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CONFEDERATION PARK 55+ ACTIVITY CENTRE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

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Egg Hunt

With Easter at the end of this month, you'll have plenty of time to find all 60 eggs hidden in this issue (this cover not included!)

Our **AGM** is being held at 1PM on Mar 22nd. Registered members: come at noon for your free slices of pizza! **See Page 9**

Spring Registration begins March 4th! See Pages 32 & 33

> EGG HUNT

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Cover Photo: It's time for an Easter Egg Hunt! Beginning on page 3, hunt for 60 eggs hidden throughout this edition of the Gazette! Have fun and Happy Easter!

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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE Executive Director

Jeannette 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!!

St Patrick's and Easter Friday!! Luck of the Irish to all!! Here's hopping you get lots of Easter eggs!!

March is also the month of our AGM. So please register and come on in to cast your votes, or better yet think about joining the Board!! We have a very talented group doing the work on this board and you would be learning from some of the best!! March 22nd, pizza is served at noon and the meeting starts at 1:00.

I would like to take a moment to thank Alison Demeter who has been an instructor with our Centre for the past 12 years for the "Perfectly Imperfects". Alison and her group have done a number of shows over their years with us. Not here at the Centre, but at different venues in Calgary. "Perfectly Imperfects" did do a feature for us at our 50th in May 2023 and it was fantastic. Under Alison's mentorship, the group has done some truly great work. Alison will be providing her class at Dalhousie Community Centre from here on. Thank you, Alison for all your dedication and hard work!!

Scottish Country Dance will be one of our classes for the spring session. Ann Longair will be the instructor for the class and was our instructor for the last session as well. Welcome back to the Scottish Country Dancers and Ann!

September 13th – Seniors Games Day – Sponsored by Chartwell

Just a bit of one of our upcoming events this year. September 13th. We are hosting a Seniors Games which will be open to all of the centres as well as our own. This event is being sponsored by Chartwell and it is looking to be a great deal of fun for all who wish to attend.

We have started a tentative schedule of events for the day and will need some help from members with a couple of them. **See Page 34.** I also will need some help with the Crib and Bridge Tournaments as I know nothing about Bridge and, while I do know lots about crib, I need someone to coordinate both of these tournaments. Participants will need to register on our website, as well as those wishing to observe.

> Jeannette Provo Executive Director

Meet Øur 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 Everyone!

I take this opportunity to wish all of you a belated Happy New Year. I hope this finds you settled in to the routine of a New Year after a busy Holiday Season and looking forward to new experiences

and continuing with activities you have enjoyed in the past at Cponfederation Park.

We are approaching our Annual General Meeting, (Friday, March 22, 2024) so this seems like a good time to review the past year at Confederation Park 55+ Activity Center. The Board of Directors are in the final stages of renewing our lease with Triwood Community Center which will ensure us of having a home for the next three years. Hopefully the lease will be signed and in place by the time we meet for the AGM. All of us at Confederation Park are very grateful for the way we have been welcomed by the Triwood Board of Directors, staff and members. Sincere Thank You to everyone.

Confederation Park Activity Center is recognized as one of the most successful 55+ centers in the City of Calgary and that can be traced directly back to our dedicated Executive Director, all staff members, Board of Directors, and volunteers. Jeannette has been instrumental in forming the super membership group, and several outreach programs. She has also been amazing in securing grants which bring in crucial funds that contribute to the success of the many programs offered to members. Debbie Nay has been responsible for the success of T & C for more than 15 years. It is safe to say that thanks to Debbie's efforts this is probably the most successful program of it's type in the City and it continues to grow. Jeannette and Debbie have also been responsible for securing many sponsors for various events. Nigel is program coordinator, Richard is responsible for membership services and of course Marie does a wonderful job of Marketing. When there is an event being held all the staff pitch in to make sure it runs smoothly. thank you to all the staff for their dedication.

We have mentioned many times in the Gazette, E Blasts and in person at events how very grateful we are for the support of our members. Support can be defined in more than one way of course but some of the most important ways are your kind words of gratitude and encouragement to staff, volunteers and members of the Board of directors. It is appreciated. The Board of directors and Staff are looking forward to a strong presence at the A.G.M. This will be your chance to to have your questions answered, obtain a copy fo the audited financial report for the past year, hear committee reports and meet members of your Governing Board of Directors. We truly look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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Sharon Dun President

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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 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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Word Search

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

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HIDDEN MESSAGE

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.

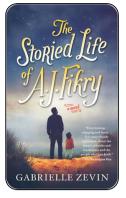
Please visit the office to open the Boutique for you during regular office hours.







Book Club



Book Review The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry Gabrielle Zevin

This Month we reviewed 'The Storied Life of AJ Fickry ' by Gabrielle Zevin.

This author has skillfully created a very enjoyable read, despite there being some heavy topics in the tale. The subtext of this entertaining Story is Book stores, Books and their essential contribution to our lives. We are all well aware of the numbers of parents and children who large quantities cheerfully haul of children's books home from the library. We also notice how mystery fiction and cook books still have an enormous following. Even with the arrival of e books and audio books and Amazon there is still a place in the world for Bookstores. I was immediately put in mind of Tanners in Sidney, and our very own Pages in Kensington. It IS difficult to keep these places alive - but not impossible.

Bookstores are magnets and treasures.

When our tale starts AJ's bookstore is very close to folding. He is on a very destructive trajectory, which of course is turned around by a curious series of events. We are guided through his life with a light sprinkling of his literary recommendations interspersed throughout. Our scores were universally high ranging from 7 to one shining 10 . As one of our members said "It was refreshing not to be battling with World War 2 or dysfunctional families".

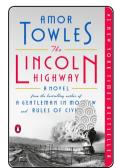
This books been made into a film, but since the United States has such an aversion to depicting characters as they are written - I would recommend the book over the movie.

Our discussion did veer away from the book, as the subtext is, I think, the main message our writer has delivered here.

Next month we will review 'The Lincoln Highway' by Amor Towles

Submitted by Jean Kensit

NEXT MONTH The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles



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

Featured Event

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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Tea & Conversation



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 continued donations to the Tea & Conversation program your support is greatly appreciated and needed.







Mar 7th	Sox & Sax
Mar 14th	Randy Poirier
Mar 21st	Greg Rumpel
Mar 28th	Timeless Reflections

Thank you to all of our Entertainers

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.

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Thursdays 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM







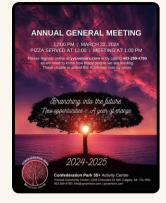






Upcoming Events

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



Fri, Mar 22nd For Members: **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Pizza Served FREE 12 PM - 2:30 PM

Fri, Apr 12th Volunteers ONLY **Western Murder Mystery, Volunteer Appreciation Lunch** FREE 11 AM - 2:30 PM





Fri, Mar 8th **Games Day** \$10 Tickets Includes 2 slices pizza 12 PM - 3 PM Tue, Apr 30th FREE Presentation **Spring Cleaning** with Complimentary Tea, Coffee & Snacks 10 AM - 12 PM





Tues, Mar 26th **Positano Italy** with Carol Marasco \$40 Members \$75 Non-Members 10 AM - 12 PM Fri, May 10th Mother's Day Tea & Fashion Show ~ Hat Contest ~ Live Entertainment ~ Dancing \$20 Members \$30 Non-Members 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM





Tues, Apr 30th **A Walk Along the River** with Carol Marasco \$40 Members \$75 Non-Members 10 AM - 12 PM

Register at yycseniors.com OR CALL 403-289-4780

Intergenerational Club

The Irish-Canadian Farmer

There was once a very successful farmer from Central Alberta who started gaining interest in his ancestry. After doing some digging, he traced his lineage back to a small town in Ireland. And lo and behold, they were a family of farmers. So he packed his bags and took a trip to Ireland to visit the small town to see if he could track down some of his kin.

After landing in Dublin, and driving an hour outside of the city, he stopped in a pub to grab a drink and start asking around about his family.

The Canadian sat down, ordered a pint, and started talking to the Irishman sitting at the bar. After explaining his story and the purpose of the trip, the Irishman responded, "I've never heard of your family, but I'm a farmer as well. Tell me, what's it like farming in Alberta?"

"Oh it's great!" the Canadian said, "If you started out in the morning, and drove west, you could drive all day before you reached the end of my property. And if you started the next day and drove east all day, you wouldn't reach the end of my property. Same thing North and South!" "Ahh, I know what you mean," said III the Irishman. I've once had a tractor like that as well."



(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

MARCH 11th Apr 8, May 13 & May 27



Register with Nigel: 403-289-4780

PART 1: WHAT MAKES A HOME? Is this the right fit?

Considering a change in how, or where, to live is a big step. At some point, it's a matter of looking deeper into the options available — there are more than ever before — and trying to find the right fit.

But with choice can come confusion. It's like when you're faced with a 20-page menu. Over the next three months we will summarize the three main senior living options: home care, retirement home and long-term care.

The Home Care Solution

If the idea of staying at home appeals most, and – with the right support systems – it can work, then home care might be the place to start. After all, there's no need to move, and life can go on pretty much the same as always, except with a caregiver coming in. As well, there might be a need to make some slight changes around the house for accessibility, just to make it easier to move around the home.

With home care, there are costs to consider, including the renovation of the home to make it more accessible, and the price of the care qualified for, assuming there will be costs for at least some part of it. Beyond these considerations, there are some not-soobvious things to consider.

For one, is the space itself limiting independence? Is climbing the stairs, cooking, staying safe, taking care of the bills and doing everything else that living alone means do-able?





Second, how much reliance is there on other people, and if so, is this sustainable? Finally, is there a lot of time alone, or would a more engaging environment be more beneficial? Remember, the answers to these questions may change frequently as circumstances change.

It's a lifestyle choice; it's where you are going to live. And if you can't truly thrive and be happy, it's not the right fit.

Stay tuned next month for part 2: Retirement Home Option.

Monika Jones: 403-208-0338 150 Scotia Landing NW Calgary, AB

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When You're Here, You're Home.

Scenic Acres Retirement Living is more than just a retirement residence; it's a vibrant community where you're celebrated, embraced, and supported. Our goal is to foster friendships and provide warm, dynamic and personalized service, to meet your unique needs and preferences.

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Saturday, March 23rd 1 - 4 pm

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MARCH 2024

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Sudoku Answers



Explore what retirement living has to offer.

Scenic Grande

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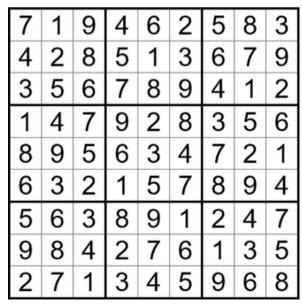
Whether you are looking for independent living, assisted living or memory care, our retirement homes offer a safe environment with personalized care options and recreation programs to suit your needs. Call us for a personalized tour. SUDOKU EASY

SUDOKU PUZZLES ON PAGE 5

SUDOKU MEDIUM

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SUDOKU HARD



MARCH 2024

Calendar



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





An Active, Friendly and Warm Community

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PODIATRIST APPOINTMENTS: We offer podiatrist service for Members and Super Members. Next visits: Apr 5th & May 24th. Please call us at 403-289-4780 to book.

LAWYER APPOINTMENTS with Arlene Blake are available for Members and Super Members. Next visit: Mar 25th. 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.

PERFECTLY IMPERFECTS IN CONCERT: With our radio dial set at CPAC, we invite you to travel back in time for a fun-filled adventure as we simulate a live radio broadcast of music. commercials and surprising twists as we celebrate eight Canadian singers...Paul Anka, Ian Tyson, Gordon Lightfoot, Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Anne Murray and Connie Kaldor! Two Performances: Fri. Mar 22nd at 1:30PM or Sat, Mar 23rd at 7PM . **Location:** McDougall United Church: 8516 Athabasca St SE. Tickets: Only \$15/person. To purchase, please click the link or visit: www.eventbrite.ca/e/alberta-afternoontickets-812716375557.



Health & Wellness

The Importance of Asking for Help in Caregiving

If you are a spousal caregiver, you may find it challenging to talk with your loved one about how caring for them is impacting you. You may feel it is selfish to be thinking about your need for help with caregiving tasks or your need for more emotional support or socialization. The truth is, this isn't selfish: it's

necessary. Caregiving more like is а marathon than a sprint - and to complete a marathon, you need to pace yourself and not "burn out" before the race is through. You need the assistance. and support rest necessary to be a caregiver, too, in order to go the distance.

2. Explain to your spouse that you are thinking about options for living and care that might be good for both of you. You may want to talk to your spouse about how you think retirement living will benefit you and your marriage before explaining what you think the benefits are for them.



How to Discuss Retirement Living Options with Your Spouse

If you want to explore retirement living, but aren't sure how to bring about the topic with your spouse, here are some suggestions:

- 1. Pick a time when both of you are relatively relaxed and well rested.
- 3. If your spouse has concerns, listen to them fully. Often, people try to jump to solutions before understanding how someone feels.
- 4. If you and your spouse cannot reach an agreement about what support solution will work best, you might consider having someone you trust talk with both of you.

Visit chartwell.com/blog for more tips from Dr. Amy D'Aprix.



This month's recipe & photo courtesy of Holly Nilsson: https://www.spendwithpennies.com/ham-glaze/#wprmrecipe-container-147785

Recipes



One Easter, a father was teaching his son to drive when out of nowhere a rabbit jumped on the road. Slamming on the brakes, the son said, "I nearly ruined Easter! I almost ran over the Easter Bunny." His father replied, "It's okay son —you missed it by a hare."



What do you call an Easter Bunny wearing a kilt? *Hopscotch*

What does the Easter Bunny get for making a basket? Two points, just like everyone else!



A man wanted an Easter pet for his daughter. He looked at a little bunny, a baby chick and a baby duck. They were all cute, but he decided to buy the baby chick. It was a little cheaper.





Why did the Easter Bunny have on a hat? Because he was having a bad hare day.

Therapist: What's been up lately? Chocolate Bunny: I don't know Doc, I just feel so hollow inside.



The Best Ham Glaze for your Easter Ham

If ham roast is on your Easter menu, you'll love how easy and quick it is to make this very tasty ham glaze.

INGREDIENTS

- ²/₃ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup orange juice or pineapple juice
- 2-3 tablespoons dijon mustard or grainy mustard
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder pinch ground cloves

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Whisk all ingredients together.
- 2. Brush over a spiral cut or scored ham about 20-30 minutes before the ham is done.
- 3. If desired, brush extra overtop and broil to make the glaze golden.

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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.



Tragedy at the Brewery

A priest walks down the street in a Dublin neighbourhood. He stops at one house and knocks at the door. A woman answers and the priest asks if she is Mrs. Sean Kennedy. She answers yes.

The priest then says, "Mrs Kennedy, there has been a tragic accident at the Guinness brewery and I regret to inform you that your beloved husband, Seamus, has passed away.

The distraught woman collects her wits and asks, "Father, tell me what happened, please."

"Well he was up in the catwalks repairing some machinery. He slipped and fell into an open vat of stout and drowned," the priest replied sadly.

"Oh Father, Sean was a good husband and a devout Catholic. Do you think he had time to make his peace with the Lord before he died?"

"I would think so, Mrs. Kennedy. After all, he did climb out three times to go to the bathroom."



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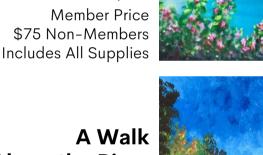
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Along the River

Tuesday, Apr 30, 2024 10 AM - 12 PM

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Origin At Home

Origin at Home Wellness Companion Services is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for older adults through personalized caring support in the comfort of their own homes. At the heart of our mission is our team. Meet Wellness Navigator, Hafiza, whose passion and dedication drive our commitment to providing exceptional service.



Hafiza brings a wealth of experience and empathy to her role as a Wellness Navigator. With a deep understanding of the unique needs of older adults, she works tirelessly to ensure that each client receives the individualized care and attention they deserve.

Reflecting on her work, Hafiza emphasizes, "Supporting older adults in their homes is not just about providing care; it's about preserving their independence, dignity, and quality of life." Hafiza embodies the core values of Origin at Home.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of our work is witnessing the transformative effects of our support on a daily basis. From clients living with dementia, remaining in their familiar environment promotes a

sense of security and continuity, reducing stress and agitation, while giving partners the break they need. Our personalized care not only enhances their quality of life but also brings peace of mind to their loved ones." We firmly believe that every individual should have the chance to age with dignity, respect, and an improved quality of life while remaining in the comfort of home.

Schedule a home visit with Hafiza today and take the first step toward a happier, healthier, and more independent life with Origin at Home.



To learn more or schedule a free consultation, call us at 403-919-7147, or visit our Hafiza every 4th Thursday at T&C.

originathome.ca

Hello everyone!!



I have a bit of information to share with you about a few things.

Pop-up Bread Market: Unison at Kerby is starting our partnership for our first Bread Market on March 28th at 12:00-1:15pm. This is on a first come, first serve basis and is open to the community. Triwood CA has offered us the Collingwood for this collaboration and we are very excited to have this for you and the community members! **This is free.**

Lunch in the Pub: In February we sent out a survey to see what your thoughts were on continuing with our lunch program. We heard you and are going to make it easier for you to see what days and times we are in the Pub, as well as a menu with prices. We are going to make small changes at this time such as pastries, instead of cookies. Stay tuned for a link on our main page of the website that will take you to the menu, days and times that are available. Here are some suggestions and what we propose:

• Hot Meals: these were offered and there was little interest. If we see more traffic to the lunches, we will consider this in future.

• Homemade Soup: this one is tough because we simply don't have anywhere to prep homemade soups. Along with that, we have tried all types of soup and the popular soup is tomato soup.

• **Signage**: Because we are renters, this is not something we have any control over. I would encourage you check the website / Gazette when we have it revised so you can click on the link and see what the menu is.

• **Happy Hour:** this has been brought forward to Triwood CA and they are definitely working towards this soon.

• **Somewhere to have lunch** when there is a Presentation in the Pub. Call ahead the day before and we can prep your lunch for Tuesdays and you can pick it up. Presentations are only once a month.

• **Frozen Meals:** this is something that may be coming, but we are working on the logistics and costs of providing this program again.

• **Monthly luncheons**: We host a lunch almost every month. If you have not tried it, please do. Purchase a ticket and try it out. If there is food left over, we will sell you a lunch.

Triwood Community Association / Confederation Park 55+:

We have been located in Triwood Community Association for 2 1/2 years now. Many have а hard time distinguishing the fact that we are two different organizations. I would encourage you to ask guestions if you are not certain because we offer programs to older adults as does Triwood. It is our goal (both Triwood and Confederation Park) to do more collaborations that will benefit all the as a whole. community While our membership has 55+ in the title all persons 18 and up are welcomed as members to our organization. 18-54 would be non-voting members, but are able to participate in everything. Come in and check us out!!

Jeannette

Crossword

ANSWER ON PAGE 28

Thank you to bestcrosswords.com for this game.



Crosswords Hard Puzzle #7

Published Feb 25, 2024

ACROSS

1-Absence of oxygen;

- 10- ____ in the right direction;
- 15-Think:
- 16-Alarm:
- 17-Curved downward;
- 18-Temptress;
- 19-Dot follower;
- 20- "Family Ties" mom;
- 22- "Today" rival, briefly;
- 23-Word of regret;
- 25- Carte blanche offer;
- 28-Boards;
- 31- Plume of feathers;
- 33- English Channel swimmer
- Gertrude;
- 34-Treacle;
- 35- In the right;
- 37-Collaborator during
- Reconstruction;
- 41-Japan;
- 46-Majestically, musically;
- 47-Repeated from the
- beginning;
- 48- Ham;
- 49- Flat sound;
- 50- First name in horror;
- 51- "The Family Circus"
- cartoonist Bil;
- 56- Haul;
- 57-Attempts;
- 60- Earliest known inhabitant;
- 63- Muse with a lyre;
- 64- Disease of rabbits;
- 65-Charged;
- 66-Declaration;

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- 1- Farm measure; 2- Teased; 3- Curved like a bow; 4- Grown elver; 5- Baseball stat; 6- Writer Sarah ____Jewett; 7- Ancient Semitic for "Lord"; 8- ___-bitty; 9- So-so grades; 10- Biblical beast; 11- School subj.; 12- Goals; 13- Recluse:
- 14- Roman household gods;
 21- Division of the United Kingdom;
 24- Abbr. on old maps;
 26- Decorative ivy;
 27- Parisian possessive;
 29- Soap ingredient;
 30- Mesh;
 31- Buddy;
 32- Summer Games org.;
 36- Holds;
 37- Ore refinery;
 38- Secret society of Naples;
- 39- Eternal:

- 40- D-Day craft;
 - 42-IBM products;
- 43-Hobby;
- 44- Constituent of blood serum;
- 45- Piece of cake!;
- 52-Diner sign;
- 53-Touch on;
- 54- Vincent Lopez's theme song;
- 55- Middle of QED;
- 58-7th letter of the Greek
- alphabet;
- 59- Drunkard;
- 61-Strong feeling of anger;
- 62-Precious stone;

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What's Happening at Triwood

All Triwood Community Association programs and events require a Triwood Membership available at triwoodcommunity.com

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED Free Presentation



CONFEDERATION PARK 55+ ACTIVITY CENTRE FREE PRESENTATION SERIES



Whether you're preparing to downsize or just wanting to do some serious spring cleaning, come hear from Lynn Van Egmont, President of Soft Landings Downsizing and Relocation Services as she shares some expert tips and advice on downsizing and decluttering that will set you on the road to success.

Spring Cleaning

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Recognizing Depression

Did you know that according to the Government of Canada, 1 in 6 adults over the age of 65 suffer from depression? Many seniors are susceptible to depression due to health deterioration, social isolations, and many other factors. It is important to recognize depression and seek professional help without feeling disapproved.

Causes: The term "depression" is often misused to describe temporary feelings of sadness. demoralization and melancholy. We all, at one point or another, talk about feeling depressed, but there is a distinct difference to be made between "feeling blue", "down" or sad and depression. Depression is caused by a combination of biochemical, genetic and environmental factors. It is in no way a sign of weakness. Depression is the result of a chemical imbalance in the brain involvina neurotransmitters. Neurotransmitters are responsible for behaviour, thought and emotion. This type of imbalance can lead to distorted thinking and a skewed view of reality akin to wearing blacked-out glasses that cannot be removed.

symptoms of Symptoms: The depression can affect daily tasks. Even the simplest tasks can appear daunting and impossible to carry out. However, with the proper diagnosis and treatment, be overcome. depression can The symptoms of depression can vary from person to person and are not necessarily identify: easy to Anxiety; Suicidal Thoughts: Persistent self-defeating attitude; Loss of interest in daily activities;



Fatigue, weakness; Crying easily, for no reason; Irritability; Disturbed sleep patterns (insomnia or hypersomnia); Withdrawal; Feelings of guilt or worthlessness; Change in appetite or weight; Sadness, hopelessness, despair.

If you experience a marked change in mood or a noticeable loss of interest or enjoyment in previously pleasurable activities or if you have had a few of these symptoms for more than two weeks, we strongly encourage you to speak to your doctor, to a health care professional (pharmacist, nurse) or to a loved one. Talking to someone is the first step to getting help. The longer you wait before being diagnosed, the longer treatment will take. It is therefore recommended that you seek professional help as soon as possible.

Spring Registration



SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration for our Spring program begins March 4th! Sign up online 24/7 at yycseniors.com, by phone or in person between 10 AM - 2 PM Mon - Fri.

STAY FIT

Seated Yoga Yoga Tai Chi: Beginner or Intermediate The Worx Zumba Gold

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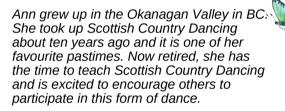
Spring Registration

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Scottish Country Dance

Instructor: Ann Longair



We are very happy to announce that Scottish Country Dancing is back at Confederation Park 55+. This form of dance is one of the best social, physical and mental activities according to BBC health strategy plan studies.

Scottish Country Dance is a form of social dance involving groups of couple dancers who trace progressive patterns. A dance consists of a sequence of figures. These dances are set to musical forms (Jigs, Reels and Strathspey Reels) which come from the Gaelic tradition of Highland Scotland, as do the steps used in performing the dances.

All levels of competency are welcome, from beginners to advanced.

Tai Chi Classes

Instructor: Peggy Lapaschuk

Sifu Peggy has over 50 years of experience in Chinese martial arts, starting at the age of 9. Sifu Peggy has been teaching for over 35 years and opened her own Martial Arts school in 2010 before moving to Airdrie.

We have had rave reviews about our new Tai Chi instructor, Sifu Peggy, and we are very pleased that she is now our ongoing Tai Chi Instructor.

Discover Sifu Peggy's approach to Tai Chi classes, where each individual or small group receives personalized instruction to suit their levels and abilities. There's no pressure to keep up with the group, as everyone trains at their own pace. The

classes are dynamic, fun, and interactive, featuring QiGong warm-up exercises that engage and integrate body and mind. Sifu Peggy specializes in working with individuals rehabbing from MVA's, PTSD, and other disabilities, offering personalized goals and modified training as required.

Seniors Games Day

Please note this is a tentative schedule. We will update this schedule online at vycseniors.com.

September 13th TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Line Dancing Classes

Charleswood: 25 people max for each sessions

 Learn a short dance with Lisa Franklin Contest for dancers with prizes
Learn a short dance with Lisa Franklin Contest for dancers with prizes

Drawing Classes

Collingwood: 12 people max for both classes

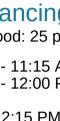
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Crib & Bridge Tournaments

Held in Foothills, 4 tables of 4

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Crib Tournament
12:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Winners & Prizes
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Bridge Tournament
12:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Winners & Prizes
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Bridge Tournament
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Winners & Prizes





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FOOTHILLS

Volunteers are not paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

– Sherry Anderson



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VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Another Volunteer needed in the Confed 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 ed@yycseniors.com.
- Volunteers needed for Seniors Games Day on September 13th. Contact Jeannette to help.



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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP



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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
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Super Membership Locations

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

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

St Patrick's Dinner Dance

Friday, March 22, 2024 Doors open at 5:00 dinner at 6pm



No tickets sold at the door \$25 members/super members & \$30 non members

Contact the office in person or phone 403-286-4488 to or use Bowness Seniors' Centre website. Cash, cheque, credit or debit card. Only Credit card transitions over the phone

> **Bowness Seniors' Centre** 6422 35 Ave. NW Calgary AB T3B 1S6



All skill levels welcome. \$2 Members / \$5 Non-Members

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3-Hour Course includes: (certification optional)

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St Patrick's Day Luncheon

March 11, 2024 @ 12:00pm \$20.00 Members / \$25.00 Guest Menu: Irish Stew, Salad and buns Dessert By: Chartwell





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