#### **NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS**

## NEWSLETTER

# December 2015



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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#### 2015-2016 **NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS EXECUTIVE**

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(\*\* indicates "Emeritus")

Joanne Fox

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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.

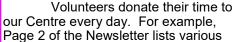
Nord-Bridge is a proud member of the Alberta Association of **Seniors Centres** 

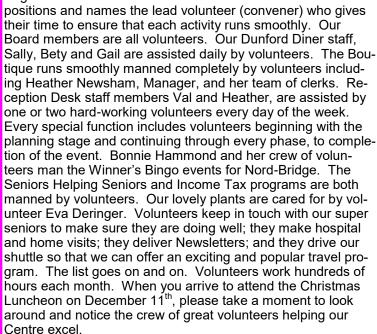
View our Website

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

#### 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..





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

9:00 a.m.



Eileen Brecker © Brian Gallant

Lois DeBoer © Colleen Kerber

Clara Poberznick © Donna Sigvaldason

Joe Michielsen <sup>©</sup> Judy Dyer

Patrick Hamilton © Carol Hamilton

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





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)



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

Each Month Outreach Committee First Monday First Wednesday Executive Meeting 9:30 a.m. Winners Bingo Committee Second Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Second Wednesday Board of Directors Meeting 9:00 a.m. Finance Committee Last Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Annually Annual General Meeting First Wed. of March 9:30 a.m. General Member Meeting First Wed. of November 9:30 a.m. **Go Seniors Society** Regular Board Meetings Feb., April, June, October Second Tuesday 9:00 a.m. <u>Annually</u>

First Tuesday of April

Annual General Meeting



FOR SHAW SUBSCRIBERS: We are pleased to announce that our building is equipped with Shaw) Go WiFi. To connect at Nord-Bridge:

- Access the network / WiFi settings on your device.
- Select ShawOpen from the list of networks.
- 3. Open your browser.
- 4. Sign in using your @shaw.ca email address and password.

Any questions? Please call 1-888-472-2222 or visit <a href="http://www.shaw.ca/internet/wifi/">http://www.shaw.ca/internet/wifi/</a>.

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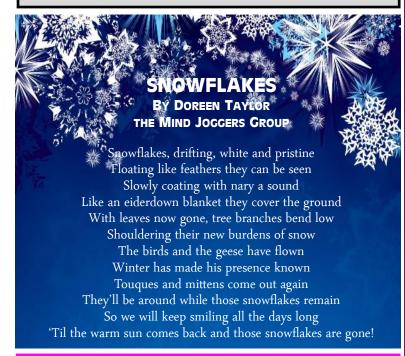
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#### **CARPET BOWLING:**

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.

Take advantage of healthy convenience items offered by grocery

stores, such as pre-washed and cut fruits and vegetables and rotisserie chickens (just remember to remove the skin). Rotisserie chicken, pre-washed 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-



Bridge over the previous year. As we enter December 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 Province-wide funding model for senior centres meeting provincially set standards. This lobby and study effort continues, and we remain 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



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#### LUNCH WITH CITY COUNCILLORS

Jeff Coffman Friday Jan. 15



Ryan Parker First Tuesday Each Month

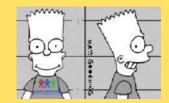


Blaine Hyggen Second Friday Each Month



Learn more about our City's governance and our representatives in our comfortable and convenient *Dunford Diner*. All City Councillors are encouraged to join us frequently. Confirm your visits by e-mail to *friendly@nordbridgeseniors.com*.

## 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

406-6th St. South Lethbridge, Alberta

### Nord-Bridge Complimentary **Hearing Evaluations**

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

## Book your appointment at the front desk!



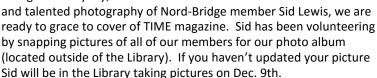
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Brad Lindsay, BC-HIS Registered Hearing Aid Practitioner

#### 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



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!

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#### 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

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.

## 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.

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:

- 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 you have of winning!



#### RECENT WINNER

Joyce Furukawa \$164.00 November 23, 2015 Next Draw December 18th

#### 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

#### NORD-BRIDGE IN-HOUSE BINGO

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

## **Dunford Diner**

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 Wednesday of each month 8:30 to 10:30

\$ 7.00





#### 15 10:45 WINNERS BINGO 1:00 Texas Hold'em 1:00 Norwegian Whist 1:30 SORABBLE 3:00 Arthritis Exercise 7:00 Social Line Dance

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9:30 Carpet Bowling

10:45 WINNERS BINGO

10:15 Paper Tole

1:00 Quilt/Kraft

3:00 Fitball

23/30

11:00 Line Dancing

1:00 Darts/Euchre











9:30 Carpet Bowling

1:00 Darts/Euchre

10:45 WINNERS BINGO



9:00 Floor Curling 1:00 Duplicate Bridge 1:00 Woodcarving 1:00 Trump Whist 1:00 Floor Shuffleboard 7:00 Table Tennis









December 31 Centre Closed At Noon Happy New Year!



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9:30 Carpet Bowling 1:00 In-House Bingo 1:00 Contract Bridge 1:15 Crib





Merry Christmas!



January 1 2016 All Day

GO Friendly Shuttle door-to-door service: Call 403-329-3222 the day prior, or sooner, to book a ride. Cost is \$3.00 each way, or use your Lethbridge Transit "Breeze Card".

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- L.E.A.R.N. REP. TANYA PURDY-FISCHER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 10 A.M.
- ADVANTAGE HEARING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 (by appointment).
- COFFEE, TEA & YOU: 2<sup>™</sup> & 4<sup>™</sup> THURSDAY 10 A.M. IN DUNFORD DINER
- ANNUAL BAKE SALE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 9 A.M. SHARP!

- FREE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS FRI., DEC. 11 (by appointment) by HUCKVALE LLP
- **OUTREACH MONDAY, DECEMBER 14**
- LOCAL CASINO TRIP, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
- MYSTERY TRIP #10 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
- CHRISTMAS LOCAL LIGHT TOUR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
- LOCAL YATES SHOW ALL SPRUCED UP, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30
- DR BOLOKOSKI FOOT CARE, (by appointment). FUTURE DATES INCLUDE: FEB. 10; APR. 6; JUNE 1; JULY 27; SEPT. 21; & NOV. 6, 2016
- WINNERS BINGO DECEMBER 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29,30





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**Every Wednesday** HALF PRICE REGULAR CARDS

**Friday Nights** FREE \$500 GAME

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Call the Hotline: 403-327-7454 or Email: winners\_bingo@telus.net



#### ATTENTION ALL BAKERS

If you are donating baked goods for our Dec. 4th Bake Sale: Bring in your goodies on Thursday, **Dec. 3.** If you need us to pick them up at your home, call us by Wed., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> to make arrangements.

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Upcoming FREE consultation dates: Friday, December 11 & January 8 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Contact the Front Desk to schedule an appointment. Phone: (403)329-3222



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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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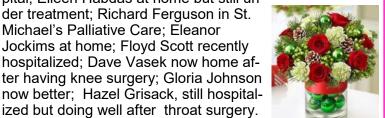


#### **CONDOLENCES** WERE SENT TO:

The Gangur family, loss of George; the Raasch family, loss of Dora; and Marilvnn 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 under 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



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hopefulness for the chosen recipients. The deadline for your ornament donation is Monday,

Dec. 14th. Thank you! Val, Heather & Reception Team



#### Maria Fitzpatrick, MLA Lethbridge-East



Contact Maria:

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#### MEMBER PORTRAIT SESSIONS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR Wednesday, December 9th Two sessions:

> 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. -or-

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Our In-house Member Photographer, SID **LEWIS** will be here to take your picture for our Photo Gallery.

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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

John Johnson Rob Grisak **BRONZE** Alice Strickland Ken Bobinec

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





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#### 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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Monday & Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Call 403-329-3222 to make an appointment.



NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS CENTRE

#### **IN-HOUSE BINGO**



- 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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PLEASE NOTE: ALL NON-MEMBERS must pay an additional \$20 for all Nord-Bridge trips.

Tuesday, December 1st

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COST: \$20 (Includes Bus & Lunch)

#### Wednesday, December 30th YATES THEATER

ALL SPRUCED UP. A dash of infectious comedy, a pinch of chart topping songs, and a healthy dose of highenergy antics will make this show the perfect recipe for holiday cheer.

Cost \$30 Includes Bus & Admission Must Sign-up by December 15<sup>th</sup>.



Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Pick-ups start at 9:30 a.m. to arrive at the Casino by 11:15 a.m. You get a FREE lunch while you **GAMBLE.** Bus departs Casino for home at 3 p.m. COST: \$8.00



#### "Old Favourites" (5) at the Yates

An Important Nord-Bridge Fund-Raiser Music of the 50's, 60's, & 70's Saturday Matinee, February 20, 2016 COST: \$37 (Includes bus and show ticket) Bus will pick up at homes starting 11:30 a.m. Special Rate - Payment Deadline Dec. 31/15



Wednesday, December 16th MYSTERY TRIP #10

Our final Mystery trip of 2015 with be delightful with a way to complete our property series. **BOOK** 50 Price includes: Bus & Special Treat

**COST \$15** 



Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> LOCAL LIGHT TOUR Our Go Friendly bus driver Dave, will take us to see the festive city lights. We'll depart from the Centre at 5:15 picking up passengers enroute, and return back 8:30 pm. COST: \$15

**Happy New Year! Your Travel Committee is** committed to offering you more great trips in 2016. Keeping in mind that we need 38 passengers for the large bus and 12 for our smaller bus, please bring your junket suggestions to Val or Heather. We already have a Movie Mill trip planned for January 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost is only \$10 Including Bus & Lunch. Your movie ticket will be only 50% of the regular price. We will kick off a new year of MYSTERY TRIPS in February. Watch for dates and SIGN UP FAST!

Thank you, Val

#### TRAVEL NEWS:

Mystery Trip #8: On November 8, a happy gang of 13 plus driver John Hanam, went to the Lethbridge Military Museum, located at the Vimy Ridge Armoury beside the Lethbridge airport. Legion spokesman Glen Miller gave us an informative talk on our city's rich military history. Glenn, who thought he knew everything was pleasantly surprised to learn more from the seniors.

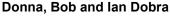
Mystery Trip #9 was another sold out event. Driver, Lucy Graham took us to Stirling Galt Railway Park for a pre-Christmas Victorian event. Originally spanning the Sweet

Grass-Coutts international border(1890— 1917) this depot was one of two Lunch Stations along the Canada Railway line from Great Falls, Montana to Lethbridge. It is now the main attraction at the Park.



#### Triple D Tours..

...would like to thank everyone who has travelled with us this past year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Please watch for our Up and Coming trips for 2016.





ROLL & STROLL / WALK 'N TALK PROGRAM continues year 'round. New walkers are always welcome to join this senior friendly program each Wednesday, from 10 a.m. until noon. If you need to get a little exercise, and don't like to walk alone, this program is for you! We go to weather appropriate destinations. COST: \$3





## 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
- Stay a safe distance behind snow plows and sand trucks
- Never pass a snow plow or sanding truck



For more information, including a priority map, visit www.lethbridge.ca/WinterRoads or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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