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NEWSLETTER

December 2024



Thank you all for such a wonderful, fun-filled year! We are excited to ring in 2025 with exciting new programming and events. Watch for the Winter Program Guide, coming out on Thursday, December 19th! Winter registration will begin on Tuesday, January 7th at 8:30am both in person at Nord-Bridge and online on our website, www.nordbridgeseniors.com.

Until then, have a safe and happy holiday season everyone!



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

December is a busy month here at Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre!

The Golden Giving Tree - Nord-Bridge and LSCO are collecting gifts for those seniors who are isolated and/or facing financial struggles. The trees are in the front entrances of Nord-Bridge, LSCO, and London Drugs. Pick a tag from the tree, purchase the

gift on the tag, and return it unwrapped in a bag along with the tag to either Nord-Bridge or LSCO by December 13.

Greeting Cards - Our wonderful card ladies use old greeting cards and refurbish them into new cards! They do a fabulous job remaking these cards, which are sold in our Boutique for only \$1.00. Stop in and check them out!

Christmas Luncheon - Friday, December 6th in the Multi-Purpose Hall, tickets required! If you don't have a ticket, there will be a soup and sandwich option in the Dunford Diner.

Pancake Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 7 from 9:00am to 11:00am in the Dunford Diner. This is our first Christmas pancake breakfast fundraiser! The cost is \$8 per plate. Children 5 and under will be charged \$5 per plate. Santa will be there to greet you and there will be coloring activities for the kids.

Christmas Carols - Thursday, December 12 in the Dunford Diner at 11:00am. Join us for the "Sing a Song That's Yours Vocal Studio" students singing Christmas carols with vocal instructor Bridgette Yarwood!

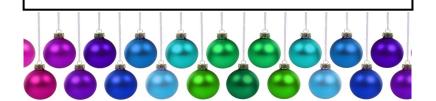
Sock it to 'Em - The collection box is in the front entrance of Nord-Bridge. SOCKS! SOCKS! SOCKS! Any size, shape, or form. Let's fill the box with donations of new socks and get ready for our Sock Mountain day on Thursday December 12 in the Multi-Purpose Hall where they will be distributed to local charities for those in need.

Winter Wonderland Walkthrough - Friday, December 13 from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. Entry fee is a donation of a non-perishable food item for the food bank. There will be pictures with Santa, and you can enjoy some hot cocoa or apple cider. Everyone is welcome!

A Very Merry Christmas to all!

Helen Gepneris,

Board President



Nord-Bridge Membership Fees:

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

Membership Renewal: \$60 New Memberships: \$63

WELCOME

Welcome to 24 New Members! We are happy to have you here!

Linda Prinz

Wayne Hahn

Laurie Thibert

Walt Strand

Shirley Arndt

Michelle Berezowski

Jackie Byers

Laurel Weed

Delores McMurren

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Peter George

Louise George

Neil Hinatsu

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Nola Gould-Hawke Andrew Gould-Hawke

Ray Van Schouwen Darlene Van Schouwen

Julie Kovac

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Happy Holidays!

The festive season is upon us. Christmas trees are up and volunteers are busy decorating the 30+ trees in the hallways of Nord-Bridge. We have numerous events that will take place in the month of December to celebrate the



holiday season - please refer to the calendar on pages 12 and 13 for all the key dates and times of these special events. The one I would like to highlight is our first ever Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7th from 9am - 11am in the Dunford Diner. Please see the ad on page 7 of this newsletter for the details. This is a great event for members and their families; especially those with grandchildren. Santa will be at this event and there will be lots of games and fun activities for children.

Late last month, an Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis inspector visited Nord-Bridge to review some of our programs and activities. The inspector highlighted a few areas of concern and educated us on some rules and regulations. Some of the key areas addressed were that all card games (ie. Crib and Texas Hold'em) cannot issue cash as prize money. Instead, donated prizes or gift cards must be used for prizes. Other areas addressed were some of our 50/50 draws which have been postponed for the next few weeks in order for a new license to be issued. Our In-House Bingo was also affected by some licensing issues; however, they have been resolved and Friday In-House Bingo will resume on December 13th.

Last month we also had the opportunity to welcome Alberta Premier Danielle Smith to Nord-Bridge for a conversation session with Lethbridge West UCP candidate John Middleton-Hope. Premier Smith and Middleton-Hope answered questions from members of Nord-Bridge and provided updates on some key issues. The Lethbridge West by-election has been called and will take place on December 18th. At the time of this month's newsletter being published, there have been no candidate forums or meet and greets planned. If we are able to plan anything we will be sure to post around Nord-Bridge. We will also have a table set aside for any candidates to leave information and/or resources for members.

This year I am extra excited to spend time with family. We get to have my oldest son home for the holidays. I hope everyone has a great holiday season with family and friends. Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family to yours.

David Ng, Executive Director



Executive Committee

President: Helen Gepneris

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Tracy Beauchemin Treasurer:

Secretary: **Judy Cartwright**

Past President: George Berg

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First year

David Green

Alan Stalker

Lorrie Vos

Second Year

Mike Bennett

Clay Olsen

Bill Hanson

Third Year

Randy Butterwick

Anne Pauls

Anita Hamilton

Nord-Bridge Meeting Reminders

Monthly

Outreach Committee:

First Mon. (Sept. - May) 1:30pm

Directors Meetings:

Second Wed, 9:30am

Finance Committee Meeting:

Last Wed. in 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

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Seniors System Navigator Charlene Kocken

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Cook

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Iulie Sarich

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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.
- 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.







While at the Nord-Bridge Centre you can access our in-building internet service at:

User ID: NBSC_Guest Password: Friendly@55





(Shaw Cable subscribers see left)

DAILY 50/50 DRAW

*POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

RECENT WINNERS

Nov. 14: Judy Willis \$601.75

MONTHLY 50/50 TOONIE DRAW

*POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

RECENT WINNERS

Nov. 14: Maria Fix \$255

MONDAY JAM 50/50 DRAW

*POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

RECENT WINNERS

Nov. 4: Doreen Smid \$57 Pat Waddle \$57 Nov. 11 - CLOSED



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Lawyers of Huckvale Free Initial Legal Consultation

When: Second Monday of every month (unless otherwise stated)

Time: 9:00am to 11:30am Fee: FREE (Nord-Bridge members only) Upcoming Dates: December 9

These are initial consults only. Members' needs will be assessed and advice will be offered on how best to legally proceed.



Members can sign up at the Nord-Bridge Reception Desk for a half-hour

Free Hearing Tests

at Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre with

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HEARING CENTRE



Third Thursday of every month *Appointments are necessary

*For Nord-Bridge members only

Please book your half-hour appointment at the Nord-Bridge reception desk

Upcoming Dates: December 19



BUILDING OPERATING FUNDS RECENT DONORS

Tim and June Greenlee \$100 Elisabeth Hunka \$90 Stephan Prokop \$500 Helen Gepneris \$1000 Faye Ward \$60 Eva Deringer, in Memory of Dan Deringer \$200 Roberta Svennes, in Memory of Diane Bennett \$50 Bridget Pastoor, in Memory of Diane Bennett \$25

NORD-BRIDGE IN-HOUSE BINGO

Year to Date: 13,554.50









Park Place Mall Lethbridge (587) 388-0563

Specsavers

25 Days of Christmas



Tickets on sale Nov. 18 through Dec. 20 How to Participate:

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

1. Purchase your tickets from the front reception desk or the table beside the Dunford Diner Annex. Tickets are \$5 each, or purchase 3 tickets for \$10! 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 to win the gift associated with that number!

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!







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Breakfast

Full Breakfast \$8.50

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

Eggs Benedict \$8.75

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

Half Order \$6.50

Bacon Temptation Omelette \$8.50

Bacon & Cheese, Tomato slices, Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

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 \$8.00

Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

Small Full Breakfast \$6.50

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

Small Pancake/French Toast Breakfast \$6.75

One Pancake or One Slice French Toast, 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

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'ujus on a Hoagie Bun with Fries

Rueben Sandwich \$7.50

Corned Beef, Swiss Cheese, Sauerkraut on Rye Bread

Deluxe Hot Hamburger & Poutine \$9.25

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

Hot Hamburger & Fries \$8.50

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)

Fish Tacos in a Corn Tortilla with Fries \$9.00

Grilled Sandwiches

Grilled Bacon, Tomato & Cheese \$6.25 Grilled Ham & Cheese \$5.75 Grilled Cheese \$4.50

BLT \$5.75

Nord-Bridge Club Sandwich \$7.75

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

Denver Sandwich \$6.25

Chicken Caesar Wrap \$6.75

Chicken Fingers & Fries \$7.75

Chicken or Ground Beef 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 \$3.50(sm) \$5.00(lg)

Onion Rings \$5.00

Sweet Potato Fries \$5.50

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 (Bottled) \$1.50 Bottled Water & Juice Boxes \$1.00

New Comers Meet and Greet



♪ Nord-Bridge Music Makers

Did you know, singing can put you in a good mood? It releases endorphins, which are natural chemicals that the body produces to reduce stress and anxiety!

Join the Nord-Bridge Music Makers!

This group meets weekly to sing, and also performs at different seniors' health and housing facilities once a month throughout the year.



Meeting Days: Tuesdays
Time: 10:00am to 11:30am
Location: Dunford Diner Annex
Open to all those 55+who love to sing!







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 at Nord-Bridge: December 18 (pm)

Upcoming Dates at LSCO: December 3 (am)

This 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





Intergenerational Craft & Music Afternoon (L-SKIP)

*No program in December Check the January newsletter for 2025 dates!

This program partners seniors with pre-school aged children to participate in a variety of crafts, stories, and music. We are always looking for more fun Nord-Bridge Senior members to volunteer for this program!





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Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 11:15 am for \$30

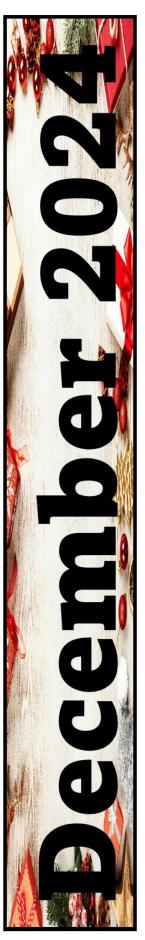
Explore ways to cook healthy, delicious food with fresh, seasonal produce.
All ingredients are pre-portioned and dropped off at your door step. We will be making Hearty Lentil Soup with Baked Buns!

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Or visit us in person
at 1904 13 Ave. N.



Paint and Sip Night with Smudge Art Studio!





	CRA & Service	Canada Visits (Tax Office)	Ukelele Circle (Annex)	Carpet Bowling	In- House Bingo	(MPH)	Cribbage (WCR	& Annex)	Contract Bridge		Constitution	NO ROOM FOR THE	Sappa Sappa				
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DAY ON DEC.

OPEN ALL

23rd & 30th

Monday Morning Check In *(Flex Room)* Jammers *(Annex)* Hello Monday *(Flex)*

23 &

9:00

Quilters/ Krafters

9:30 1:00 1:00 6:30 6:30

Woodcarving Contract Bridge Darts (MPH) Begin. Pickleball



DAY TODAY

OPEN ALL

Cribbage (WCR & Annex) Contract Bridge

1:00 1:00

In- House Bingo



day prior, or sooner, to book a ride. Cost is \$3.00 each way, Please Go Friendly Shuttle door-to-door service: Call 403-329-3222 the note: for fare details please contact front reception desk

LIVE ALONE? NEED AN OCCASIONAL FRIENDLY PHONE CALL? WE'LL FIND A PHONE FRIEND FOR YOU. CALL MARIA AT 403-329-3222 TO ARRANGE.

WINNERS BINGO WEDNESDAY: DEC. 4, 11, & 18

FOOT DOCTOR: DR. SCHOW NOW AT 10:00 AM (NOW \$35) OCATION: CRAFT ROOM UPCOMING DATES TBA

WINTER 2025 PROGRAM GUIDE RELEASED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH IN PERSON AND ONLINE.

PROGRAM 2025 REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30 AM ON TUESDAY JANUARY 7TH EITHER ONLINE OR IN PERSON

NEW COMERS MEET AND GREET GROUP MEETS IN THE DINER THE MUSIC MAKERS CHOIR LOOKING FOR MORE SINGERS FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH!

COME TRY IT OUT 10AM ON TUESDAYS IN THE ANNEX. CLOSED JANUARY 1ST OPEN JANUARY 2ND.

ATTENTION GO FRIENDLY BUS RIDERS

For your safety, please wear your seatbelt at all times while on the bus.

Please also book the shuttle no sooner than one week before booking date. If it is any further in advance we will decline your booking.

Thank you for your understanding, ~Nord-Bridge Administration







HELLO MONDAY



This learning series is

provided by CMHA's

Hello Monday is all about you and the importance of staying well.

Being happy is not about trying to experience pleasure all the time... or avoiding unpleasant emotions like sadness and anger. It is about being realistic about what life brings, and making the most out of its good times and finding ways to bounce back.

Wellness Program Recovery College Lethbridge

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE!

When: Monday, Dec 2, 2024 - Holiday Stress Less Monday, Dec 9, 2024 - Holiday Stress Less

Monday, Dec 16, 2024 - Holiday Stress Less

Monday, Dec 23, 2024 - Holiday Stress Less Monday, Dec 30, 2024 - Holiday Stress Less

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am - Notice the change in time

Where: Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre - "Flex Room" (Located next to the pool table room)

This FREE class is a Drop In Class and new participants will be registered upon arrival.















It's time for 24th ANNUAL OPERATION:

SOCK IT TO 'EM

From November 1 to December 11, 2024

To donate, contact any Custodial staff at

Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre, the Caretakers,
Maintenance & Support staff in Lethbridge & Area
schools are 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!

QUESTIONS? Call Gail Petrie (403) 327-6520 Charlene Kocken (403) 329-3222

your local school.

- -Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre
- -Lethbridge School Division
- -Holy Spirit School
- -Palliser School Division

MONDAY MORNING CHECK IN



This learning series is provided by CMHA's Wellness Program Recovery College Lethbridge Monday Morning Check In is all about you and the importance of staying well.

Looking to stay connected after having attended Hello Monday?
Want to explore what you have already learned? This class is designed for you! These sessions will take topics identified by attendees or covered in Hello Monday, and explore them more indepth. In Monday Morning Check-In participants will continue to build on skills about the importance of staying well that they have learned through the previous class. Individuals are encouraged to bring handouts and discussion items to the group

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE ATTENDED HELLO MONDAY PRIOR TO MONDAY MORNING CHECK-IN

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE!

When: Monday, December 2, 2024 - Topic to be determined by class Monday, December 9, 2024 - Topic to be determined by class Monday, December 16, 2024 - Topic to be determined by class Monday, December 23, 2024 - Topic to be determined by class Monday, December 30, 2024 - Topic to be determined by class

Time: 9:00am to 10:00am

Where: Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre - "Flex Room" (Located next to the pool table room)

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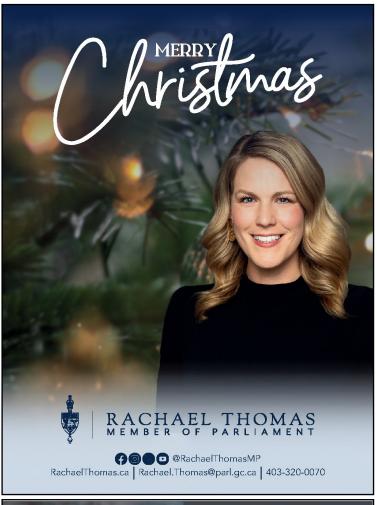


U of L Nursing Students

Hello, everyone! It's us again, the third-year U of L nursing students from the Nord-Bridge Senior

Centre! We had such an incredible time with all of you and can't thank you enough for your warm welcome and enthusiastic participation in our health promotion activities and health fair. You made our time at Nord-Bridge truly special! As the holiday season approaches, don't forget to stay warm, wash your hands, watch out for black ice, and take care of yourselves. Have an amazing Christmas filled with joy and cheer; we'll miss you all!









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.

Condolences to...

...the Bennett family, on the passing of Diane ...the Brown family, on the passing of Marla

Get Well Wishes to...

...Diane Reid, who broke her arm
...Alan Rose, who is in the hospital
...Rolanda Richard, who is in the hospital
...Shirley Hall, who is in the hospital

Attention Members!

If you have photos of yourself enjoying progamming at Nord-Bridge, please email them to us at friendly@nordbridgeseniors.com in a JPEG format, to be featured in upcoming newsletters!



Working together to bring Government services to you.

Date: December 20, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Nord-Bridge Seniors

1904 13 Ave N., Lethbridge, AB.

ID requirements are based on the service offering requested. Please bring a piece of Government issued photo ID.

If you need a SIN, please bring: your birth certificate, certificate of Indian Status and any other forms of federal or provincial identification you may have.

If you are unable to meet with us during this visit, you can request information and assistance through the Outreach Support Centre from 8:30-4:00, Mon-Fri: 1-877-631-2657

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Service Canada

- Get a Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Receive a PAC access code to sign up for My Service Canada
- Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) - Employment Insurance (EI)
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- General Government of Canada information

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

- Tax Slip information (T4, T5007, T4A-Pension, T4A-OAS and more)
- Notice of Assessments (NOAs) and Assistance with CRA correspondence
- Benefits and Credits information: Disability Tax Credit (DTC), Canada Child Benefit (CCB), GST/HST credit, Canada Worker's Benefit (CWB)
- Account updates (address, contact number, direct deposit, etc.)

Presented by: Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency with the support and assistance of Nord-Bridge

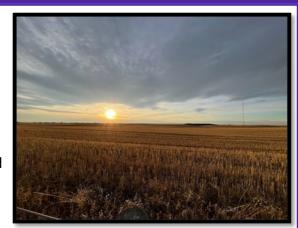
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Programmer's Report



How are we already at the end of 2024?! Crazy! Here are some photos from an abnormally warm November. © Last month was a blur to say the least - ha-ha. We hosted the Annual Health Fair on Friday, November 29th thanks to the U of L nursing students, as part of their community health experience. They had over 20 health vendors from various companies based off of survey results from members in October. Thank you to all the nursing students for putting this on, the members who came out to support them, and the sponsors who donated

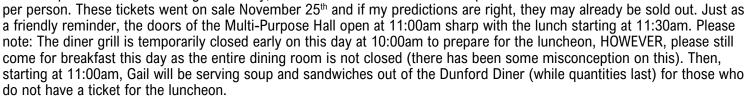
door prizes! Our members always look forward to this every year. I also want to give a farewell to the nursing students as their last day was also on November 29th. Good luck with everything and we look forward to possibly seeing some of you again in the future!



This month we have started to decorate for the Winter Wonderland Walk Through with over 30 Christmas trees throughout our hallways. At the time of writing this, we are still accepting tree donations and half will be donated to those less fortunate before Christmas. The Winter Wonderland event is scheduled for Friday, December 13th from 1:00pm-3:30pm in the hallways of Nord-Bridge and in our diner but if you can't make it on this day come whenever works for you starting the second week of December!

New for this year is a Holiday Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00am-11:00am in the Dunford Diner. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 years old and younger - this is open to all! There will be pancakes, sausages, and scrambled eggs with coffee or juice while quantities last.

Of course, I can't forget to mention the Christmas Luncheon which will once again be in the Multi-Purpose Hall of Nord-Bridge on Friday, December 5th from 11:30am-1:00pm for \$15.00



Make sure to mark your calendar for a couple more events including special guest Bridgette Yarwood's choir students from Sing a Song That's Yours Vocal Studio on Thursday, December 12th from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Dunford Diner. They will be singing Christmas songs for all to enjoy. Then, that afternoon, please stop by the Multi-Purpose Hall to see the Sock Mountain set-up for our annual Sock It To 'Em Campaign. For more details on these events go to page 15 of the newsletter.

Lastly, if you are wondering when the Winter 2025 Program Guide will be released, it will be on Thursday, December 19th with copies being available at Nord-Bridge or online at our website www.nordbridgeseniors.com. If you are a member of Nord-Bridge a copy will also be e-mailed to you. Registration begins on Tuesday, January 7th at 8:30am online or in person. If you have a credit on your account from previous classes and you are registering online, please give me a call and I can let you know how to work around this. As a refresher for online registration please go to page 21 for a full list of steps on how to register. If you have any further questions on winter programs or registration please don't hesitate to give me a call at 403-329-3222.

Cancelled programs for this month include: Carpet Bowling & In House Bingo on Friday, December 6th, Floor Shuffleboard on Thursday, December 12th, and Contract Bridge on Friday, December 13th.

Until next month, stay happy and healthy!





December \$12 Lunch Specials for Dine-in or Take-out

Friday, December 6:

Christmas Luncheon: Tickets required - \$15 per person

11:30am to 1:00pm // Multi-Purpose Hall

Turkey with Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Gravy, and Dessert

*For those who do not purchase a ticket, there will be a soup and sandwich option available in the Dunford Diner

Friday, December 13: Available from 11am to 1pm, while quantities last

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce with Caesar Salad and Garlic Toast

Friday, December 20:

Liver and Onions with Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, and Gravy

*Please note, we are serving liver and onions one week early this month!



No Lunch Special



Optical Repairs and Adjustments at Nord-Bridge! Third Thursday of the month in the main corridor

With a licensed *No optical repair dates in December optician from Please check the January newsletter SpecSavers! for upcoming 2025 dates!

*Appointments are required. Visit the front reception desk to book!





*Appointments MUST be booked ahead by calling 403-329-3222 while spaces last!

Chinook Foot and Ankle Clinic

*No Foot Care dates in December Check the January newsletter for 2025 dates!



*For Nord-Bridge Members Only



If you have any questions, please contact Chinook Foot and Ankle Clinic at 403-331-3338



Carol Haayema is a Senior Financial Consultant with IG Wealth Management. She will be at Nord-Bridge every second Tuesday from 10am - 1pm in the main corridor to answer questions and offer advice on financial matters such as retirement income optimization, wealth transfer, and estate planning. This is a free service for Nord-Bridge members!

Constables Les Vonkeman and Leanne Christos with Lethbridge Police Services, will be visiting the **Dunford Diner on the second Wednesday of each month!**

Upcoming Dates: December 11th

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Constables Vonkeman & Christos will sit down and chat with you about any questions and concerns you may have regarding law enforcement.







Fundraising Report

Hey Elves, Santa Buddies, Scrooges, Grinches & Nutcrackers alike!

With the holidays fast approaching I want to take a moment to wish you the very best of the holiday season! We have welcomed new friends and said sad farewells to forever friends. *Jack Frost* is nipping at our noses as we jingle all the way into the holiday season!

We appreciate everyone who has purchased tickets for our 25 Days of Christmas fundraiser! Don't be a *Bad Santa* and miss your chance to win! Draw dates in December are the 6th, the 13th and the final chance on December 20th. Watch for our list of winners and their amazing gifts!

Our sold out Christmas luncheon is December 6th in the Multi-Purpose Hall at 11:30am! The very next day, we have

Santa coming to Nord-Bridge on the 7th of December for our first annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa in the Dunford Diner! It's also time to deck the halls for our beautiful Winter Wonderland Walkthrough which takes place on December 13! Jump on the *Polar Express* with us! The entry fee is just a non-perishable food item to donate to the food bank! Don't stay *Home Alone* ~ get out and get festive...photos with Santa, hot chocolate, apple cider and so much more. *All I Want for Christmas* is for you all to be happy.

As the new year approaches, so do our fundraising efforts! 2025 will be a year to remember, and I look forward to sharing it with all of you!

My husband Jeff and I are celebrating 30 years of marriage on December 31st! That's quite an accomplishment in this day and age...he is still my boyfriend! *Its a Wonderful Life*!

Merry Christmas ~ Happy Holidays ~ Happy New Year to you all. Enjoy your Christmas vacation!









Photos from November Outreach!

Join us on Monday,
December 16
for our
Christmas
themed
event.
Details on
page 20!





Roaming Retirees

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

On November 21, our Roaming Retirees enjoyed the day at the Rosebud Theater, watching "Christmas on the Air." We had a full bus. Thank you to everyone who signed up. This trip was a success! If you have

any ideas for a fun, exciting trip, please stop by the

front desk and talk to Erin.

December is always exciting at Nord-Bridge. We have our 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7. On Friday, December 13, the Christmas trees in the halls of Nord-Bridge will be lit up for the Winter Wonderland Walkthrough. There will be music, chocolate, and everything Christmas. Come and join us!

From my home to yours, Merry Christmas!

~Erin Bates - The Star on Your Tree





Nord-Bridge Outreach: Bells, Bows, and Santa Claus Join us to ring the bells of Christmas!

Christmas-themed refreshments will be served!



Date: Monday, December 16
Time: 1:30pm to 3:00pm
Cost: \$3 per person
Location: Nord-Bridge
Multi-Purpose Hall
Entertainment:
Evergreen Melodies music and dancing!

Please RSVP by Monday, December 9: call 403-329-3222



The Nord-Bridge Seniors Outreach Program provides social programs for Seniors 55+. Socials are organized on the 3rd Monday of each month. Join us and enjoy some good entertainment and company!

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Mind Joggers: Tis the Geason

'Tis the season So they say The before and after Of Christmas Day

'Tis time to spend With those who care With food and drinks And gifts to share

'Tis time to give to those with less 'Cause it's the right thing Not just to impress

'Tis time to sing or be sung to Caroling is something we all should do

'Tis time for pics of family and all or at least the kids with Santa at the mall

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Tis time for parties
But please don't drive
Let the designate do it
And get home alive

'Tis time for sleds and fun in the snow Skiing as well if you can go

Tis time for sleigh rides and jingle bells Candy canes, gingerbread, and other great smells

Tis time for stockings hung on the hearth And to truly wish for peace on earth

'Tis time to find yourself a church A prayer and a pew On which to perch

Tis time to forgive
To let the past go
Enjoy today
And tomorrow

'Tis time for all of this and more 'Cause that's what Holidays are for

It "'Tis the Season" So please have fun Happy Holidays Everyone

By Tami Gaudry



Lethbridge Elder Abuse Response Network

Hi everyone!

As we near the new year, we are also coming up on some significant changes at LSCO! One of those being my position and transition into the Support Services Manager role. As of January 2, I will become the new Amy Labossiere and will be overseeing the LEARN Program, the SCSP and our In-Home supports. This means you can now find me on the main floor of LSCO with the other support services staff. This also means there will be a new face representing LEARN for the next 18 months, who you will all be introduced to shortly. I look forward to supporting our staff and members in a new capacity!

~Amy Cook

LEARN
Case Manager





Beginners Cribbage

New to Cribbage? Come play and learn every Tuesday from 1:30pm-3:30pm in the Dunford Diner Annex!

*For Nord-Bridge Members only







All new members receive a FREE portrait.

Drop-in only (first come, first served)

Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre is a Scent-Free Zone

NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS CENTRE

Scented products such as perfumes, aftershave, and creams, can worsen symptoms for people with asthma, allergies, and other conditions.

Please help us to maintain a scent-free environment for all members, guests, and staff. When visiting Nord-Bridge, we ask that you please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, and other fragrances and choose unscented products instead.







Did you know Nord-Bridge has





On Weekends for Special events?

*Multi-Purpose Hall: \$750.00 for weekend or Hourly
\$125.00 (Min. 3 hours)

*West Community Room: \$200.00 for Weekend or Hourly \$35.00 (Min. of 3 hours)

Damage deposit not included in this price

*For booking inquiries please call Maria at 403-329-3222. Please book a minimum of one month in advance. Please go to www.nordbridgeseniors.com under the About > Facilities > Rentals tab for more information about these rooms.



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"The Friendly Centre"

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