

### **NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS**

# NEWSLETTER



2019



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### **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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#### **FUNDRAISING**

#### GAMING

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

### **VOLUNTEERISM**

**Building Set-up Volunteers** Diner Special Events Coordinator

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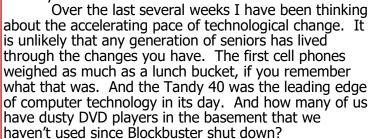
### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

Charles Dickens

Welcome to the 58 new Nord-Bridge members who joined us in

January. Please make them feel welcome.



And it goes on. I learned this week that Nike is introducing an app to tie your shoes. We have become so accustomed to how technology is changing our lives that we nonchalantly accept the introduction of autonomous vans that can cook pizzas on-route so that they arrive at our doors oven-fresh.

But when we learn that Artificial Intelligence is about to change the medical care we receive, we pay attention. Daphne Koller, a Stanford University computer scientist, recently told a CNN audience that future computer technology may do a better job than doctors at diagnosing diseases, analyzing genetic risk factors, and predicting future health issues. Is there anything that is safe from AI?

The worst kept secret in North Lethbridge is the incredible job that Samantha Ajtay and her crew do in the Dunford Dinner. Two recent examples are the Valentines Luncheon and the Chinese New Year Luncheon. Well done, crew! And that includes the many volunteers who assisted in the kitchen and dining room. We couldn't undertake these popular events without your support.

Thanks to the Medicine Shoppe, Lethbridge Hearing Centre, and Christian Salmon Generations Funeral Home for supporting "Old Favourites # 7" at the Yates Memorial on April 16, 17, 18 at 7:30 p.m. The proceeds go to Nord-Bridge. Tickets are available at the Enmax, the Yates or by phone at 403-329-7328. Take advantage of a 10% discount with the purchase of 10 or more tickets.

Meet your friends at Nord-Bridge's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at 9:30 a.m. Music, free coffee and great conversation will be available. And, most importantly, you will have an opportunity to meet your newly acclamated Board of Directors.

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

"Think of tomorrow. The past can't be mended." Confucius, Analytics, 6<sup>th</sup> century BC

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

Jane Fisher
Susan Joncas
Yvonne Wilson
Cheryl Proc
Eileen Peta
Jerry Arnold
Julaine Coyne
Ella Jauerneck
Donald Dempsey
Annette Johansen
Gordon Davy
Julie Sarich
Judy Baumann
Kent Yamasaki
Gwynne Scott

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Charles Beaton
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### NORD-BRIDGE MEETINGS REMINDER

#### Monthly

Outreach Committee Directors Meeting Second Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Finance Committee Last Wed. (Feb, May, Sept, Nov) 9:30 a.m. Annually

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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 Meetings** 

Feb., April, June, Oct. Third Tuesday 9:00 a.m. **Annually** 

Annual General Meeting First Tuesday of April 9:00 a.m.

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### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** by Elaine Molyneux

Our Valentines Luncheon was a smashing success with 144 hungry patrons taking part in a delicious luncheon of Chicken Cordon Bleu, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies and an angel food cake dessert topped with a chocolate heart.

Presiding was our Board President, Bob Tarleck and the talented Yvonne Nelson on the piano. Special guest for the event was Maria Fitzpatrick MLA East. The lucky winner of two tickets to the Old Favourites show was Elaine Lamb. The winner of the Firestone gift card and chocolates was Marina Vannatta and the winners of the beautiful bouquets and chocolates were three Nord-Bridge members. Thanks go out to Samantha, her kitchen staff and all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make it all happen.

Great Job!

### LORRI'S CORNER

Recently I heard of a really interesting item that immediately caught my attention! As everyone knows by now, I do a lot of grief work on all types of losses, so my interest was piqued about this re-discovery! Read on...

Many years ago I had heard of weighted blankets and how they were benefitting children with Autism and related sensory concerns. I saw an



advertisement online about them and wondered if they may be something that could be helpful to the people I work with. I researched and discovered that these blankets could also be beneficial to the senior population. I found out that some of the conditions/struggles they have been shown to be effective for include anxiety, insomnia, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's, along with many other conditions.

Weighted blankets are not like the blankets we are familiar with at home, these blankets weigh between 4 and 20+ pounds. They work by providing pressure, called 'Deep Touch Pressure' (DTP for short) on the person and can be described as feeling like being hugged, and most of us know how a hug can often make us feel better when we are struggling. The blankets are safest when they are custom made and are based on the size of the person who will be using it.

While I was reading everything I could on these blankets, I also found research stating that they can be very soothing and calming to people who are grieving! Fear can be a common and normal emotional response to loss. This could be a fear of the unknown and unfamiliar, and the fear of adapting to a dramatic change in all of our habits, behaviors, and feelings. This fear can create an avalanche, which can overtake and overwhelm us and can lead to feelings of anxiety.

My next thought immediately went to trying to figure out a way to have a blanket in my office for those times when someone may need a little extra.

And then I discovered weighted lap pads! Since I love sewing, I decided I was going to construct a few and now have 2 in my office for people to try should they wish. I am excited to be able to offer this as a way to provide that little extra to those I help in my role as Member Support at Nord-Bridge. If anyone is interested in learning what I have discovered and the possible benefits about these or would like to come for a chat and try one, let me know.

As always, if you are struggling, My March Schedule: stop in.

Just a reminder that the next grief recovery group started on February 28th and there are still a few spots available. The program is a facilitated program that is 8 weeks long and is not a drop in support group. Please talk to me or register at the front desk.

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

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

Greetings Members;

Depending on when you are reading this months Newsletter, a friendly reminder to all members of the Association's 2019 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 6th at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. We have four candidates that have let their names stand for



the four vacant board of directors appointments. These four candidates will be introduced at the Annual General Meeting and will be highlighted in next months Newsletter. I encourage all members to attend the AGM to hear financial and performance reports for calendar year 2018.

Last month I attended the second session of the Community Social Development (CSD) Strategic Planning Workshop. The CSD committee reported back some of their key findings. From the data they reviewed they found the senior population grew by 19%, the number of seniors using the food banks has significantly grown over the past 2 years by 58%, while all other demographics have seen decrease in use. The CSD collected 1,950 questionnaire responses from the community and seniors was one of the key populations identified. With these findings its reassuring to know the City of Lethbridge will keep senior issues on the forefront as they move forward with their strategic planning.

Last month, on a Sunday afternoon (minus -27 degrees) we had the misfortune of having a pipe freeze and burst in our maintenance room behind the kitchen. We were very fortunate that Marco was here cleaning and spotted it immediately. We were able to contact a plumber within the hour to isolate the leak; and minimize the water damage to just the immediate area. Had Marco, not been here



we could have suffered damage to our new carpeting in the dining room and kitchen and Multi-Purpose Hall flooring. We have since added an additional heat supply to that room and are keeping the interior door to the room open to allow heat to flow through. Thank you Marco, for your quick action in response to this incident

David Ng
Executive Director

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### From the Desk of Val

TOP OF THE MORNIN' TO YOU ALL as

March is the celebration of St. Patrick's day on March 17<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> when you sign in at the Front Reception Desk or at the back southwest entrance, you have a chance to win a LUCKY PRIZE to be announced at 2 p.m. You must have your name on the sheet either at the Front Reception Desk or at the back south west



entrance to win an Irish prize. Here at the reception desk, we have been busy doing renewals and new memberships. Did you forget to pay your 2019 fee? This is just a friendly reminder as you must be a paid up member to participate in our recreational activities.

A few important dates to mark in your calendar:

**Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>**: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Sid Lewis will be taking member photos. Sign up at the Front Reception Desk.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Our St. Patrick's Day luncheon. There are no tickets for this event, just show up wearing your green for good food and live entertainment by John King and Celtic Routes.

**March 15**<sup>th</sup>: We are going to Raymond for a dinner theatre with supper first and then the live show of "The Little Mermaid"

**March 18**<sup>th</sup>: Outreach Program – An Irish fling with Karen's Karaoke. For our many new members, this is a good chance to see this program and the fun we have.

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**: A trip to Medicine Hat for a tour of the Medalta Clay Pottery factory and Chinook Greenhouse

March 23: There are 40 people who have signed up for the matinee show; "Come From Away" a true story. I am really looking forward to attending this as I have heard many positive remarks about it.

I am looking for new people for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Cranbrook –St. Eugene Golf and Gambling fun 3 day trip with an optional trip to visit the Kimberley Mine Train Tour on May 26 through the 28<sup>th</sup>. We have an amazing time so help me FILL UP THE BUS. DON'T HESITATE – JUST SIGN UP NOW.

It has been a cold February and there has been a lot of sickness around keeping a lot of our members close to home. Just a little reminder, please let Val or Maria know so we can get a card out to help cheer someone up. I would like to thank members who keep in touch with our members living on their own. Those visits or phone calls are a special gift knowing that someone cares.

Happy St. Patrick's day and May Irish eyes be smiling on you!

Val

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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)

No Winners in February 2019

### 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

Olai Egeland \$327.00 (February)

Next Draw March 22nd, 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

- Ann Pauls \$37 / Back Table Bandits \$37 Ann Pauls \$36 / Jim Hahn \$36 Feb.
- Feb. 11
- CENTRE CLOSED FOR FAMILY DAY Feb. 18
- Jim Hahn \$44 / Back Table Bandits \$44 Feb. 25

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

### ממממממממממממממממ

Friday Dunford Diner Lunchtime Entertainment

Karen's Entertainment March 1

Rick Wadham March 8

March 15 John King & Celtic Routes

March 22 Don & Vicky

March 29 Elaine Unger-Pengily





NORD-BRIDGE BUILDING FUND RECENT DONORS Sandy Baceda \$20 and Robert Tarleck \$100

### NORD-BRIDGE IN-HOUSE BINGO

Cumulative proceeds from Jan 1, 2019 through February 22, 2019: \$3,500.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE:	Goal	BINGO
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	86%

Total Contributions to our Building Fund 1998 through 2019 \$ 2,148,276

Still needed by N-B Fundraising 351,724

WE T∐ANK 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 ...

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### Friday Lunch Features \$

- Mar. 1 Pork Chops in mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes gravy
- Mar. 8 Roast Beef with mashed potatoes, gravy and veggies
- Mar. 15 St. Patrick's Day: Pub appies, daily specials and Irish soups. Beer available at an extra cost.
- Mar. 22 Cabbage Rolls with mashed potatoes and salad
- Mar. 29 Liver and Onions with mashed potatoes, gravy and veggies

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 



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# MARCH





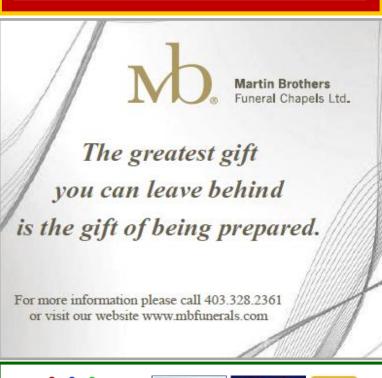
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- WINNERS BINGO: March 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27, 2019
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### Programmer's Report by Ashley Kern

The tax season has begun! Pat Santa and Elaine Molyneux will be taking over for Sheila Brust, previous volunteer tax scheduler for booking appointments with our tax volunteers. Our volunteers are ready to help you file your 2018 personal income taxes so stop by the desk located in the main corridor Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or call 403-329-3222 to book an



appointment. Please make sure to have all your tax papers before you book an appointment. Under the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program parameters, our volunteers can only help with simple tax situations where you have no income, or your income comes from employment, pension, CPP, Disability, Employment Insurance, Social Assistance or RRSP's.

At Nord-Bridge, we are always hosting special events and luncheons. So far we have hosted our Valentines Luncheon with 144 guests, as well as this year's record breaking Chinese New Year buffet, which went off without a hitch with amazing Chinese cuisine and good times had by over 160 people!

Last month, LSKIP was a great success on February 25th with children ages 3-6 years old from the Lethbridge Family Centre. If you are interested, please sign up for the next sessions on Monday, March 4, 11, and 25 from 2:30 p.m. to3:30 p.m. There will be carpet bowling, board games, and a small snack.

There has been a lot of talk in the last few months about having a technology information session on iPads, Smart TV's or Computers. So, we are pleased to offer a few information classes on iPads and Tablets with our very own Nord-Bridge member, Neil, who is experienced in teaching these classes and has three tablets of his own. This two hour four week session, will be on iPads and Tablets, so bring in your devices and he will answer all your questions! This begins Thursdays starting May 16<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>. \$20.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. Please sign up before hand for this popular program at the Front Reception Desk, as spaces are limited. Speaking of programs, we are looking for more participants for Karina Mak's Session 2 Acrylic Painting class which begins on Thursday, March 14 at 1:00 pm. As well as session 2 for both Wednesday Active POUND 55+ and Tuesday or Thursday, Seated POUND 55+ classes which begin at the start of April. Please stop by the Front Reception Desk if you have any other questions or want to sign up!

Special events this month include: The Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Hall, and the In-House Awards luncheon is Friday, March 8. Please note for the Awards Luncheon, Bingo will still be starting at 1:00 p.m. but there will be no Carpet Bowling. St. Patrick's Day celebration is also scheduled for March 15 at 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. come out and enjoy the good company, food, and entertainment! Beer is available for purchase.

Program cancellations include: Wednesday, March 6- No Active POUND 55+, Carpet Bowling, or Line Dancing. March 12-14 - No Keep Fit, Seated or Active POUND 55+ classes as Melanie is taking some much deserved time off for herself this week. There is however, still Yoga classes occurring during this week.

Thank you and stay happy and healthy!

Ashley

#### CONDOLENCES TO ...

...To the family of Garry Allison on his passing; to the family of Joyce Behrens on her

passing; to the family of Norm Tolley on his passing; to the family of Inge Tope on her passing; the family of Maxine Sheen on her passing; to the family of Gord Diduck; families of Gerald Randa on his passing...

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### **LEARN - Lethbridge Elder Abuse** Response Network.

Hi! My name is Joanne Blinco, I am the **LEARN** Case Manager.

Elder Abuse vs Frauds and Scams Elder abuse is any action or inaction that jeopardizes the health or well –being of an older adult. Elder

abuse can take several forms including financial, emotional, physical, sexual, medication and neglect, with more than one type of abuse often occurring at the same time. Elder abuse is often committed by someone known to the victim, such as a family member, friend, neighbor or caregiver someone who is in a position of power, trust or authority.

Separate from Elder Abuse is frauds and scams that people experience and with March being Fraud prevention month I wanted to provide the following information;

"Fraud has a devastating impact on individuals, families, businesses and to the Canadian economy, which is why RCMP believe that knowledge, awareness and prevention are the best methods for protection. The more you know about a scam, the less likely you are to be victimized. We want Canadians to recognize, reject and report fraud to authorities," RCMP have re-

According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, the most common scams in Canada last year affected 11, 490 victims 2017. These included: Romance scams: Fraudsters steal photos and use dating sites and social media to lure potential victims into sending money for various reasons.

**Wire Fraud scams**: Financial industry wire fraud occurs when Canadian financial institutions and investment brokers receive fraudulent email requests from who they believe to be an existing client.

**Investments scams**: An investment scam is any solicitation (telephone, mail, email, etc.) for investments into false, deceptive or misleading investment opportunities, often referring to higher than normal or true monetary returns which consumers

lose most or all of their money.

Merchandise scams: Involves deceptive websites selling counterfeit goods from existing retailers at discounted prices. They use the concept of a limited, one-time-only sale to attract online

Job scams: Fraudulent solicitation offering employment and requesting an advance fee to secure the job.

**Service scams:** Fraudulent promotion or solicitation for services. Extortion scams: Any person who unlawfully obtains money, property or services from a person, entity, or institution, through coercion.

Prize scams: Any fraudulent solicitation advising victims they have won - or have a chance to win - a prize.

**Inheritance scams**: Consumers receive a solicitation offering or requesting assistance to transfer a large sum of money from a foreign country

Sale of Merchandise scams: Involves the non-delivery of goods purchased online.

The following tips they suggest will help protect you from fraud.

Don't be fooled by the promise of a valuable prize in return for a lowcost purchase;

Be extra cautious about calls, e-mails or mailings offering international bonds or lottery

tickets, a portion of a foreign dignitary's bank account, free vacations, credit repair or schemes with unlimited income potential;

Don't be afraid to hang up the phone, delete the email or close your Internet connection;

Don't purchase a product or service without carefully checking out the product, service.

Every year, thousands of Albertans fall victim to fraud. Most people don't think it could happen to them, but fraudsters use increasingly sophisticated ways to target people of all ages.

In closing as always, if you, or someone you know is experiencing elder abuse, please give me Joanne a call When it comes to Elder Abuse, silence is not an option. 403 394-0306

http://lethseniors.com/support-services/learn-lethbridge-elder-abuse-response-network/



### Valentine's Luncheon February 8, 2019

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### OUTREACH REPORT Val Arkinstall, Outreach Coordinator

Our Outreach M.C. Randy Butterwick welcomed all with this quote "Roses are red, fingers are blue, I'm



tired of winter, how about you". That is so true as on a very frigid winter day we had a hootin'

good Valentines party with Tom Price and the Dodge Brothers. Lots of clapping, dancing, and laughter with Tom's favourite quotes. Here's

one: "You can always

tell a Texan, but you sure cán't tell 'em nothin." They sang several hit songs, "Sweet Caroline", "Walk the Line" by Johnny Cash, Stompin Tom Connors – "The Hockey Song",





and Anne Murray's song;
"Could I have this Dance". It
was so nice to see residents
and even the volunteers up on
their feet. Two Valentine door
prizes were won by an at-

tendant from (Seasons Retirement) and a Da Capo client. The Valentine snack with cranberry juice was served with a lovely Valentine for all. Tom Price and his band have been performing at



Outreach for a while and do such a swell job when they come. We always sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Tom and he gets a sparkling

candle with his treat. Thanks Tom as you are indeed popular with us all and we certainly love

your entertaining, especially your laughable quotes.
Laughter is the best medicine.
NEXT UP is the St. Patrick's fun time with first time entertainer – Karen's Karoke





on Monday, March 18th, 2019. Please wear green and don't forget your lucky smile. Remember to say "Top of the mornin' to ya" on March 17<sup>th</sup> for St.Patrick's Day.

### Mr. Valentine Go Away

So it is almost
Valentines Day again
I used to love it
But that was then
Now it just reminds me
That I am alone
Valentines are for pairs
And I'm on my own
I remember candy hearts
And one red rose
And being game for anything
He did propose
But now Valentines Day
Just makes me sad

More lonely than usual And feeling bad So Mr. Valentine Can you just go away And we will move right on To Family Day That is a day I can enjoy still I have kids and grandkids Who'll make sure I will As I wait in the wings For Family Day Once more I will say Mr. Valentine, just go away



Submitted by Tami Gaudry Nord-Bridge Mind Joggers

### It gives me great pleasure to support the Nord-Bridge Senior Citizens Association.

### How's The Lethbridge Real Estate Market?

Recently rising interest rates, new mortgage rules (the income stress test) and the inability of our government to get our oil to market, have created new challenges for home purchasers and sellers. But the news isn't all bad, the Lethbridge real estate market is continuing to do well despite these obstacles. Large employers like the Agriculture Sector, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge College, Chinook Regional Hospital, and many more are ensuring the continued influx of people to our great community. That goes a long way to preventing large price fluctuations. Having said that, there still have been changes. To find out more, please feel free to give me a call. I'd love to chat, answer questions and learn from your experiences.

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that spa appointments will be available on the Monday and Tuesday of our stay. Only \$225 double occupancy (\$335 single) for three days and two nights at this luxurious resort.



### **EUCHRE REPORT**

Rodney Foster, Convener

Daylight Savings Time on March 10th, St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, first day of spring is March 20th and only 117 days until our in-house tournament. We play on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m until 3:00 p.m. in the Dunford Diner Annex. Hope to see you there.



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### ROAD REPORT

ystery Trip #1 was another good time as a full bus of thirteen plus our friendly Program Coordinator, Ashley, went to Galt Museum for a great tour of the exhibits and then enjoyed a Hawaiian walk through the new Sandman Hotel tropical garden pathways. On February 20th, 2019 a full Carefree bus along with the driver

enjoyed the comedy production of "Drinking Habits 2" in Calgary at the Stage West Theatre. There were plenty of laughs and full stomachs.

### MYSTERY TRIPS 2019

MYSTERY TRIP # 2

Thursday, March 7, 2019 Destination-????????

Cost \$10 (Incl. tour and bus)

Buy your own lunch. Sign up quickly!



Friday, March 15th, 2019
RAYMOND DINNER THEATRE

A trip down Highway #4 to enjoy supper and the Disney production of "The Little Mermaid". There are a few seats available. Member Cost \$50 (Inc. Bus, show & Supper). Bus departs at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23, 2018 A Broadway Musical - a true story of the small town that welcomed the world. Jubilee Auditori-



um in Calgary. Cost: \$150 (includes bus and show). We will be departing Nord-Bridge at 8:30 a.m. Upon arrival in Calgary, we will stop at the North Hill Shopping Mall to enjoy lunch in the food court and a walk in the mall before heading over to the Jubilee Auditorium for 2:00 p.m. E.T.R. back into Lethbridge is 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 28, 2019** SOMETHING NEW AND UNIQUE. Join us for a road trip to Medalta Potteries in Medicine Hat and then the Chinook Green House to see how they start pruning trees. Cost: \$50 (Inc. Bus and two tours) Payment Deadline: March 15, 2019

6th Annual Cranbrook/St. Eugene is booked for May 26—28, 2019. Cost: \$225 (Double Occupancy) \$335 (Single Occupancy). The cost will include the bus and accommodation. Side Trip possibly to the Kimberley Mine Tour. Spa appointments available Monday and Tuesday. A deposit is expected upon sign up and the BALANCE IS DUE BY April 26, 2019. Only 15 spots left!

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Please call the Front Reception Desk (403-329-3222) for any questions you may have. Hurry and book your seat as soon as possible. They are going quickly.

### WHAT'S COMING FOR APRIL /MAY

- Nord-Bridge Senior Centre Fundraiser: Local New West Theatre Group at the Yates for "Old Favouries #7". Wednesday April 17th (evening) Cost \$42 (Incl. bus and show) Our bus will depart the Centre at 6:15 p.m. If you require a home pick up, let Val or Maria know.
- 2. Mystery Tríp #3 Thursday, April 25th, 2019. Another road trip adventure. Cost \$28 which includes bus and tour. Buy your own lunch.
- 3. Coming in May: Another new trip. Fort Calgary Tour. Thursday, May 23, 2019. Cost: \$65 which includes bus and tour admission. Now taking names.

EW! OUT & ABOUT+coffactoo This program runs twice monthly on Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m.
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On February 15, 2019 5 tables of contract bridge players were vying for the Nord-Bridge In House Trophy and Valentines prizes. After six rounds and a great deal of laughter and fun:

First Place: Janet and Chris Bice

Second Place: Rita Cemulini and Joe Smith Third Place: Louise and Hans Kochan

## PRESENTATION

H.O.M.E. (Hoarding Outreach Management & Education) Case Manager Candice Fisher will be here on THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M. in the West Community Room to speak about:

- \* Role of Case Manager
- \* Who sits on the HOME Committee
- \* Mandate of Case Manager and HOME committee members
- \* What constitutes Hoarding or is it just clutter

\* Hoarding or Squalor - the difference

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