

NORD-BRIDGE NORD - BRIDGE SENIORS

NEWSLETTER

April 2025



The staff at Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre are united against bullying, and always strive to promote kindness. This photo captures the spirit of Pink Shirt Day back in February, but our commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment extends beyond just one day. We believe that awareness and action against bullying should be a year-round effort. Every day, our dedicated staff work to foster a culture of respect, empathy, and support. Let's continue to champion kindness and stand up against bullying - not just on Pink Shirt Day, but every day.

Together, we can make a difference.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I got this poem from a dear friend of mine. She included a spool of thread with it. Here is the poem:

Threads of a Friendship That Will Never Break

Thank you for the laughter, the good times that we share. Thanks for always listening and for trying to be fair. Thank you for your comfort when things are going bad. Thank you for your shoulder to cry on when I'm sad. This gift is a reminder that all my lifetime through I'll be thankful for the threads of friendship that are as strong as my friendship is for you.

Easter arrives on Sunday, April 20th. I wish all of you a happy Easter!

Helen Gepneris, Board President





Mord-Bridge will be closed April 18 for Good Friday, and April 21 for



Easter Monday



Some programs and services are partially funded by the joint Provincial and City FCSS Program. Nord-Bridge is a proud member of the Alberta Association of Seniors Centres.





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 to 23 New Members! We are happy to have you here!

Karen Kay

Richard Hay

Jessica Sanders

David Brownridge

Jan Robinson

Terry Fox

Betty-Ann Newman

Irene Caldwell

Connie Schulz

Linda Bridge

Joan Oldenburger

Harry Boessenkool

Kandis Brownridge

Rob Thibert

Phris Koshman

Laine Findlay

Denise Gugala

6 Anonymous



Easter Egg Contest!

NORD-BRID

Guess the <u>total number of Easter eggs</u> throughout this newsletter and enter to win 1 of 2 gift cards to the Dunford Diner!

The deadline to enter is April 17. You must be a Nord-Bridge member to participate!

Three ways to enter:

email:

akern@nordbridgeseniors.com
In person:

Nord-Bridge Front Reception Desk

Phone: 403-329-3222 and ask for Ashley



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Big announcement! Nord-Bridge is partnering with the Calgary Flames and expanding our facility to build a state of the art hockey arena on the north side! APRIL FOOLS...Wouldn't that be great though; our very own hockey rink. This is how rumors start;



something that isn't a rumor however, is the fact that Nord-Bridge and its board of directors are exploring possible options for our future. Nord-Bridge has been working with Alvin Fritz and his architect team to explore options of expansion. Before everyone gets too excited, there are no concrete formalized plans for expansion or purchases of a new building or land. Simply put, our board has started some conversation to see what some of the possibilities are and what might be attainable for Nord-Bridge to accommodate the growth we have been experiencing. The proposed expansion is just one avenue that can be explored; however we need to ensure a lot of things fall into place before we even commit to an expansion. Feasibility studies to ensure Nord-Bridge is able to sustain an expansion will be a priority. The scope of a seniors centre is always evolving and we need to make sure we stay on top of what seniors in our community need in the future whether it's fitness, education, nutrition, housing, support services or just a place for social interaction. A survey will go out to the membership this month seeking interest level and community impact. If you would like more details or to discuss this topic, I am happy to chat.

This month I wanted to thank Anne Pauls for her years of service on our executive as our board secretary and most recently board of directors. Anne served as our board secretary from 2017 - 2024, and as director for the last 6 months. Anne was a tremendous asset to our board of directors and to me through my infancy as an executive director. Anne will remain active at Nord-Bridge as she will continue to entertain us through her musical talents of playing the piano, her volunteering in the library, and in-house Bingo. Thank you, Anne.

Last month I wrote about the Seniors Systems Navigator Social Prescribing position. I am please to report we have hired Bonnie Jensen for the position. Bonnie started last month and will be in and out of the office for the first few weeks training at LSCO. Bonnie is no stranger to Nord-Bridge as she worked as a pharmacy assistant for the Medicine Shoppe a few years back. Please give a friendly Nord-Bridge welcome to Bonnie.

David Ng.
Executive Director



Executive Committee

President: Helen Gepneris

Vice-President: Dianne Smith

Treasurer: Tracy Beauchemin

Secretary: **Judy Cartwright**

Past President: George Berg

Board of Directors:

First year

David Green

Alan Stalker

Lorrie Vos

Second Year

Mike Bennett

Clay Olsen

Bill Hanson

Third Year

Randy Butterwick

Anne Pauls



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

Financial Administrator

Program Coordinator

Seniors System Navigator

Office Administrator

Office Administrator/Outreach

Dining Room/Kitchen Assistant

Kitchen Manager

Cook

Cook

Kitchen Team Member

Building Maintenance/Custodian

Director of Fund Development

Coordinator of Volunteer Services

Go-Friendly Bus Driver

Newsletter Editor

David Ng

Tracy Beauchemin

Ashley Kern

Charlene Kocken

Maria Lisun

Erin Bates

Gail Krysak

Bety Castillo

Tyler Johnson

Danielle Wiese

Heather Bovchuk

Marco Escobar

Julie Sarich

Donna Lofstrom-Bell

Terry Beauchemin

Cindy Dykstra







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.

NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS CENTRE

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)

MONTHLY 50/50 TOONIE DRAW *POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MONDAY JAM 50/50 DRAW

Proceeds of Monday Jam draws assist with sound system and AV costs in the building.

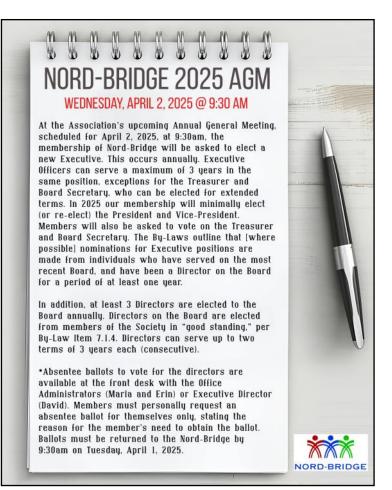
RECENT WINNERS

March 3: David Green \$90 March 10:Ron Fekete \$93 March 17:Billy McTighe \$90 March 24:Gail Krysak \$92.50

Thanks Jammers, Volunteers and Patrons
Thanks also to Cheryl Orr for
selling tickets at Monday Jams.

Newcomers Meet & Greet Join us for a morning of socialization with Conveners every first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in the Dunford Diner! This is a great opportunity for new members wanting to make connections with new people. All new members who attend will receive a free treat from the Dunford Diner!





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

Time: 9:00am to 11:30am

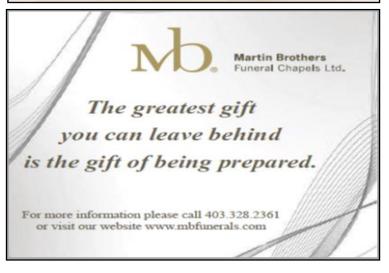
Fee: FREE (Nord-Bridge members only) Upcoming Dates: April 14, May 12, June 9

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

HUCKVALE...

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







BUILDING OPERATING FUNDS RECENT DONORS

Heather Todd \$500 Eva Deringer \$200 Gail Krysak \$25 Chinese Opera Society \$500 Bid Euchre \$30 Crib \$841 YTD

NORD-BRIDGE IN-HOUSE BINGO

Year to date: \$4235.25



Volunteers!

Please ensure you are recording your volunteer hours each month and dropping them off to Donna.

This includes: Conveners of programs, tax help, Winners Bingo, newsletter delivery, program set up, etc.



Not sure about your hours? Please contact Donna at 403-329-3222.

Thank you for hundreds of volunteer hours given each year at Nord-Bridge!



Free Hearing

at Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre with



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HEARING CENTRE

*For Nord-Bridge members only

NORD-BRIDGE

Third Thursday of every month

*Appointments are necessary

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

Upcoming Dates: April 17, May 15, June 19

Book an eye exam online or drop by and see us



Park Place Mall Lethbridge (587) 388-0563

Specsavers

Beginners Group Dance with Alberta Rose Country Dancers

Learn different syles of dance with a variety of music – this class will go through everything from the Waltz to the Rumba. This is for all ages and all levels as we intend to have fun, socialize, and gain confidence in dance knowledge and etiquette.

Session 4: Wednesdays, April 9 - 30 Session 5: Wednesdays, May 7 - 28

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Location: Multi-Purpose Hall
Fee: Members \$40 per couple

Non-Members \$60 per couple Instructors: Connelly & Bernice Robichaud





BRAIN KNOWLEDGE MORNING





Tuesdays May 20, 27, June 3, 10 10:00AM - 11:30AM

Nord-Bridge Flex Room 1904 13 AVE N

Join us for a short presentation on brain health and engage in fun activities that enhance and strengthen brain function!

Pre-registration required
Call 403-329-3222, or stop by Nord-Bridge!
FREE FOR ANYONE 55+!

www.buildingbrains.ca

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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.

This single-session counselling program is here when you are ready. The counselling team will support you, drawing upon your own strengths and abilities, and provide you with information that can help you create a plan for the change you most want in your life. They will also direct you to other services that are available in our community for longer term support if needed.

Offered monthly onsite at both LSCO & Nord-Bridge.

- 1 session offered free of charge.
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour sessions offered the 1st Tuesday of the month from 9:00am 12:00pm and the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:30pm 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: April 15 (pm), May 6 (am), June 17 (pm), Aug. 19 (pm), Sept. 2 (am), Oct. 21 (pm), Nov. 4 (am), Dec. 16 (pm)

Upcoming Dates at LSCO:

April 1 (am), May 20 (pm), June 3 (am), July 15 (pm), Aug. 5 (am), Sept. 16 (pm), Oct. 7 (am), Nov. 18 (pm), Dec. 2, (am)

Contact the SCSP Seniors System Navigation Team Intake Worker at 403-329-1544 for more information







Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre is a Scent-Free Environment

SCENTED PRODUCTS SUCH AS PERFUMES, AFTERSHAVE, AND LOTIONS, 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.





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FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS CENTRE

JUNE 7, 2025 7:00PM

German Canadian Club
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TICKETS: DIRECTLY AT NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS CENTRE

OR ONLINE
WWW.JENNIEOGILVIE.COM

Jennie Ogilvie is coming to Lethbridge! See her live on June 7th 2025. There will be a delicious appetizer buffet for only \$20 (available to purchase at the door), and a cash bar! Doors open at 5:30pm with Nord-Bridge 55+ Community hosting at the The German Canadian Club of Lethbridge and D&N Kitchen. Tickets are \$65 each. Visit www.jennieogilvie.com, www.eventbrite.ca, or stop by Nord-Bridge to purchase. Don't miss out!

Evening Cookie Decorating Class

Join us for this spring-themed cookie decorating class where you'll learn the art of transforming cookies into beautiful, edible masterpieces!

Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this class is perfect for all skill levels.

Date: Monday, April 28



Time: 6pm to 9pm
Cost: \$50 per person
Location: Nord-Bridge
West Community Room



Open to anyone in the community!



Instructor Jenn Baczuk of
Little Bunny Bakeshop, will
guide you step-by-step through
various decorating techniques.
All materials, cookies, and icing
will be provided.

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Have you or a loved one been touched by organ donation?
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If you'd like to share your story in an interview, contact Ashley at 403–329–3222.

By sharing your experiences, you can help others understand the profound impact of organ donation and encourage them to become donors.

*NEW PRICES

DUNFORD DINER MENU

BREAKFAST-

Full Breakfast \$10

2 Eggs, Bacon/Sausage/Ham, Hashbrowns,

Eggs Benedict \$10

Toasted English Muffin, Poached Eggs, Ham, Hollandaise, Hashbrowns & Coffee Half order \$8

Huevos Rancheros \$10

2 Eggs on tortilla with tomato sauce, Hashbrowns, Bacon/Sausage/Ham & Coffee

Bacon Lovers Omelette \$9.5

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

Spinach Omelette \$9.5

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

Spanish Omelette \$9.5

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

Ham & Cheese Omelette \$9

Hashbrowns, Toast & Coffee

Small Breakfast \$8

1 Egg, Bacon/Sausage/Ham Hashbrowns, 1 Toast & Coffee

Small Pancake/French Toast Breakfast \$8

1 Pancake or 1 French Toast, 1 Egg, Bacon/Sausage/Ham & Coffee

Pancakes \$7.5

French Toast \$6.5

Breakfast Burrito \$8(Sm) \$10(Lg) Sausage, Peppers, Mushrooms, Green Onions, Cheese & Coffee (Sm 1 egg, Lg 2 egg)

Egg Muffin Sandwich \$5.5

Toasted English Muffin, Egg with Bacon/Sausage/Ham

LUNCH:

Philly Cheesesteak \$10.5

Sliced Steak with Peppers, Onions on bun with Fries

Beef Dip \$10

Roast Beef, A'ujus on a bun with Fries

Rueben Sandwich \$8.5

Corned Beef, Swiss Cheese, Sauerkraut on Rye Bread

Deluxe Hot Hamburger & Poutine \$11

Beef Patty on a slice of bread with gravy onions & Poutine

Hot Hamburger & Fries \$9.5

Beef Patty on a slice of bread with gravy onions & Fries

Burger - Beef or Chicken \$7.5

Add Cheese (Swiss or Cheddar) \$1 Add Bacon \$1.5 Add side of Fries \$3.5 Add Mushrooms \$1

Fish & Chips \$12(2pc) \$10(1pc)

Fish Tacos & Fries \$10

2 Corn Tortilla Fish Tacos with Fries

Grilled Sandwiches

Grilled Bacon, Tomato & Cheese \$7 Grilled Ham & Cheese \$6.5 Grilled Cheese \$5.5

B L T \$7

Nord-Bridge Club Sandwich \$9

Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Tomato, Lettuce, Cheese, 2 slices of bread

Denver Sandwich \$7

Chicken Caesar Wrap \$8

Chicken Fingers & Fries \$8.5

Chicken or Ground Beef Quesadillas \$10

SALAD

Taco Salad with Beef \$9 Add Refried Beans \$1.5

*Chef Salad \$10.5

*Caesar Salad \$7.5

*Garden Salad \$7.5

*Add Grilled or Breaded Chicken \$3.5

FRIES & SIDES

Poutine \$7.5

Fries \$4.5(Sm) \$6(Lg)

Onion Rings \$6

Sweet Potato Fries \$6.5

with Dill Dip

Add Ons: extra \$1

Salsa, Sour Cream, Dressing, Gravy

SOUP & SANDWICHES

Soup & Sandwich \$7.5

Soup \$4.25

Sandwich \$4.25

BEVERAGES

Coffee \$1

Pop & Juice \$1.5

Bottled Water \$1







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Green Shirt Day Event

Date: Monday, April 7

Time: 11:00am

Location: Dunford Diner

Join us in honoring the legacy of Logan Boulet, and learn about registering to become an organ and tissue donor.

All are welcome! There will be refreshments and snacks.



Date: May 16, 2025 Time: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Location:

Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre 1904 - 13 Ave N, Lethbridge, AB, T1H 4W9

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

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

st information and assistance through the Outreach rt Centre from 8:30-4:00, Mon-Fri: 1-877-631-2657

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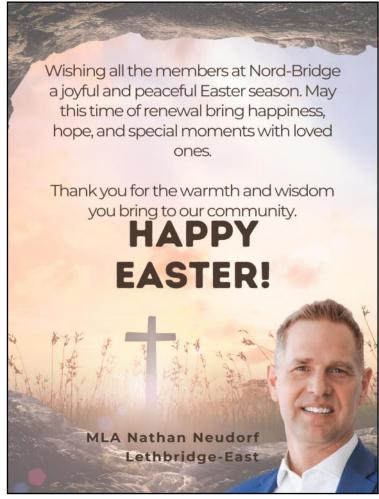
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- Old Age Security (OAS)
- Guaranteed Income Supplement
- help understand Service Canada

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA):

- print Notice of Assessment (NOA)
- change of address or telephone
- change direct deposit information
- print tax slips (T4, T4A, T4A(P), T4A (OAS), T5007, etc.)
- determine what tax years need to be
- help understand CRA letters

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Volunteer Services Report

Happy Spring, Happy Easter and later this month; Happy National Volunteer Week!



In Canada, National Volunteer Week (NVW) originated in 1943, to celebrate the contributions to the war effort made by Canadian women on the home front. That was over 80 years ago and observed in September. In 1987, Canada Post even issued a special volunteer stamp to recognize the week. More recently in 1990, Volunteer Canada, a registered charity with over 1,100 organizational members, declared that National Volunteer Week would be held in the month of April, in all communities across Canada.

In Canada, NVW is typically celebrated in the third week of April, but not during the week of Easter. This means sometimes NVW might be closer to the middle of April or like this year in 2025, it lands at the very end of April, unlike other countries which observe a constant date. This is just part of what makes Canadian National Volunteeer Week unique.

The International Year of Volunteers was designated for 2001 by the United Nations General Assembly. The initiative highlighted an increased recognition and promotion of volunteering and the achievements of millions of volunteers globally. This year we recognize and celebrate the approximately 13 million volunteers in Canada who volunteered at charities or non-profits, or about 41% of Canadians eligible to volunteer.

So now you know the why and when, but what about the how?

How National Volunteer Week is celebrated depends on many things, but there is lots of room for creativity and initiative in how a non-profit agency like Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre decides to honour their volunteers. This year our Volunteer Appreciation at Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, May 1st. Watch for more information coming your way soon. Hope to see you there.

Donna Lofstrom-Bell, CVA - Coordinator of Volunteer Services







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- Go Friendly Shuttle door-to-door service: Call 403-329-3222 the day prior, or sooner, to book a ride. Cost is \$3.00 each way, Please 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 DONNA AT 403-329-3222 TO ARRANGE.
- WINNERS BINGO WEDNESDAY: APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 FOOT DOCTOR: DR. SCHOW NOW AT 10:00 AM (NOW \$35)

.OCATION: CRAFT ROOM UPCOMING DATES, MAY 21

- VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT- MAY 1ST AT 2PM IN THE DINER PLEASE ASK DONNA FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- NEW COMERS MEET AND GREET GROUP MEETS IN THE DINER THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH!

- CINCO DE MAYO FRIDAY MAY 2ND IN THE DINER MORE INFO IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER
- PLEASE KEEP TRACK OF YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS AND GIVE TO THE NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, DONNA. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

HELLO MONDAY

Hello... Monday

This learning series is provided by CMHA's Wellness Program Recovery College Lethbridge 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.

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE!

The topics for this month will be Acceptance and Meaning

When: Monday, April 7 2025 Monday, April 14, 2025

Monday, April 21, 2025 - NO CLASS DUE TO EASTER

Monday, April 28, 2025

Time: 9:00am to 10:00am - 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 registerd upon arrival











Estate Planning Information Session With Austyn Anderson of Richard A. Low & Company, LLP

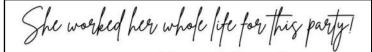
Date: Thursday, April 3
Time: 11:15am

Location: Nord-Bridge Flex Room Free for anyone 55+

No registration required

This session will help you navigate the complexities of estate planning with confidence.
Topics will include wills and trusts, power of attorney, healthcare directives, beneficiary designations, and tax implications.





Please join us for a **come & go** celebration for

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MONDAY MORNING CHECK IN

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 in-depth. 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, April 7, 2025 - Topic TBD by class Monday, April 14, 2025 - Topic TBD by class Monday, April 21, 2025 - No class due to Easter Monday, April 28, 2025 - Topic TBD by class

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am - New 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

This learning series is provided by CMHA's Wellness Program -Recovery College Lethbridge









Seniors System Navigator

Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre is offering support for adults filing their income tax return. This is for those who have a lower income and a simple tax return. The tax volunteers will electronically file income tax returns which will speed up the process. The tax volunteers can assist you in filing your simple income tax returns but cannot give you tax advice. If you require tax advice, please call the CRA at 1-800-959-8281. Just a reminder, please respect Nord-Bridge staff and tax volunteers as they look through your taxes for 2024. It is important to file your taxes to potentially receive a refund every year. The benefits of filing taxes will ensure that you receive a possible tax refund, access to tax benefits and credits, and most of all you might be eligible for certain government programs.

When dropping off your taxes please fill out 2 forms and put your slips in a brown envelope. There are two tax volunteers located in the front hallway. They will check your brown envelope to ensure all the documents are there that are required to file your taxes. Once your taxes have been electronically filed, a Nord-Bridge tax volunteer will give you a phone call.

You can drop off your taxes at Nord-Bridge 9:00am till 3:00pm until April 30, 2025. We are using a drop off service and do not require appointments. There is no fee for the use if this service and it is open to anyone in the community.



Seniors System Navigator





New Pickleball Opportunity for Nord-Bridge Members! What is it?

Play pickleball for various levels at the new Pickle Point Centre on the North side of Lethbridge Who can register?

Any Nord-Bridge member, 55 years or older

How to register:

 Either call Ashley at 403-329-3222 or add your name to the interest sheet on the TeamReach application using the Team Code: picklepoint2025

 Contact Diego at Pickle Point Centre to set up your account, book your times, and pay at 403-635-7953

Cost:

\$60 for a senior 10 punch pass (Nord-Bridge members 55+)







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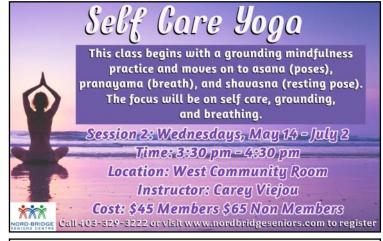




Lucy Graham, one of our members, is now a published author! She wrote a book called Travelling Tuesdays. In it, Lucy shares stories about many of the countries she has been able to visit all over the world. See which adventure brought her too close to a hippo and where she enjoyed a ride in a hot air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







Programmer's Report

I had a fantastic time in Victoria, BC last month! Here are a couple photos from while I was there. We did some hiking, shopping, and ate at delicious restaurants.

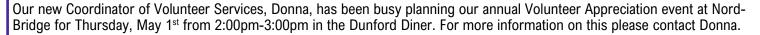
Last month we hosted our annual Fall In-House Awards Luncheon for all the winners and participants in the fall 2024 carpet bowling, floor shuffleboard, darts, and pool tournaments. Congrats to all the winners and thank you to all the volunteer servers for helping, along with our amazing kitchen staff for making a great meal!

We also got to host our annual St. Patrick's Day lunch in the Dunford Diner on Friday, March 14th, and it was a blast. I always look forward to this event, as

it's so much fun with the prizes, live music by Celtic Routes, and delicious Irish food prepared by our kitchen! Thank you to Celtic Routes for always putting on a great performance and donating a CD for a Nord-Bridge member to enjoy. Thanks also to Blue Fox Association and Lethbridge Folk Club for donating prizes!

This month we have our annual Green Shirt Day in honor of the Logan Boulet Effect and organ and tissue donation awareness on Monday, April 7th at 11:00am in the diner. Please note the date has changed from Friday, April 4th. Please come join us with your green! If you don't already have a green shirt, please go online to <u>www.greenshirtday.ca</u>. If you are a current registered organ or tissue donor, please give me a call at 403-329-3222 as we have something special planned on this day. There will also be refreshments, cake, and handouts on this topic.

Watch for upcoming Seniors Week events in the May newsletter. We will have a couple new events added this year. Also in the May newsletter, watch for the Summer Program Guide release date!



<u>Cancelled for this month on Wednesday April 2nd is Active POUND and Carpet Bowling due to the Annual General Meeting in the Multi-Purpose Hall.</u>

Until next month, stay happy and healthy!



~Ashley Kern - Program Coordinator







Dates: Wednesdays,
April 23 & April 30
Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Fee: Members \$30
Non-Members \$50
Location: Craft Room
Instructor: Donna Gallant

To register, call 403-329-3222 or visit www.nordbridgeseniors.com Please pick up a supply sheet upon registration



Learn how to create water that sparkles with watercolor in this two-week class. Techniques include brush handling, keeping the white of the paper, how to bring back the white of the paper, and mixing other mediums together to create that shimmering water.

Learning these techniques can also transfer to painting other subjects for future projects. This is for all skill levels.

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

Friday, April 4:
Chicken Fettucine Pasta with
Caesar Salad and Garlic Toast

Friday, April 11: Veal Cutlets with Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, and Gravy

Friday, April 18: Closed for Good Friday

Friday, April 25

Liver and Onions with Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, and Gravy







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Fundraising Report

Hello spring! I love this time of year – everything is new and fresh!

April showers bring May flowers...It's our Gala month! Under Northern Lights is finally upon us ~ and we are ready! This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we anticipate a big success. There will be dancing, food, socializing, candy, and more!

Jennie Ogilvie, psychic medium, will be at the German Canadian Club on June 7, and we will benefit from her visit to Lethbridge. She will be sharing special messages, insights, and perspective on life, death and everything in between – with a comedic flair that is second to none.



Our amazing Nord-Bridge dragon boat team, the Sea 'N Oars, have begun dryland training to prepare for their practices on Henderson Lake, and we are working to get t-shirts made! We want to say thank you to our dragon boat sponsors: Lethbridge Hearing Centre, The Medicine Shoppe, and Salon Nineteen04.

All of this has kept me very busy over the last few months, so you have not seen me in the dining room as much as I would like. I miss our visits...and look forward to resuming them regularly.

I appreciate you all! Remember, "You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry, and be sure to smell the flowers along the way."

Thank you for being you – Have a Friendly Day!

Julie Sarich - Director of Fund Development





Coffee with a Constable

Constable Leanne Christos with Lethbridge

Police Service, will be visiting the Dunford Diner

Roaming Retirees

We have been very busy here at Nord-Bridge and so has Ter-bear. I would like to remind all our members and non-members that ride our Go Friendly bus to the seniors centres, to ensure they are booking by 3pm the day before. Our bus has been booking up fast and we can only take a limited number of riders per time slot. Please be patient with us as we are doing the best we

We had a fantastic crowd for our Outreach program in March. Put on your dancing shoes and cowboy hats, and join us for this month's Accordion Cowboy Jam happening Monday, April 14! How much fun will this be? I am sure excited; I'm going to have to think of a reason to leave my desk and wander the halls. Please make sure you sign up at our front desk.



Last month we were discussing trips. There will be an interest sheet on the table by the front desk. This is NOT a sign-up sheet. We need to know how many are interested in going before we book. We need a minimum of 40 people.

 \sim ${\it Erin\,\,Bates\,\,}$ "Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be."





From the Desk of Val Arkinstall...

Hello members,

Spring is coming and everybody needs a road trip to get out of town. We are thinking of the following trips. If you are interested in any of these, fill out the interest sheet at the front desk so we know if we would have enough people to book the trip. We need 40 or more to make the outing happen.

- 1. Rose Bud Dinner Theatre Thursday, June 12th A New Canadian Musical A true story
- 2. Jubilee Theatre Calgary Thursday, July 31 Lion King (This is a must to see)

3. Rosebud Dinner Theatre -Thursday, Nov. 20th - Christmas show, Miracle on 34th Street

Costs will be issued as soon as we get enough interest. If trips are booked, the deadline to sign up is one month before trip departure.

I hope April brings each and every one flowers and not showers.

Val Arkinstall

Mind Joggers Jet Trails

I love to see the jet trails as they streak across the sky I often sit and wonder about the "where" and "why" Of everyone who travels In those wonderous jets so high.

Is that one off to Alaska For gold in streams to pan? Or is it on to China to ride in a sampan? That is certainly the direction From this jet trail that I scan.

is that one off to London For relatives to see? Or is it going farther, Perhaps to gay Paris? Or maybe on to Spain To bathe in warm warm seas?

The criss-cross of those jet trails Across the blue, blue sky Feeds my imagination And poetry I try. I hope you too will ponder And ask the "where" and "whu" The next time you encounter Those jet trails 'cross the sky.

Nord-Bridge Outreach Cowboy Accordion Jam!



Monday, April 14 1:30pm to 3:00pm NORD-BRIDGE SENIORS CENTRE



Nord-Bridge Multi-Purpose Hall \$3 per person RSVP by Monday, April 7! Call 403-329-3222

Come and enjoy a good old fashioned hoedown with live entertainment by Alice Tinordi, and Bryce & gang, along with door prizes and refreshments!

Wear your favorite cowboy hat or Easter bonnet to celebrate spring time on the prairies. Lots of fun and dancing and a yeehaw good time!



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





The month of May is Sexual Violence Awareness month.

Visit the Lethbridge Family Services booth at Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre on May 16th from 10am to 1pm. We will be sharing service information and community resources.

Join us for a presentation on Healthy Relationships by Lethbridge Family Services Outreach & Education on May 22 from 10am to 11:30am

Lethbridge Family Services



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This is a combined class that takes elements from Yin Yoga - a slow-paced therapeutic style of yoga with postures that are more passive and held for a few minutes, and Yoga Nidra - a form of guided meditation that allows you to scan your body and tap into a state of consciousness as the mind settles in a place between wakefulness and sleep. Just 15 mins. of Nidra = 1 hour of sleep!

Session 2: Tuesdays, May 6 - June 24



Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm Location: Multi-Purpose Hall

Cost: \$45 Members \$65 Non-Members
Instructor: Cherls Samuels

Call 403-329-3222 or visit www.nordbridgeseniors.com to register!

Virtual Guided Meditation

Wednesdays, 9:00am - 9:45am via ZOOM

Session 2: April 2 - May 21 Members \$25; Non-Members \$45



Please register at the front desk and pick up a consent form

ion,

This class will focus on progressive relaxation, guided imagery, tapping, and mindfulness.

Newcomers are welcome to join.



NEW! Reflexology at Nord-Bridge

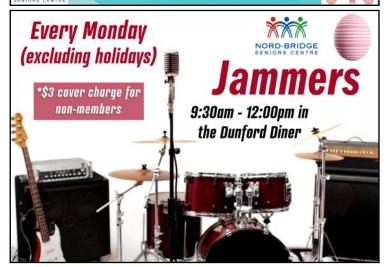
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There are nerve endings in the hands and feet that are connected to different parts, organs and glands in the body. When they are stimulated by reflexologists' finger tips, it encourages the body to heal itself naturally. It can help with hundreds of physical and emotional health issues such as pain, stress, anxiety, depression, arthritis, neuropathy, diabetes, and much more.

Dates: Wednesdays, April 16, May 14, June 18 Appointment times between 9am and 12pm Location: Craft Room



*ALL APPOINTMENTS ARE FULL RD-BRIDGE YOU CAN PUT YOUR NAME ON A WAIT LIST!



Lethbridge Elder Abuse Response Network

Connection is one of the most important aspects of a happy and fulfilling life. Whether it's meeting new friends or strengthening existing relationships, taking the time to engage with others can make all the difference in our well-being. This month, LEARN is excited to highlight two fantastic opportunities designed to help you foster meaningful connections:

Be Fast Friends

Friday April 25, 1:30 – 3:00 PM (Doors open at 1:00 PM) Location: LSCO Stage Area

Making new friends can feel intimidating, but it doesn't have to be! Join us for **Be Fast Friends**, a speed-friending event designed to make meeting new people easy and fun. In a relaxed setting, you'll have the opportunity to chat with others for a few minutes before moving on to the next conversation. This is a perfect opportunity for those who may feel a little nervous about socializing but are looking to develop new friendships. Come with an open mind, and you may just leave with a new friend or two! To register, call SCSP Intake at 403-329-1544.

Building Healthy Relationships

8-Week Group Program: April 22 - June 10, 10:00 a.m.- 12 p.m. Location: LSCO Boardroom

Healthy relationships are key to a happy life, and learning how to nurture them is a skill that benefits everyone. Building Healthy Relationships is an 8-week group program focused on improving communication, setting boundaries, and exploring ways to create stronger, healthier connections in all areas of life. This group will be hosted by LEARN in partnership with Lethbridge Family Services and our LEARN volunteer! There is no cost to participate. To register, contact LEARN at 403-394-0306.

Both of these events are wonderful opportunities to build connections in a supportive environment. We encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and give them a try - you never know what friendships and growth may come from it!

Marissa Hardv









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Tech Desk Help with Sjoerd *IN THE LIBRARY FOR APRIL APPOINTMENTS If you have questions about your laptop, tablet, or smart phone, our volunteer, Sjoerd, will be at Nord-Bridge twice in April to assist you! **Upcoming Dates:** Thursdays, April 10 & 24; May 8 & 22 Time: 9:30am - 2:00pm Cost: FREE - for Nord-Bridge members only *Appointments are required. Visit the front reception desk to book! XXX



8 WEEK PSYCHO-SOCIAL GROUP

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Every Tuesday April 22 - June 10 10AM-12PM LSCO Board Room No cost

> To register or for more information, contact the LEARN Case Manager at learnelethseniors.com or 403-394-0306

> > Lethbridge Family Services

CRA's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Now Open Until April 30!

Drop your tax documents off at Nord-Bridge (1904-13 Ave N), either in person or through the main front door mail slot with name, date of birth, address, marital status, and phone number.

*No appointments allowed - drop offs only!



Bocce Ball at Norbridge Lions Park

Beginning Tuesday, May 6th at 2pm (weather permitting)

If you are interested in signing up, please find the sign up sheet at the Nord-Bridge Front Desk







Third Annual Olai Egeland Memorial **Contract Bridge Tournament**

Saturday, April 26, 2025 Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre 1904 - 13th Avenue North Lethbridge, AB T1H 4W9

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 11, 2025 Cost: \$25.00 per person (meal included) To register your team: contact Dianne Smith 403-915-7442 or e-mail: diannesmith@shaw.ca

> Registration starts 9:00 am Play begins at 9:30 am

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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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