GOLDEN NUGGET

February 2024



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WHO WE ARE



Our Vision

LIVE well PLAY well BE well

Our Mission

SOUTH GATE Engaging the 50+ Community in an open, active, social environment driven by volunteers.

To promote wellness to fill one's mind, body and soul.

Our Values

Building an inclusive community. Fostering social engagement.

Promoting wellness of mind, body and soul.

South Gate Centre Board of Directors

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Heather Wilks Chair: Dave Clarke Mike Houle* Secretary: Guy LaPlante Nancy Jarrett Jodi Ziebarth

Bev Rajani Carol Egan *New

They are always happy to answer questions and hear your suggestions or concerns.

Have an idea for programming or a suggestion? Put it in the Suggestion Box located by check-in desk.

BE IN THE KNOW...

Black Name Tag - Board Member

Gold Name Tag - Staff

Silver Name Tag - Members Committee Member

White Name Tag - Member



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CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE				
Tuesdays	Indoor Dining - LOCAL ROOTS CAFE - 11:30 am to 1 pm			
Thursdays	Lion's Club BINGO 7 pm			
	JANUARY			
Wed Jan 31	50/50 Grand Prize Draw at 10 am			
Wed Jan 31	50/50 February Lottery Begins at 12 noon			
	FEBRUARY			
Fri Feb 2	Ground Hog Day - Chilly Charlie's Breakfast & Prognostication pg.6			
Sat Feb 3	Local Roots Rib Dinner - Curbside Pickup OR Dine-In pg.30			
Tues Feb 6	Fun & Games (formerly BBNK) 1:30 pm - Everyone Welcome p.18			
Thur Feb 8	VON Blood Pressure Clinic 9 am - noon			
Sun Feb 11	Chocolate Lover's Tea 10:30 am and 1 pm \$15 pg.32			
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Wed Feb 28	50/50 March Lottery Begins at 12 noon			
	MARCH			
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Wed Mar 20	Local Roots Ukrainian Dinner (details in March issue)			
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DROP IN FOR A TOUR. A CLASS OR A FREE CUP OF COFFEE! Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4 pm

MEMBERSHIP AT SOUTH GATE CENTRE

2024 Membership Rates

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	2024 FEES
All-Inclusive (11 months)*	\$180
All-Inclusive (9 months)	\$150
All-Inclusive (3 months)	\$60

Pay in full at the Front Desk. Credit/Debit/Cheque/Cash.

Member name tags must be worn at ALL times. Those without will be assumed to be a non-member.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

All-Inclusive membership includes all programs with the exception of Registered Programs.

The last day to purchase a 9-months membership is March 31st. The 3 months that are excluded in a 9-month membership, as per the member's request, must be consecutive.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

MEMBER PRICES for Registered Programs and 10% Off Room Rentals at South Gate Centre.

Action Wellness - 10% off of everything- wigs, jewelry, hair care products, Capilia Head First treatments, services, products, and pocketed bras.

Cheesy Cow - 10% off regular priced merchandise.

Wellington Street Denture Clinic -10% off new complete dentures or new partial dentures for both new and existing patients.

Klassx Performance Auto Centre -10% discount off regular shop charges, parts and labour. Does not apply to specials or oil changes.

Mackey Moving - 10% off for South Gate members.

PharmaSave Woodstock - 15% off regular price (excluding prescriptions) on most merchandise.

The Hallmark Shoppe/The Card Shoppe - 10% off regular priced merchandise.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We talk about what we are GOING to do tomorrow or next month when we are not so tired, busy or overwhelmed. Meanwhile, our life whizzes by. The truth is, we will never have more time than we have right now.

With South Gate, you can make your 2024 the best it can be.

This is the time to try something new or different. Join in on a class, an activity, lunch or one of our special dinners, book a bus trip, ask a friend to join you at the Chocolate Lovers Tea, or the Valentine's Luncheon. Learn to play pickleball, paint, line dance, drum, meditate, do yoga, craft, do woodworking, Zumba, play Pepper, sing...



Pope John Paul II

Maybe you have talked about volunteering someday, making a difference in this world.

Maybe you are feeling a bit lonely and wondering what comes next. Maybe you have the winter blahs.

Maybe you are new to the City or newly retired.

Well today's your lucky day!

South Gate Centre can help you on your way.

Curious?? Come on down and check it out for yourself.

We would love to show you what everyone is talking about.

South Gate A PLACE TO BE...

Chris

Chris Cunningham

PS The coffee's always free! (TY Wellington St. Denture Clinic) I look forward to seeing you at the Centre ~ where the smiles are always free.



EARLY BIRD PRIZE

Feb 14 - \$400

500 for \$40, 100 for \$20, 10 for \$10

www.SouthGate5050.com

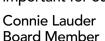
^{*} Can be paid in monthly installments (pre-authorized debit) - \$18/month.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

We are almost halfway through the winter and are anxiously awaiting to hear from Chilly Charlie when we can expect to see some spring weather (please not 6 more weeks of winter!). I always look forward to February as we start to see longer periods of daylight that help keep those winter blahs away.

South Gate Centre is a great place to come if you are feeling a little

blue! Join friends for a free cup of coffee compliments of Wellington Street Denture Clinic. There's always lots going on at the centre so feel free to drop by and join a game of cards, billiards or chat with someone new. One of the most special things about South Gate is the opportunity for social connection which is so important for our overall health!





CHILLY CHARLIE'S PREDICTION & BREAKFAST



Friday, February 2 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast - \$6 8:10 am Prognostication



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Chilly's 2023 Prediction 6 more weeks of winter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael Day Lois Durbridge Steve Ficzere Dan Frei Wendy Gregory-Frei Mary Jacobs James Ketchabaw Anita Lagos

Darlene Leighton Jim Lundrigan Cheryl Lundrigan **Brian Maier** Alena Makarava Dariel McIntyre Janet McKay

Kerri Mills **Deb Morris** Arthur Roefs **Judy Roefs Judy Serviss** Linda Wavell Dave Wheeler Gloria White

We're so glad you're here!

John Miller

MEMBERS' COMMITTEE MESSAGE

When my fellow South Gate members mention what they enjoy most about being a member, the comment I hear expressed most often is that they value the wonderful opportunities made available to us all, to be with others who have a variety of interests.and outlooks. In this process we all develop some bonds of friendship as we practice our listening skills to try to truly understand each other's unique personalities, experiences and perspectives.

Rather than keeping ourselves cut off during the cold winter months, isn't it great that we have the option to spend some time with each other while enjoying all the various activities offered here at South Gate?

February traditionally is a month when we often start to feel weary of the prolonged winter and we start doing silly things just to get together, like sitting down together to enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast and then bundling up to see, whether or not Chilly Charlie predicts an early spring, simply by not seeing his shadow.

On Valentine's Day we celebrate love, not only in the traditional romantic sense, but in the feelings of friendship we have in each other's company.

We, in the Members Committee, are also your friends as we continue to ensure that your voice is heard by all. We are all so fortunate to be with

one another and this being a leap year. we even have an extra day for it in February.

So, friends, let's be grateful for our time together here at South Gate, where we surely are all special to each other.

Dave Clarke Members Committee





VOLUNTEERS



Celebrating another one of our more than 120 volunteers. This month we would like to introduce you to Rick Rose.

Rick has volunteered with us since April 2016 and he loves being a part of the Special Events Committee, where he currently holds the position of Chairperson. He has logged countless hours endeavoring to make the member's experience a phenomenal one! Over the years Rick has served in many roles at various events including Streetfest Cruise, Weekly Cruise Nights, Best U Health Expo, Victoria Day Parade, and so many more.

What does Rick love about volunteering with us? "I love that it keeps me active and gives me a purpose. I get to make new friends, meet other volunteers and feel like I'm a part of something. It opens the doors to new opportunities."

If you, like Rick, are interested in volunteering with any (or all) of our many volunteer opportunities here at South Gate please submit a volunteer application at the Front Desk or contact Chantal McDonald chantal@southgatectr.ca or Angela Hess, angela@southgatectr.ca.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fitness Instructors – To lead Drop-In fitness classes (see Nancy LaPlante)

Dishwashers - Operate the commercial dishwasher for various events

Kitchen Prep – Prepare ingredients, package food, and assist with a variety of tasks in a commercial kitchen atmosphere

Catering - Variety of positions and times available

Set up: Decor & table setting

Servers: Food service during luncheons & events, clean-up duties



REGISTERED PROGRAMS

For more details on these classes please pick up a copy of the FEBRUARY Program Guide or visit our website.

Registration for these programs can be done online in your Perfect Mind account, in person or by calling the Centre, Monday to Friday 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE for each program is the business day before the program starts.

ART CLASSES

BE CRAFTY. BE CREATIVE.

Felted Landscape Class

Instructed by Leslianne Holmes

Learn this traditional craft technique.

DAY TIME LOCATION Mon Feb 12 9:30 am – 12 noon Boardroom

FEE - Members \$65+HST Non-Members \$70+HST Supplies included.



Art Class: Drawing Fundamentals with Graphite

Instructed by local artist, Aaron Smith

DAY TIME LOCATION Wednesdays 1pm - 2:30 pm Reeves Rm

Feb 14, 21, 28

FEE - Members: \$40+HST Non-Members: \$50+HST

Supplies Cost (optional) \$35



Learn the fundamentals of drawing on paper with graphite, focusing on techniques to finesse your skills to properly proportioning the hand, head and figure.

Paint 'N' Sip - Beach

Instructed by local artist, Janine Jones

DAY TIME LOCATION Wed Feb 21 2 pm - 4 pm Altadore Hall Mon Feb 26 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Kinsmen Rm

FEE - \$45+HST

Price includes instruction, supplies and a glass of wine.



REGISTERED PROGRAMS

EDUCATION CLASSES

LEARNING UNLIMITED - Registration Opens February 1st \$50+HST

Register Online at https://bit.ly/4b6KwmF. Note this link will go live at 12:01 am on February 1.

Register In Person at 191 Old Wellington St. S., Woodstock, ON. Register By Calling (credit payment only) 519-539-9817.

Session starts March 6 10 am - 2:30 pm

This 8 week speaker series spans a variety of topics and ides that gives the educational stimulation older adults need. Hear from local entrepreneurs, engage with professionals and experts passionate about their field, or discover new ideas and trends happening both here at home and around the globe.

Lunch Plan Available - \$80.

EDUCATION - LIVING HISTORY

Session 2 - February 27 - March 26

Session 3 - April 9 - May 7

Instructors: Deward Yates, Dave Hayes, Brian Cox

FEE per session DAY TIME LOCATION Tuesdays 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Kinsmen Rm Members: \$25+HST Non-Members: \$35+HST

Step into the world of the past as our instructors delve into a variety of topics on days past.

TECH LITERACY – Learn to Use TABLETS & SMARTPHONES

February 23 - April 5 (6 weeks) Instructor: Brad Vincent

DAY FEE per session TIME LOCATION Members: FREE 10 am - 12 pm Boardroom Fridays

Skills for Success: Free training in use of mobile device and personal tablet. Learn to set-up new devices, use email and map tools and more. Bring your own device or use the devices provided.



Great turnout for our **Texas Dinner! Everyone** enjoyed this delicious meal! Next: Hawaiian Dinner pg.32

REGISTERED PROGRAMS

W.O.W. (Wellness Overcomes Weight)

Leads: Paulette Whiteford & Mary Aucoin

DAY TIME LOCATION FEE for the year Fridays 10:30 am – 11:30 am Kinsmen Members: FREE Non-Members: \$75

For more information about this program see page 18.

FITNESS CLASSES

ABBA (Arms, Buns, Balance & Abs) ♥♥

February 8 - 29 (4 weeks) Instructor: Gail Wijesundra

TIME DAY LOCATION FEE per session Thursdays 7:15 pm – 8:15 pm Kinsmen Rm Members: \$35+HST Non-Members: \$50+HST

This is a Mind/Body class focused of improving your Arms, Balance, Buns and Abs. Light weights and a chair is all that is required.

THE BLITZ and the BEAT ♥♥─♥♥♥

NEW

Session 1: March 1 - March 22 (4 weeks) Instructor: Gail Wijesundra

DAY TIME LOCATION FEE per session 10:45 am - 11:45 am Altadore Hall Members: \$35+HST Fridays Non-Members: \$50+HST

FREE INTRO CLASS: Wednesday, February 28 11 am - 12 noon. Limited space.

THE BLITZ is a guick-fire seated exercise program focusing on movement, coordination, rhythm and fun. THE BEAT is a standing exercise program using stability balls and drum sticks. In half an hour you recognize different tempos, beat your drum, use a wider range of motion and have loads of fun doing so!

CHAIR YOGA with Pam ♥

Session 1: February 6 - 27 (4 weeks) Instructor: Pam Genge

Session 2: March 5 - 26 (4 weeks)

TIME LOCATION DAY FEE per session Tuesdays 9:30 am – 10:30 am Altadore Hall Members: \$35+HST

Non-Members: \$50+HST

This class incorporates the mindfulness of a yoga practice while promoting flexibility, range of motion, strength and functional movement.

REGISTERED PROGRAMS

FITNESS CLASSES - continued

GENTLE YOGA ♥

Session 1: February 7 - 28 (4 weeks) Instructor: Theresa Corman

Session 2: March 6 - 27 (4 weeks)

DAY TIME LOCATION FEE per session
Wednesdays 8:30 am – 9:30 am Kinsmen Rm Members: \$35+HST

Non-Members: \$50+HST

Theresa will lead the participant through yoga poses (asanas), breath and energy work (pranayama) and meditation. Each class will focus on different aspects of body, mind, and spirit and illuminates a path to maintain healthy practices. Please bring your own mat, water and a shawl or light blanket.

MINDFUL MOVEMENT & MEDITATION - 75 min class ♥

Come Try It Class: Feb 21 (\$15+HST) Instructor: Julie Boyse

Come Try It Class: Feb 28 (\$15+HST)

Session: March 5 - 26 (4 weeks)

DAY TIME LOCATION FEE per session

Tuesdays 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm Kinsmen Rm Members: \$50+HST

Non-Members: \$60+HST

These classes in Classical Hatha style will include gentle mindful movements, breathing practices and meditation techniques to relax the body and calm the mind preparing for the evening routine of winding down at the end of your day.

Please bring your own mat, cushion, and a blanket.

ZUMBA GOLD ♥

Session 1: February 8 - 29 (4 weeks) Instructor: Gail Wijesundra

Session 2: March 7 - March 28 (4 weeks)

DAY TIME LOCATION FEE

Thursdays 6 pm – 7 pm Kinsmen Rm Members: \$35+HST

Non-Members: \$50+HST

Want to dance to your favorite Latin rhythms with a focus of balance, coordination and range of motion? Then...This class is for YOU! The rhythms will include Flamenco, Tango, Cha-Cha and Belly Dance and more.







WINTER LEAGUES

CORNHOLE ♥

Session March 11 - May 6 (8 weeks) Lead: Guy LaPlante

DAY TIME LOCATION FEE per session

Mondays 7 pm – 9 pm Altadore Hall Members: \$20+HST

Non-Members: \$30+HST

No league on April 1 (Easter Monday) Drop-in fee: \$5

Cornhole is considered a 'backyard' game, but is now played in facilities indoors and outdoors all year long, reminiscent of childhood's bean bag toss. It is a very easy game to play but very hard to master!

PICKLEBALL ♥─♥♥

Session: Feb 20 - March 26 (6 weeks)

DAY

TIME

LOCATION

Tuesdays

1 pm – 2:30 pm

Cowan Park

Members: \$22.50+HST

Non-Members: \$30+HST

Pickleball is played on a badminton court, with the nets lowered to tennis height, a ping pong type paddle and whiffle ball. Teams consist of two players on each team.

Scott Revell, SGC member instructs and assists with improving your technique as you play. Opportunity for both beginners and novice players. Equipment included.

OFF-SITE PROGRAMS

FORE GOLF with the Indoor Golf Simulator

Now to April 16 (with a few exceptions)

Tuesdays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

This is not a competitive league. Consider it whack-a-ball entertainment. Ask at the Front Desk for registration details.

TRAILWALKERS

Fridays - Start Time - 10:15 am

Weekly walking group that utilizes the local trail systems around Woodstock. Please feel free to invite friends to join us on the trails.

We have fast and slow walkers...so please join us any Friday. For further information contact Stella at sliwanpo@gmail.com.

February 2 Pittock Park North Shore February 16 Upper Trail February 9 Tollgate February 23 Roth Park

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Come Dancing - A South Gate Tradition Since 2010

2024 will mark the 14th year that **Come Dancing** has been running at South Gate Centre. Beginning as a 'Dancing With the Stars' event in 2010, it soon changed to an evening where couples taking Ballroom and Latin dance lessons at SGC could practice their skills.

Now, **Come Dancing** attracts dancers, ages 35 – 81, from as far away as London and St. Thomas to our Tuesday evenings. These are dance practices that have the feel of a real weekly dance.

Anyone can come to socialize with a fun crowd, dance, or just listen to a wide variety of beautiful strict tempo music played on our state-of-the-art Bose sound system. Come to improve your Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Rumba, Samba, Cha Cha, Jive, Merengue, and Bachata or any other social dance.

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm - 9 pm in the large hall

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Ballroom and Latin line dancing

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Standard and Latin dancing

Free for SG members, or \$15/couple.

Call Janice or Gary for more information at 519-539-3678.

Dance Lessons, group or private, are available upon request.



Tuesday evening's Come Dancing wishes you a 'Happy New Year.' Why not join us in 2024 for fun evenings of great music, camaraderie, and dancing?



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



It's been almost two years since we started the W.O.W. group. It's been a very good year with many successes. W.O.W. is a group that discusses overall wellness, not just weight loss.

Some topics include Healthy Eating, Home Safety, Confidence Building, Fitness, Mindfulness and some of our meetings are just for fun. You know the saying laughter is the best medicine.

Meetings are led by Mary Aucoin or Paulette Whiteford. We strongly urge member participation. We periodically have quest speakers.

If you are thinking about joining the WOW group but not sure yet, we invite you to sit in at one of our meetings. It's free to South Gate Members and \$75. a year for non-members.

WOW offers group discussions, friendship, support, sharing and empowering tools.

We meet every Friday morning 10:30 am until 11:30 am with an optional weigh-in before the meeting.

"Health is a state of body. Wellness is a state of being." – J. Standord.

DROP-IN CLASSES

Beginner Plus Line Dancing

January 31 – February 28 (No class Feb. 21)

DAY LOCATION Wednesdays Altadore Hall 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

for a Limited Time

A line dancing class for those above Beginner level but not guite ready to move on to the regular class on Thursdays. Carol's style is fun and innovative with a great vibe!

Learn Bid Euchre

February 7 – 28

TIME LOCATION DAY Wednesdays 10:30 am -11:30pm Kinsmen Room

For 4 weeks ONLY. Join Ed Brown and team as they teach the basics of gameplay for this enjoyable pastime.

PROGRAM SCHEDUL	E FEBRUARY 2024	Week at a	Glance	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8 am - 9 am Full Standing Fitness	8 am - 9 am Full Standing Fitness	8:30 am - 9:30 am Gentle Yoga	8 am - 8:45 am Why Weights	8 am - 9 am Full Standing Fitness
9 am - 11 am Pickleball (Drop-In at WBC)	8:30 am - 10:30 am Bunka	9 am - 12 noon Billiards - Snooker	8:30 am - 9:30 am Beginners Line Dancing	9 am - 12 Noon Billiards - Snooker
9 am - 12 Noon Billiards - Snooker	9 am - 12 Noon Billiards - Snooker		9 am - 12 Noon Beginners Billiards - 8 Ball	9:30 am - 10:30 pm Full Standing Fitness
9:30 am - 10:30 am Full Standing Fitness	9:30 am - 10:30 am Chair Yoga with Pam	10 am - 11:30 am NEW Learn BID Euchré	9:45 am - 10:45 am Feb.1&15 Tea & Tales Friendship Club	10 am - 12 pm Tech Literacy
10 am - 11:30 am Cribbage	11 am - 12 Noon Total Body Workout	1:30 pm - 4 pm Progressive Pepper	9:45 am - 11:15 am Line Dancing	10:15 am - 11:30 am Trail Walkers (off-site) See pg. 13
11 am - 12 Noon Seated Fitness	1 pm - 3 pm Carpet Bowling	7 pm - 9 pm Billiards - Snooker	9:45 am - 10:30 am Stretch	10:30 am - 11:30 am WOW - Wellness Over Weight
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1 pm - 3 pm Darts	1 pm - 3:30 pm Progressive Pepper	time???	1 pm - 3:30 pm Euchre	1 pm - 3:30 pm Crafters Connection (formerly Crochet/Crafts)
7 pm - 9 pm - Every week Cornhole League	Education 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Get your tickets to South Gate's 50/50 Lottery TODAY.	1 pm - 3:30 pm Musicares	PROGRAM GUIDE For a complete description
DAILY PROGRAMS MONDAY - FRIDAY	6:15 pm - 7:30 pm Mindful Movement & Meditation	In February get 400	6 pm - 7 pm Zumba Gold	of the classes, pick up a Program Guide or visit
8 am - 11 am Woodshop* 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Library	6:30 pm - 9 pm Billiards - Snooker		6:30 pm - 9 pm Billiards - Open	www.southgatectr.ca/ programs.
FITNESS ROOM* 9 am - 9 pm Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm Friday	6:30 pm - 9 pm Come Dancing	10 tickets for \$10. You have to be	7 pm - 10 pm Bingo - Lions Club	This symbol indicates a program which requires
*Must have orientation first.	' . 	in it to win it!	7:15 pm - 8:15 pm R ABBA	registration. Register by calling the Centre,
FRIENDLY	e bring and wear indoor shoes.			stopping in or online in your PerfectMind account.
KEIVIIIADEKS	your car keys on your person or use a locker. your own cup/mug for use at SGC.	WWW.SOUTHGATE5050.COM	: No Programs on I : SGC & Local Root	Monday, February 19. ts Closed for Family Day.

NEW MEMBERS' COMMITTEE MEMBER

We Welcome Jodi Ziebarth

Since we have two feet firmly planted in 2024, it is time to get involved with all that South Gate Centre has to offer. Hello everyone, my name is Jodi Ziebarth and I am invested in making SGC even better than ever this year. Joining the centre one year ago, after retiring from a thirtyyear teaching career, I have marvelled at the centre's programming. From fitness classes, to the baseball league, a welcoming woodshop and the family of volunteers that all contribute to the success of promoting healthy active adult living ~ you are all truly inspiring!

Recently being appointed to the Members Committee, I am excited to have a representing voice in my new position. I believe the general membership should be heard and look forward to being a liaison to foster the sharing of ideas.

I will strive for longevity and variety in programming and to increase the diversity of our younger 50+ membership.

I view myself as a goal oriented, lifelong learner and I look forward to being a representative for the general membership, joining with their opinions and suggestions, using the committee's platform for sharing with the South Gate staff and Board of Directors.

Hope to see you in and around the centre! Continue being Rock Stars everyone!

Jodi

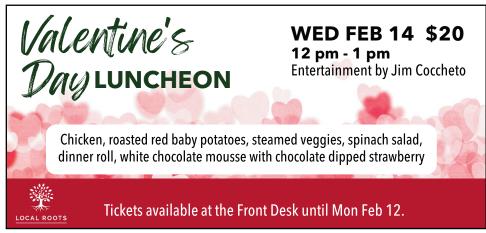


UPCOMING SOCIAL PROGRAMS





UPCOMING EVENTS









ADMISSION

SPECIAL EVENTS MESSAGE

Hello everyone and a belated Happy New Year to those who were unable to attend our South Gate's New Year's Eve dance. It was like "Putting on the Ritz!"

From the elegant décor, light buffet, complimentary champagne toast at midnight, with a balloon drop and singing a New Year's favorite - Auld Lang Syne. It couldn't have gotten much better than that. Yet it did.

Having sold 104 tickets you can imagine that the dance floor was never vacant especially when the live band was Rob and The Rydells. Everyone had a chance to dance to their favorite tune. Some tables even had a sing along.

Also a big hit were the complimentary photos of guests as they came into the hall at a festive backdrop. Thank you to our volunteer photographer Tom Wilson. Pictures can be viewed at: https://bit. lv/3vUSP4H.

There's more: An abundance of lovely door prizes were drawn.

This was a very successful event and can't wait to top this next year and we will!! We have a very wonderful team working behind the scenes already and it is a pleasure to be on this team.

A special thank you to all members of South Gate Centre and non-members that supported this event.

Carol Egan Special Events Committee



HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL







MARILYN'S MUSINGS

"You have been my friend', replied Charlotte." 'That in itself is a tremendous thing.' - from Charlotte's Web by E.B. White.

Elwyn Brooks White (July 11,1899 – October 1, 1985) was an American writer of children's books. Charlotte's Web, one of my all time favourites was published in 1952. I've read this little 192 page book so many times. I think we all have - to ourselves, to our kids and to our grandkids - the story of a friendship between a spider and a pig.

The theme for this month's Nugget is the importance of friendship and social time.

I was in the midst of putting together my "Marilyn's Musings" column when I received a heart-breaking phone call. A very dear friend of mine had just died suddenly and unexpectedly. The news was devastating. We became friends through golf. Our same foursome played regularly every Wednesday afternoon for several years, travelled to other courses and played together in the South Gate Tournament last September. We always managed to meet during the winter months and had just had our Christmas lunch on December 19. I never ever thought for a moment that it would be the last time we would see each other.

As our friendship grew over the years, the four of us shared our laughter, our tears, our happiness, our sadness, our highs and our lows, our triumphs and our tragedies. It was rarely ever about the golf. It was all about friendship. We'd celebrate our pars, have a drink of "birdie juice" when we did that, take some good shots (and some bad ones...), tally up our scores at the end of the round and keep in touch by phone, messages or Facebook until the next time we got together.

My friend, by example, taught me patience, humility and how much being and having a friend through thick and thin truly means. It doesn't matter how old you are, where you're from, what you did or plan to do in life, how rich or poor you are, finding a friend who doesn't care is something to hold on to and to cherish. Laughing with you when you hit a tree or put a ball into water, inventing our own swear words when needed, celebrating loudly when we landed a good shot, won a skin or lead the leader board (usually her at the top of "B" Flite and me at the bottom of 'D") - that's what our friendship was all about. Pure fun at its finest.

Thank you and goodbye Diane. I will miss you so much. Having you as a friend was a tremendous thing. - Marilyn Watson

BUS TRIPS

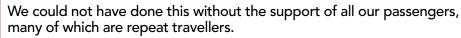
Oh, the places we have been!

2023 was an amazing year. We are thrilled with the record we set. We planned 16 trips, hosted 781 passengers and made a whopping \$14,500 for South Gate Centre while still keeping our prices very affordable and even lower than most of our competition. We are happy to say that we had zero trip cancellations and 80% of our trips actually SOLD OUT!

Some of our highlighted trips included:

Casino trips to Fallsview in Niagara

- The Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory
- A Blue Jays Game
- Dundurn National Historic Tour
- Fall Colour Tour
- Day in Port Dover
- Winter Lights Festival
- Stage Performances of
 - Menopause 2,
 - The Price is Right, and
 - Starbright



So now we are planning for 2024. We are planning to add a few more live theatre shows, a Wine Tasting Tour, and maybe an overnight trip to Orillia with casino and other attractions. Of course we'll still continue the Fallsview Trips and perhaps try a couple new casino. As requested, we're looking into another Blue Jays Game too.

We always welcome your suggestions and feedback. You can talk with Paulette or Pat, drop off a note at the front desk or in the suggestion box in the café.

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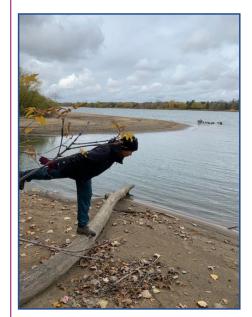
Winter is upon us! Whether the snowflakes are falling gently from the sky, or the wind is whisking them around, it's important to keep upright. I don't know if you've ever fallen, I have, and I don't bounce back as easily anymore.

As I read the statistics, "Falls continue to be the No.1 cause of injury, and hospitalization for "older adults" in Canada." (Health Canada) With that in mind, let's keep our bodies in tune, and look at the necessity of balance exercises.

It's important to keep the synovial fluid, which is a thick fluid between the joints, moving. This helps reduce the friction between the joints. Thus the catchy phrase of "Motion is Lotion!"

Some great ways to create that lotion are:

Stretching: Improves your flexibility, posture and leads to better balance and stability. I might seem like a broken record. But once again, I want to stress the importance of warming up those 6 major joints. Which is a great strategy to remember, not only at the beginning of an activity. Continue it throughout the day if stiffness tries to invade. Shoulders, elbows, wrists, hips, knees and ankles, to help decrease the snap, crackle and pops in one's body.



Mobility Training: Get moving those stiff joints, leads to better balance and coordination. Once again improving flexibility, improving posture.

Examples: Arm and shoulder circles, squats, hip circles, lunges, cat/cow

Exercises to strengthen: The muscles in your arms, core and legs can lead to wonderful improvements in your balance. Examples: Leg lifts, standing plank and mountain climbers, sit to stands, heel raises, are just a few. Go ahead and add some resistance strengthening with weights, bands and balls.

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January 4, 2024 - Day 10 \$1,000

Pauline Weiss

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Congratulations to everyone! And thank you to everyone who bought tickets!



January 6, 2024 Day 12 Winner \$10,000 Linda Nace

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CORNHOLE

Cornhole is a registered program at the South Gate Centre. The 8 week winter session has commenced with 23 players showing up to play on the first night. This activity is on Monday nights from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Altadore Hall. Players are randomly matched up in teams of two for the evening. A great opportunity to meet new members. The format was a round robin tournament and 11 games were played.

Top teams from the first session were:

Diane and Mery with an accumulated score of 217 John and Mike with an accumulated score of 198

Wally and Mike H. with an accumulated score of 196

If you have not registered to play you can drop in to play for \$5. The game is easy to play but you need skill to master. Everyone is welcome.

FOR THE FUN OF IT!

DARTS

Darts is available as an activity on Monday from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Kinsmen Room. All members are invited to play regardless of your skill level.

We have been fortunate to add several new players recently who have quickly learned the art of throwing the dart.

During the month of November the results were:

Top Doubles: 8 by Guy LaPlante 4 by Arlene Davidson 4 by Bonnie McVicar

Players with scores over 100: 121 by Evan Horton 105 by Wayne Noseworthy

Remember everyone is welcomed. See you there.









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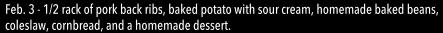
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Soup & Sandwiches	14	Valentine's Day Luncheon \$20 at 12 pm	15	Over Easy Eggs/Bacon/ Toast	16	Shepherd's Pie			
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