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2018-2019 NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS EXECUTIVE

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Executive Director Financial Administrator Administrative Support Program Coordinator Member Support Coordinator Reception Supervisor Reception Assistant Rentals **Red Seal Cook** Cook I DR/Kitchen Assistant Janitorial

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ADMIN. PROGRAMS

By-Laws/Policies Committee **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} Scrabble Texas Hold'em

Duplicate Bridge Norwegian Whist Bid Euchre Hand & Foot

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

Looking for Winter Shadows and Painting Water Scenes With Watercolour

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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, Active/Seated Pound 55+ Tai Chi Gentle, Chair, Stability Yoga Fitball/Exercise With Arthritis Zumba Fitness 55 Club Meditation

OUTREACH

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

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Decorations Monday Music Jams Senior Music Makers Socials Committee & Specials Line Dancing (P.M.) Clogging Line Dancing (A.M.)

SPORTS & RECREATION

Bocce Carpet Bowling Darts Floor Curling Floor Shuffleboard Golf Pool Shuffleboard Table Tennis

TRAVEL

Travel Agent / Bookings Driver Co-ordination -Travel Vehicle (Bus 2) Maintenance

VOLUNTEERISM

Building Set-up Volunteers Diner Special Events Coordinator

AFFILIATIONS

Alberta 55 Plus–Zone 1 Alberta Assoc. of Senior Centres Go Seniors Society Health Education Presentations Age Friendly Lethbridge N-B Income Tax Program N-B Income Tax Program Harry Fischer Economic Development Lethbridge Pat Santa



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Clay Olsen*, Board Rep Mike Bennett, Clay Olsen David Ng, Tracy Beauchemin Helen Gepneris Ashley Kern (and Alberta Health) Lorri Penner

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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

"Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and the shadows of April showers."

Byron Caldwell

Reimagining a future for seniors. "In 12 years, nearly a quarter of Canadians are projected to be seniors." Globe and Mail, 9/03/19

Among the many issues tomorrow's seniors will be faced with, two come to mind: what news can they trust? And how will they receive healthcare? In some instances, the two issues will become one.

With 50 million Facebook accounts hacked in 2018, it is not surprising that seniors are sometimes confused about what they can believe. Aggressive cyber-attacks against vaccination programs have compelled medical officials in Canada and the U.S to consider whether some diseases. such as measles, once thought to have been eradicated, may be about to re-emerge.

Many of the changes in how medical services are delivered in the future are likely to involve technology. A hospital in Fremont, California provided an example of the inappropriate use of computer technology in the treatment of an elderly patient when a doctor used a robot with a video-link screen to inform the patient he would die within days. We need to ensure that technology doesn't replace the human touch in our healthcare system.

On an upbeat note, more than 70 Nord-Bridge members attended our 2019 Annual General Meeting. Thanks in large part to the efforts of Rita Paju and other members of the Nord-Bridge staff who developed a crisp, readable Annual Report on Nord-Bridge activities over the last year, the meeting was wrapped-up within an hour. Members barely had time to finish their free coffee.

While our membership numbers continue to show a healthy growth, there is concern that two long-standing revenue streams are tracking downward. Bingo revenues derived from both Winners Bingo and our own in-house bingo operation have supported Nord-Bridge programs for many years, but bingo revenues are in a multi-year decline at both centres and across Canada.

Second, this year Nord-Bridge has seen a drastic reduction in the City of Lethbridge grant to off-set rental costs for the Yates for our "Old Favorites" fund-raising concerts. Grants for the first four concerts, beginning in 2010, covered the total rental costs for the Yates. However, since 2016 the Yates rental costs have been escalating, while the civic grants have been declining sharply, from \$5,750 in 2016 to \$5,000 in 2017 and \$500 for 2019. This issue will require some adjustment on the part of Nord-Bridge.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for "Old Favorites" (7), April 16 through 18!

And the "Under Northern Lights Gala" on April 13 is a tasteful way to support Nord-Bridge!

Robert Tarleck, A ko'tasi (Many Horses) **Board President**

WELCOME New Members We're very GLAD you're here!

Anita Yates Val Louwerse **David Miller Charlene Furman** Alice Todd Clifford Helm **Ev Hughes Erin Bates** Julia Lefeuvre William Lefeuvre



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

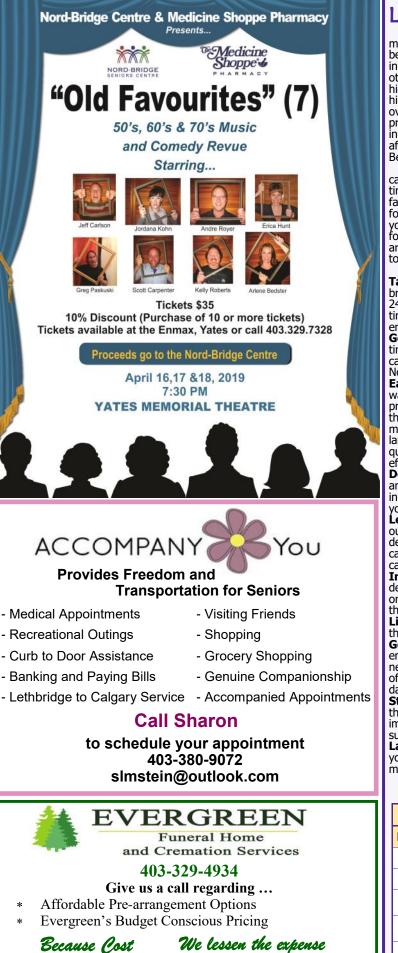
ATTENTION MEMBERS: TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2019 the following classes will be cancelled due to the Alberta Elections Regular Polling Place in the Multi-Purpose Hall: Seated Somatics, Seated Pound, Keep Fit (a.m. and p.m.) and evening Line Dancing.



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NORD-BRIDGE MEETINGS REMINDER

Monthly				
Outreach Committee	First Monday (Sept-June)	9:30 a.m.		
Directors Meeting	Second Wednesday	9:00 a.m.		
Finance Committee	Last Wed. (Feb, May, Sept, Nov)	9:30 a.m.		
Annually				
Annual General Mtg.	First Wed. of March	9:30 a.m.		
General Member Mtg.	First Wed. of November	9:30 a.m.		
GO SENIORS SOCIETY				
Regular Board Meetin	gs			
Feb., April, June, Oct.	Third Tuesday	9:00 a.m.		
Annually				
Annual General Meeting	g First Tuesday of April	9:00 a.m.		



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LORRI'S CORNER

Caring for loved ones can be one of the Caring for loved ones can be one of the most meaningful, uplifting acts we do, it can also be physically exhausting and emotionally drain-ing, especially if you're juggling it with a job or other responsibilities. Older caregivers have a higher risk of significant health problems, such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure, depression, overweight, and earlier death due to the prolonged stress and the demands of caregive prolonged stress and the demands of caregiving. The risks associated with caregiving can affect both men and women. Being Selfish Benefits Your Loved Ones



Often, caregivers are so dedicated to

Often, caregivers are so dedicated to caring for their loved one, the thought of taking time for themselves to rest or have fun makes them feel selfish. Sound familiar? Caring for yourself is the most important—and often the most forgotten—thing you can do as a caregiver. It is crucial that you give yourself permission to care for yourself **every day**, when you are caring for a loved one (it is a good practice to care for yourself even if you aren't a caregiver. Caring for yourself daily is the only way you are going to be able to care for your loved ones in the long run. Here are some ways you can take care of yourself daily:

Here are some ways you can take care of yourself daily: **Take Regular Breaks.** During the day, be sure to take 20-30 minute breaks at least once or twice. If you are caring for someone that needs 24-hour care, plan for someone to relieve you of your duties. Whatever time off you give yourself, be sure to stay away and do something you priot, what here are be arready and the sure to be arready at the sure to be arready at the sure to be arready and the sure to be arready at the sure to be arready and the sure to be arready at the

enjoy – read, take a nap or a bath, or go to a movie. **Get Some Exercise**. Aim for 20-30 minutes of exercise at least three times per week. Nord-Bridge has many amazing exercise programs you can attend. Do you feel your health won't allow an exercise program? Nord-Bridge also offers Tai Chi, yoga and line dancing. **Eat A Balanced Diet:** Eating whole, nutritious food is one of the best work backback and construct compatible. Bath and Cail

ways to maintain your health and energy. Samantha, Bety and Gail prepare healthy nutritious meals daily in the Dunford Diner. You will feel the difference in your body immediately when you have a bowl of home-made soup, or vegetables and protein. If you find one meal you particu-larly enjoy, order an extra 1 or 2 to freeze. That way, you have some quick meals on hand for when you really feel too tired to make the extra effort to cook.

Don't Neglect Your Own Health. Many caregivers neglect their health and end up getting sick or injured. If you feel you are run-down or catch-ing a virus, it's best to rest. See your family doctor as required to ensure you are the healthiest you can be. Let Love Flow. Most of us believe that our mind is in control, but it is

our hearts. Take some time to quiet your mind, sit still and breathe deeply. Ashley offers a guided meditation class where you can learn to calm yourself when feeling overwhelmed by your responsibilities as a caregiver.

Indulge Yourself: Sometimes we need to remind ourselves that we deserve a special treat! Going for a pedicure or massage, a special dinner or show with friends can allow you to feel joy again. Just a reminder that the **"Old Favorites"** show and also Nord-Bridge's **"Under Northern Lights" Gala** are happening in April and will allow you a break that you need and deserve!

Get Enough Sleep. As a caregiver, you may feel exhausted at the end of the day and yet can't seem to sleep. 7-9 hours each night – is necessary for you to take care of yourself and necessary for the quality of care you give your loved one. Naps can be an important part of your day too

Stav Connected with Friends. Caregivers can isolate themselves from their friends, either due to the demands or from exhaustion. It is important to stay connected to friends who support you. Having a support network improves your outlook and your health. **Laugh Often**. It's important to hang onto your sense of humor when your days can be intense. Read something funny or watch a funny movie. Social media is great for getting some daily humor, watching

funny videos of cute animals doing funny things which are easily found and can help lift

My April Schedule:

April 2019				
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1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	
		24	25	26
29	30			

your mood! Watch for Signs of Burnout. Many caregiv-

ers delay asking for help and support because they feel that they should be able to care for their loved ones on their own. Everyone needs help and support.

I am currently taking names for the next COMPASS for the Caregiver group which is an 8-week facilitated program. I am available for a chat if you want more information or just need a few minutes to talk.

> Lorri Penner, BSW, RSW **Member Support Coordinator**

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES by Elaine Molyneux

In House Awards Luncheon

The luncheon was held on Friday, March 8th. This event is a culmination of our tournaments which are conducted and finished in November and December. Our MCs were Ashley Kern and Clay Olsen who presented 65 medals in 11 categories. In addition to individual medals the Gold medal winners were presented with an in-house trophy.

A catered lunch of roast beef, mashed potatoes served by our dedicated volunteers was enjoyed by 65 diners. Thank you volunteers for all your help. I would like to add another winner who deserves a gold medal for all of her hard work over many years, Eva Deringer. Thank you Eva.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

We had a full house at our Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Lunch with beer and Irish pub food was shared by all. The Celtic Routes played some great Irish music. We had around 110 people attend this popular event. Winners of the St. Patrick's Day prizes were Alice Strickland—Celtic Routes CD Judy Beasley—Dental Hygiene Basket John King of Celtic Routes also handed out other CDs to the crowd.



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Thank you all for your support of the Centre.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings Members;

This months Newsletter cover will have some familiar faces. I am very pleased to welcome back Board Directors; Clay Olsen, and Robert Grisack to the Board. Both Clay and Robert completed one full three year term and were eligible to run for a second term (Robert will fill the two year Board of Director term left vacant by former Director Jim Edwards.) Also, welcome back to former



President - Jim Hahn. After sitting out the required one year, Jim has again offered his leadership to our Board. Finally, we welcome back to our Board of Directors Helen Gepneris. Helen, previously sat on the Nord-Bridge Board from 2009 - 2013. Helen, is a welcome addition to the Board; along with the other three directors who all bring enthusiasm and experience to our Board. A sincere thank you to Kaz Tomomitsu who completed his three year term on the Board. Nord-Bridge greatly appreciated your support and years of service. Last month the 2019 Federal Budget was released and there are some positives for low-income seniors. The Federal government plans to spend \$1.8 billion over the next four years to enhance the Guaranteed Income Supplement for working low-income seniors to keep more of what they earn in their pockets. The New Horizons for Seniors Program supports projects that improve the quality of life for vulnerable seniors in Canada and creates opportunities for seniors to be active in their communities. The New Horizons for Seniors will receive an added boost of an additional \$100 million over five years (\$20 million per year ongoing). Nord-Bridge recently applied for the New Horizons grant in 2017 to assist with the Carpet Replacement (\$25,000).

On Tuesday, April 16th Albertans will head to the polls to elect a government that will run the province for the next four years. In Lethbridge, there will be many polling places for registered residents (18+) to elect a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) to represent the electoral division you reside in (East or West). Nord-Bridge has been booked to be a regular polling place for Tuesday, April 16. At the time of printing this Newsletter, Elections Alberta had not yet confirmed which polls will be here at Nord-Bridge. Please



check with Elections Alberta (www.elections.ab.ca) to confirm where you will vote. *Please note all programs and activities in the Multi-Purpose Hall on this day will be cancelled. For information on candidates both East and West, we have an information table located by the TV area that will be reserved for any candidates print material.



For many years, members have inquired where they can lock up their bicycle if they choose to ride here to Nord-Bridge. I am happy to report with the welding expertise of Bosnak Welding, we have a brand new bike

rack. The bike rack is located at the south-west doors.

David Ng Executive Director



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From the Desk of Val

Has SPRING finally arrived? Hopefully brighter sunny days are on their way after that long cold February. It's time to get into our closets to get our spring wardrobe ready and our walking shoes out too. I am ready! With the warmer weather coming it is time to think of TRAVEL. We have some exciting travel



listed below. Please let us know if you are interested in any of these trips so that bookings can be made for your enjoyment.

- Heritage Park Tuesday, July 23, 2019 1.
- 2. Calgary Stampede – Seniors Day – Tuesday, July 9, 2019
- 3. Calgary Inglewood Bird Sanctuary or Glenbow Museum – Thursday, August 29, 2019 Summer Picnic Lunch –Lundbreck Falls or Gold
- 4. Spring Park – Wednesday, July 31, 2019 Fall Stettler Train Trip/Drumheller Tyrrell Museum –
- 5. overnight trip - Late September
- 6. Edmonton River Cree Casino trip (2 nights/3 days) with a side trip to the West Edmonton Mall for pre-Christmas shopping – Early October Rosebud Dinner Theatre – A Christmas Story.
- 7. Thursday, November 7, 2019 Canmore Chocolate Factory tour.
- 8.

Watch closely for our upcoming mystery trips monthly so sign up at the Reception Desk with your payment. A friendly reminder – If you cancel any trips we need replacements otherwise we cannot give refunds due to advance payment of admission, tours, bus etc.

In closing, congratulations to Judy Beasley who won the St. Patrick's Day door prize for signing in at the Front Reception Desk. Remember to always sign in at the Front Reception Desk or the back South West Entrance when you come to the Centre. You don't have to sign out when you leave. Judy Beasley is our Winners Bingo coordinator which is the Centre's main fundraiser and SHE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS for Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It entails either selling tickets or hélping in the office for approximately 5 hours. If you are interested, please leave your name with Val or Maria.

Stay fit and stay connected!

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Bonners Ferry, ID Moose Jaw, SK Camrose, AB Polson-Kalispell, Mt	June 23 - 26, 2019 April 23 - 26, 2019, Temple Gardens GST induded May 5 - 7, 2019 Shopping and Theater, <i>10 seats lef</i> May 27 - 30, 2019, Sights, Shopping & More	\$380 pp/dbl \$425 pp/dbl \$229 pp/dbl \$475 pp/dbl
Winnipeg, Mb Adventure Packag	August 11 - 17, 2019 Players Package ge w VIP Folklorama, City Tour, Cdn Mint Tour pur, Forks Market, VIP Horse Race Buffet Dinner Sept 29 - Oct 5, 2019, No rules, no regrets	
	April 6 - 23, 2020 Shanghai, Beijing, 18 days nanghai, Beijing, Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Yangze Riv Nord-Bridge 1:00 pm, RSVP to Cathymunro@lifetimehigh:	
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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 are made at 12:15 p.m.



4. After the draw, members may sign in for the next day's draw.

> RECENT WINNER(S) Edna Foster \$450.50 February 28

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:

1. Fill out an envelope 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 you have of winning!

RECENT WINNERS Betty Maciura \$322 on March 22, 2019

Next Draw April 26th, 2019

MONDAY JAM 50/50 DRAW

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

RECENT WINNERS

- Mar.
- Gail Krysak \$39 / Kaz Tomomitsu \$39 Doreen Smid \$40 / Margaret Breuer \$40 Anne Pauls \$41 / Alvin Witt \$41 11 Mar.
- Mar. 18

Gordon Vaselenak \$34 / Sandy Fischer \$34 25 Mar.

Thanks Jammers, Volunteers and Patrons. Thanks also to Pat Santa for selling tickets at Monday Jams.

Friday Dunford Diner Lunchtime Entertainment

5 Alice Tinordi April

April 12 Ray Sauer

19 GOOD FRIDAY (CLOSED) April

26 Dean & John April



NORD-BRIDGE BUILDING FUND RECENT DONORS Nord-Bridge Music Makers \$50; Lethbridge Police Veteran's Assoc. \$100

NORD-BRIDGE IN-HOUSE BINGO

Cumulative proceeds from Jan 1, 2019 through March 22, 2019: **\$5,062**

BUILDING FUND UPDATE:	Goal	DIRGO
Achieved		
Total Fund-Raising Goal	\$6,250,000	
From City of Lethbridge From Various Provincial Grants	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	86%
Total Contributions to our Building Fund 1998 through	2019	\$ 2,148,476
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Still needed by N-B Fundraising

351,524

WE THANK Judith Beasley and her team of over 20 volunteers who work up to nine Winner's Bingo events every

month. Their dedication has translated into significant funding for our Centre.



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NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS CENTRE

Breakfast & Grill Items 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Daily lunch specials 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. plus ...

Homemade soups & treats, breakfast, hot & cold sandwiches, burgers, fish, fries, onion rings, salads, desserts and more!

PUBLIC WELCOME! NO SURCHARGE! **CASH, DEBIT, MASTERCARD & VISA ACCEPTED**

Friday Lunch Features \$7.50

- Apr. 5 Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, veggies and gravy
- Apr. 12 Spring Lunch Special: Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, veggies and gravy
- Apr. 19 **CLOSED - GOOD FRIDAY**
- Apr. 26 Liver and Onions, mashed potatoes, veggies and gravy

All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet First \$8.00 Wednesday of each month 8:30 to 10:30

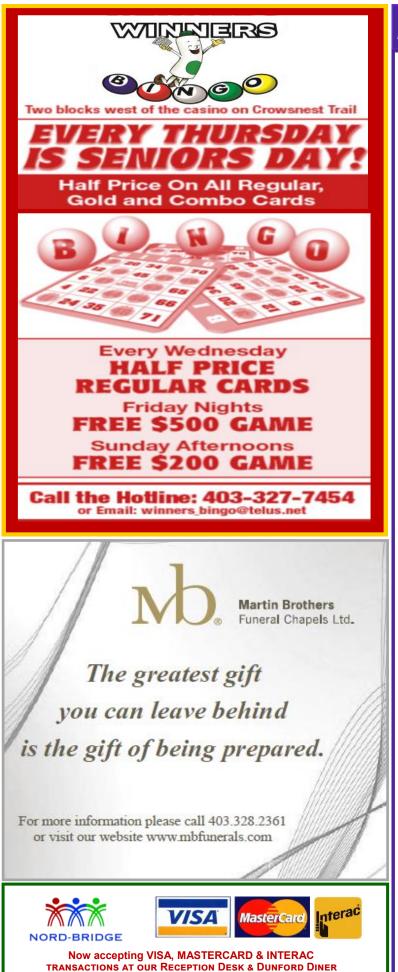
*PLEASE NOTE: THE GRILL IS CLOSED DURING SPECIAL EVENTS

Schedule Subject to Change



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Programmer's Report by Ashley Kern

The tax season is running smoothly with the new volunteers answering phones daily. Just a reminder that if you are making an appointment, please bring all your tax documents with you. The income tax cut off is up to \$25, 000 per person. Last month was busy and with the



welcomed warm weather comes our outdoor programs which will soon be back in full swing including Golf and Bocce Ball in the next couple months. If you have any questions about these programs please come and talk with me.

Our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration last month was another great success with around 110 people in attendance and many good times shared by all! Thanks to Direct Dental Hygiene for the door prize as well as John King of Celtic Routes. The delicious Irish pub style food which was done by Chef Samantha and thank you to our alcohol convener, Billie McTighe for keeping everyone happy with green beer for three hours!

We have a new program that began last month called Reiki Relaxation Therapy, this is great for those who have arthritis or any other chronic pain condition. She will be in Nord-Bridge the Third Tuesday of each month for a fee of \$25.00 in the South View Room. Members do need to sign up before the session. Please find the sign up beside the front reception desk.

This month we have a few special events including Servus Credit Union's session on Fraud and how to protect yourself on Thursday, April 4 at 11:15 am. This is a great information session with door prizes and brochures. Please sign up beside the Front Reception Desk today! Friday, April 5th is National Green Shirt Day, a day dedicated to promoting organ donation awareness while honouring the "Logan Boulet Effect" of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash. Please wear a green shirt, hat or anything green or buy a Humboldt t-shirt from Save-On Foods on the north or west side. There will be brochures and green cake to get everyone talking. Watch out for more information on posters in our building. On another note, our Spring Lunch Special will be on Friday, April 12 at 11:00 a.m. Lastly, our second annual Under Northern Lights Gala will be on Saturday, April 13 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Hall. Purchase your tickets online or at the Front Reception Desk. Until next month, stay

happy and healthy!



CONDOLENCES TO... ...Norma Firth on the loss of her daughter and to the family of Vern Soderquist on his passing ...

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... Angela Randa remains in St. Michael's Palliative Care and Isabel Duell (LTM) is in the hospital. Don Moore is at home after a short stay in hospital; Buella Chervinski (LTM) also now home from hospital and Pat DeBoer at home after serious knee surgery ...



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Hi! My name is Joanne Blinco, I am the LEARN Case Manager. As I work with seniors I see how so very important relationships are. In his book The Human Odyssey: Navigating the Twelve Stages of Life -Thomas Armstrong writes about the wonderful stages of life. I thought that this would be an interesting read to understand where you yourself fit in the stages of

life and where your children, grandchildren, family or friends fit and how one relates to the other:

Pre-birth: Potential - The child who has not yet been born could become anything – a Michelangelo, a Shakespeare, a Martin Luther King – and thus holds for all of humanity the principle of what we all may yet become in our lives.

Birth: Hope - When a child is born, it instills in its parents and other caregivers a sense of optimism; a sense that this new life may bring something new and special into the world. Hence, the newborn represents the sense of hope that we all nourish inside of ourselves to make the world a better place.

Infancy (Ages 0-3): Vitality - The infant is a vibrant and seemingly unlimited source of energy. Babies thus represent the inner dynamo of humanity, ever fueling the fires of the human life cycle with new channels of psychic power.

Early Childhood (Ages 3-6): Playfulness - When young children play, they recreate the world anew. They take what is and combine it with the what is possible to fashion events that have never been seen before in the history of the world. As such, they embody the principle of innovation and transformation that underlies every single creative act that has occurred in the course of civilization.

Middle Childhood (Ages 6-8): Imagination - In middle childhood, the sense of an inner subjective self develops for the first time, and this self is alive with images taken in from the outer world, and brought up from the depths of the unconscious. This imagination serves as a source of creative inspiration in later life for artists, writers, scientists, and anyone else who finds their days and nights enriched for having nurtured a deep inner life. Late Childhood (Ages 9-11): Ingenuity - Older children have acquired a wide range of social and technical skills that enable them to come up with marvelous strategies and inventive solutions for dealing with the increasing pressures that society places on them. This principle of ingenuity lives on in that part of ourselves that ever seeks new ways to solve practical problems and cope with everyday responsibilities.

Adolescence (Ages 12-20): Passion – The biological event of puberty unleashes a powerful set of changes in the adolescent body that reflect themselves in a teenager's sexual, emotional, cultural, and/or spiritual passion. Adolescence passion thus represents a significant touchstone for anyone who is seeking to reconnect with their deepest inner zeal for life. Early Adulthood (Ages 20-35): Enterprise - It takes enterprise for young adults to accomplish their many responsibilities, including finding a home and mate, establishing a family or circle of friends, and/or getting a good job. This principle of enterprise thus serves us at any stage of life when we need to go out into the world and make our mark.

Midlife (Ages 35-50): Contemplation - After many years in young adulthood of following society's scripts for creating a life, people in midlife often take a break from worldly responsibilities to reflect upon the deeper meaning of their lives, the better to forge ahead with new understanding. This element of contemplation represents an important resource that we can all draw upon to deepen and enrich our lives at any age.

Mature Adulthood (Ages 50-80): Benevolence - Those in mature adulthood have raised families, established themselves in their work life, and become contributors to the betterment of society through volunteerism, mentorships, and other forms of philanthropy. All of humanity benefits from their benevolence. Moreover, we all can learn from their example to give more of ourselves to others.

Late Adulthood (Age 80+): Wisdom - Those with long lives have acquired a rich repository of experiences that they can use to help guide others. Elders thus represent the source of wisdom that exists in each of us, helping us to avoid the mistakes of the past while reaping the benefits of life's lessons.

Death & Dying: Life - Those in our lives who are dying, or who have died, teach us about the value of living. They remind us not to take our lives for granted, but to live each moment of life to its fullest, and to remember that our own small lives form of a part of a greater whole.

As always, if you, or someone you know is experiencing abuse, please give me a call, Joanne. When it comes to Elder Abuse, silence is not an option. (403) 394-0306 LEARN office

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Military Whist Tournament - March 16, 2019 We had 30 tables from several communities for the all day tournament. The winner was from Taber, second place was from Vulcan and third place was from Taber. We had two 50/50 winners from Bow Island and Taber. Thanks to all of the volunteers, Samantha, Kelton, Mike & Dianne, Billie, Dallas, Joe & Dianne Smith, Judy, Gord, Amy and Hugh. Donna Takeda, Tournament Coordinator

OUTREACH REPORT Val Arkinstall. Outreach Coordinator

THINK GREEN! The Outreach program had another successful green party with first time entertainer-Karen's Karaoke. It was amazing to see the smiles as several were clapping. shaking rhythm instruments, and



singing along with Karen and some were even brave to use the microphone.

Laughter and seeing all of the happy faces is so uplifting. Everyone having a good time. We had six green prizes won by Park Meadows Village, West Highlands facility, Quest, and three NordBridge members.

I assure you all that I will definitely have Karen back. Everyone showed real interest in participating. There were



a few facilities not with us but our attendnce was still 107 including 7 groups, 17 walk-ins, 18 amazing volunteers, and 2 entertainers. After Karen finished playing, Bryan Bradfield played fine music on his steel guitar. Many thanks to Karen and to Bryan for doing such a swell job.

What's Next? Monday, April 15th will be our annual Spring Hat party. It's time to get your favourite hat out of your closet and dust it off as SPRING IS FINALLY HERE. Welcome aboard new volunteers; Mary Berrevoets, and Maureen Gaetz-Faubert. Once again to all volunteers:

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Rodney Foster, Convener

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ROAD REPORT

ystery Trip #2 was a great outing as a full bus journeyed to the Crystal Springs Cheese Factory where they enjoyed lunch and saw how curds produce homemade cheese. The annual trip to Raymond was enjoyed by another full bus enjoying supper and the musical, The Little Mermaid. Then our bus took our movie watchers to the Movie Mill. Finally a large group of 40 went to

N.B.S.C. FUNDRAISER – New West at the Yates "<u>Old</u> <u>Favourites" (7) show</u>; <u>Wednesday, April 17th</u> (evening) COST: \$42 (INC. BUS & SHOW). Our bus will depart the Centre at 6:15 p.m. NOTE: This trip is for members who require transportation.



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Calgary to se the true story; Come From Away, a Broadway musical which was simply amazing. Thanks to Jim, Ashley, Lucy, George and to Carefree for another month of fun and good times. We travelled on the small bus to Medicine Hat for a tour of the Medalta Pottery Factory along with a greenhouse tour.

PLEASE NOTE: For all NEW MEMBERS, BROCHURES ARE OUT FOR NAGEL TOURS AND LIFE TIME HIGHS. If you book one of their tours, please call them direct when booking and tell them you are a Nord-Bridge member. We receive a commission for each member who signs up

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- 1. Coming in May: Another new trip. Fort Calgary Tour. Thursday, May 23, 2019. Cost: \$65 which includes bus and tour admission.
- Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Aspen Crossing Mossleigh for lunch on the train and a walk about through the greenhouse and gift shop. Cost: \$35 (includes bus only). Buy your own lunch. Limited seats are available so act now!
- MYSTERY TRIP # 4 Thursday, May 16th, Cost: \$10 (Inc. bus) Buy own lunch.



EW! OUT & ABOUT+coffec Too This program runs twice monthly on Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m. Our Friendly Shuttle will take you from the Centre for a shopping run to Walmart and back by Noon. Shop, browse or have a coffee. Book now for Wednesday, April 10th and 24th



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