

NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS

NEWSLETTER

December 2023





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to December everyone. How time flies when you're having fun. I'm writing this month in Montana. We managed to get a last -minute time share so why not enjoy a week away before the snow comes. This year I man-

aged to put my Christmas lights up before we left, so we're good.



December is full of fun activities at Nord -Bridge. Read the whole newsletter, so you don't miss anything.

Our General Member meeting was held

on November 1, and we reported on what's been happening this year and what to look forward to next year. Ashley's report was excellent please see the minutes of the meeting for more details.

The Sock It To 'Em campaign is on again, lead by Gail Petrie and Charlene Kocken, so please donate a new pair of socks for those less fortunate by December13th at Nord-Bridge.

We are taking donations of non-perishable food items for the Interfaith Food Bank on December 15th at our 4th Annual Winter Wonderland Walkthrough. This is a fun time with photos with Santa, live music, apple cider and prizes. Come out from 1:00pm to 3:30pm in the main corridor.

I'm looking forward to the Christmas luncheon on December 8 at 11:30am. This year we can seat up to 8 people at a table so that will make it more open to all to bring family and friends.

Constable Shawn Davis will be available on December 13, 2023 for Coffee with a Cop from 10:00am to 11:30am. Come and share your concerns or just enjoy a great conversation with Shawn.

Remember to renew your membership before the end of December, or it will cost you \$10 more to renew. Our membership fees go up to \$60 a year after January 1, 2024.

I hope to see you around the "Friendly Centre." I notice more and more people that I have worked with over the years are joining Nord-Bridge. Welcome to all of you. We have New Comers Meet and Greet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, so come out and catch

up with old acquaintances or make new

friends.

Have a very Merry Christmas everyone!

"Yes', said Queen Lucy. 'In our world too, a stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world."

-C.S. Lewis, The Chronicles of Narnia

George Berg,

Board President



Membership is open to all seniors age 55 plus. Associate Membership for younger individuals whose spouse is over 55 and a member. Membership Renewal: \$50

Rates for New Memberships: \$53.00

*Effective January 1, 2024, membership rates will increase to \$60/year

Welcome to 25 New Members! We are happy to have you here!

Dennis Traber Gayle Conn

Gordon Dixon

Luciano Pizzingrilli

Irene Suriano

Bill Chenery

Rose Jurisich Peter Postnieks

Lesley Chapman

Letha Brussow

Eileen Tegat

Rodney Hanson Kent Conn Maxine Hart **Heather Bradley** John Moser **Annette Chenery**

Evelynn Bennett

Marvin Bohne

Jack Chapman

John Poiroer

Mary Engebresten

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Great News!

Beginning with the January, 2024 edition, the monthly Nord-Bridge Newsletter will now be published on the last business day of each month.



Watch for the January Newsletter to hit the stands on December 29!





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Seasons Greetings,

At the time of writing December's Newsletter, the Front Desk has informed me the Christmas Luncheon sold out in 45 minutes. Our new format of reserved seating for special dining events will unfortunately upset those who were



unable to purchase tickets. The move to reserved seating was implemented to ensure all ticket holders were assigned seating as opposed to the rush seating option which led to chaos for volunteers to find seating for ticket holders during the event. Suggestions were brought to the Board of Directors to have two sittings for special event meals. Discussions at the October board meeting showed that the complexity of having two sittings outweighed the benefits. Complex issues included: kitchen staff's inability to cook and store food to feed 250+ guests in one day, volunteer servers' inability to serve two sittings, and room availability to host two events over a three hour window. If you were unable to get a ticket to the Christmas Luncheon, there will be a hot turkey lunch available in the Multi-Purpose Hall on Friday, December 8th at 11am.



This fall, we received comments and suggestions from members about difficulties crossing the intersection of 13 Ave N and 20 St N. Concerns were brought to our attention that cars were traveling fast and failing to see the pedestrians crossing at the above

mentioned crosswalk. I contacted the City and advocated the concerns of our members. The City

has placed speed signage that displays vehicles speed as they travel westbound on 13 Ave N and reminds motorists the speed limit is 50km/hr. As for the pedestrian signs, the City advised us they will be installing reflectors similar to the one pictured here, located on 15 Ave N and 23 St N. The reflectors will be installed in the next few months.



Last month the Board of Directors approved moving the Annual General Membership meeting for-

ward one month to accommodate a request by our auditor. The AGM will now be held the first Wednesday in April. This will allow an additional month for our Financial Administrator to prepare financials for the auditor and in turn allow the auditor a few additional weeks to complete our Associations audited financials. Thus, the 2024 AGM will be on Wednesday, April 3rd at 9:30am in the Multi-Purpose Hall.

A final reminder this is the last month to renew your Nord-Bridge memberships and Fitness 55 Club memberships at the current 2023 rates. As of January 1, 2024 rates will increase (see notices on pages 19 and 14 of this month's Newsletter).

Finally, from all the staff and volunteers at Nord-Bridge we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and a joyful new year! Nord-Bridge will be closed Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th., and Monday, January 1st.

David Ng,

Executive Director

Executive Committee

President: George Berg
Vice-President: Helen Gepneris
Treasurer: Harry Fischer
Secretary: Anne Pauls
Past President: Pat Santa

Board of Directors:

First year

Mike Bennett Clay Olsen Bill Hanson

Second Year

Randy Butterwick Judy Cartwright Anita Hamilton

Third Year

Doreen Smid Lorrie Vos Dianne Smith

Nord-Bridge meetings reminder

Monthly

Outreach Committee: First Monday (Sept –May) 1:30pm Directors Meetings: Second Wednesday 9:30am

Finance Committee Meeting: Last Wednesday of Month (Feb,

May, Sept, Nov)

Annually

Annual General Meeting: First

Wed of April 9:30am

General Member Meeting: First

Wed of November 9:30am

Administration Staff

Executive Director
Financial Administrator
Program Coordinator
Seniors System Navigator
Office Administrator
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- 1. 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? <u>Please</u> call **1-888-472-2222** or visit <u>http://www.shaw.ca/internet/wifi/.</u>

This is a free service to Nord-Bridge provided by Shaw.

New Comers Meet & Greet

Come join us for a morning of socialization with Convenvers every First & Third Wednesday at 10 am in the Diner Annex! This is great for new members wanting to connect with new people and have fun! Find more information in the Fall Program Book.





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The journey is not only about the destination time spent on the road provides an opportunity to share experiences with new friends and form happy memories.



UPCOMING TOURS

Christmas in Victoria - December 21st

Palm Springs Desert Oasis – *January 21*st Arizona Desert and Canyons – *February 12*th

Deep South – Texas and Louisiana – March 5th

Victoria Stay Awhile - April 20th

California Redwoods & San Francisco - April 24th

Vancouver Island, Victoria & Pacific Rim - May 12th

Alaska Midnight Sun - June 8th and June 29th

Seattle Baseball - July 3rd

Cross Canada by Motorcoach - September 3rd

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User ID: NBSC_Guest Password: Friendly@55





(Shaw Cable subscribers see left)

WIN CASH 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 WINNERS

Nov. 14 - Susan Bennett \$183.50

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 WINNER

Nov. 24 - Maralyn Burghardt \$361

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

Nov. 6 - Peggy Grant \$64 John Young \$64 Nov. 13 - CLOSED

Nov. 20- Pat Waddle \$91 Gwen Witt \$91 Nov 27 - Bill McTighe \$79 Jim Hahn \$79

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



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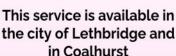


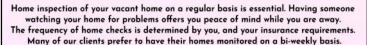
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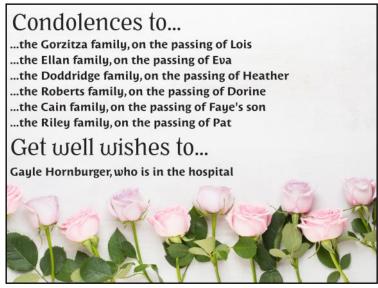
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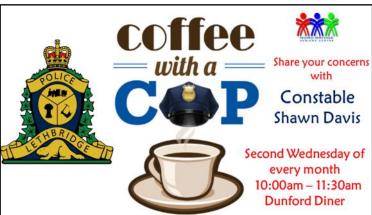
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Thank you!

















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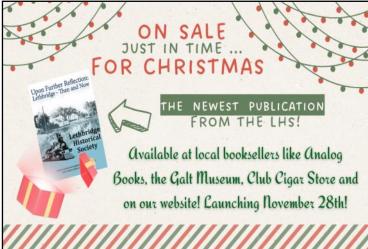


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VOLUNTEER HOURS EACH MONTH AND DROP OFF TO ERIN
THIS INCLUDES: CONVENERS OF PROGRAMS, TAX HELP, WINNERS

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*Not sure about your hours? Please contact Erin at 403-329-3222!
THANK YOU FOR 100'S OF VOLUNTEER HOURS PLACED EACH YEAR AT NORD-BRIDGE!



Breakfast

Full Breakfast \$8.00

2 Eggs, Bacon or Sausage or Ham, Hashbrowns. Toast & Coffee

Eggs Benedict \$8.50

Toasted English Muffin, Poached Eggs, Ham, Hollandaise Sauce, Hashbrowns & Coffee

Half Order \$6.25

Bacon Temptation Omelette \$8.50

Bacon & Cheese, Tomato slices, Hashbrowns,

Spinach Omelette \$8.50

Spinach, Mushrooms, Green Onions, Peppers, Cheese, Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

Spanish Omelette \$8.50

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

Ham & Cheese Omelette \$7.75

Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

Small Full Breakfast \$6.00

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

Small Pancake Breakfast \$6.25

One Pancake, One Egg, Bacon or Sausage or Ham, & Coffee

Pancakes \$6.00

French Toast \$6.00

Breakfast Burrito \$6.50

Sausage, Peppers, Mushroom, Green Onions, Cheese

Egg Muffin Sandwich \$5.00

8. Your courses are booked!

Toasted Egg Muffin with Bacon or Ham or Sausage

Add \$3.75

Bacon or Ham or Sausage

Lunch

Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich \$9.00

Sliced Steak with Peppers, Onions on a Hoagie Bun with Fries

Beef Dip Sandwich \$9.00

Roast Beef, A'uius on a Hoagie Bun with Fries

Rueben Sandwich \$7.50

Corned Beef, Swiss Cheese, Sauerkraut on Rye Bread

Deluxe Hot Hamburger & Poutine \$9.00

Beef Patty on a slice of bread with gravy, onions and Poutine

Hot Hamburger & Fries \$8.25

Beef Patty on a slice of bread with gravy and Fries

Build Your Burger:

Beef or Chicken \$7.00

Add Swiss or Cheddar Cheese \$1.00 Add Bacon \$1.50 Add Mushrooms \$1.00

Fish & Chips \$10.00 (2 piece) \$8.00 (1 piece)

Grilled Sandwiches

Grilled Bacon, Tomato & Cheese \$6.00 Grilled Ham & Cheese \$5.50 Grilled Cheese \$4.25

BLT \$5.75

Nord-Bridge Club Sandwich \$7.50

Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Tomato, Lettuce, Cheese, on two slices of bread

Denver Sandwich \$6.25

Chicken Caesar Wrap \$6.50

Chicken Fingers & Fries \$7.75

Chicken Quesadillas \$8.50

Salad

Taco Salad with beef \$8.25

Add Refried Beans \$1.00

*Chef Salad \$9.50

*Caesar Salad \$6.50

*Garden Salad \$6.50

*Add Grilled or Breaded Chicken \$3.50

Fries & Sides

Poutine \$6.25

Fries \$3.25(sm) \$4.75[lg]

Onion Rings \$4.75

Loaded Fries \$6.50

Bacon, Cheese, Green Onions

Sweet Potato Fries \$5.25

Garlic Cheese Toast \$4.25

Add Ons: Salsa, Sour Cream.

Dressing, Mayo, or Gravy \$0.75

Soup & Sandwich

Soup & Sandwich \$7.00

Soup \$4.00

Sandwich \$4.00

Beverages

Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc. \$1.00 Pop & Juice (Can) \$1.50

Bottled Water \$1.00





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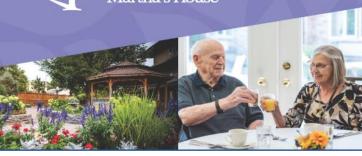


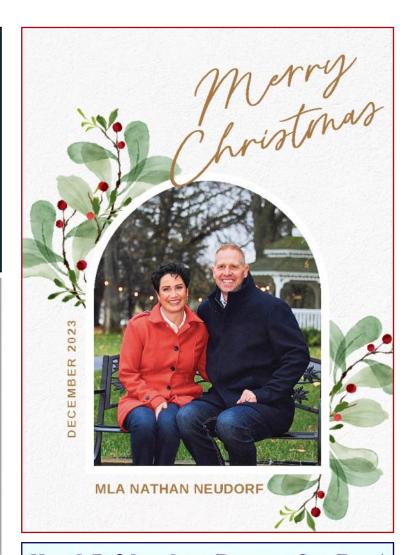
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Multi-Purpose Hall: \$750.00 for the weekend or hourly \$125.00 (Min. of 3 hours)

*Damage deposit not included in these prices

For booking inquiries please call Maria at 403-329-3222. Please book a minimum of one month in advance.

Visit www.nordbridgeseniors.com under the About > Facilities > Rentals tab for more information about these rooms.

Seniors System Navigator

Holiday Safety Tips for Seniors



This time of year can be very busy for seniors and families. There are some safety hazards that seniors tend to overlook. The following are a few tips to make this holiday the safest.

Christmas decorations are a good way to uplift your spirits and get seniors in the mood for the holidays. There are some decorations that can be a hazard. If living rooms, doorways and hallways have poor lighting it can be difficult for seniors to navigate tripping hazards. It may be due to having poor eyesight.

- * Avoid twinkling lights because they can disorient seniors.
- * Try and get simple decorations that don't clutter the living room.
- Get a night light for the bathrooms.
- Try and keep extension cords off the floor.
- * Don't decorate handrails with garland or holly.
- * Install proper lighting indoors and outdoors.
- * Keep a bench or stool near entry ways so seniors can easily take their shoes on or off during snow days.
- * Remove rugs or try to use non-slip pads to keep them from slipping and sliding on the floor.
- Keep the side walks and driveways clear of ice and snow.
- * For centerpieces that have a candle, try and use fruit, flowers or a LED battery-powdered candle instead.
- Use bright colored tulle or paper garland instead of fragile ornaments.
- * When using an artificial tree, try and look for a fireproof label.
- Keep fake or real trees away from stoves, fireplaces, and heating vents. It is best to purchase flame-resistant decorations.

However you decide to decorate your home, we at Nord Bridge wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Charlene Kocken BA, BSW, RSW, Seniors System Navigator







This was our last Interclub Crib Tournament on October 29th! The trophy can now be found and will be kept permanently at Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre. Dallas Sleighholm, the grandson of Shirley Sleightholm, who was the founder of this group, did a farewell presentation at this tournament for his grandmother. Congrats to all the winners!







9:00 Gentle Yoga 9:30 FREE Massages (BR) 9:30 Art & Soul Watercolor Club 10:00 Carpet Bowling 10:00 Paper Tole/ Handy Crafters (Craft Room) 10:45 Chair Yoga 11:00 Winter Wonderland Walk Through (Main corridor) 1:00 In-House Bingo 1:15 Core & Strength Workshop (Fitness 55+ Gym) *No Contract Bridge TODAY due to Winter Wonderland	9:00* Gentle Yoga (22nd) 10:00 Carpet Bowling 10:00* Paper Tole/ Handy Crafters (<i>Craft Room</i>) *22nd only 11:00* Pork Chops (22nd) Liver & Onions Lunch Special (29th) 1:00 Crib (WCR) 1:00 Crib (WCR) 1:00 Contract Bridge Nord-Bridge will be CLOSED by 3:30 on the 22nd & 29th RESPONSE NETWORK) DROP
9:00 Gentle Pilates 9:00 Card Crafters 9:00 Advanced Line Dance (Multi-Purpose Hall) 9:30 Mind Joggers (BR) 11:00 Keep Fit Strength 1:00 Sock It To 'Em Sock Mountain (Multi-Purpose Hall) 1:00 Duplicate Bridge 5:45 Begin. Pickleball (MPH) **No Floor Shuffleboard TODAY Due to Sock It To 'Em Event	21* & 28 **Winter_20024 Program 22* & 29
8:45 Active POUND 9:00 Gentle Yoga 9:30 Gentle Yoga 10:00 Guided Meditation 10:00 Coffee with a Cop 10:00 FOOT CARE (Craft Room) *Appt. Req. 10:00 Carpet Bowling 10:00 Paper Tole (Flex) 10:30 Somatics (WCR) 10:45 WINNERS BINGO 11:15 Darts 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Bid Euchre 1:00 Bid Euchre 5:45 Yin & Yoga Nidra 6:00 Begin. Pickleball mea	7 we POU we POU pet Bow er Tole. Room) natics (INERS nicures rts the Euchre ole Tenr
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Gentle Yoga Jammers (Annex) LAWYERS (Library) Hello Monday Intermediate (Muti-Purpose Hall) Chair Yoga Military Whist Woodcarving Contract Bridge Darts Yoga Thrive	25* Jammers (Annex) Hello Monday (BR) Intermed. LD (MPH) Military Whist Woodcarving Contract Bridge Outreach (No Darts) Yoga Thrive (MPH) Soga Thrive (MPH) Toor Toor Toor Toor Toor Toor Toor Too
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JANUARY 4TH AT 830AM EITHER ONLINE OR IN PERSON.

appointment ONLY): Upcoming Appointments: See Winter Program Guide LETHBRIDGE HEARING - THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (by



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SIGN UP STARTING JAN. 4TH!

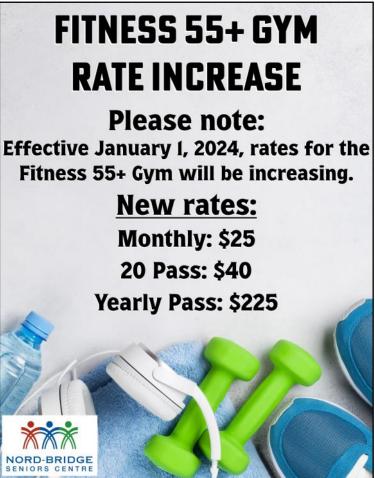












25 Days of Christmas



Tickets on sale Nov. 20 through Dec. 22 How to Participate:

All prizes will be donated by local businesses and the community!

- 1. Purchase your tickets for \$5 each from the front reception desk or the table beside the Dunford Diner Annex.

 Your name will be put in the draw for each ticket you purchase.
- 2. If your name is drawn, choose a number from the advent calendar. You will win the gift associated with that cup!

 3. If you win, your ticket will NOT be put back in the draw box.

However, you can purchase more than one ticket and have multiple chances to win!



Draw Dates:
Friday, Nov. 24
Friday, Dec. 1
Friday, Dec. 8
Friday, Dec. 15
Friday, Dec. 22

Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre
is in need of gently used
Christmas trees for our
Winter Wonderland Walkthrough!

We will be accepting Christmas tree donations starting Friday, December 1st, as space permits. To donate, please call Ashley at 403-329-3222.

*Please note, we are not accepting donations of Christmas decorations at this time due to lack of space.





Lethbridge Food Bank

Mobile Food Support





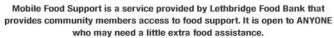












Mobile Food Support Truck full of great fresh food for anyone who shows up!

The Lethbridge Food Bank attends pre-determined locations around the city and operates on a 1st come 1st served basis. They remain on site until all food has been distributed.

STEP BY STEP

1. Walk Up 2. Check In 3. Receive Food



HOW TO ACCESS

We only need your postal code. E-mail is optional.

Pick Up Food at These Locations

LSCO 4-6 PM

April 17 June 12 August 14

October 16 December 11

Nord-Bridge 1-3 PM

March 14 May 16

July 11 September 12

November 14







Lucy Graham, one of our members, is now a published author! She wrote a book called Travelling Tuesdays. In it, Lucy shares stories about many of the countries she has been able to visit all over the world. See which adventure brought her too close to a hippo and where she enjoyed a ride in a hot air balloon.

Find out what is the only country that starts with the letter Q, O or W. Yes - Lucy has been to each of these countries too!

Lucy is selling her book for \$50 USD or \$60 CAD. She will make a donation of \$5 for each book sold here at Nord-Bridge.



Manicures at Nord-Bridge

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 6 & Dec. 20 1:00pm in the Craft Room Includes a fresh coat of nail polish/art and a mini hand massage for \$20/person

> Book at the Front Reception Desk *For Nord-Bridge members only



Mind Joggers When You Look

by Rhonda Sincennes

When you really look into the eyes You sometimes feel they could hypnotize How to distinguish the truth from the lies

Brilliant blues of summer skies With sharpness and clarity that mesmerize When you really look into the eyes

Perhaps it's more about the shape and size Than the makeup use to accessorize How to distinguish the truth from the lies

Hope which had bloomed slowly dies When comprehension they are ostracized When you really look into the eyes

With time and experience you've become so wise So they no longer hold the power to paralyze How to distinguish the truth from the lies

If you listen to your heart it may advise That it's not just words used to criticize When you really look into the eyes How to distinguish the truth from the lies

Programmer's Report



Last month, the University of Lethbridge Nursing Students hosted their annual Health Fair at Nord-Bridge on November 28th. There were over 20 vendors specifically for seniors health and wellness. We had a great response and are always so impressed and proud of what the students plan and organize each year for our members and the community! I want to also give the nurses a farewell as their last day is on December 5th so if you see them around give them a high five and well wishes! We wish them all the best in the future!

This month's special holiday events are soon approaching including our Christmas luncheon and our annual Winter Wonderland Walk Through! If you have not already heard, for the Christmas luncheon, we are closing the dining room by 10:00am this day to prepare for the set up of the luncheon. The diner will reopen to ticket holders at 11:00 am at the entrance of the Dunford Diner and from there the guests will be shown to their tables. This year the tables are all numbered so please respect where you have been placed as we have tried our best to accommodate as many people as possible. Anyone who did not receive a ticket for the sit-down luncheon, is welcome to have a mini-lunch version for \$10.00 in the back servery located in

the Multi-Purpose hall from 11:00am-1:00 pm while quantities last. The mini-lunch will be CASH ONLY please.

Friday, December 15th from 1:00 pm -3:30 pm is our Winter Wonderland Walk Through where we have over 30 Christmas trees and decorations displayed throughout the hallway of Nord-Bridge along with hot apple cider, hot cocoa, Christmas carols with the Music Makers, and photos with Santa for \$2.00 a person! Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Please bring a non perishable food item this day which will be donated to the Interfaith Foodbank. This is such a special event to get into the holiday spirit, not to mention there will be various prizes to win as part of our 25 days of Christmas! See page 15 for more information on this!

There have been some questions regarding Winter 2024 registration dates. The program guide will be released on Thursday, December 21st and registration for all programs from January – June 2024 opens at 8:30 am on Thursday, January 4th! As usual there will be two options to register: either online at our website www.nordbridgeseniors.com or in person at 1904 13 Ave. N. Instructions on how to register online are on page 9 of this newsletter. Both options will open at 8:30 am MST. If you have not already renewed your membership for 2024, please do so as you will not get a membership discount on a program online if you have not paid for 2024. Please do this before registration to make the process smoother, as you cannot renew your membership online. Also, if your email has changed please make sure to let us know so we can update your membership file. If you have any questions regarding programs or registration please contact myself at 403-329-3222.

Cancelled programs for December include: Thursday, December 14th- No Floor Shuffleboard due to the Sock It To 'Em "Sock Mountain," which all members are welcome to join (see the poster below for more information on this), and Friday, December 15th- No Contract Bridge in the Diner Annex due to the Winter Wonderland Event.

Until next YEAR stay happy and healthy!

Ashley Kern - Program Coordinator







It's time for the 23rd ANNUAL OPERATION:

SOCK IT TO 'EM

From November 1 to December 13, 2023

Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre, and the caretakers, maintenance & support staff in Lethbridge & area schools, will be collecting NEW SOCKS to be donated to local charities and those less fortunate for Christmas.

Please join them and make someone's Christmas a little bit warmer!

To donate, contact any custodial staff at your local school.

QUESTIONS? Call Gail Petrie (403) 327-6520 Charlene Kocken (403) 329-3222 -Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre -Lethbridge School District #51 -Holy Spirit School -Palliser Regional School

December \$10 Lunch Specials for Dine-in or Take-out

Friday, December 1:

Crispy Chicken with Fries, Gravy, and Coleslaw

Friday, December 8:

Christmas Luncheon - TICKETS REQUIRED: \$13 each

Seating opens at 11:00am, lunch served at 11:30am

Turkey with Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Gravy,

a Side Salad, and a Dessert

Mini lunch option available in the back servery for those without a ticket - \$10 CASH ONLY please

Friday, December 15:

Veal Cutlets with Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, and Gravy

Friday, December 22:

Pork Chops with Rice, Mushroom Gravy, and Veggies

Friday, December 29:

Liver & Onions

Available from 11am to 1pm, while quantities last









Wellness Coordinator/Outreach

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Well, another year is almost down. I'd love to wish you all the very best and thank you for being such a wonderful part of our Nord-Bridge family. Back in November, I was blessed to take off to Peru for a ten-day vacation that started in Lima to Cusco where I stayed in the sacred valley and headed up to Machu Picchu. After exploring that area, I took a 10 hour bus tour to Puna, exploring a variety of ruins, churches, alpaca farms, and villages. On a boat trip on Titicaca Lake, we checked out the floating islands where we docked on Tequilli Island and met their leader and locals. We had a wonderful tour and sat at the

lakeside for lunch. The following day I flew over to Lima where I found markets, amazing buildings, incredible shopping and the ocean. I had an early check out the following day so booked a 4-hour food tour before heading to the airport to begin the flight home. I returned to a weekend of training but managed to escape for a hike out to Carbondale Hill look-out. What a beautiful November we had.









Upcoming monthly workshops: Please register at front desk (\$5.00 fee may apply)

Core Strength, Stability and Balance
Dec 15-1:15 55+ Gym (\$5.00)

Meditation and Relaxation
January 19-1:15 Board Room
Shoulder Support
February 16-1:15 55+ Gym
Breath and Calming Workshop
March 22-1:15pm Boardroom



55+ Gym -Thank you to everyone that joined us for the Nutrition Workshop - I hope you had fun and took some good information home with you.

Effective January 1,2024 rates for the Fitness Gym will be increasing.

New Rates: Monthly: \$25.00

20 Pass: \$40.00 Yearly: \$225.00

Outreach - every 3rd Monday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend the entertainment. There are door prizes and a snack provided. We take registration ahead of time **no later than Thursday 12:00pm** the week before, at the front desk (\$3.00 cover charge) - December 18th 2023 **Entertainment will be the Nord-Bridge Jammers**

Melaxie Hillaby - Wellness Coordinator / Outreach (Mind - Body - Spirit)

Please Note:

2024 annual membership fees for Nord-Bridge will be increased to \$60 per year, effective January 1, 2024.

Renewals or 2024 membership purchases prior to the end of the business day on December 29th, 2023 will be processed at the current rate of \$50.







Duplicate Bridge is back every Thursday at 1:00pm in the Dining Room Annex! There is no cost to join and you don't need to come with a partner. Just come and enjoy a good afternoon of Duplicate Bridge!

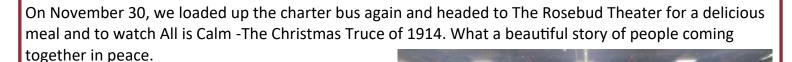
~Craig Gregory Convener of Duplicate Bridge



Roaming Retirees

November is our month to remember. Our Roaming Retirees headed to the Lethbridge Military Museum on November 7 to learn a little more about our Veterans and the military history of Lethbridge. There is so much to see at this museum from medals to clothing and artillery. Thank you to our wonderful tour guides Ray and Don, they took time out of their day to give our Nord-Bridge members a personal tour of this facility.

They were both so knowledgeable and answered any questions that we had.



Be Thankful for our Vets. Not just on November 11, but every day. They gave up tomorrow, so you can have today.

We Remember. Lest We Forget.

Erin Bates - Thankful Gal



Single Session Drop-In Counselling

Lethbridge Seniors Citizens Organization (LSCO) and Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre are very happy to host onsite drop-in counselling services at no cost to older adults 60+ years of age seeking help when they need it most.

- Offered monthly onsite at both LSCO & Nord-Bridge.
- 1 session offered free of charge.
- 1 ½ hour sessions offered the 1st Tuesday of the month from 9:00am - 12:00pm and the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12:30 - 3:30pm.
- Drop-in style meaning you may have to wait your turn in the event the counsellor is busy with someone else.
- · Discussions are confidential.

Upcoming Dates: Dec 5 (am)

This new service has been made possible through an ongoing collaboration between Seniors Community Services Partnership members



For more information contact the SCSP Seniors System Navigation Team Intake Worker 403-329-1544

Funders include: City of Lethbridge Family and Community Support Services FCSS









Thank you to the U of L Nursing Students for all the hard work they put in to hosting our annual Health Fair last month! These students have been at Nord-Bridge since September 11, as part of their Community Health Studies Portfolio. We've enjoyed having them participate in our programing, and learning from their information sessions. December 6th is their last day, so if you see them around wish them all the best!

Out and About Coffee and Shopping

Back by popular demand! Shopping trips to Walmart North on the first Wednesday of the month



Sign up today by contacting Maria at (403)-329-3222 or stop by the front reception desk



*Nord-Bridge members only



Next Upcoming Dates: Dec. 6

Bring cash and reusable bags. Get your monthly grocery shopping done followed by a social coffee at Tim Hortons!

Time: 10:00am
Fee: \$5.00 per person
(for the bus ride there and back)







Thank you so much for having the 3rd year University of Lethbridge Nursing students in your facility! We loved getting to know the members and staff. You have made us feel so welcome in your community and we enjoyed spending our time here. Thank you for participating in all our activities and allowing us to join yours. We wish you a happy holiday and a happy new year!



Jubilations

Trip to Vubilations Dinner Theatre in Calgary!

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Departure Time from Nord-Bridge: 7:30am
Cost: \$110 Members; \$125 Non-Members

Enjoy a matinee show and a 3-course meal with soup, a chicken entree, and chocolate dessert!



"Get ready to be transported back to summer with a show that celebrates the iconic Beach Boys and their timeless sound. Grab your sunglasses and get ready to feel the warmth of the sun and the sound of the surf as we take you back to the beach!"





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