM - 3 PM





Tues, Feb 13th FREE Presentation **Government Benefits presented by Alberta Blue Cross** 10 AM - 12 PM Tues, Mar 26th **Positano Italy** with Carol Marasco \$40 Members \$75 Non-Members 10 AM - 12 PM





Tues, Feb 27th Sunset Bridge with Carol Marasco \$40 Members \$75 Non-Members 10 AM - 12 PM Register at yycseniors.com OR CALL 403-289-4780

Intergenerational Club

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moment we are working on our lease for our current contract. This is another part-time committee.

- The Casino Committee is a specialized one that works when we have a Casino date. Considering we just did one in December, this committee will probably not be active again 'til our next Casino which will most likely be in spring of 2025.
- The Garage Sale Committee is a parttime committee but it is coming into its season soon. Our Garage Sale is June 15, 2024 this year and again will be in the Hockey Arena. We will be looking for people to participate in all areas of this project – it is a lot of work but everyone seems to enjoy it and look forward to it every year. We will be starting to organize this in the coming months. I look forward to new faces coming to help our as well as everyone who have joined us in previous years.

If you have any interest in joining us on the Board or coming out to be a Committee member, please contact Sharon Dun on the board or Jeannette Provo in the office and they will get you the information you need.

linda Linda Earl Treasurer



(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:

Monday
 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Feb 12 & 26th Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13 & 27



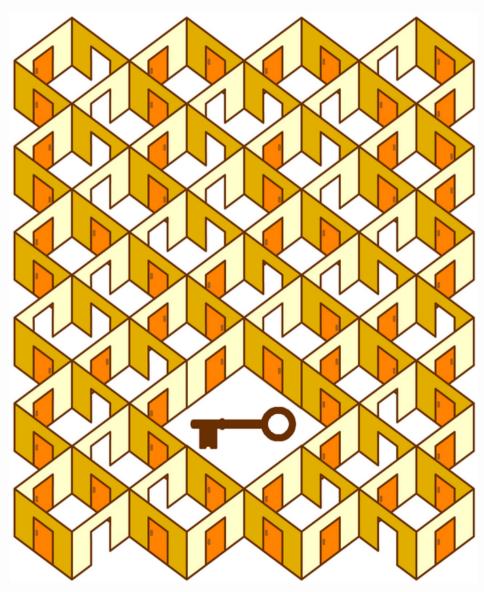
Register with Nigel: 403-289-4780

Maze

Thank you to seasonedtimes.com for this puzzle. Answer can be found at yycseniors.com/the-gazette

LOCKED DOORS

The key only fits in ONE door. Can you get through the maze unlocking the right door?



SEASONED TIMES.CON

AGM March 22

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12:00 PM | MARCH 22, 2024 PIZZA SERVED AT 12:00 | MEETING AT 1:00 PM CHARLESWOOD ROOM

Please register online at **yycseniors.com** or by calling **403-289-4780** as we need to know how many people we are feeding. Those unable to attend the AGM may vote by proxy.

Branching into the future

New opportunities ~ A year of change



2024-2025

Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre

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February

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SEATED YOGA 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Last Class Mar 18	CRIB 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Last Meeting: Mar 19	THE WORX 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Last Class: Mar 6	WOODCARVERS 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Last Meeting: Mar 7	ZUMBA GOLD 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Last Class: Mar 15
PERFECTLY IMPERFECTS 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Last Class: Mar 25	DRAWING 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Last Class: Mar 5	SEATED YOGA 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Last Class: Mar 20	JAZZ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Last Class: Mar 7	UKULELE Ongoing, Experienced
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LINE DANCE Beginner 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Last Class: Mar 18	CAROL MARASCO 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sunset Bridge: Feb 27	Last Class: Mar 6 BELLY DANCING		
CHINESE MAHJONG CLUB 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Last Meeting: Mar 18	Positano Italy: Mar 26 River Walk: Apr 30	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Last Class: Mar 13 BALLET for Seniors	16®	Buy a Gift
BOOK CLUB 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Feb 5, Mar 4	TAI CHI Beginner 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Last Class: Mar 26	12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Last Class: Mar 6	Thursdays 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM **See pages 10 & 11 for details.	Certificate for Valentine's Day!
EUCHRE 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Last Meeting: Mar 18	Yoga 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	ENERGIZING DANCE 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Last Class: Mar 6	\$5 Requested Donation	Available at the Office
WATERCOLOURS 1:15 PM - 3:15 PM Last Class: Mar 18	Feb 6 - Mar 12 TAI CHI Intermediate		yycseniors.com/tac	
SPANISH 3 Beyond Beg	11:05 AM - 12:05 PM Last Class: Mar 26			
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Last Class: Mar 18	ALCOHOL INKS Intro	CHARLESWOOD ³		OOTHILLS (downstairs) JB (downstairs)
LINE DANCE IMPROVER 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM Last Class: Mar 18	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Last Class: Mar 5	BOARDROOM (up	·	DOM (online)
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CLUB: SEE PAGE 13 3:30 PM - 5:15 PM Feb 12 & 26, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13 & 27	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Last Meeting: May 14	RAMP		OFFICE DOOR
CENTRE CLOSED No Classes: Feb 19th, 2024	SHARING HANDICRAFTS 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Last Meeting: Mar 19	2244 Chicoutimi Dr NW, Ga		FFICE: Up stairs to the right for Stair lift is available.

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Sudoku Answers



Explore what retirement living has to offer.

The Scenic Grande

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de Scenic Acres

Monika Jones 150 Scotia Landing NW 403-208-0338

Angela Catton 80 Edenwold Dr NW 403-241-8990

The Edgemont

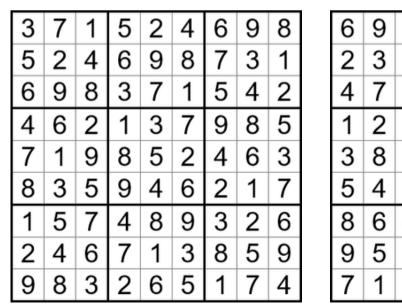
Whether you are looking for independent living, assisted living or memory care, our retirement homes offer a safe environment with personalized care options and recreation programs to suit your needs. Call us for a personalized tour.

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SUDOKU PUZZLES ON PAGE 5

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FEBRUARY

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Teas conversation 1:30 - 2:30 PM SOX & SAX	SHADOW: 6 MORE WKS NO SHADOW: EARLY SPRING!	3 Carnaval de Quebec Feb 3 - 12
4 ODOCA The Elixer of Love 2PM - 5PM Jubilee Auditorium	5	6	7	8 TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM WALKIN' ON SUNSHINE	GAMES AFTERNOON Games & Pizza JTs PUB, 12-3PM \$10 per person See Pg 12	HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 2024
11 Calgary Boat & Outdoor Show Feb 9 - 11 BMO Centre		FREE 13 PRESENTATION Government Benefits Alberta Blue Cross 10 AM - 12 PM See Pg 29	HAPPy Natentines	15 TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM WALKIN' ON National SUNSHINE Flag Day	Family Day 16 Lunch & Dance 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM \$20 M, \$30 NM See Page 9	The Great Backyard Bird Count Feb 17 - 20
18 AWFINIKIE Storybook Theatre A Wrinkle in Time Feb 16 - Mar 16 Beddington Theatre Arts Co.	19 HOLIDAY FAMILY DAY Centre is Closed	20	21	22 TEA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM TIMELESS REFLECTIONS	23	Calgary Home & Garden Show Feb 22 - 25 BMO Centre
25 LUMINOUS VOICES THE CANADIAN CHAMBER CHOIR Luminous Voices 3:00 PM Knoxx United Church	26 INTER- GENERATIONAL CLUB 3:30 - 4:30 PM See Pg 13	27 PAINT WITH CAROL MARASCO Sunset Bridge Landscape 10 AM - 12 PM \$40M, \$75 NM See Pg 23	Pink Shirt Day ANTI- BULLYING	Leap Day! 29 TeA & CONVERSATION 1:30 - 2:30 PM GREG RUMPEL		
NOTES						

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 visit is Feb 16th. Please call us at 403-289-4780 to book.

LAWYER APPOINTMENTS with Arlene Blake are available for Members and Super Members. Next visit: 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.

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.



Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17th

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Recipes

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Eight Again

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off, he asked what she'd like as a gift. "I'd like to be eight again," she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her birthday, he rose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to Adventure World theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was.

Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, with popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&Ms. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed, exhausted.

He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well dear, what was it like being eight again?"

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed.

"Oh honey, I meant my dress size!"

Easy Drop

Cheddar Biscuits

INGREDIENTS

- 1 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup butter cubed
- 1 cup shredded old Cheddar cheese
 - 1 cup milk

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In large bowl, whisk together dry ingredients. Using pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
- 2. Add cheese and milk, mixing with fork until ragged moist dough forms. Drop by 1/4 cupfuls, 1-1/2 inches apart, onto greased baking sheet.
- 3. Bake in centre of 425°F until lightly browned, 13 to 15 minutes.

Health & Wellness

Retirement living is aging at home

Many people are existing in their homes rather than having a rich, full life. Because of that, Dr Amy promotes, "Aging at Home" instead of "Aging in Place." Staying in the home that you have lived in for a long time works under a specific set of circumstances:

- One or both people are healthy enough to manage the day-to-day household chores, such as cooking and grocery shopping, as well as the bigger maintenance jobs. This doesn't mean they have to do all of the work, but they have to be able to stay on top of these things and afford help when they can't do the actual work.
- There is easy opportunity to see other people and socialize. This may mean continuing to drive and/or having friends nearby who are also healthy enough to get together
- If there are care needs, there is another healthy family member in the home or very nearby to manage home care. From both personal and professional experience, I can tell you that it can be very difficult to keep someone who has significant care needs in their long-term home if there is no one there to manage care.
- The environment is safe. Safety might be compromised by mobility issues, cognitive issues, and features of the home, such as steep stairs or a lack of good lighting.

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Retirement living is an option that addresses all of those concerns. There is a home-like environment that is safe, provides meals and housekeeping, as well as the opportunity to socialize and have friends right where you live. No one should spend their later years isolated and lonely.

My parents moved into retirement living at my encouragement. Initially, my father was hesitant. Yet about six months after they moved in, I was walking with my dad and he said what I have heard countless people say, "I wish we had moved here sooner. This was the best thing we could have done."



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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A Camping Mystery

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal, they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. Holmes said: "Watson, look up and tell me what you see".

Watson said: "I see a fantastic panorama of countless stars."

Holmes: "And what does that tell you?"

Watson pondered for a moment: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets."



Watson continued, "Astrologically, I observe

that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow."

"Why? What does it tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes was silent for a moment then spoke: "My good Watson... someone has stolen our tent." Register for our artist workshops at yycseniors.com.

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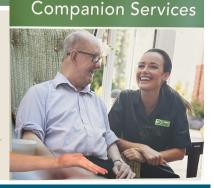
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Did you know?

Here's a little something that we do that you may not know about! This year, the Chinese New Year celebrates the Year of the Dragon, specifically the Wood Dragon.

Chinese New Year Celebrations and the Year of the Dragon



The origins of Chinese New Year are rooted in legend. One such story describes a monster named Nian ("Year") that would attack villagers at the beginning of each new year. To scare the beast away, people would use bright lights, loud noises, and the colour red. Even today, firecrackers, fireworks, red clothes, and decorations are used to chase away bad luck and invite good fortune. Young people receive money in red envelopes, while traditions honouring deceased relatives are also observed.

Chinese New Year is also a time for feasting and reconnecting with family members. For those born in certain years, such as 2000, 2012, or 2024, the Chinese zodiac sign of the dragon is theirs. This legendary creature symbolizes power, nobility, honour, luck, and success. People born in the year of the dragon are often naturally courageous, tenacious,

and intelligent, exuding enthusiasm and confidence.

The year 2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon, beginning on February 10th, 2024 (Chinese New Year) and concluding on January 28th, 2025 (Chinese New Year's Eve). This year is expected to bring about many opportunities, changes, and challenges. If you're considering making a shift in your life, this year might present a favourable chance.



Crossword

ANSWER ON PAGE 28

Thank you to bestcrosswords.com for this game.

Crosswords Hard Puzzle #7 Published Jan 28, 2024 ACROSS 1- Court org.; 5- Actress Skye; 9- Topnis tactic:

9- Tennis tactic;
12- "All the Way" lyricist
Sammy; 13- Tiny branches;
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16- Carefree adventure;
17- Traffic problem;
18- Gotcha;
19- Loss of volition;
21- Feudal lord;
23- Pulls the plug on;
25- Relate; 26- Mule of song;
29- Oceans; 31- Candy brand;
35- "Foucault's Pendulum"
author Umberto;
36- Drying ovens;

38- Cosmetician Lauder;

39- Enlist again;

41-Atty.-to-be exams;

- 43- Rani's garb; 44- Wild rose;
- 46- "The Wild Swans at Coole"
- poet; 48-___ Tin Tin;
- 49- King of the fairies;
- 51-Old Italian money;
- 52-Shoe width;
- 53- He ran from Iran;
- 55- Honest-to-goodness; 57-
- Highest peak in Great Britain;
- 61-Ring of color;
- 65- "The Time Machine" race;
- 66-Varsity starters;
- 68-Take down (humble);
- 69- Hoof sound; 70- Supple; 71- Wither through heat
- exposure;
- 72-Understanding;
- 73-Old despot;
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- 27-Sour-tasting;
- 28-Nephew of Donald Duck;
- 30- Madame de ___;
- 32-Gawk;
- 33-Unsettling;
- 34- River that flows through Paris:
- 37- Flight of steps;
- 40- Edible root;

45- Architect Mies van der ___; 47- River to the Moselle; 50- Maritime;

42-Pennant;

- 54- Command to the band;
- 56-Rent;
- 57- Call's partner;
- 58- Model Macpherson; 5
- 9-High time?;
- 60-Tennis units;
- 62-Frank; 63-Heavy metal;
- 64- Farm prefix;
- 67-Gotcha!;

Thank You Sponsors



Two friends are walking down the street

One friend turns to the other and says, "Let's go get a drink, there's this new place that does THE best punch you'll ever drink." So they make their way to the bar and walk straight up to the bartender "Bartender, two glasses of your best punch please."

The bartender replies in a stern voice, "If you want some punch you're gonna have to get in line like everybody else."

The friends turn and look around but there's no punch line...



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What's Happening at Triwood



VALENTINE'S TRIVIA @ JT'S

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SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

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Please join us for a conversation with Alberta Blue Cross as they present information on how to access Government and Personal Benefits as we age.

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VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- One Volunteer needed in the Confed Office
- · One Volunteer is needed to help in the **Marketing Office**
- One or Two Volunteers needed to do Inventory in the Centre as soon as possible
- Board of Director and Committee Members needed. Contact Jeannette at 403-289-4780 or JYC: ed@yycseniors.com.

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– Sherry Anderson



Would you like to join our Volunteer Crew? Please contact Richard at 403-289-4780 or visit the Office for a Volunteer Application Form.

Become a Member





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.

What does Membership Status mean?

- 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!
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Linda Petiot joined CNA in December 2015 after hearing Dr. Haxton speak to the group. She was so happy to hear there were things she is able to do for her neuropathy that she joined CNA that day to learn more. Since that day she's been researching and trying different options for neuropathy and pain relief. Linda is an independent information technology business analyst who has taken on the Vice-President role as well as management of the CNA website and video production. Linda says, "Even though it is volunteer, working with Sylvia and the rest of this team is the highlight of my career. I feel like I can really make a difference and help people with peripheral neuropathy." Linda is looking forward to the exciting things the team will do together.



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

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MARCH 2024 March 11 - Spinning on a Bar Stool Guest Speaker: Author - Glenda Toews

March 25 - Core Beliefs





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Greater Forest Lawn 55+ Society (GFLS) 3425 - 26 Avenue SE 403-272-4661 supportegfls.org





On Wednesdays stop by the center with two sandwiches, one for you and one to share. All fillings are welcome! If you've vowed you made your last sandwich when you retired, you can still come and pay \$3 to the kitty. Dessert provided by the dessert committee.

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Valentine Luncheon

Date: Monday February 12, 2024 Time: 12:00 noon Cost: \$20.00/Member - \$25.00/ Guest

Menu: Spaghetti and Meat Balls, Caesar Salad, Garlic toast Dessert: French style cheesecake with raspberry coulis Provided By: Tri wood Community Assoc.

Last minute walk-ins will not be accepted as we must know of attendees for the food preparation.



Cowboy Casino February 20th, 2024 Pick up time is 10:30am

Cost of \$10.00 members / \$15.00 Guests Min of 20 people for this to take place.

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Valentines Day Tropical Plant Dish

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