# NEWSLETTER





May Peace, Joy, Hope, and Happiness be yours during this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Your Nord-Bridge Staff, (Back Row) David, Randy, Heather, Tracy, (Front Row) Sally, Lorri, Gail, Kathy, Bety and Valerie

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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** SECOND YEAR

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

**Executive Director** Sr. Administrative Ass't Chief Financial Officer Financial Administrator Director of Programming Member Support Coordinator Reception Supervisor Reception Assistant Rentals Cook II Cook I DR/Kitchen Assistant Janitorial

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#### **ON-SITE PARTNER PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

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### PROGRAMS, COMMITTEES, CONVENERS, & BOARD REPRESENTATIVES\* (\* indicates individual on Board responsible for Program Area) (\*\* indicates "Emeritus")

#### ADMIN. PROGRAMS

By-Laws/Policies Comm. Crafts Boutique Finance Committee

Memberships Newsletter Newsletter Ad Sales Nominations Committee

Seniors Helping Seniors

#### CARDS & BOARD GAMES

**Contract Bridge** Crib Euchre Military Whist Trump Whist Norwegian Whist Scrabble Texas Hold'em **Duplicate Bridge** 

EDUCATION Acrylic Painting Paper Tole Wood Carving Watercolor Watercolor Club Krafters Koffee Klub Quilters Group Nord-Bridge Card Crafters Spanish for Travelers Library Mind Joggers

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### NEW MEMBERSHIPS \$53.00

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS \$50.00

### **FUNDRAISING**

#### GAMING

Casino Coordinator In-House Bingo Coordinator Monday Jam Draws Winners Bingo Rep/Co-ord Winners Bingo Alternate

### HEALTH & FITNESS Keep Fit Classes

Tai Chi Yoga/Pilates Fitball/Exercise With Arthritis Zumba Fitness 55 Club

#### OUTREACH

**Bereavement Cards** Get Well Cards & Visits Keep-in-Touch Program Outreach Program

#### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Decorations Monday Music Jams Senior Music Makers Socials Committee & Specials Social Dance Clogging Line Dancing Belly Dance & Broadway Dance

#### SPORTS & RECREATION

Bocce **Carpet Bowling** Darts Dragon Boat Team Floor Curling Floor Shuffleboard Golf Pool Shuffleboard **Table Tennis** 

#### TRAVEL

Travel Trip Bookings Bus Bookings Driver Co-ordination - Travel Driver Co-ordination - Cards Vehicle (Bus 2) Maintenance

#### **VOLUNTEERISM** Building Set-up Volunteers Volunteer Committee

#### AFFILIATIONS

ACA Representative Alberta 55 Plus-Zone 1 Health Education Presentations Lethbridge Seniors Forum N-B Income Tax Program

SASCC (So AB Srs Centre Coalition)

Alberta Assoc. of Senior Centres Go Seniors Society New Horizons for Seniors Program



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Some programs & services partially funded by the joint Provincial and City FCSS Program.

Nord-Bridge is a proud member of the Alberta Association of Seniors Centres

View our Website www.nordbridgeseniors.com for information, photos, video, Newsletters and more.

MEMBERSHIP: OPEN TO ALL SENIORS AGE 55 PLUS. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: TO YOUNGER INDIVIDUALS WHOSE SPOUSE IS 55 AND A MEMBER.

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

December is the season of giving and caring and we have no shortage of that here at Nord-Bridge Senior Citizens Association. Each program at our Centre depends on volunteers giving of their time and talents to the benefit of other members and to Nord-Bridge..

Volunteers donate their time to our Centre every day. For example, Page 2 of the Newsletter lists various

positions and names the lead volunteer (convener) who gives their time to ensure that each activity runs smoothly. Our Board members are all volunteers. Our Dunford Diner staff, Sally, Bety and Gail are assisted daily by volunteers. The Boutique runs smoothly manned completely by volunteers including Heather Newsham, Manager, and her team of clerks. Reception Desk staff members Val and Heather, are assisted by one or two hard-working volunteers every day of the week. Every special function includes volunteers beginning with the planning stage and continuing through every phase, to completion of the event. Bonnie Hammond and her crew of volunteers man the Winner's Bingo events for Nord-Bridge. The Seniors Helping Seniors and Income Tax programs are both manned by volunteers. Our lovely plants are cared for by volunteer Eva Deringer. Volunteers keep in touch with our super seniors to make sure they are doing well; they make hospital and home visits; they deliver Newsletters; and they drive our shuttle so that we can offer an exciting and popular travel program. The list goes on and on. Volunteers work hundreds of hours each month. When you arrive to attend the Christmas Luncheon on December 11<sup>th</sup>, please take a moment to look around and notice the crew of great volunteers helping our Centre excel.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who gives the valuable gift of their time to Nord-Bridge. I hope other members will also take time to say thanks to all the great people volunteering to make this a wonderful Centre. A thank you only takes a second but is much appreciated by the recipient.

Our next big fundraiser is "Old Favourites" (5) at the Yates in February. An early bird discount is available on tickets purchased before December 31. See our ad on the back cover of this Newsletter.

### Have a wonderful Christmas Season and a Happy New Year everyone!

Pat Santa, President

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### **Nord-Bridge Meetings Reminder**

### Each Month

Outreach Committee Executive Meeting Winners Bingo Committee Board of Directors Meeting Finance Committee <u>Annually</u> Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting General Member Meeting

#### Regular Board Meetings Feb., April, June, October Annually

<u>Annually</u> Annual General Meeting First Monday First Wednesday Second Tuesday Second Wednesday Last Wednesday First Wed. of March

First Wed. of November Go Seniors Society

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Second Tuesday First Tuesday of April



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Eileen Brecker ③ Brian Gallant Lois DeBoer ③ Colleen Kerber Clara Poberznick ③ Donna Sigvaldason Joe Michielsen ③ Judy Dyer Michael Meinzer ④ Kathy Meinzer Wendy Krein ③ Jack Heldt Patrick Hamilton ③ Carol Hamilton

We hope you enjoy your association with Nord-Bridge "The Friendly Centre"



NORD-BRIDGE

While at the Nord-Bridge Centre you can access our in-building internet service at:



User ID: FriendlyCentre Password: myfriendlycentre (Shaw Cable subscribers see below)

FOR SHAW SUBSCRIBERS: We are pleased to announce that our building is equipped with Shaw) Go Shaw) Go WiFi. To connect at Nord-Bridge: Access the network / WiFi settings on 1. vour device. 2. Select ShawOpen from the list of networks. 3. Open your browser. 4. Sign in using your @shaw.ca email address and password. Any guestions? Please call 1-888-472-2222 or visit http://www.shaw.ca/internet/wifi/.

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### SNOWFLAKES By Doreen Taylor THE MIND JOCCERS GROUP

Snowflakes, drifting, white and pristine Floating like feathers they can be seen Slowly coating with nary a sound
Like an eiderdown blanket they cover the ground
With leaves now gone, tree branches bend low
Shouldering their new burdens of snow
The birds and the geese have flown
Winter has made his presence known
Touques and mittens come out again
They'll be around while those snowflakes remain
So we will keep smiling all the days long
'Til the warm sun comes back and those snowflakes are gone!

### **CARPET BOWLING:**

Negative thoughts about aging are all in our minds, so release those thoughts from your consciounness. Focus on health and eternal youth.



Please join us each Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. to revive those thoughts and

enjoy fun, friendship, and a morning of good competition. Newcomers will receive training and be able to participate in the games immediately upon arrival. We would also welcome the University of Lethbridge nursing students who again joined our program during this fall semester.

Norene Irwin & Woody Neely, Conveners



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### COOKING UP HEALTHY CHOICES THE EASY WAY By Carly Filkowski, RD (Registered Dietitian)

You do not have to be a gourmet cook to eat healthy. With some planning and a few ideas, even the most novice of cooks can prepare healthy meals. Often when we lack cooking skills or do not feel like cooking, restaurant take-out food or convenience foods such as frozen dinners and canned soups may seem like an easy solution, but eating these too often can have a negative impact on health, as many processed and restaurant foods are high in harmful nutrients such as sodium and unhealthy fats.

To get all the nutrients you need and maintain energy levels, plan for three meals and one to three small snacks per day. At each meal, aim to have choices from all four food groups from EATING WELL WITH CANADA'S FOOD GUIDE: Vegetables and Fruit, Grain Products, Milk and Alternatives, and Meat and Alternatives. If including all four food groups at one meal seems like too

much food, you can break up your meal and have part of it for a snack

later. For example, you could have a sandwich on whole grain bread with veggies and turkey with a yogurt for dessert, but if the sandwich fills you up you can save the yogurt for a snack later. It is also important to drink enough fluids throughout the day; keeping a water bottle on hand will help to remind you to drink.

Investing time into making a weekly meal plan ensures that you always have healthy foods available, and saves money because less food is wasted. Making healthy choices is much



easier when you already have nutritious food in your fridge. Many grocery stores offer a delivery service if you are unable to travel to the store yourself. For days when you cannot prepare food at all, consider a nutritious meal delivery service like Meals on Wheels.

A healthy meal does not have to be complicated. Here are some ideas for simple meals that require little or no cooking:



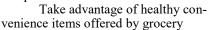
**Basic breakfasts:** Cereal with milk (choose one with at least 5 g fibre per serving) with a sprinkle of walnuts on top and fresh fruit or fruit canned in water/juice; oatmeal topped with banana, yogurt and a sprinkle of almonds; hard boiled egg (can buy these already

prepared at many stores and delis) with whole grain toast and fruit and a glass of milk.

**Speedy Sandwiches:** Make a simple sandwich on whole grain bread, tortilla or pita, such as peanut butter and banana, or canned salmon with leafy greens such as spinach. Include a glass of milk to complete your meal.

**Simple soups:** Use a store bought, no sodium added stock, your favourite cut frozen vegetables or no salt added canned vegetables, shredded rotisserie chicken or canned no salt added beans for protein, and your favourite herbs for flavor. Store in individual con-

tainers and freeze to make your own convenience soups. Enjoy with a whole grain roll and glass of milk to make it a complete meal.



stores, such as pre-washed and cut fruits and vegetables and rotisserie chickens (just remember to remove the skin). Rotisserie chicken, prewashed bagged salad mix, a whole grain roll and a glass of milk makes a tasty and healthy supper.

A little creativity goes a long way for healthy eating. Think about starting a dinner club with friends or family where you meet for dinner on a regular basis and each member brings one component of the meal; this way you only have to prepare or buy one item. Members of your dinner club may be able to give you some more great ideas for quick, easy and healthy meals!



### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Greetings Members;

I am writing this article on November 26, which is the US Thanksgiving Day. This date gives me cause to again reflect, as we did on October 12th, on the blessings and good fortunes that have come to my family and to Nord-



Bridge over the previous year. As we enter De-cember 2015, I am also mindful of those blessings that come from on high . . . including family, good friends at the Centre and in our community; the peaceful, bounteous, and safe country of Canada we proudly call home; and the gift of life itself. As we have watched regional and world events unfold over the prior month, it is clearly evident that we as Canadians have much for which be thankful.

At the top of my list was the birth of a beautiful new Granddaughter in early June. This little one is healthy, as is her sister and brother, and caring parents. I also have another daughter with similar blessings of a good husband, and



three healthy and happy children. On the topic of health, our Nord-Bridge family is mindful of our members who have been experiencing health or personal difficulties over the past year. I call your attention to the list of members to whom we send special wishes and wellness bouquets. You will find this list on Page 11 of this Newsletter. It includes great examples of selfless service to Nord-Bridge, and courage in the face of adversity. I am particularly mindful of member Eleanor Jockims and her husband Clarence. I had a nice

telephone visit with Eleanor this last week, and she asked me to send to all members of our Nord-Bridge family her best wishes. I would also add to our get well list IT (Info Tech) specialist Sahil Paul.

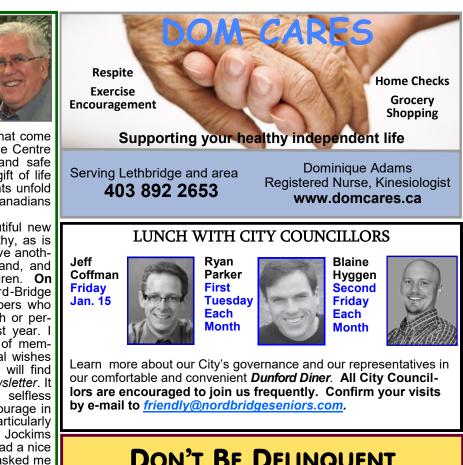
Our Christmas Hours are described on Page 13 of this Newsletter. We are planning to be closed all day on December 24 (Christmas Eve), and December 25 (Christmas Day). While the City will recognize Monday December 28 as a "Statutory Holiday" (in lieu of Dec. 26) Nord-Bridge will re-open on this day. We are doing this because over the years many members have commented how they find extra long breaks over Christmas difficult, particularly if family do not reside nearby. Our members want to get back together with friends for socialization; they enjoy our Monday Jams; and always look forward to a change in meals following the Christmas Holiday.

Last month I mentioned in the Newsletter that Nord-Bridge has been working with the Alberta Association of Seniors Centres (AASC) to see the addition of a new Provincewide funding model for senior centres meeting provincially set standards. This lobby and study effort continues, and we re-main optimistic. Also, there has been no update on how we might be impacted by increases to FCSS funding distributed by the City. This decision continues to reside with the City.

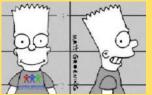
Finally, on the subject of our Building, you will notice we have changed some office locations within the Centre. The office of the National Association of Federal Retirees (formerly FSNA) has moved to the prior office of Alberta Seniors west of the Veres Family Games Room. This move will accommodate an appropriate location, next to our Reception Desk, for our recently employed Membership Support Coordinator. We welcome Lorri Penner as a new part-time staff member at Nord-Bridge.

I extend to all members my wishes that you have a safe and Happy Holiday with family and friends. Merry Christmas!

Respectfully, Randy Smith



### **DON'T BE DELINQUENT** 2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS \$50.00



Renewals are due before December 31. Pay Now and get your FREE 2016 calendar. New Memberships \$53.00

### MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER



Nord-Bridge is pleased to introduce our Member Support Co-ordinator, Lorri Penner. This is a newly created position. Lorri is a graduate of the University of Calgary and Lethbridge College, and also has an impressive professional resume.

Working part-time, Lorri's flexible schedule will ensure that she will be here for you

Monday through Friday over a two week span. Stop by to meet her, or book an appointment. Her office is located in the former National Assn. of Federal Retirees/FSNA office. Lorri will assist our member intake process, and will be available to counsel members and direct them to various FCSS funded agencies throughout the City.

### ADVANTAGE HEARING CENTRE

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### Nord-Bridge Complimentary Hearing Evaluations

We will offer Complimentary Hearing Evaluations at Nord-Bridge the First Wednesday of every month!

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Brad Lindsay, BC-HIS Registered Hearing Aid Practitioner

## BOARD PORTFOLIO REPORT

**FUND RAISING JAN. - SEPT. 2015 BY JIM HAHN** This report covers fundraisers; it does not include gaming, such as bingo and casino events. The annual budget for 2015 is \$17,500 and we are at \$14,750; 84% of our budget with 25% of the year still to go means we will meet our goal. Following is a list of our fund raising events to date:

**RICHARD & DEBORAH POPOVICH SHOW** in February. **ANNUAL MINER'S MEMORIAL BANQUET & RAFFLE:** Held each year around May 1st. John Lorencz, President of South Country Jamboree has given us a donation of \$2,500 to be used for future events. The next is scheduled for May 2, 2016.

**WHOOP-UP ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** We served 650 breakfasts. Costs were shared with five sponsors.

**PRESIDENT'S DINNER & AUCTION:** Was held in September with a very good return.

**SGT. WILSON'S ARMY SHOW:** With great disappointment we had to cancel this show when the group failed to secure insurance for their North American Tour.

For the final quarter of the year our revenue will include the **COUNTRY BLEND** event on November 17<sup>th</sup> - our third engagement with this popular group. We easily sold 200 tickets, a full house.

I extend special thanks to Pat Santa for her work in obtaining matching funds for most of our events from the **Scotia Bankers in the Community** program. Their input helps us immensely.

### Programmer's Report by David Na

December is here and another Fall programming session is nearing an end. Many thanks to the U of L Nursing students for their time here at Nord-Bridge over the past few months. We wish them all the best in their remaining studies.



In this month's Newsletter you will notice our great staff here at Nord-Bridge. We normally don't look that good everyday, but thanks to the wonderful

and talented photography of Nord-Bridge member Sid Lewis, we are ready to grace to cover of TIME magazine. Sid has been volunteering by snapping pictures of all of our members for our photo album (located outside of the Library). If you haven't updated your picture Sid will be in the Library taking pictures on Dec. 9th.

You may have noticed a new face on the cover. Please welcome Lorri Penner to Nord-Bridge. Lorri is our new Membership Support Coordinator. Her role will be to assist members with accessing community services, programs, information, and resources in the City of Lethbridge. Lorri is here part-time and her office is located by the Reception Desk (former FSNA office). Her schedule will be posted outside of her office. Stop by and give her a "Friendly" Nord-Bridge welcome.

Many programs will be taking a break this month, so please be sure to check with the conveners and the program calendar (center page) of this Newsletter. The Winter 2016 Program book will be available on Friday, December 11th. Program registration will be on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 8:30 am.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From the Desk of Val

HO! HO! HO! December is upon us and that means parties to go to, shopping, visits with Santa Claus, and best of all, eating turkey and all the trimmings. Our Christmas Luncheon sold out in record time, but I'm sure we will have some hot turkey specials in December.



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My thanks to Dianne Smith for her volunteer commitment at the front desk. She has decided

to take a break due to her busy schedule. She is involved in the A.S.C.R.A. as secretary, enjoys playing cards, and helps us set up the monthly Outreach events. Conversely, we welcome back Roberta Soenen. You'll see her Monday afternoon at the Reception Desk which she keeps spic & span for me (at least on Mondays).



Have you decorated yet? Lucky me, I had my own live, lawn deer to cheer-up my residence, if only for a little while. It looks to me like a whitetail buck. This lovely creature recently stopped by and was photographed by an alert neighbour. Apparently, this buck's family was grazing in the back yard.

I wish everyone a healthy festive season relaxing with family, friends, and

especially your grand kids as Christmas is for the little ones. Don't forget to donate a small ornament for our tree which will be given to the Interfaith Food Bank. Please refer to "Community Christmas Tree" on Page 11.

### WIN CA\$H AT NORD-BRIDGE! DAILY 50/50 DRAW

Nord-Bridge hosts a Daily 50/50 Draw to help raise much needed funds. Half of the proceeds go to the Centre. Members may enter for other members and you do not need to be present to win.

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE YOU MUST:

- 1. Hold a current REGULAR, ASSOCIATE or LIFE Membership.
- 2. Cost to play is 25¢
- 3. Draws will be made at 12:15 p.m. 4. After the draw, members may sign-in for the next day's draw.





RECENT WINNER(S) JEANNINE COLLING \$353 Nov. 3

ADAM FRECH \$21.75 Nov. 4

### MONTHLY 50/50 Toonie Draw

Nord-Bridge holds a "Monthly 50/50 Toonie Draw" on the third or fourth Friday of each month. Members do not have to be present to win. The Nord-Bridge share of proceeds is dedicated to Programming.

### TO PLAY:

you have of winning!

1. Fill out an envelope for the draw at the draw desk in the Dunford Diner.

2. Drop \$2.00 into the envelope and deposit it into the Draw Box. 3. Come out to lunch on "draw day" to see if you are the winner. The more times you enter, the more chances



RECENT WINNER

Joyce Furukawa \$164.00 November 23, 2015 Next Draw December 18<sup>th</sup>

### SOUND SYSTEM DRAW



Proceeds of Monday Jam draws are earmarked to assist with sound system and AV costs in the building.

### MONDAY JAM 50/50 WINNERS

Nov. 2 B & A Brouwer \$42; N. Waselenak \$42 Nov. 9 G. Skidmore \$36; G. Skidmore \$36 Nov. 16 Faye Skidmore \$49; Angie Randa \$49 Nov. 23 Carol Kimmett \$43; Jim Hahn \$43

Thanks Jammers, Volunteers and Patrons. Thanks also to Helen Gepneris & Jim Hahn for selling tickets at Monday Jams.



#### NORD-BRIDGE BUILDING FUND RECENT DONORS Eleanor & Clarence Jockims \$1,000 Chris & Clark Figenshau \$200 Anonymous \$50

Cumulative proceeds from Jan 1, 2015 Through November 20, 2015: \$ 18,708.50



BUILDING FUND UPDATE:	Goal	Achieved
Total Fund-Raising Goal	\$6,250,000	
From City of Lethbridge	750,000	82%
From Various Provincial Grants	2,500,000	66%
From Various Federal Grants	500,000	7%
From Nord-Bridge		
- by Fundraising	2,500,000	81%

### Total Contributions to our

Building Fund 1998 through Nov. 2015 \$ 2,037,295 Still needed by N-B Fundraising

462,705

#### WINNERS BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We need both regular and substitute volunteers to work at Winners Bingo most Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11 to 4 p.m. These jobs can include lots of

walking, so good gym shoes are recommended. Get your exercise indoors while you help your Centre. Coffee and lunch are provided. If you can help, please call Bonnie Hammond 403-842-2817 or leave a message with Tracy at 403-329-3222.



**Bonnie Hammond** Winners Bingo Volunteer Co-ord

NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS CENTRE nford Dine Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Daily lunch specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Homemade soups, sandwiches and treats plus Menu items including hot and cold sandwiches, burgers, fish, fries, onion rings, salads, desserts and more! **EVERYONE WELCOME**! Friday Lunch Specials \$7.50 Dec. 4 Ham Steak, Scalloped Potatoes & Veggies Dec. 11 Christmas Luncheon Ticket Required Hot Turkey Sandwich, Soup & Snacks in the Multi-Purpose Hall Dec. 18 Alfredo Pasta with Shrimp. Caesar Salad & Garlic Toast All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet First \$ 7.00 Wednesday of each month 8:30 to 10:30



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OUR WINTER 2016 PROGRAMMING BOOKLET WILL BE READY ON DECEMBER 11 <sup>TH</sup>	1 10:00 Music Makers 11:00 Keep Fit 1:00 Texas Hold'em 1:00 Norwegian Whist 1:30 SCRABBLE 3:00 Arthritis Exercise 7:00 Social Line Dance	2 BREAKFAST BUFFET 8:45 Yoga 9:30 Carpet Bowling 10:15 Paper Tole 10:00 Roll & Stroll 10:45 WINNERS BINGO 11:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Darts/Euchre 1:00 Quilt/Kraft 3:00 Fitball 3:00 Advantage Hearing By Appointment	<b>3</b> 9:00 Card Crafters 9:00 Floor Curling 9:30 Mind Joggers 11:00 Keep Fit 1:00 Duplicate Bridge 1:00 Woodcarving 1:00 Trump Whist 1:00 Floor Shuffleboard 1:00 Acrylic Painting 7:00 Table Tennis	4 9:00 Bake Sale 9:00 Pilates 9:30 Carpet Bowling 10:15 Chair Yoga 1:00 In-House Bingo 1:00 Contract Bridge 1:15 Crib
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<ul> <li>ADVANTAGE HEARING - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 (by appointment).</li> <li>COFFEE, TEA &amp; YOU: 2* &amp; 4* THURSDAY 10 A.M. IN DUNFORD DINER</li> <li>DR BOLOKOSKI - FOOT CARE, (by appointment). FUTURE DATES INCLUI FEB. 10; APR. 6; JUNE 1; JULY 27; SEPT. 21; &amp; NOV. 6, 2016</li> </ul>			). FUTURE DATES INCLUDE:		
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WINNERS BINGO - DECEMBER 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29,30

- COFFEE, TEA & YOU: 2<sup>se</sup> & 4<sup>se</sup> THURSDAY 10 A.M. IN DUNFORD DINER .
- ANNUAL BAKE SALE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 9 A.M. SHARP! .

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### OUTREACH BY CO-ORDINATOR Rodger Halvorsen

November's Outreach theme was "Remembrance" in tribute to those who have served our nation both in conflict and peace-keeping involvement over the years. Tables were attired with poppies and crosses while our guests joined us on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

In attendance were guests and care givers from eight care facilities along with our Nord-Bridge members for an afternoon of Card Bingo, musical entertainment provided by "Anne Pauls & Friends" and of course, refreshments served by our volunteers. The winner of our Door Prize was Clara. In all, 126 people enjoyed a great afternoon. Our Friendly Centre Outreach Committee takes great pleasure in planning and organizing these events for our super senior friends. Special mention is extended to our guests from Vulcan who make the monthly trip to join us for our Outreach events.

We hope to see all of you again on December 14<sup>th</sup> for "Bells, Bows and Santa" with musical entertainment by Doug Youngren and Friends as we say goodbye to 2015 and look forward to 2016. Be sure to confirm your seats early!





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The Gangur family, loss of George; the Raasch family, loss of Dora; and Marilynn Heaton, loss of brother-in-law.

### **GET WELL & HEALTH WISHES** ARE SENT TO:

Nanette Payne who went back to Calgary's Foothills Hospital; Eileen Habdas at home but still un-

der treatment; Richard Ferguson in St. Michael's Palliative Care; Eleanor Jockims at home; Floyd Scott recently hospitalized; Dave Vasek now home after having knee surgery; Gloria Johnson now better; Hazel Grisack, still hospitalized but doing well after throat surgery.



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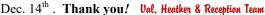
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#### **2015 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE**

For the past six years our Reception Desk Team have given back to the community by donating a small decorated Christmas tree to the Interfaith Food Bank. They pass it on to a special family, to brighten up their otherwise dim holiday, just a little bit. Can you help us? Please bring a small item to hang on this tree. My friendly elves will do all the decorating and ensure that our gift will make a super impression and express cheer and



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Two sessions:

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### **Boutique News**

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> We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year

Heather & Jo-Ann



Many thanks to Scotiabank for being a terrific corporate partner in our fundraising activities. We appreciate your community spirit.



### DARTS REPORT Ken Bobinec, Convener

The 2015 In-House Dart Tournament results for men's and women's singles are now history. Here are the results:

> GOLD SILVER

Janet Bobinec Dianne Reed

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The Doubles segment will be played in the next two weeks. Congratulations! And Good Luck, respectively!

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> **CLOSED** Friday, **January 1, 2016**

### MIND JOGGGERS MID TERM REPORT

Our last meeting of the fall session will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2015. After a Christmas Season break we'll resume meetings on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016.



The Mind Joggers group meets on Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. in the Berlando Board Room.

We're here to offer encouragement and support as you get started in writing. Drop by for a visit to listen, or to share a story.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Judy, Jack, Ted & Melvin , Conveners



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Call 403-329-3222 to make an appointment.

### NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS CENTRE **IN-HOUSE BINGO**



### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

- Bonanza Pre-call 1:00 pm
- Games Start 1:30 pm
- Regular Book \$5.00
- 3 Extra Games \$1.00 each

Transportation is available for members; \$3.00 each way. Phone Front Desk at least one day ahead at 329-3222 to confirm.

EUCHRE REPORT Wow! Another year gone by. We had a great year of Euchre. Our numbers are up to 32 members enjoying the game. Lessons are at 12:30 on Wednesdays, in the Dunford Diner Annex, followed by regular play from 1 to 3 p.m. followed with coffee and conversation. I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Rodney Foster

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# **Keeping You on the Move**

When it snows, the City of Lethbridge plows, sands and de-ices roads based on a priority system.

### What can you do to help?

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- Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you
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- Never pass a snow plow or sanding truck



For more information, including a priority map, visit

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Do you live on a snow route? Find out what you need to know and sign up for email alerts at www.lethbridge.ca/SnowRoutes.

### Nord-Bridge Centre & 1st Choice Savings Presents...



Tickets go on sale December 1, 2015

Nord-Bridge Senior Citizens Association and 1st Choice Savings & Credit Union will present a fifth edition of "Old Favourites" - a music and comedy revue featuring our favourite music selections from the 50's, 60's and 70's. This is a family show and is appropriate for ALL ages.

There will be ONLY three performances at the Yates Theatre. The evening performances are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 19, and on Saturday, February 20, 2016. A matinee performance is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2016.

Just in time for Christmas giving, tickets will be available at the Ticket Centre or call 403-329-SEAT (7328). Early bird tickets purchased before December 31 are \$28. Regular priced tickets purchased in 2016 are \$33. All ticket prices include Ticket Centre fee of \$3.00. A discount of 10% will apply on purchases of 10 or more REGULAR PRICED tickets. Proceeds from this major fundraiser go toward Nord-Bridge Centre.



If you are interested in entering a draw for a chance to win a pair of tickets on a certain date, please enter your name and phone number on the draw sheets. Draw sheets are located in the main corridor. Draws will be made a few days advance of the games. Win great seats and cheer on the Hurricanes all season! 

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