

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Have you noticed the Sun seems to be hotter than when we were younger? As I write this note in the middle of July it is 34 degrees outside and there is an electricity emergency alert for Alberta. The good news today was that if you buy an electric car with a bi-directional

system you will be able to supply electricity to your home for three days. That sounds neat but if you are supplying electricity to your house from your car, you would have to stay home.

On July 14th we had a wonderful retirement party for Valerie Arkinstall. She is enjoying her retirement and it was so great that we could gather with over 70 members and friends to celebrate her 30 years of service to our community. Thank you to Ashley and all the staff for planning this event.

Val told us in her short speech that her family has been involved with Nord-Bridge from the beginning. Her mother served as president, her father was on the finance committee, and her aunt was active in the craft club and served as board secretary. Val said the Arkinstalls are small but they are mighty!

The mystery trips she planned were wonderful. I drove the bus on many of them and tried to keep the members guessing as long as possible by taking a circuitous route. Val also said that what happens on bus stays on the bus!!

When Ingrid and I drove into the parking lot at Nord-Bridge it was heart warming to see so many cars. The dining room is now busier than ever and it is great to see the guys back in the pool room. The fitness classes are going full bore so sign up for the next session soon.

The new equipment for the gym has arrived and is installed. It is excellent equipment and I'm looking forward to trying it out this fall. We hope to install new TVs in the gym soon so by September, we should be fully operational and back to normal! Thank you for sticking with us through this Pandemic and let's hope its another 100 years before we have another one!

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called seniors? Answer: The term comes with a discount.

How do you know you're old enough to retire? You start bragging about your age instead of trying to hide it! See you in September! Stay Cool!!

George Berg Board President



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



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#### **BUILDING FUND DONATIONS**

Valerie & Everett Arkinstall - \$200 Floyd & Norene Irwin, \$50 Majory Tomomitsu, \$50 Emiko (Ami) Oliver, \$50 Patricia Waddle, \$100 Gordon Vaselenak, \$100 Alice Mehlhaff, \$45

#### NORD-BRIDGE IN-HOUSE BINGO



Cumulative proceeds from Jan 1, 2020 through March 13, 2020: **\$4,856.50** 

BUILDING FUND UPDATE:	Goal	Achieved
Total Fund-Raising Goal	6,248,320	
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 Fundraising	2,500,000	86%

#### **Total Contributions to our**

Building Fund 1998 through 2021	2,204,413
Still needed by N-B Fundraising	295,587

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

Greeting Members,

Smiles, smiles, smiles, all we see are smiling faces! Last month our province and city lifted most of the COVID-19 restrictions including social indoor gatherings and face mask requirements. I can't



faces last month. Everyone who stopped and weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, showers chatted with me last month had a great big and celebration of life events. For more smile on their face. I think we can credit this to information you can ask for Maria at the Front our members and seniors in the community; Desk or call at 403-329-3222. just wanting to get out again and socialize with their peers. I have enjoyed seeing all the familiar faces and the new smiling faces back in our building.

calf raise). Thank you again to all our fitness Bridge welcome. room members and Nord-Bridge members who donated to the capital campaign that allowed us to purchase the new equipment. David Ng Our Fitness 55 Club is now open Monday - Executive Director

Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm with no time slot bookings required. If you're interested in joining the Fitness 55 Club please ask for Melanie or Ashley at the Front Desk.

With social indoor gatherings limits being lifted, Nord-Bridge can once again start renting out our rooms to members and the community. Our Multi-Purpose Hall and West tell you how nice it was to see so many smiling Community Room will be available to rent for:

Last months cover of our Newsletter highlighted some of the fantastic team members we have in our Dunford Diner. One of the new faces you might not recognize is our Last month we closed our Fitness 55 Club for new part time cook. I would like to introduce two days to receive and set up our new fitness you to Ken Mohammed. Ken, comes to us with equipment. Six new cardio vascular machines over 20 years of experience in the cooking were set up (4 treadmills and 2 ellipticals). industry and he brings a wealth of cooking We also added 3 new strength machines styles to Nord-Bridge. The next time you're in (chest press, bicep / tricep curl, leg press / the Dunford Diner give Ken a "Friendly" Nord-

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!** WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU!

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#### **PROGRAMMER'S REPORT**

Hello everyone! Things are looking up since the COVID-19 restrictions have loosened! Our fitness centre and dining room are now fully operational and I can't wait for next month when we open the rest of our programs! Last month, I took some time off and went to Radium Hot Springs in BC. This was the first time ever and had so much fun relaxing in the natural mineral pools.

We had a blast at Valeries retirement party on July 14th at the Rotary Picnic Shelter. Thank you to everyone that showed up! Special thanks to Copy Express for the retirement banner for Valerie, she loved it.

Coming into August we are starting to prepare to fully open in September. I am hoping to have a Fall Program registration week in September after the long weekend but please watch for more information on this in the September edition of the newsletter.

Special events upcoming include a FREE walker repair clinic thanks to Leister's Home Care in the main corridor of Nord-Bridge on Wednesday, August 11th from 10:00 -11:00 am. Open to members ONLY. Then on Wednesday, August 25th from 1:00 -2:00 pm the Recovery College will be hosting a seniors 55+ Mindfulness and Self Compassion information session. This is a FREE event and is over the ZOOM video platform, call 403-329-3222 to register today!

Whoop- Up Days has been moved to September this year declared by the city of Lethbridge, so we have decided to have our annual Whoop-Up Pancake Breakfast on Thursday, September 2nd from 8:00 am- 11:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Hall of Nord-Bridge. This event is also open to all



and every person will receive pancakes, sausages, coffee, and juice for \$2.00 per person. We will also have a 50/50 draw and live entertainment by the Celtic Routes.

Until next month, stay happy and healthy!

Ashley Kern Program Coordinator



Visit nordbridgeseniors.com for program information, photos, videos, newsletters, and more.



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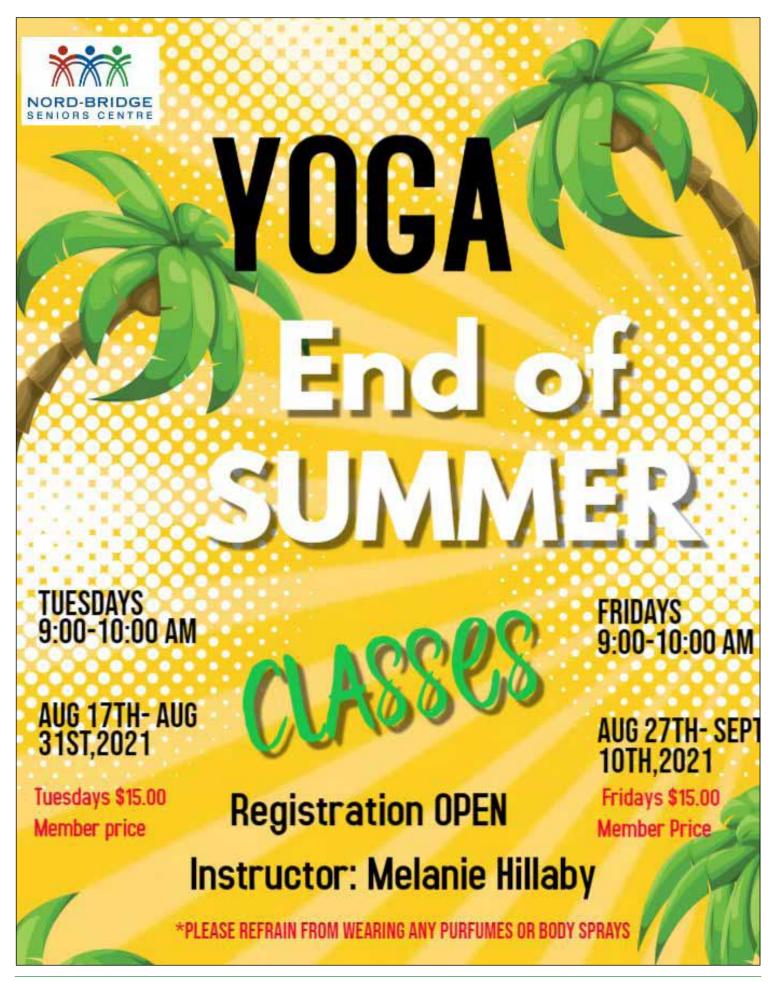


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#### **NORD-BRIDGE MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

Membership open to all seniors age 55 plus. Associate Membership for younger individuals whose spouse is over 55 and a member.

New Memberships: \$53 Membership Renewal: \$50



#### **Dunford Diner Menu**

#### **Breakfast**

Full Breakfast 2 Eggs, Bacon or Sausage or Ham Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee Eggs Benedict 7.00 Toasted English Muffin, Poached Eggs, Ham, Hollandaise Sauce & Hashbrowns. Half Order \$5.00

Bacon Temptation Omelette 7.00 Topped with sliced Tomotoes, Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

Spinach Omelette 7.00 Spinach, Mushroom, Green Onions, Peppers, Cheese, Hasbrowns, Toast & Coffee 7.00 Spanish Omelette

Peppers, Green Onions, Ham, Mushroom, Cheese with Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee 6.25

Ham and Cheese Omelette With Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

7.00 Fried Bacon Egg Sandwich 5.75

Small Full Breakfast 5.00

One Egg, Bacon or Sausage or Ham, Hashbrowns, One Toast & Coffee

Breakfast Burrito 5.00 Sausage, Peppers, Mushroom, Green Onions, Cheese

**Pancakes** 5.00 French Toast 5.00 Waffles 5.00 4.25

Egg Muffin Sandwich Toasted Egg Muffin with Bacon or Ham or Sausage

3.00 Add Ham or Bacon or Sausage

#### Lunch

Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich 8.00 Sliced Steak with Peppers, Onions on a Hoagie Bun with French Fries

Rueben Sandwich 6.00 Corned Beef, Swiss Cheese Sauerkraut on Rve Bread

Deluxe Hot Hamburger & Fries 7.50 Hot Hamburger & Fries 6.75 Aloha Burger 6.00

Cheese, Pineapple slice, BBQ sauce, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo

Mushroom Swiss Burger 5.75 Chicken or Beef

5.00 Hamburger add Cheese \$.75

Fish and Chips 2 Pieces 8.50	1 Piece 6.50
<b>Bacon, Tomato &amp; Cheese</b> Grilled	5.50
BLT	5.25
Denver Sandwich	5.00
Grilled Ham & Cheese	4.75
Grilled Cheese	3.75
Chicken Fingers & Fries	6.50
Chicken Caesar Wrap	5.50
Chicken Quesadillas with Salsa & Sour Cream	6.00

**Dunford Diner** Hours **Monday - Friday** 

9:00am - 2:00pm

All Menu Items available for Dine-In or Pick Up.

Call 403-329-3222 to order

#### Salad

Chef Salad 6.50 Chicken Caesar 6.00 Taco Salad 6.25 Add refried beans \$1.00

Caesar Salad 5.00 With Garlic Toast

5.00

Garden Salad

#### **Fries**

Poutine 5.00 Fries Small Large 2.00 4.00 **Onion Rings** 4.00

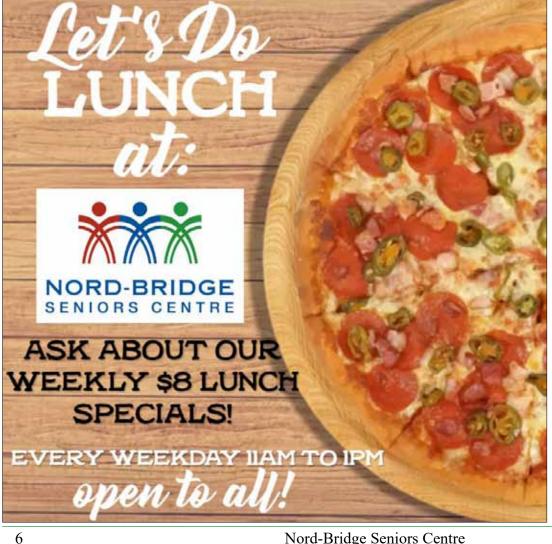
Loaded Fries 5.00 Bacon, Cheese. Green Onions

Sweet Potato Fries 4.00

#### Soup & Sandwich Soup & Sandwich 6.50

3.75 Soup Sandwich 3.25

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#### **LORRI'S CORNER**

As we start to head into fall, I wanted to share about an amazing team that I am fortunate to work with and support. HOME, which stands for Hoarding Outreach Management and Education has been working in Lethbridge and area for quite a few years supporting those who struggle with hoarding.

The Case Manager is Candice Fisher and she has been involved since the start and has received extensive additional training from Boston, Massachusetts. Her commitment and dedication to this population is unending and she assist when other people have walked away.

I have been with this team since I started working at Nord-Bridge and know the people who receive support from Candice and her team experience a significant positive change in their life. Anyone that knows Candice will know she is committed to her work and "no" is not in her vocabulary, she will find a way!

This dedicated team includes professionals from diverse agencies within the city, working together to help people with a disorder which affects 2-6% of the senior population. For me, the biggest concern associated with this disorder is the person's health and safety is threatened and puts them and emergency services in danger.

Referrals come from concerned family, friends, neighbours or EMS and all referral information is confidential. Once a referral is received, contact

is initiated in a respectful manner. HOME is not there to judge or force, but rather to offer support and assistance that is client led with



support. The goal is to ensure the persons safety in their home.

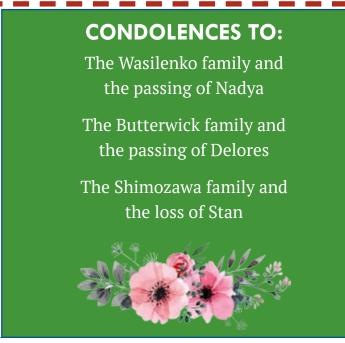
I will be inviting Candice to return to Nord-Bridge this fall to do a presentation and encourage you to attend to learn about what she does and the prevalence of hoarding in the city. If you want more information, check out their webpage: https://lethbridgehousing.ca/hoarding/

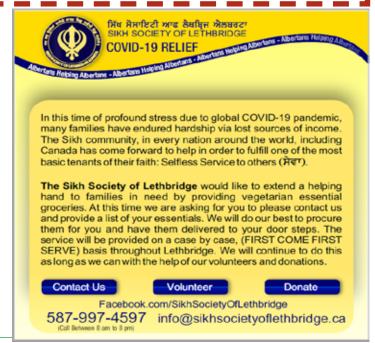
If you are worried about someone you suspect is unsafe due to hoarding, you can contact HOME at 403-330-7640 or give me a call and I can assist you with the referral process. Remember your name will not be disclosed and you could very well save their life.

As always, if you are struggling and need to talk or any assistance I am here for you. Be kind to yourself and others. Any kindness we can show can only make this world a better place!

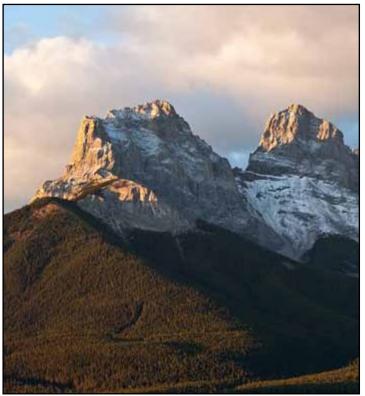
















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This free service is for Nord-Bridge members only.



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Mindfulness and Self Compassion



Who should attend?

Family, friends, caregivers - anyone aged 55+

To register for this FREE CLASS go online to:

https://recoverycollegelethb ridge.ca/





Wednesday, August 25, 2021

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The act of practicing mindfulness in our daily lives can be extremely beneficial in living a healthy and balanced life. To live mindfully is to be present in each moment and to exist without fear or judgement of our own thoughts. How do we do this? Take this course to find out!

Join us as we discuss the stress of everyday living and how to combat it!

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#### THANK YOU FROM VAL ARKINSTALL

Hello everyone. I wanted to write a quick thank you for a great retirement party as I was overwhelmed with gratefulness. It has been too long in seeing your smiling faces. I have truly missed everyone but I have lots of great memories in my 30 years of working with Nord-bridge Seniors Centre. I have worked with a lot of people and throughout, there have been lots of changes but it has been a very rewarding experience for me. Thanks for the cards, gifts, cut-out of Mickey Mouse and I, pictures with friends and Blaine Hyggen, and the wishing well of money which will be put toward some travel I can enjoy. It has been a long time since I have been out of L.A. Ha-ha.

You all will be my best friends forever and come this fall, I can enjoy being a member and perhaps enjoy a cup of coffee and I will not have to watch the clock, Ha,Ha!

Many thanks to the staff who continue to work their buns off here on out. Good luck to David, Tracy, Ashley, Lorri, Maria, Marco, Gail, Bety and the newbies, Ken and Melanie. Also, thank you to all the great volunteers over the years as I join you all as a V.I.P.

Now it is time for me to enjoy retirement for myself and so far I am keeping busy enjoying my home doing the ongoing renovation upkeep and house cleaning. I have also been busy with yard work which I put in a lovely flower garden to enjoy while I have my morning coffee on my deck.

I will continue to enjoy my daily agenda of outdoor walks, coffee breaks, happy hours, reading or watching movies on Netflix all on my own time.

Cheers from your Nord-bridge Friendly Queen,

Val Arkinstall





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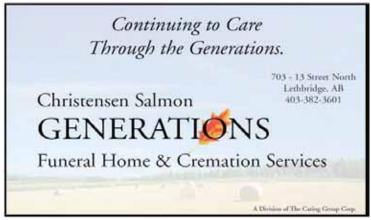
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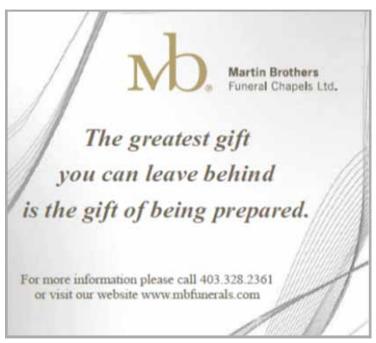
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So how does it work:

If you are a senior that would like to receive a call each week, OR if you have a neighbor or family member whose days could be brightened simply give us a call to complete the registration. We will pair that senior with a verified volunteer for safety who will call once or twice a week. We all have stories, wisdom and interests to share! Please encourage the seniors you know to contact us today and join Keep in Touch!

If you wish to sign up to receive calls or would like to refer a senior call Connie-Marie at Volunteer Lethbridge at 403-332-4320 or email us at <a href="mailto:HelpingHands@VolunteerLethbridge.com">HelpingHands@VolunteerLethbridge.com</a>. Also, if you know someone who has a few hours a week to bring joy and interest to someone's life as a volunteer in the program please have them give us a call.

"The funding for the Covid-19 Seniors Response Project has been provided by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program"





All the staff celebrating Valerie's retirement party at the Rotary Picninc Shelter

#### **COVID-19 RESOURCES**

Grief Recovery Institute® link for handling Covid-19

https://www.griefrecoverymethod.com/blog/2020/03/you-might-be-grieving-how-coronavirus-changed-your-life-and-thats-okay



#### The Grief Recovery Method

**Eldercare Edmonton** has partnered with Caregivers Alberta to support caregivers during COVID-19. If you go to their page, you will be able to register through EventBrite under the register tab. There is no cost for this.

https://www.eldercareedmonton.ca/

**Caregivers Alberta** also has a You Tube channel with a variety of online resources for Caregivers. https://www.youtube.com/ABcaregivers

If you are on Facebook, **Caregivers Alberta** has a Facebook page you can access for resources that can help you during this time. Look for the Community Caregiver Group on this page to connect with other caregivers.

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Wednesday June 23: Mindfulness and Daily Activities
Wednesday July 28: Mindfulness and Our
Environment

Wednesday Aug 25: Mindfulness and Self Compassion Wednesday Sept 22: Mindfulness and Happiness

Class will run from 1 to 2 pm. To sign up please go to www.recoverycollegelethbridge.ca or contact Ashley 403-329-3222

Who should attend? Family, friends, caregivers - anyone ages 55+











A beautiful ring from one of the staff members of Nord-Bridge for Vals retirement!





This is a great opportunity to make our facility look the best it can!

Call 403-329-3222 and ask for Ashley if interested!

## What is available at:



# after July 1st?

\*Dine in, pick up, or delivery from our Dunford Diner

\*Select virtual & in person fitness programs including yoga, keep fit, taste of fitness, & walking club

\*Woodcarving, pool, line dance, darts, table tennis, & select art clubs \*Fitness 55 Club (aym)

\*Seniors Helping Seniors Tax Assistance

## Programs / Services Starting in September:

\*All music programs, cards, floor curling, floor shuffleboard, carpet bowling, paid art classes, fitball, exercise with arthritis, mind joggers, &

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Val's Brother, Everett enjoying the speeches

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